

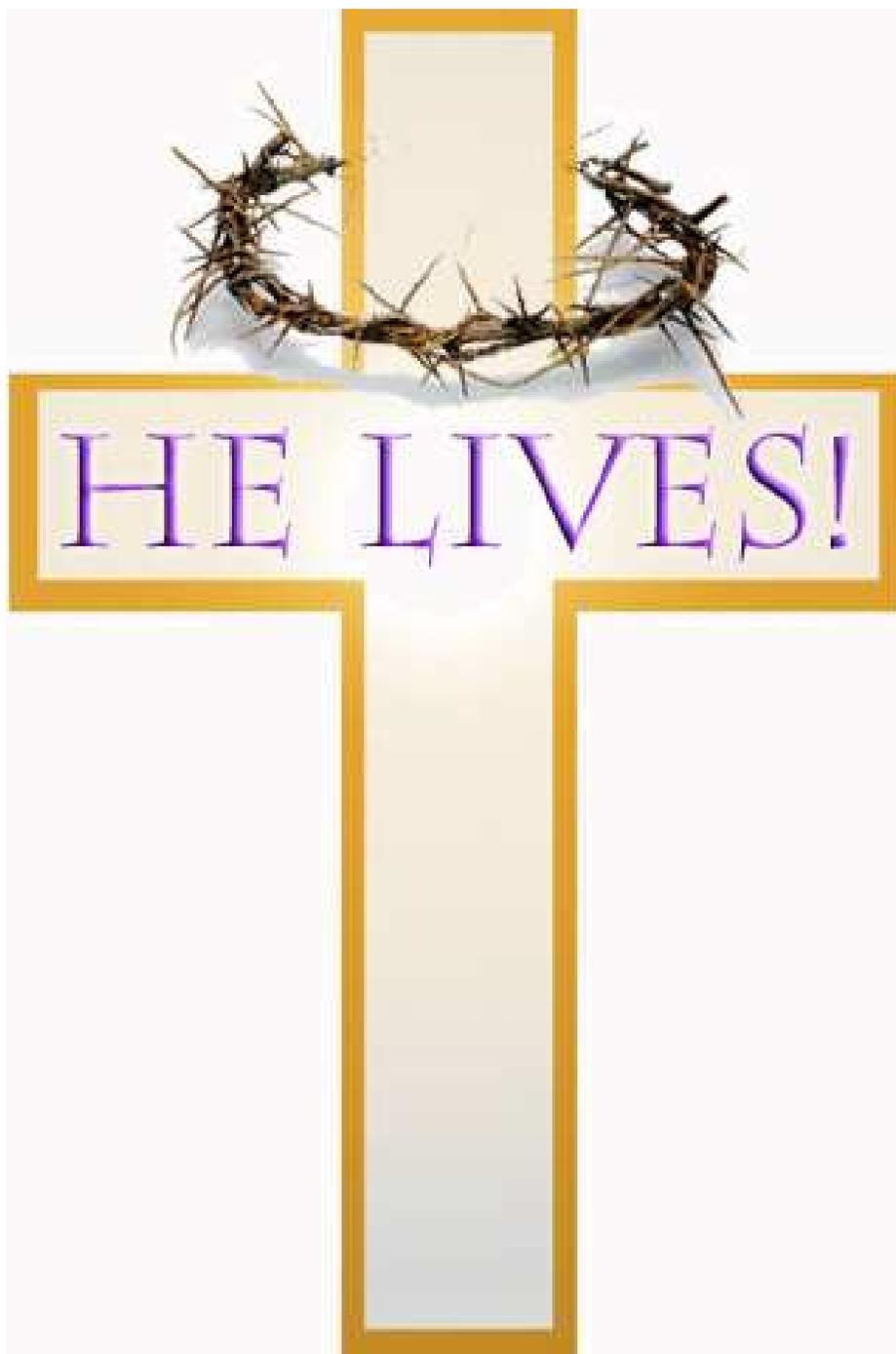


# North Central News

Serving the Churches of the Etowah, Hightower, Lanier and Roswell Baptist Associations



April 2014



**Prayers  
and Youth Band Participation  
Requested for Robbie Miller**

Robbie Miller, Youth Worship Leader at Hopewell Baptist Church in Canton, has pancreatic cancer.

