

# The Bethel News

Bethel Baptist Association  
April 2014



## Bethel Baptist Association Annual Spring Meeting And Children's Bible Drill Bethel Baptist Church April 8th, 7PM

Speaker: **Dan Dockery, Carrollton Baptist Association**

Please contact Bro. James if you have children who will be participating in the Bible Drill at the Associational level.



As part of a joint effort to share the Gospel and reach the lost, South-West Georgia churches and Baptist Associations will be taking it to the streets of Camilla, in the first ever **Collide** evangelism effort.

Between **March 31 and April 5** a joint Evangelism Team will join with the Tucker Baptist Association and members of the Camilla Missionary Baptist Association for a full week of evangelism and missions centered activities.

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Location: **Camp Okitayakani near Shellman, GA**

**REGISTRATION PACKETS WILL BE SENT TO THE CHURCHES IN APRIL**

### Day Camp (Ages 4—2nd Grade)

Date: July 9-11, 2014

Time: 9:30 AM—3:30 PM

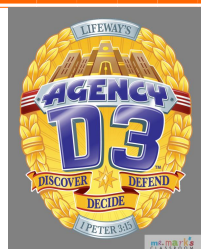
Cost: \$35 per child (\$15 deposit)

### Overnight Camp (3rd—7th Grades)

Date: July 9-12, 2014

Cost: \$60 per child (\$20 deposit)

Send nonrefundable deposit, and medical release form to the Assoc. Office by **June 19th**.



## Associational VBS Clinic

### Edison Baptist Church

April 24th



6:00 PM



## Missionary Musings

Spring has finally arrived, and we have some new initiatives underway within our Bethel Baptist Association which we hope and pray will facilitate spiritual growth and enhanced ministry effectiveness. One is our **peer-mentoring network** for ministers, which has now begun to really take shape. We did our first mentor-training workshop on March 5th, and we now have three mentor/mentee pairs underway. Pray for these six men (T. J. Bennett and Ben McFather, Chris Holdorf and Gary Hadden, and Michael Williams and myself) as we work together as *iron sharpens iron*. After our eight-week *ōpracticumö* period is over, we will open the network up for more ministers who are interested in being mentored but couldn't be in this very first group.

Another new initiative is our re-designed, simplified **organizational structure** which takes effect with the election of our new officers on April 8th. Our Nominating Committee has been working hard at getting the best individuals for each position as spelled out in the By-Law revisions which were approved in October. They are to be commended for their thorough and prayerful work.

Not only will we be electing those new officers, team leaders, and committee members at our **Spring Meeting at Bethel** on the 8th, but we will also have the privilege of watching our Children's Bible Drill in action. These kids are an inspiration to me each time I see them drill. You will be inspired, too, and challenged to become more familiar with God's Word yourself!

Finally, I want to invite you all to the Spring Meeting to hear my good friend and colleague, **Dan Dockery**, share from his heart and experience about the power of partnerships in Kingdom advancement. The Carrollton Baptist Association has led the way over the past several years among Georgia associations in putting this power to work, and I want you all to come and hear from Bro. Dan about how their churches have done it. You will be blessed, and mobilized to get directly involved in missions.

This Spring marks a couple of ministry milestones for me personally. On February 26, 1984 (thirty years ago) I was ordained to the Gospel Ministry. And this year, on April 12th I will observe my **15th Anniversary** serving the Bethel Association as your Missionary. It is hard to believe that nearly half of my full-time vocational ministry has been spent here in the Bethel Association! God has been good, and His people have been very kind and supportive.

As **Easter** draws near, let us remember to proclaim the pure and simple **Gospel** of the Lord Jesus Christ, *ōthat Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to (many). . . , and last of all, as it were to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.ö* (I Corinthians 15:3b-5a, 8 NASB) The world still needs to hear the message, and Christ has given us the privilege of telling it.

Happy Easter!

*Bro. James*



## Church News

**Blakely First Baptist Church** has called **Bro. Keith Alderman** as their new pastor. Keith and his wife Vicki will be moving into Blakely the first week of April, and he will officially begin as Pastor on April 15th. Easter will be his first full Sunday in the pulpit. Welcome, Keith and Vicki!





**IRON SHARPENS IRON**  
**PROVERBS 27:17**  
 As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.

Our next "Barnabas" Meeting will be next Tuesday, April 1st, here at the Associational Office. We will begin at 11 AM.

After our time of sharing and prayer, we will go out to lunch together (Dutch treat).



Our Bi-vocational "Barnabas Group" will meet Monday, April 7th, here at the Associational Office at 7PM.



*Emmaus Road Quartet*

*In Concert*

**Southside Baptist Church  
 Blakely, GA  
 Sunday, April 27  
 6PM**

There will be a finger food fellowship to follow. Come join us for a night of good Gospel Music, food & Fellowship. Everyone is cordially invited!!!

**MISSIONS COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

The **Missions Coordinating Committee** will hold its next regular quarterly meeting on Monday evening, **May 19th, 7PM** at the Associational Office. Any new project proposals and/or New Work Fund requests must be turned in to the office by Thursday, May 15th, in order to receive consideration at this meeting. Please let Brother James know if you will not be able to attend. (229.835.2887).



**CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Feb. 24, 2014 thru Mar. 25, 2014**

Arlington	849.42
Bethel	736.90
Beulah	
Blakely FBC	1,256.16
Bluffton	285.55
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	301.65
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	312.40
Edison	229.76
Enterprise	
Faith	
Fort Gaines	635.34
Georgetown	416.67
Leary	182.99
Milford	807.00
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	
Mt. Hebron	437.51
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	
New Hope	338.79
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	45.35
Shellman FBC	
Shiloh	750.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	207.82
Springvale	
Vilulah	
Individuals	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,530.81</b>
<b>Balances</b>	
General Fund	8535.00
Designated Fund	8550.45
New Work Fund	10,688.31
World Missions Conf.	2,596.09

*Thank You*

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### Calendar of Events

#### April, 2014

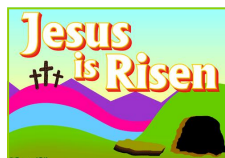
- 1-5 "Collide Camilla" Evangelistic Thrust
- 1 "Barnabas Group"-Assoc. Office, 11AM
- 7 Bi-Vocational "Barnabas Group"-Assoc. Office, 7PM
- 8 BBA Spring Meeting and Children's Bible Drill  
Bethel BC, 7PM
- 20 EASTER
- 24 Assoc. VBS Clinic-Edison BC, 6PM
- 25-26 GA WMU Spring Event, Callaway Gardens

#### May, 2014

- 5 New Zion Steering Committee-Freeman Rd., 7PM
- 6 "Barnabas Group"-Assoc. Office, 11AM
- 17 Ministers' Wives' Spaghetti Supper-Assoc. Office, 6PM
- 19 Missions Coordinating Committee-Assoc. Office, 7PM
- 26 MEMORIAL DAY (Assoc. Office Closed)

#### June, 2014

- 1-8 Bro. James on Vacation
- 16-18 "Camp Crescendo" Children's Music Camp  
Cuthbert FBC, 9AM-12Noon
- 19 Deadline for Overnight and Day Camp Registrations
- 23 Executive Committee-Assoc. Office, 7PM



## *Ministers' Wives' Spaghetti Dinner*

*Bethel Baptist  
Association  
Office*

*May 17th, 6PM*



## *Babbie Mason*



## *In Concert*

*Cuthbert First Baptist Church  
May 29, 2014*