



# North Central News

*North Central Missions Center  
Serving the Churches of the  
Etowah, Lanier and Roswell Baptist Associations*

**September 2021**



**“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God *is* with you wherever you go.”  
Joshua 1:9**

# Come join us! Cowboy Church in Jerusalem

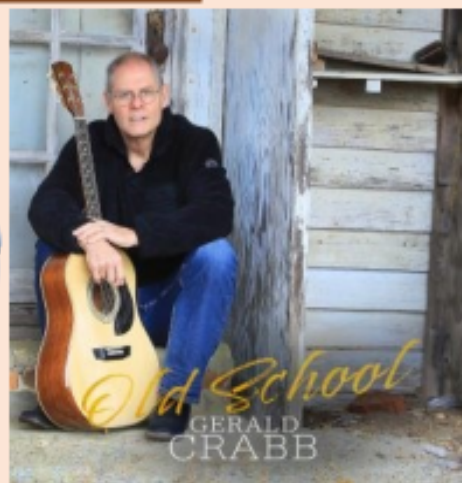
**Special Guest**  
**Gerald Crabb**  
Preacher, Singer,  
Songwriter



**Saturday**  
**September 25, 2021**  
**5:00—8:00 p.m.**

## LOCATION

9906 Henderson Mountain Road  
Fairmount, GA 30139  
Call for more info:  
404-405-5968



Join us in Fellowship  
with fun, food, preachin', music!



Gerald Crabb will also be at

**September**  
**26, 27, 28**

Creekside Fellowship  
585 Old Alabama Road  
Cartersville, GA 30120

Pastor Mike Abernathy 770-387-3484



## What Happens When We Get What We Prayed For?

I met the Lord in the 1970's. Since then I have been very spiritually active, involved in the ongoing work of grace in both my life and in the life of the local church wherever I've lived. So for almost 50 years, I can't remember a year, or at least a couple of years, where there was not a major focus on the need for **revival in our country**. I can't count the number of prayer meetings I've attended throughout my life of faith where we met together to cry out to God specifically that He would send revival to our land. We prayed **2 Chronicles 7:14** over and over to the point where most people knew that passage by heart. For those new in the faith, this is that passage:

***"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."*** (v. 14)

Most people in church life are very familiar with this passage. They have seen it on signs, heard it from the pulpit, and probably know it as well as they know John 3:16. Let me say that I am most certain how intently and earnestly I have prayed this prayer for my country. I have cried out loudly that God would "**heal our**

**land**." Before you remind me, I am fully aware of the previous "if/then" conditions in the verse (**if** we humble, pray, seek, repent, **then** God hears, heals), and I would say that most people understand it as well. We have prayed for this country to be healed for as long as I have known Christ, and that is going on 50 years! I can only assume that it has been a common theme even before my rebirth.

Our prayers for our country have **not** gone unheard. I am not saying that revival is spreading across this land making supernatural changes on the lives of its citizenry in overwhelming evidences. However, our prayers **HAVE** been heard. The problem is that in order for a nation to experience revival it must first be shaken – it must suffer. Without affliction, suffering, persecution, or severe difficulty there is no developed "fear of the Lord," resulting in God's people returning to God in broken humility (which is true "REVIVAL"), and then an awakening of the lost as to their need for Christ.

This is why it is so important that we not just know 2 Chronicles 7:14, but we must know the verse that comes BEFORE it, verse **13**. Here it is:

***"When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people,"*** (v. 13)(then v. 14) ***if My people ..."***

We really don't know this verse very well. As a matter of fact, it might come as a surprise to most believers the implication of verse 13. I hear people say when something bad happens that it's the devil or some evil force. Notice who it is that takes the blame for the drought, locust, and pestilence. Satan? No. The forces of Darkness? No, and not even the Democrat Party (they might BE the locust!). But actually it's the Lord Himself that says, "**When I send...**" these things! So it's God that is the reason for the pestilence, not the Wuhan laboratory! But it's important for us to understand WHY. The reason He sends the drought, locust, and pestilence is because **His people have become rebellious and hard-hearted**. God simply wants His people back.

So verse 13 has now happened. God sent a pestilence. When you look at the damage that has been done by not only the COVID virus but also by our poor, inept, and unscientific response to it, you can't help but see that God has sent this to us because of our sin. What is happening right now in the world was the exact reason that God had Solomon build the Temple in the first place. Reading the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles passage reveals that God instructed Solomon to build "**a house of sacrifice**" (v. 12), so that whenever He sent judgments of say, drought, locusts, or pestilence, they could come together, gathering for prayers of repentance and confession.

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## **In Memoriam**

North Central Missions and the Etowah Baptist Association express sadness at the recent death of Dustin Sweatman, Minister of Music at Grace Community Church.

Dustin was a very musically talented young man and will be missed by many.

Sympathy is expressed to his wife, Blair, his parents, Gerald and Deborah Sweatman, and father/mother-in-law, Jeff and Terri Nunnally.