Your Worship Youth Band is invited to participate in the "Battle of the Bands" described below in support of Robbie.

Xtreme Life is hosting "Battle of the Bands – Benefit for Pancreatic Cancer" on Saturday May 10th from 6pm to 10pm. There will be several Atlanta based Worship Bands playing and several special guests. The loser will be **cancer** as donations will be accepted for Cancer Research. The theme will be PURPLE to represent Pancreatic Cancer. Robbie Miller, Xtreme Life Leader, will be speaking and telling about his fight against **Pancreatic Cancer** and where he finds his strength.

If you are in a Worship Youth Band that would like to enter the contest or know of a worship band that might join us, please contact [masterscharles@comcast.net](mailto:masterscharles@comcast.net) or call 770-345-5723 and leave a message. Deadline for joining is May 3, 2014

## Revival

Waleska First Baptist Church  
10657 Fincher Road  
Waleska, GA 30183

April 6-9 - 6:30 PM

Special Guest Speaker  
Rev. Gary Williams

For more information, contact the church office at 770-479-1024.



## The Body of Christ: A Forensic Study

*“Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them ...or **service** [ministry], let us use it in our ministering;”... “Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another.” (Romans 12:6-7, 10)*

This is part three of our series on the forensic look at the body of Christ. If you are just now joining in this study, I would recommend checking out our **February** and **March Newsletters** to be able to get the complete picture of the topic at hand.

I have always loved sugar. No question about it, my favorite part of any meal is the dessert. In my former life (before I was 45), the consumption of this tasty sweetness in various forms has been quite legendary and frightening! I could put away a bag of Oreo’s or a half-pound bag of M & M’s at one sitting with little suffering or weight gain. That was then. This is now! I can’t even eat more than 4 Oreo’s without feeling a bit sick not to mention the ‘physics-defying-principle’ of how 4 Oreo’s can cause you to gain 7 pounds! Youth and high metabolic rates are wasted on the young!

Most all of my life, I remember how difficult it was for my body to heal from simple scratches or abrasions, especially on my extremities. A simple paper cut would become easily infected and the process to get it to heal took far too long. Ok, I’m whining about a paper cut so I lose my “man-card!” My point here is that by just lessening the sugar intake amazingly my body is healing faster. I battle fewer infections and heal quicker on all my minor scrapes and dings. Just one small adjustment to my lifestyle has increased my quality of health! Now apply that “physical body” example to our “spiritual body,” the church. One minor addition (or subtraction!) can dramatically alter the health of your church, one way or another! So if

one minor adjustment can positively affect the overall health of a body, how much more dynamic the impact when we increase the potential of an **entire system** that God specifically crafted to assist in the collective ministry of the church.

This month we are focusing on the spiritual gift of **service**. This gift is categorically ultra-dynamic as a positive impact to the church. The Greek word used here for service (ministry) is “diakonia,” where we get the English word “deacon.” A deacon is a servant ministry position, even though some churches still use this title for a job description vastly different, the primary purpose for the development of the office of deacon was to be “table servers.” It is without question that this ministry (those with the gift of service) adds more to the **functioning systems** within the body of Christ than most realize. It also most clearly represents the attitude and calling of our Glorious Lord, as in His own words, “*I did not come to be served but to serve (diakoneo) and to give My life a ransom for many* (Mark 10:45).”

