

North Central News

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

August 2017



Hightower Baptist Association Annual Meeting

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

9:00 AM

Bethany Baptist Church
2475 Bethany Church Road
Alpharetta 30004



Georgia Baptist Children's
Homes and Family
Ministries, Inc.

The Georgia Baptist Children's Home truck
loading for churches in the Hightower Baptist
Association will take place at the Annual

Meeting at Bethany Baptist Church on September 27. (Details on time will
be provided in the September North Central News)

Items requested are:

cereal (sweetened), canned fruit

canned chicken, canned potatoes, mixed vegetables (Veg-All)

paper products are always needed - cups, bowls, plates

Gift Cards are always appreciated



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Below is the list of items requested for the
Georgia Baptist Children's Home truck
loading for churches in the Etowah Baptist

Association and the Roswell Baptist Association.

Time and place to be announced in the September edition of the North
Central News.

Items requested are:

rice, grits, oatmeal

canned beans: green, butter (any color)

canned peas: garden, blackeye

paper products are always needed - cups, bowls, plates

Gift Cards are always appreciated



2017 Georgia Baptist Convention

196th Annual Meeting - November 12-14

North Metro First Baptist Church, Lawrenceville

WIN GEORGIA Pastors' Prayer Luncheons

Thomas Hammond, Georgia Baptist Convention President, and J. Robert White, Executive Director, Georgia Baptist Mission Board, invite all Georgia Baptist ministers to come to a Pastors' Prayer Luncheon and to bring a fellow pastor. This will be a time of fellowship, focused prayer and updates on the Georgia Baptist Convention.

August 14: First Baptist Church Alpharetta - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Hosted by Thomas Hammond, Pastor, Convention President
44 Academy Street, Alpharetta, GA 30009

RSVP: lleathers@fbca.com or 678-867-7305 by August 7

September 14: Salem Baptist Church, McDonough - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Hosted by Rick Statham, Pastor, Convention 4th Vice President
1724 GA-155 N, McDonough 30252

RSVP: WGilbert@salemchurch.net or 770-957-4543 by September 7

October 16: Concord Baptist Church, Clermont - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Hosted by Levi Skipper, Pastor, Convention 3rd Vice President
640 Main Street, Clermont 30527

RSVP: betty@concordministries.org or 770-983-7272 by October 9

Luncheons will also be held in South Georgia at:
Second Baptist Church, Warner Robins - October 23
Springhead Baptist Church, Adel - October 24

Annual Church Report

TO: Pastors, Church Clerks, etc

The Annual Church Report is on its way to your church! You/your church will receive the package in the mail by August 15, 2017!

Completion and filing of this report provides important information relative to baptisms, membership, attendance, Sunday School, etc. to your Association, the Georgia Baptist Mission Board and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Timeless Truths from the Oldest Voices

The Lesson from Moses - "Humble Leadership" Part 1

Exodus 2:1-22; 3:1-7,10-15;
4:1-17; 5:1-2; Numbers 12:3;
Hebrews 11:23-29

Who in all the world is the most popular character from the Bible? That would be the person of **Moses**. Does that surprise you? Why is he so very popular and what about him makes him so well known? Much of the fanfare is due to the circumstances surrounding his birth and upbringing as well as success of being such a mighty, "underdog" leader. Moses was born during a difficult time of the Children of Israel. They were slaves for the Egyptians and growing to be a massive people, causing Pharaoh to greatly fear them. The odds were against Moses from the very beginning. When he was born, Pharaoh had commanded the midwives working with the Jews to throw their male infants into the river, but save the females.

It was this order that led to Moses being placed in an ark, then placed in the river, and subsequently found by Pharaoh's daughters. They kept him alive and raised him in the palace of Pharaoh. However, Moses never forgot who he truly was. All of this is common knowledge along with the fact that he eventually led the Israelites out of bondage as slaves and then through the

wilderness, but what is not so popular is that Moses was a murderer. He killed an Egyptian that was beating a Jew and then tried to hide the body. That mistake forced him into hiding. It was in hiding that God called to him and told him His plan. Moses had a very unique upbringing – not raised by his parents, experiencing two different worlds (the elite Egyptian life and the slavery of the humble Hebrews), being hunted by Pharaoh for his act of murder, and running away to Midian.

God, however, had a special plan for this amazing man. In the book of Numbers (12:3), you see the key to Moses' exceptional character and nature. This passage declares that Moses was "*the most humble man on the face of the earth.*" This characteristic is emphasized when God spoke to Moses from a burning bush and told him to take off his sandals because the place he was standing on was holy ground. God knew that Moses was a murderer. This is not God lowering His standard when He called Moses to leadership, but it displays God's amazing grace that He would use someone with a past to be one of the greatest leaders in human history.