## **Church Name Change**

**North Lanier Baptist Church** in Cumming has a new name!

They are now **Waypoint Baptist Church!**

## **Pastoral Updates**

**Slavic Christian Center “Harvest”** has called **Vitaliy (Viktor) Radchuk** as their **Senior Pastor**. Viktor had been serving as second pastor.

North Central Missions and the Etowah Baptist Association welcome Vitaliy as he leads this congregation in reaching the lost for Jesus Christ.

**Vasiliy Radchuk**, who served as the Senior Pastor at “Harvest” for several years, has accepted another ministry position.

**Doug Mulkey, Senior Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church** in Canton, has announced his retirement effective March of 2022. Doug has ministered at Mt. Zion for over 32 years.

North Central Missions and the Etowah Baptist Association wish Doug and Terry many more years of Christian service wherever the Lord leads them.

## **Staff Openings**

Waleska First Baptist Church has an opening for an experienced pianist/accompanist for one Sunday morning Worship Service @ 11am, Wednesday evening Choir rehearsal @ 6pm and Prayer Service @ 7pm.

For more information on this paid part time position, please contact Stephen Folmar at [wfbcworship@windstream.net](mailto:wfbcworship@windstream.net).

Mission Point Preschool, Canton First Baptist, is looking to add to its staff. They have openings for teachers and assistants, 2-4 days per week. Interested parties should contact Tammy Frazier at 678-880-1327 or [tammyfrazier@cantonfb.org](mailto:tammyfrazier@cantonfb.org).

The Academy at Double H Ranch is hiring certified teachers for all age groups. For more information, please contact Sandra Harvey at [info@academyhhranch.org](mailto:info@academyhhranch.org) or call 803-993-8007.



The Georgia Baptist Mission Board is once again conducting the Christmas Backpack ministry for Appalachia and Georgia.

North Central Missions has registered our three Associations (Etowah, Lanier and Roswell) with the Georgia Baptist Mission Board.

If your church chooses to participate, following are available options:

1. Each church may determine ministry areas in their communities and personally provide Christmas Backpacks to those identified.
2. Each church can collect backpacks as has been done in the past and bring them to North Central Missions. We will deliver them to a designated collection site. The backpacks will then be distributed to various ministries that have requested backpacks through this Christmas Backpack ministry.

For additional information on this option, please contact North Central Missions at 770-384-8548 or email [janice@northcentralga.org](mailto:janice@northcentralga.org).

If your church chooses this option, North Central Missions will provide you with the Christmas Story that goes in each backpack. We can also provide assistance in printing forms/flyers/backpack tags; just let us know how we can assist you.

North Central Missions will accept backpacks from Etowah, Lanier and Roswell Baptist Association churches during the month of October; the final collection date by North Central Missions will be Thursday, October 28, 2021.

3. Each church can choose to participate with the Georgia Baptist Mission Board through the ministries they have identified. Additional information on participation with the Georgia Baptist Mission Board may be obtained at [www.gabaptist.org/backpacks](http://www.gabaptist.org/backpacks). If your church chooses this option, you will have to register at the website shown above.

*Please see page 6 of this newsletter for details on items to include, tagging instructions, etc.*

## Christmas Backpacks Gift Suggestions

All zippered backpacks and gifts are to be NEW items. No used items please.

For each NEW zippered backpack, please include:

- The Christmas Story
- 2 ribbons (or colored zip ties) to indicate the gender and age of recipient
- The 2 ribbons (zip ties) should be tied securely to the backpack. (See Key below)

Gender:	Age:	
Blue = Boy	Purple = Ages 2-3	Green = Ages 8-10
Pink = Girl	Yellow = Ages 4-7	Red = Ages 11-14
		White = Ages 15-17

Printables and lists are available to download at <https://gabaptist.org/backpacks>

Example: Girl, age 6  
1 pink ribbon, 1 yellow ribbon securely tied to the backpack

Please pack backpacks according to the guidelines below.  
**Always include a copy of the Christmas Story**

**TOYS: (at least 1 item):** small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoo's, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, Frisbee, card games such as Ol' Maid, Go Fish, etc.

**HYGIENE ITEMS (at least 2 items):** toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (boxed and in a plastic bag), shampoo (securely sealed and in a plastic bag); hairbrush, comb, pony tail holders, barrettes, hair clips, washcloth, etc.

**OTHER (at least 2 items):** children's or teen Bible (KJV, God's Word, or CSB version), age appropriate Christian books, sunglasses, toy jewelry, watches, or flashlights (with extra batteries).

**FOOD (at least 2 items):** canned food items with pop-tops (nothing which requires a can opener and no plastic containers), protein bars, hard candy (NO chocolate) and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints or gum.  
**(NO food items with peanut butter or nuts).**

**CLOTHING (A least 2 items. All clothing items must be new with tags/packaging.):** t-shirts, underwear, socks, warm hat, gloves, scarf, ball cap, fleece pullover, warm outerwear, etc.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** school supplies are welcome, but not all sites need school supplies. If you are partnering with a site, please check with the organization regarding the type of school supplies that are needed.