This gift tends to describe the main “workhorses” that are a part of the church. They are the ones that thoroughly enjoy getting things done, seeing people’s needs met, and they tend to have a hard time saying “NO!” They also prefer to do things unseen, not wanting to be in the limelight, but thoroughly enjoy seeing someone benefit from their acts of service. It’s not that they don’t want to be shown gratitude, but they are most rewarded knowing their service has brought satisfaction to the ones they have been called to serve. The verse above (v. 10) magnifies this person’s makeup by using such words as “*kindly affectionate*,” “*brotherly love*,” and “*in honor, giving preference*.” These people go the extra mile in doing practical things that everyone else seems to overlook. They are the ones that hear of someone having an extended stay in a hospital and then go to their house to collect their mail or cut their

grass. They are the ones that don’t just prepare a table setting, they go out and find flowers or some appropriate centerpiece to spruce it up. These people understand the lost art of “*honor*,” and they know how to shower that on those that deserve and (or) need it most.

Imagine, for just a moment, how many responsibilities in your church are carried out by those with the spiritual gift of “diakonia,” serving. Now think of what would happen if they stopped using their gift. So much emphasis is placed on those leaders that are out in front, the ones that are on stage, but the real hard work of ministry is more often done by these quiet servants that take care of their job with painful precision and without any fanfare or recognition. They actually make their leadership look good, and for them, that’s a fair reward. They are servants through and through. It is very important to not overlook these true soldiers of the Cross as they usually have the thickest callouses!

We have looked thus far at two spiritual gifts in this powerful section of Romans 12, they are **prophecy** and **service**. They each manifest themselves in different ways, adding depth and volume to the ever-changing picture of the church. Although these two gifts may squabble about priorities and what is more important for the success of the church, both sides are invaluable in order to make the body healthy. Working together they add synergy, a phenomena that demonstrates how two separate entities can actually pull more than their combined maximum limits. It defies physics and logic, but it does not defy God’s wisdom or plan for the church. All are needed in the body in order to create this synergistic atmosphere. When you add the power of the Holy Spirit to a healthy, functioning body ... look out!

Alan J. Morris

Save the Date

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# God Who? Concert and Conference

## Who is God in America?

First Baptist Church, Canton GA - April 25-26 2014

### Friday Night 6pm



Archie Watkins  
(SG Hall of Fame)  
& Smoky Mountain Reunion



Glorybound  
(singing both nights)



Jerry and Jan Goff  
SG Hall of Fame



Dr. Jerry Goff  
Preaching

### Saturday Night 4:30pm



New Desire



The Old Paths



The Nelons



Dr. Brenda  
Robinson



Ben Speer  
SG Hall of Fame



Dr. Johnny Hunt  
Preaching

### Saturday Break Out Sessions

10am - Ladies Bible Study  
by Dr Robinson

2pm - Marriage Enrichment  
Seminar by Dan and  
Dr Brenda Robinson



Dan & Dr Brenda  
Robinson



Kent Morris

2pm - Church Sound and  
Tech Training  
by Kent Morris with  
Cornerstone Media

3pm - Worship Leader  
training by Aaron  
and Malia Hodges



Aaron and Malia  
Hodges



Dr. George  
Anderson

3pm - Bible study on  
Who God is in America  
by Dr George Anderson

### Ticket Information

\$20 for one night  
\$35 for both nights  
Session admission with  
ticket from either night.  
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# PRIORITY OF WORSHIP

May 5 | 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
First Baptist Church Holly Springs  
2632 Holly Springs Parkway, Canton

May 6 | 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
Grove Level Baptist Church  
1702 Grove Level Road, Maysville

TOPICS:

- Encountering Worship – Prayer and Praise
- Pressure Points in Worship
- Worship How2s – Presenting an Excellent Offering of Praise
- Who Are They Anyway? (Understanding Multi-Generations)
- If We Build It – Will They Come?