Moses gave 5 excuses to why he should not be chosen to take the Children of Israel out of Egypt. His excuses included: 1) Who am I? 2) What if they ask what Your name is? 3) What if they don't believe me? 4) I am slow of speech, and not eloquent, and 5) just choose some-

one else! These excuses are actually quite common place and most of us have used one or more of these to keep us from being committed to a task we know we should have accepted. However, God did not give up on Moses and answered every excuse with an encouraging attribute of His own character. He will not give up on you, either. He provided someone to assist him (Aaron), along with his sister (Miriam), and He will provide someone to help you, too.

So Moses returned to Egypt. God told him that the men that sought his life were all dead. But Moses had to face Pharaoh again, this time commanding him to let the Hebrew people go. The situation did not go well. Pharaoh refused to let them go and instead increased their work load. Now the Children of Israel were upset with Moses. Leadership always has battles both from without and from within. Moses cried out to the Lord and God assured him that He would save the people with a strong hand. He then used Moses and Aaron to perform 10 miraculous plagues upon the Egyptians, each one representing a god that the Egyptians actually worshipped. Moses obeyed the Lord and led the people out of Egypt.

What can be learned from this early part of the life of Moses? Moses was not raised like a normal, Hebrew child. He had committed a terrible crime. He left the palace and his own people and lived in a far-off
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REVIVAL

**New Victoria Baptist Church
6659 Bells Ferry Road, Woodstock 30189**

Sunday Night, August 20 - 6:00 PM

Evangelist: Rick Coram

For additional information regarding revival, please contact Pastor John Harris at johnharris@newvicbaptist.org.

For information regarding Rick Coram, please visit www.rickcoramministries.com.

Part-time Children's Director Position Available

Hopewell Baptist Church, 78 Ridge Road, Canton

Part-time - 20 hours per week

Interested parties may call the church office at 770-213-1690 or you may send your resume to rebecca.norton@hopewellbaptist.com

Aaron Hodges has resigned as **Worship Pastor** at **First Baptist Canton**. He has accepted a position at a church in Texas. Prayers and best wishes from the Etowah Baptist Association and North Central Area Missions go with Aaron and his family as they begin their new ministry.

**South Cherokee Baptist Church
7504 Highway 92, Woodstock 30189**

is looking for an interim/pastor

*Interested parties should contact
Faye Doss at
fdoss@woodstockga.gov*



Discover Georgia Baptists is for newly ordained ministers and ministers new to Georgia (pastors, music, education, children, youth and any additional ministerial staff positions who are part of your church). New ministers will have the opportunity to meet with Dr.

Robert White, Executive Director of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board; Dr. Thomas Hammond, President of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board; meet State Missionaries; and participate in several conferences that are designed to be helpful to a new pastor or staff member. Meals and lodging will be provided.

If you or a staff person in your church would like to attend Discover Georgia Baptists, please contact North Central Area Missions at 770-384-8548 or email janice@northcentralga.org



Righteous Manhood

Saturday, August 12, 2017

Mabel White Baptist Church, 1415 Bass Road, Macon

Featuring



Kelvin Cochran



Chaplain Major
Phil Kramer



Music:
Chris McDaniel

For additional information, please visit <https://gabaptist.org/event/state-mens-conference/>



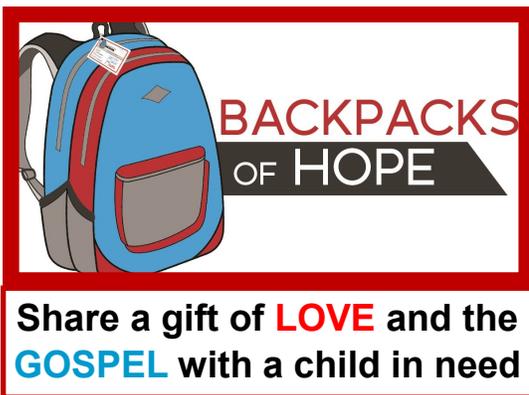
**Need an outsource for your leftover Christian literature?
Love Packages will accept most, good used literature.**

**Love Packages was formerly Edwin L. Hodges Ministries
and is located in Decatur, AL.**

North Central Area Missions has a local contact that picks up literature from churches and delivers it to the Love Packages facility in Decatur, AL. In the event, you have literature that you would like to donate, you may send items directly to Love Packages or you may contact North Central Area Missions at 770-384-8548 or email janice@northcentralga.org and request to drop off items at our office to be picked up by the Love Packages representative.

