

North Central News

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



August 2016

North Central Area Missions is saddened at the passing of Rev. J. R. Huddlestun

Rev. J.R. Huddlestun, 86, of Canton, passed away Sunday, July 10, 2016 at his residence.

Rev. Huddlestun, along with his wife Hallene, pastored Waleska First Baptist Church and they were founding members and Pastor of Heritage Baptist Fellowship. J. R. was a Professor at Reinhardt University and a member of the Kiwanis Club and Jasper Lions Club. He enjoyed traveling, reading and spending time with family.

A celebration of life service is scheduled for Saturday, July 30, at 11:00 am at Heritage Fellowship, 3615 Reinhardt College Parkway, Canton.

NOTE: There is an editorial by Marguerite Cline in the Friday, July 15, 2016, *Cherokee Tribune* which provides very enlightening information regarding J. R. & Hallene.

Hightower Baptist Association Annual Meeting

Wednesday, September 28 - Oak Grove Baptist Church, 5640 Oak Grove Circle, Cumming
Thursday, September 29 - Silver City Baptist Church, 6170 Jewell Bennett Road, Dawsonville

Services begin at 10:00 AM each day

Men's Conference 2016 Helping Men Win

N NEW VICTORIA
baptist church

6659 Bells Ferry Road
Woodstock, GA 30189

Guest Speaker

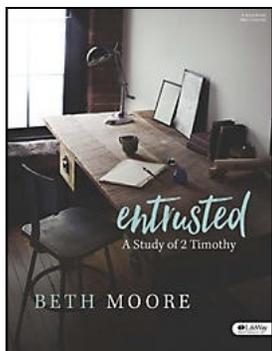
Keith Boggs of Real Momentum

August 27, 2016

9am - 2pm

Tickets are available on line at www.newvicbaptist.org
or at New Victoria Baptist Church at 770-926-8448.
Cost is \$10 and includes lunch.

Newly Purchased Discipleship Kits



Entrusted by Beth Moore

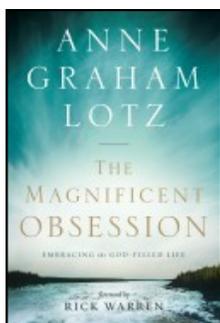
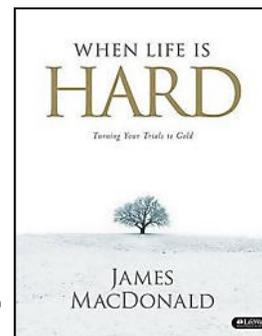
We were never meant to take this journey of faith alone or in secret. God has entrusted us with the great and mighty gift of the gospel, something too precious and life-giving to keep to ourselves.

In this 6-session (65 minutes each) Bible study, Beth will encourage you to guard what God has entrusted to you, further His kingdom by sharing Christ with others, and pour into future generations just as Paul once mentored Timothy. Because in this journey of joy and hardship, we need each other to stay the course and live a life of faithfulness.

When Life is Hard by James MacDonald

This Bible study provides encouragement, hope, and answers to those enduring difficult times. It's focus is to enlighten participants with very real, very practical answers, straight from God's word.

Based on James MacDonald's book, When Life Is Hard, this study shows how MacDonald's teachings came out of his personal struggles during a season of trials. He shares the biblical truths and principles that helped him deal with the trials of life that can provide hope to all who deal with the difficulties of life. 6 sessions



The Magnificent Obsession by Anne Graham Lotz

In this seven-session study on Genesis 12-22, Anne challenges you and your small group to follow Abraham's example and not only embrace the God-filled life, but pursue Him in a relationship He would describe as a friendship. Includes a Bible study workshop where Anne demonstrates the 3-Question Method of studying God's Word that she uses in her own personal quiet time.

Praying with Paul by D. A. Carson and Brian J. Tabb

Praying with Paul leads group members into the Epistles to see what Paul taught in his "school of prayer." In 8 sessions (15 minutes each), group members will be exposed to the priorities of prayer, a God-centered framework for prayer, and practices for a more meaningful and dynamic prayer life. Christians today can still achieve the confidence Paul enjoyed by following his life-shaping principles and searching for a deeper devotional experience.



To reserve any of these kits, email janice@northcentralga.org or call 770-384-8548. To see a complete list of discipleship kits available through North Central Area Missions, visit northcentralga.org.