Workshop Leaders:



Jon Duncan  
Steve Brown  
Keith Chandler  
John Bryan  
Barry Pate

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Register online | [gbcmusicandworship.org](http://gbcmusicandworship.org)

or call 1.800.746.4422, ext. 264

## Pastor | Deacon | Spouse Retreat 2014

April 25-26  
Georgia Baptist Conference Center – Toccoa



RICK  
LANCE



HERMAN  
PARKER



BOBBY  
BOSWELL



TERRY  
BUTCHER



—THE—  
OLD PATHS

For additional information  
or to register, please visit  
[cmr.gabaptist.org](http://cmr.gabaptist.org)  
and click on "Events"

# 2014 Sunday School Training Workshop

August 23

7:30 AM - 12:15 PM

North Central Area Missions  
4206 North Arnold Mill Road, Woodstock, GA 30188

This Training Workshop is provided for all churches in the Etowah, Hightower, Lanier and Roswell Baptist Associations by the Georgia Baptist Convention in conjunction with North Central Area Missions

## TOPICS

### Pastors and Sunday School Directors

Reuniting Evangelism and Sunday School  
Recruiting and Training New Sunday School  
Leaders

### Adult Teachers and Leaders

Review Ideas That Have Worked in Starting  
New Churches  
Renewing My Commitment to Grow

### Youth Teachers and Leaders

Refocusing on Teaching Teenagers the Bible  
Reengaging with Teenagers in Today's Culture

### Children Teachers and Leaders

Refreshing Ideas for Teaching Children  
Reconnecting with Children Beyond Sunday  
Morning

### Preschool Teachers and Leaders

Refreshing Ideas for Teaching Preschoolers  
Rethinking Classroom Management

\$15 - Pre-registration\*

\$25 - At the Door

Registration begins April 1, 2014

You may register online

(beginning April 1) at [sssg.gabaptist.org](http://sssg.gabaptist.org)

\*Cost is \$15 for online registration  
through Monday, August 18.

DEADLINE for online registration is also  
Monday, August 18.

To make reservations by phone, please  
call **770-936-5286**

## Schedule

7:30 - 8:30	Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:30 - 8:45	Welcome/Instructions
8:45 - 10:00	Session I
10:00 - 10:15	Break
10:15 - 11:00	Keynote
11:00 - 12:15	Session 2

For additional information regarding the Sunday School Training Workshop, you may call the Georgia Baptist Convention at 800-746-4422, x285  
or you may contact the Associational office at 770-384-8548 or email [janice@northcentralga.org](mailto:janice@northcentralga.org)





**Baptist Mobile Health Ministry (BMHM) is again the recipient of grant funding from the Georgia Baptist Health Care Ministry Foundation to offer dental assistance at no charge to ministerial staff and their spouses and widows of pastors who do not have dental insurance or the financial means to obtain dental care. The services offered are dental hygiene, x-rays and restoration (both silver and tooth colored) and extraction of teeth.**

The dates and sites are as follow:

**September 18-20**

Ministers Wellness Retreat\*  
Georgia Baptist Conference Center, Toccoa

**October 9-11**

Ministers Wellness Retreat\*  
Georgia Baptist Conference Center, Norman Park

\*(Sponsored by GBC Church Minister Relations Ministry. Registration is open to any GBC minister and spouse who do not have preventive health insurance. Dental service is also offered to participants who do not have dental insurance. Must be registered as a participant in this event).

For information regarding either of the Ministers Wellness Retreats, please contact Ruth Smith by calling 770-936-5364 or 1-800-RING GBC or by email at [rsmith@gabaptist.org](mailto:rsmith@gabaptist.org).

For additional information, please contact Diana Brown by calling 770-936-5217 or by email at [dbrown@gabaptist.org](mailto:dbrown@gabaptist.org)

## Georgia Baptist Convention 2013 Recognitions for Churches in North Central Area Missions

**Highest Number of Baptisms**

- First Baptist Canton - Etowah
- Friendship Baptist Church - Hightower
- First Redeemer - Lanier
- First Baptist Alpharetta - Roswell

**Leading Ratio of Baptisms per Resident Member**

- Woodstock Church at Jasper - Etowah
- Riverview Baptist Church - Hightower
- North Lanier Baptist Church - Lanier
- Christ Church of India in Atlanta - Roswell