For additional information, please visit <http://lovepackages.org/>

Excerpt from Love Packages Website: Love Packages is a ministry aimed at putting Christian literature and Bibles into the hands of people around the world. Christians all across the USA - people just like you - send us Bibles, Sunday School materials, books, etc. We send them to ministries in many poor countries to distribute freely to people hungry for the Word of God. These are materials that would have sat collecting dust on shelves or been thrown away. Now it's being used to reach souls for Christ, encourage and build up the Church, and the raising up and training of leaders to shine the light in dark places. Our Mission: Love Packages exists to glorify God through the distribution of the Word of God to hungry hearts throughout the world. That His Name would be made famous and that He would receive the reward for His suffering. He alone is worthy. Thanks for your partnership and support.



In 2017, Georgia Baptists are once again partnering with Appalachian Regional Ministries to provide **BACKPACKS OF HOPE.**

The new name, Backpacks of Hope, reflects an emphasis in southwest Georgia as well as Appalachia.

The goal for 2017 is 35,000 backpacks.

In 2016, 35,234 backpacks were delivered to children in Appalachia.

Georgia Baptists are being asked to provide backpacks for children in North Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Southwest Georgia.

You may bring your filled backpacks to the North Central Area Missions office beginning Monday, October 16, 2017. The last date we will receive backpacks is Wednesday, November 9, 2017. Your filled backpacks do need to be placed in 18x18x16 size storage boxes (available at Wal-mart, Lowes, Home Depot, etc). We will have a truck on site at North Central Area Missions the week of November 6-9 for loading backpacks.

If you/your church would like for North Central Area Missions to print and laminate the labels (which are to be fastened to the outside of each backpack), print the Christmas Story flyer or the ARM Mailbox Club card (which are to be placed inside each backpack), we will be glad to do so.

DIRECTIONS

Start with a **NEW**, zippered backpack.

Fill with **NEW** gifts (at least one item from each gift suggestion shown below)

Include The Christmas Story and the ARM Mailbox Club postcard (North Central can provide)

Securely fasten tag to outside of the backpack using a zip-tie

Pray specifically for the child receiving the backpack

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

TOYS: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, small music instruments, yo-yos, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, toys that light up or make noise (include extra batteries), Slinky, Frisbee, card games such as Old Maid, Go Fish, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: pens, pencils (with sharpener), crayons, markers, stamps and ink pads, writing pads, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS: toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (boxed in a plastic bag), hairbrush, comb, washcloth, ponytail holders, hair clips, etc.

OTHER: Bibles for children or teens, age-appropriate Christian books, socks, t-shirts, hats, sunglasses, toy Jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), pop-top cans of food, hard candy, lollipops, mints, gum, etc. *Double bag all candy. NO CHOCOLATE.*

IDEAS FOR OLDER KIDS (10-14 years):

Girls: lip gloss, costume jewelry, fashion scarves, friendship bracelets, craft kits, journals, fun socks and slippers, doodle books, etc.

Boys: legos, card games, hand-held electronic games, basketball, soccer ball, Nerf football

For additional information, please email janice@northcentralga.org or call 770-384-8548. Churches working through North Central Area Missions do NOT register separately online through the Mission Georgia website.

NOTE: Churches in the Hightower Association should contact Bridget Williams at 770-861-1194 or by email at hbawmu@yahoo.com for details.

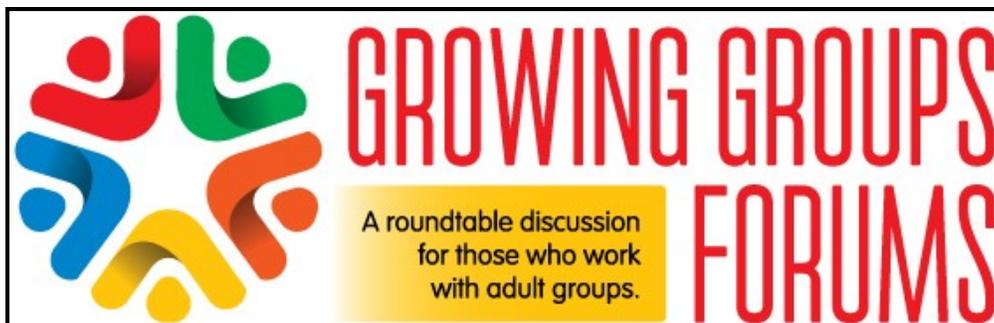


2-Day Women's Event Exploring Sufficiency and Generosity of Christ

November 3-4, 2017 - Greenville, SC

Offered by Lifeway Women

www.Lifeway.com/Abundance 800-254-2022



October 17, 2017

**Pleasant Valley South Baptist Church
702 Pleasant Valley Road, SE, Silver Creek (Rome)**

**First Baptist Church - Smyrna
1275 Church Street, SE, Smyrna 30080**

For additional information or to register, please visit <https://gabaptist.org/groups/>
or you may contact Pat Collins at pcollins@gabaptist.org or 770-936-5285.



The largest winter youth gathering in Georgia!