**Additional items to consider for older kids (11-17):**

**GIRLS:** lip gloss, costume jewelry, scarves, friendship bracelets, craft kits, card games, hand-held electronic games, journals, fun socks and slippers, doodle books, Spirograph kit, or feminine hygiene supplies.

**BOYS:** LEGOS®, card games, hand-held electronic games, journals, flashlights (with extra batteries), basketball, soccer ball, or NERF football.

**Please do not include any food items that are perishable or can be easily crushed or opened while in transit.**  
**Please do not include any knives.**

*Gifts of Georgia Baptists through the Cooperative Program enable us to partner together in fulfilling the Great Commission.  
Adapted from a Suggested List prepared by the Georgia Baptist Women: WMU and Women's Ministry.*

# TODD STARNES **FAITH & FREEDOM** CELEBRATION

RAISING FUNDS FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

## SEPTEMBER 24, 2021



**TODD STARNES**  
MASTER OF CEREMONIES



**SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS**  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**5:30 PM TO 6:50 PM**  
**DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT**  
**7:00 TO 8:30 PM**  
**PROGRAM**

FUNDS RAISED THROUGH EMPOWER  
THE CALL WILL BE USED TO:

- Assist current students to participate in mission trips
- Provide retention scholarships for our returning students
- Reduce missionary student debt of TMU alumni in the mission field

HOSTED BY TRUETT MCCONNELL UNIVERSITY  
CLEVELAND, GEORGIA

GEORGE BLAUROCK STUDENT WELLNESS CENTER

**DINNER TABLE**  
**\$2000.00**

TABLE FOR EIGHT,  
DINNER, ENTERTAINMENT,  
PROGRAM

**INDIVIDUAL DINNER**  
**\$250.00**

RESERVED SEATING FOR ONE, DINNER,  
ENTERTAINMENT, PROGRAM

**BLEACHER SEATS**  
**\$25.00**

INDIVIDUAL SEATING  
FOR PROGRAM

**FOR MORE INFO, VISIT [TRUETT.EDU/FAITHANDFREEDOM](https://truett.edu/faithandfreedom)**

OR CALL 706-865-2134, EXT. 3801 OR EMAIL [ADVANCEMENT@TRUETT.EDU](mailto:ADVANCEMENT@TRUETT.EDU)



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the CALL



## **Haiti Earthquake, Hurricane Ida, or any other storm or disaster**

You/your church can make a donation at <https://gabaptist.org>

Or, you may mail your donation to

Georgia Baptist Mission Board

Disaster Relief

6405 Sugarloaf Parkway

Duluth, GA 30097

100% of your donation will go directly to the relief efforts of current storms or disasters, wherever the need is the greatest at the time. Cooperative Program giving from our Georgia Baptist churches pays for disaster relief infrastructure costs.

## **Tennessee Flooding**

The Georgia Baptist Mission Board is directing all requests to the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board at <https://www.tnbaptist.org/>



This training retreat designed for Georgia Baptist Women's Ministry leaders will equip and encourage you to lead women confidently and effectively.

Learn more and register at <https://georgiabaptistwomen.org/selah/>



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### What Happens When We Get What We Prayed For?

Our foundations are crumbling. Our traditional strengths are collapsing from the weight of our infatuation with modern day Baal and Asherah. A false religion leads to a false science, and now there is not a single institution in this country that can be trusted. Our embracing of a false religion also impacts the world. The international stage is so wrecked that this will add an even greater negative impact on our nation. What is happening today in Afghanistan is only going to spread throughout the world. I read an interview last night with a pastor in Afghanistan that after being asked, "What are you going to do?," his response was, "We will meet together this Sunday, and probably die." How ironic that a fear of a germ

caused us in the U.S. to take the exact opposite approach – We "might" die, so we better stay home. So much for a *"house of sacrifice."*

God sent judgment. Does anyone disagree? If you do, please reread the biblical text above, and there are plenty more examples in both Scripture and history to boot! The cold hard fact is God sent judgment and we stopped going to church. Our response to God's judgment of COVID was to protect ourselves from harm, trying at any cost to avoid getting it, spreading it, or giving it to grandma. The biblical response should have been that we converge on the Temple (our own churches), crying out to God in humility and brokenness, seeking His face, and turning from our wicked ways. Now is the time for us to do this! The pestilence has been issued. The results of this pestilence are continuing to

make horrific global history with America as well as other nations, and we continue to respond with powerless, meaningless worldly wisdom, setting up more unnecessary "COVID guidelines," while the nation is searching for answers. In the 1940's, A.W. Tozer said, "A terrified world needs a fearless church." We need more A.W. Tozers.

My point this month is that we prayed for years that God would send revival. God has heard our prayers and has answered soundly! **We got what we prayed for!** NOW we must return to the church with all hands on deck, every true believer coming together for repentance, renewal, and seeking God's face. **This is our moment to walk in verse 14.** I believe if we don't, we may not get another.


**Alan J. Morris**



Abrams Falls  
Great Smoky Mountains



**Plan some time to enjoy Fall - maybe play in the leaves!**

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