Timeless Truths from the Oldest Voices

For the next 12 months, I would like to endeavor to look at different characters from the Old Testament and draw from them lessons of life that we can benefit from in our own walk of faith. I would like to call this **“Timeless Truths from the Oldest Voices.”** In many ways, the Old Testament is often overlooked as a resource for divine instruction and wisdom in this current new millennial church culture. It’s really a shame that this is the case when you think of all the deep points of contact that the Creator, Almighty God, made in many individual’s lives throughout the history of what easily covers 2/3rds of our Bible. My last several series have been from New Testament sources so this is going to be refreshing, at least for me, as I dig in some unfallowed ground for this study. So let’s get started. No better place to start than with the first man listed.

- The Lesson from Adam - “Consequences”

Genesis 1: 26-30, 2:15-25, 3:1-24; Romans 5:12-21

What’s in a name?

Adam. The word is actually more than just a name. It is also the Hebrew word for the human race, mankind, or just, “*man*.” It is never recorded that God gave Adam his name (but it does record Adam naming his wife, Eve (3:20)), it is simply transitioned in our Bible translations from “*the man*” to “*Adam*.” The word “*man*” is exclusively used when he was created in Genesis 1:27 and he is continued to be called “*man*” until 2:19 when he is abruptly called, “*Adam*.” Adam and man are the exact same word in Hebrew. So in chapter 2, the Scripture starts going back and forth using the person, Adam, and the description, man, when talking about the same individual illustrating how the word is more than just a name. And we are all, every person on the planet, a direct descendant of Adam and thus all part of the same race – the human race. We are, in essence, Adam.

Different from all the other creation

Adam and Eve were the unique expression of God’s character and nature. Unlike all of God’s splendid creation, these two were the **“image bearers.”** They would forever bear the image of the

Creator. No other animal, plant, planet, star, solar system, or anything else that was created in the creation week would ever be the bearer of God’s image. This is a tremendous responsibility, one that has unmeasurable blessings, privileges, and ultimate consequences. All of creation is connected to this carrier of the image of God. Please look at that sentence again! Everything that God created was good. In fact, it was “*very good*” (1:31). There were no flaws. No evil. No disease. No damaged stars or moons. There was no ‘Second Law of Thermodynamics,’ a scientific principle that states simply everything in the universe is moving from a state of order to disorder – and by the way, that’s everything. All created things are now caught in this predicament.

That was not the way it was created. Everything was perfect. Every animal was at peace, living peaceably with all other kinds of animals. Plants were all good, healthy, and beneficial. There were no weeds, poison ivy, sticker bushes, or dangerous foliage. Every astronomical entity was perfectly positioned in the cosmos with no dying stars, super novae, or destructive meteors. God claimed that everything was “*very good*.” How could this situation be so devastatingly altered? What would cause this perfect universe to be impacted so dramatically that every atom was changed?

One “Adam” changed all the other “atoms!”

Consequences are real. Adam is the ultimate teacher of the impact of consequences. Adam is never listed as a Bible hero. Yes, he is the father of all that are living, but he is not in the Who’s Who of Greatness. As a matter of fact, the New Testament says of Adam, “...by one man’s sin, death has come to all” (Romans 5:12-15). Adam brought death to the entire human race, not just physical death, but spiritual death as well. Death does NOT mean, ‘ceasing to be,’ but it means ‘separation from.’ When you die physically you are not ceasing to be, you are just separated from this life, this world. Adam caused all of mankind to be eternally separated from God through disobedience. That was the consequence of his decision.

Sin always has **consequences**. They may not be immediately perceived or experienced, but sin always has consequences.

Adam chose his sin, but not his consequence. He would never have chosen this course of action had he known the eternal impact it would have on all of mankind and the universe. But you need to realize that you, too, can pick your sin, but you cannot pick your consequence.

Adam’s immediate consequence was that he would now have to earn his living by the sweat of his brow. There was also immediate consequences to his wife, she was kicked out of her incredible new house! Those plants, so perfectly created to bring him an abundance of food without any effort on his part, was now going to be difficult, trying, hard, and exhausting. He would not be given a life of ease and comfort but one of toil and labor. We, too, can associate with the fact that life is **not easy**. It is difficult with an abundance of disappointments, heartaches, exhaustion, and pain, all consequences from one bad decision of Adam.

Consequence to Benefit

I would like to say at this juncture that not all of the heartache, disappointment, pain, and suffering is bad. Amazingly, God has made it so that these consequences can actually create something that is wonderful, beautiful, immeasurably deep, and lasting. He can now teach us through these trying events more character than we can learn when everything is going great. The inspiration that comes from someone bearing an incredibly heavy burden and the pain of it driving them to be more Christ-like is by far one of the most attractive things in the universe. Hardships develop character, integrity, and personal depth. No one loves suffering, nor do they deliberately chose it, but by it we are shaped into obedient vessels of pure service for Christ’s own use.