**Largest Contributor Through the Cooperative Program**

- Shoal Creek Baptist Canton - Etowah
- Mt. Zion Baptist Church - Hightower
- First Baptist Cumming - Lanier
- First Baptist Alpharetta - Roswell

**Leading Contributor Per Resident Member Through the Cooperative Program**

- Shoal Creek Baptist Church - Etowah
- Castleberry Road Baptist Church - Hightower
- North Lanier Baptist Church - Lanier
- Crabapple First Baptist Church - Roswell

**Largest Percentage Contributor Through the Cooperative Program**

- Shoal Creek Baptist Church - Etowah
- Concord Baptist Church - Hightower
- Cumming Baptist Church - Lanier
- Crabapple First Baptist Church - Roswell



April 25-26, 2014  
Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain  
[www.gabaptistwomenspringevent.com](http://www.gabaptistwomenspringevent.com)



Jennifer Kennedy Dean



Babbie Mason



Mary Jo Sharp

**Rev. Steve Wigington**  
 began serving as  
**Senior Pastor of**  
**Cool Springs Baptist**  
**Church** in December 2013.  
 Steve had been serving as  
 interim for several months.  
 We welcome him as Senior  
 Pastor.

CORRECTION

**Rev. Rubin Smith** is  
 serving as **Senior Pastor**  
 NOT Interim Pastor at  
**Goshen Baptist Church**  
 (Etowah Association).



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**April 2014**

- 3 Talking Rock Baptist Church Food Trailer (10:00 AM - 2:00 PM)
- 7 Hightower Baptist Association Preacher/Deacon Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 12 Hightower Baptist Association Food/Clothing Bank (7:30 AM - 12:00 noon)
- 17 Lanier Baptist Association Pastor's Luncheon, Slopes in Cumming, 11:00 AM
- 18 Good Friday
- 19 Mt. Zion Baptist Church Food Distribution (9:00 AM - 12:00 noon)
- 20 Easter
- 22 New Hope Baptist Church (Etowah Association) Food Trailer,  
(10:00 AM - 1:00 PM)
- 29 Etowah Baptist Association Pastor's Luncheon, O'Charley's in Canton,  
11:30 AM

**May 2014**

- 1 Talking Rock Baptist Church Food Trailer (10:00 AM - 2:00 PM)
- 5 Hightower Baptist Association Preacher/Deacon Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 8 Lanier Baptist Association Executive Ministry Team Meeting, Living Stones  
Church, 10:30 AM
- Lanier Pastor's Luncheon (immediately following Executive Meeting - Place TBD)
- 10 Hightower Baptist Association Food/Clothing Bank (7:30 AM - 12:00 noon)
- 11 Mother's Day
- 14 Roswell Baptist Association Executive Ministry Team Meeting, Clear Springs  
Baptist Church, 10:30 AM
- Roswell Pastor's Luncheon (immediately following Executive Meeting - Place TBD)
- 17 Mt. Zion Baptist Church Food Distribution (9:00 AM - 12:00 noon)
- 26 Memorial Day Holiday
- 27 Etowah Baptist Association Executive Ministry Team Meeting, The Pointe  
Church, 10:30 AM
- Etowah Pastor's Luncheon, O'Charley's in Canton, 11:45 AM
- 27 New Hope Baptist Church (Etowah Association) Food Trailer,  
(10:00 AM - 1:00 PM)



**Ordering Lifeway VBS Materials Through Association Office**

As we have in the past, North Central Area Missions is assisting our churches in obtaining Lifeway VBS materials.

Your church pays the same for the literature whether you order thru North Central or directly thru Lifeway. North Central does receive a rebate on all orders purchased directly thru our office. We are presently in the process of identifying small or new start churches that might be eligible for assistance in conducting VBS in 2014 utilizing rebate funds we received from the 2013 VBS orders.

You may submit your VBS orders to our office by email to [janice@northcentralga.org](mailto:janice@northcentralga.org), by fax to 770-384-8658 or by calling your order in to our office at 770-384-8548.

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