For additional information, please visit <https://moveconference.com>

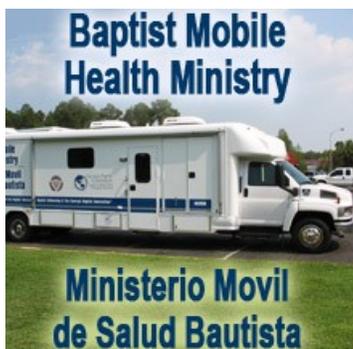
2017 GO Georgia

A TOTAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP EQUIPPING EVENT

Sponsored by the Georgia Baptist Mission Board, GO Georgia is a 2-day church leadership training event that includes 100+ topics, top national speakers, affinity and specialized training. The title of the event is GO Georgia because Georgia needs to hear the Good News.

**Roswell Street Baptist Church, Marietta
August 18-19**

For additional information or to register, please visit <https://gogeorgia.net/>



Baptist Mobile Health Ministry (BMHM)

is once again the recipient of grant funding from the Georgia Baptist Health Care Ministry Foundation to offer 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 13-15, 2017

Ministers Wellness Retreat

Georgia Baptist Conference Center

462 Sunrise Way, Toccoa, GA 30577

Sponsored by Church Minister Relations. Registration is open to any Georgia Baptist minister and spouse who do not have preventive health insurance. Dental care is offered to participants of this event who do not have dental insurance.

October 26-28, 2017

Daniell Baptist Association Office

205 S. Railroad Street, Ailey, GA 30410

Open to any Georgia Baptist active or retired ministerial staff and spouses and widows of Georgia Baptist ministers who do not have dental insurance or the financial means to obtain such care.

For information regarding the Ministers Wellness Retreat, please contact Laura Simms by calling 770-936-5362 or by email at lsimms@gabaptist.org.

For information regarding the event to be held in Ailey, please contact Diana Brown, RN, by calling 770-936-5217 or by email at dbrown@gabaptist.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 2017

- 3 Talking Rock Baptist Church Food Trailer (10:00 AM - 2:00 PM)
- 7 Hightower Baptist Association Preacher/Deacon Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 9 Roswell Baptist Association Executive Ministry Team Meeting, Clear Springs Baptist Church, 10:30 AM
Roswell Baptist Association Pastor's Luncheon immediately following Executive Meeting - Place TBD
- 12 Hightower Baptist Association Food/Clothing Bank (7:30 AM - 12:00 Noon)
- 17 Lanier Baptist Association Executive Ministry Team Meeting, Living Stones Church, 10:30 AM
Lanier Baptist Association Pastor's Luncheon immediately following Executive Meeting - Place TBD
- 29 Etowah Baptist Association Executive Ministry Team Meeting, North Central Office, 10:30 AM
Etowah Baptist Association Pastor's Luncheon immediately following Executive Meeting - Place TBD

September 2017

- 4 Labor Day Holiday - North Central Area Missions closed
- 4 Hightower Baptist Association Preacher/Deacon Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 7 Talking Rock Baptist Church Food Trailer (10:00 AM - 2:00 PM)
- 9 Hightower Baptist Association Food/Clothing Bank (7:30 AM - 12:00 Noon)
- 21 Lanier Baptist Association Pastor's Luncheon, Slopes in Cumming, 11:00 AM
- 26 Etowah Baptist Association Pastor's Luncheon, Red Lobster in Canton, 11:30 AM
- 27 Hightower Baptist Association Annual Meeting (see front page)

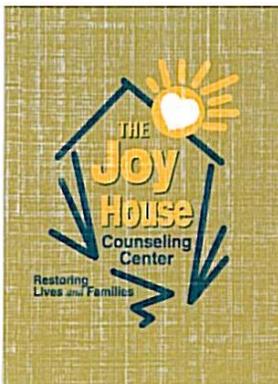
(The Lesson from Moses - "Humble Leadership" continued)

place. Does your situation appear extremely difficult? Have you committed sins that you wonder if God can forgive, or that you consider have disqualified you from serving? **The life of Moses is a second chance story for every one of us!** Moses was allowed another opportunity to make his life count for the Kingdom and for all eternity. A characteristic that Moses could personally control was choosing to be **humble**. This trait is so powerful and desirable to God that He will turn a murdering runaway into a mighty, confident, godly leader.

The Bible speaks complimentary about the leader, Moses. He was often called, "*Moses, the **servant** of the Lord.*" In Exodus 33, the Bible tells us that God spoke with Moses "*face to face, as a man speaks with his **friend**.*" He also appeared before Jesus in the transfiguration in Mark 9:1-6. The writer of Hebrews (11:25) said of him, "*choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin.*" Moses was huge even though he saw himself as small.

The key: **a humble heart.**

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