Yes, Adam’s lesson is a lesson of consequences. We, too, must realize that all of our choices, no matter how small, will have consequences – some that will impact very few for a very short time, and others that will break the hearts of those closest to us and continue to cause pain for a lifetime. We can chose our sin. We cannot chose our consequences. Just ask Adam.

Alan J. Morris



CHURCH FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE SEMINARS

The 2016 Financial Compliance Seminars are designed for church treasurers, secretaries, ministers, budget committees, and any other financial leadership. The seminar will focus on compliance with federal and state payroll reporting requirements.

Discussion Topics Include:

- W-2s
- Form 1099-MISC
- 941s
- Who is an employee?
- Does our pastor receive a W-2?
- Who is responsible for mistakes made on federal and state returns?
- How do churches report healthcare premiums paid?
- Can we pay staff healthcare premiums?
- How can the church minimize taxes for ministers to maximize take home pay in these tough times?



Listed below are Seminars that will be conducted at locations physically close to churches in the Etowah, Hightower, Lanier and Roswell Baptist Associations

August 25, 2016

6:00 PM

Beech Haven Baptist Church
2390 W. Broad Street, Athens

September 6, 2016

6:00 PM

Grace Baptist Church
477 Old Cass White Road, Cartersville

September 17, 2016

9:00 AM

Blackshear Place Baptist Church
3428 Atlanta Highway, Flowery Branch

Seminar Leader

Tony Neal, CPA
Church Administration Ministry
Georgia Baptist Mission Board

Register online: <http://gabaptist.org/churchadministration/>
or call 770-936-5274

Seminar Fee: \$5.00 per person

Church Staff Changes

Rev. Danny Bennett has resigned as **Senior Pastor at Coal Mountain Baptist Church** (Hightower Association).

Rev. Garry English is now serving as **Senior Pastor at Cross Roads Baptist Church** (Hightower Association).

Ryan Wauford is serving as **Associate Pastor at Cornerstone Community Church** (Etowah Association). An ordination service will be held in the near future.

Crabapple First Baptist (Roswell Association) has called **Greg Williams** as **Associate Pastor of Worship and Administration**.



What is **MISSION GEORGIA?**

The Mission Georgia Offering is an annual emphasis which supports the ministries, missions and evangelism work of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. Though September is the suggested emphasis month, the emphasis and related material (available through GBMB) may be used anytime during the year.

For additional information or to order resources, please visit missiongeorgia.org or call 770-936-5296.



Dental Assistance for Ministerial Staff and Their Spouses

The Baptist Mobile Health Ministry (BMHM) is again the recipient of grant funding from the Georgia Baptist Health Care Foundation to offer dental assistance at no charge to ministerial staff and their spouses and widows of ministers 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.

September 14 - 17, 2016

Ministers Wellness Retreat*

Georgia Baptist Mission Board Conference Center, Toccoa

September 22 - 24, 2016

Ministers Wellness Retreat*

Georgia Baptist Mission Board Conference Center, Norman Park

**Sponsored by Georgia Baptist Mission Board Church Minister Relations Ministry. Registration is open to any Georgia Baptist Mission Board minister and spouse who do not have preventive health insurance. Dental service is offered to participants of the event who do not have dental insurance.*

For information regarding either of the Ministers Wellness Retreats, please call Ruth Smith at 770-936-5364 or by email at rsmith@gabaptist.org

For additional information regarding either of these events, please contact Diana Brown at 770-935-5217 or by

English as a Second Language Workshops

August 4, 5 & 6: First Baptist Atlanta
August 6 & 7: Hebron Baptist Church, Dacula
August 8, 9 & 10: Dunwoody Baptist Church, Dunwoody
August 13 & August 20: Bethany Baptist Church, Snellville

For additional information regarding either of these ESL training events, please visit gabaptist.org/literacy_missions.



Monday, August 8, 2016 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Tuesday, August 9, 2016 from 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
(These orientation sessions are identical. You select one date to attend)

The orientation location is: Johnson Ferry First Baptist Church,
955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta, GA 30068

For additional information or to register, please email ngaadmin@nobts.edu

Master of Arts in Theology Courses

Truett McConnell University is offering Master Courses to be conducted at Alpharetta First Baptist for Fall 2016

Mondays

CS 534: Doctrine of Revelation - Dr. Michael Whitlock - 12:00-2:30 pm
PH 501: Logic & Crit Think - Dr. Mael Disseau - 3:00-5:30 pm
CS640: Biblical Exposition - Dr. Mael Disseau - 6:00-8:00 pm

Tuesdays

HB 501: Foundations of Bib - Dr. Jeremy Lyons - 6:00-8:30 pm

For more information, please contact:

Truett McConnell University
Graduate Admissions Office
706-865-2134 X 195 or 670
gradadmissions@truett.edu

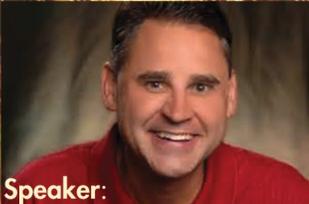
Courses to be taken at:
Alpharetta First Baptist Church
44 Academy Street
Alpharetta, GA 30009
770-475-6556

Iron to Iron

The Difference Men Make
in the Lives of Other Men

State Men's Conference

August 13, 2016 | Wrens Baptist Church
500 N. Main Street
Wrens GA 30833



Speaker:
Pastor Jeff Crook

**As iron sharpens iron, so
one man sharpens another.**
Proverbs 27:17

 Georgia Baptist
Mission Board
Georgia Baptist Men's
Ministry

\$20 early bird rate by Aug. 3; \$25 after Aug. 3
Visit gabaptist.org/mensministry for more information about these and other Men's Ministry events.

Gifts of Georgia Baptists through Mission Georgia and the Cooperative Program enable us to partner together in fulfilling the Great Commission.



A TOTAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP EQUIPPING EVENT

August 5-6, 2016 \ Prince Avenue Baptist Church, Athens

- › 2-DAY EVENT
- › 100+ TOPICS
- › TOP NATIONAL SPEAKERS
- › AFFINITY TRAINING
- › SPECIALIZED TRAINING

**Visit <http://www.gogeorgia.net>
for additional information or to
register**





Women on Mission Series @ PRC
Friday & Saturday, September 16-17

Pinnacle Retreat Center, 200 Adventure Lane, Clayton, GA 30525
Register online at georgiawmu.org

**Visit georgiawmu.org for
additional information**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 2016

- 4 Talking Rock Baptist Church Food Trailer (10:00 AM - 2:00 PM)
- 10 Roswell Baptist Association Executive Ministry Team Meeting, Clear Springs Baptist Church, 10:30 AM
Roswell Pastor's Luncheon immediately following the Executive Meeting at a place TBD
- 13 Hightower Baptist Association Food/Clothing Bank (7:30 AM - 12:00 Noon)
- 23 Lanier Baptist Association Executive Ministry Team Meeting, Living Stones Church, 10:30 AM
Lanier Pastor's Luncheon immediately following the Executive Meeting at a place TBD
- 23 New Hope Baptist Church (Etowah Association) Food Trailer (10:00 AM - 1:00 PM)
- 27 New Victoria Baptist Church Men's Conference, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (see page 1)
- 30 Etowah Baptist Association Executive Ministry Team Meeting, North Central Area Missions, 10:30 AM
Etowah Pastor's Luncheon immediately following the Executive Meeting

September 2016

- 1 Talking Rock Baptist Church Food Trailer (10:00 AM - 2:00 PM)
- 5 Hightower Baptist Association Preacher/Deacon Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 5 Labor Day Holiday, North Central Area Mission closed
- 10 Hightower Baptist Association Food/Clothing Bank (7:30 AM - 12:00 Noon)
- 15 Lanier Baptist Association Pastor's Luncheon, Slopes in Cumming, 11:00 AM
- 27 Etowah Baptist Association Pastor's Luncheon, Red Lobster in Canton, 11:30 AM
- 27 New Hope Baptist Church (Etowah Association) Food Trailer (10:00 AM - 1:00 PM)
- 28 & 29 Hightower Baptist Association Annual Meeting (see page 1)

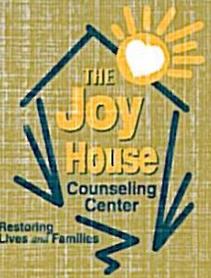
Greg Laurie HARVEST Georgia

September 23-25, 2016

Infinite Energy Arena in Duluth, Georgia

For additional information or to register, visit www.harvest.org and click on the icon
Crusades and Events.

Good luck to all as you
begin the 2016-2017
school year!



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