

"Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ"

He is risen!  
**Easter**  
He is risen indeed.

**April 2018**

**The Bethel  
News**



Bethel Baptist Association  
**Spring** MEETING

Sunday, April 15th @ 5:00 pm

Leary Baptist Church



**JESUS**  
loved you so much that  
He laid down His life to  
spend eternity with you!

Wishing you a blessed Easter.

AND THIS IS THE PROMISE WHICH HE  
HIMSELF MADE TO US: ETERNAL LIFE.  
1 JOHN 2:25



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# "Missionary Musings"

I have been looking forward for some time now to our **Annual Spring Meeting on April 15th at Leary Baptist Church**. I am especially excited about this gathering because our guest preacher is going to be my friend and college classmate Bro. **Larry Wynn** from the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. We requested Larry because we wanted someone to address the challenge of **Reaching the Next Generation** here in the Bethel Association, and no one is more qualified to do that from a pastoral stand point than Bro. Larry. Shortly after he and I graduated from Mercer University in Atlanta, Larry took on the pastorate of a small, country church (where he had served as Youth Minister) and led it to become one of the largest and most dynamic multi-generational churches in Georgia. Hebron Baptist Church in Dacula, GA stands as a testimony to the power of God to breathe life into an old traditional church through visionary and committed leadership and the straightforward preaching and teaching of the Word of God.

Larry's official position with our State Mission Board is **Vice-President of Church Revitalization and Evangelism**. I have been thinking a lot lately about this idea of **church revitalization**. Not in the sense that we usually think of personal spiritual **revival** or a **mountain-top** encounter that an individual might have with

God; but in the sense of a **collective experience** where God takes a dying church and breathes **new life** into it! And the more I have studied this, the more I see that **this is what we need** here in the Bethel Baptist Association! Now Larry is going to speak to us about one very important element in church revitalization, and that is reaching the next generation - the children, the youth, the young adults - in our church communities. No message could be more timely.

To follow up on Larry's visit, I have asked several key leaders in our association to help me pray about and develop a biblical strategy or strategies for helping churches longing for revitalization in our area. I hope to soon be able to reveal a plan for a re-direction of our time and resources in practical ways that provide better help to our struggling churches. But, like any church health or church growth strategy, it will all be useless unless God's Spirit is in it, and God's people are willing to submit to His leadership, wherever it takes them.

Would you please covenant to pray with me for God's clear direction on this, and for

## NEXT Missions Coordinating Committee

April 9th, 6:30 pm @ Assoc. Office  
Please have Project Proposals and/or New Work Fund requests submitted to the BBA office by Thurs. April 5th for consideration at this meeting.

God to use us right here in the Bethel Association to reach the next generation?

I hope to see you all at Leary on Sunday evening, April 15th.

He Is Risen!  
Bro. James



### Camp Hicita

(Kolomoki Mounds State Park)

#### Day Camp - June 27-29

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Age 4 - completed 2nd grade

Cost: \$60

#### Overnight Camp

June 27th 8:30 am - June 30th noon

completed 3rd - 7th grades

Cost: \$85

Please register with the Bethel Assoc. by Thurs. June 7th. Include \$20 non-refundable deposit with registration form. Signed release forms and balance of camp fee due at Check-In on the first morning.

Forms can be downloaded at [www.bethelassociation.com](http://www.bethelassociation.com)

Deadline for all  
Camp  
Registrations  
Thurs. June 7th





**CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS**

Feb. 22, - March 21, 2018

Arlington	1,564.04
Bethel	
Beulah	425.16
Blakely FBC	1,974.81
Bluffton	597.90
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	311.97
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	262.32
Edison	152.78
Enterprise	
Faith	
Fort Gaines	735.07
Georgetown	
Leary	264.05
Milford	482.00
Morgan	
Morris	3,265.00
Mt. Gilead	280.00
Mt. Hebron	200.00
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	
New Hope	128.08
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	
Shellman FBC	400.00
Shiloh	708.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	389.55
Springvale	
Vilulah	
Individuals	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,928.23</b>
<b>Balances</b> Mar. 21 (2018)	
General Fund	19,470.46
Designated Fund	7,163.74
New Work Fund	7,566.62

**“Christmas Backpacks” Mtg.**  
*w/Bill Barker, Assoc. Office.*  
**Apr. 17th 7 pm;** (date was changed  
 from March 19th)

**Barnabas**  
 Son of Encouragement

**MEETING**  
 Tuesday, April 3rd @ 11 am  
 Association Office

**GA State Regional Bible Drill**  
 Covenant Baptist Church  
 Valdosta, GA. **April 22nd, 1:30-5:00 PM**  
 For more information call 229-257-0032  
 or check out <http://gabaptist.org/bibledrill/>

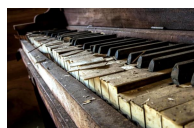
  
**Camp Planning Meeting**  
 Sunday, April 8th  
 2:30 pm  
 Assoc. Office



**Seminar @ Shiloh Baptist Church**

Has been cancelled for now. Ben O'Neal had some obligations to the Army come up. We will reschedule for another time. Thank you.

*An Early County Bicentennial Event*  
 Old Fashioned Hymn Sing - Sunday, April 29th at 6:00 pm  
 Hosted by: First Baptist Church, Blakely, GA.  
 Singing hymns written during the Bicentennial years of 1818 - 2018.



**HOME COMING**  
 Sunday, April 22nd, 2018  
 Georgetown Baptist Church  
 10: 30 AM (no Sunday School)  
 Catered Lunch following the service.  
 RSVP by April 11th; Call 229-334-2042  
 or send a note to GBC PO Box 478, Georgetown, GA 39854

**Thank you!**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### April 2018

- 1 EASTER
- 3 ðBarnabasö Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 8 Camp Planning Meeting - Assoc. Office, 2:30 pm
- 9 Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 15 BBA Spring Meeting - Leary BC, 5 pm
- 17 ðChristmas Backpacksö Mtg. w/Bill Barker - Assoc. Office, 7 pm
- 22 State Regional Bible Drill - Valdosta

### May 2018

- 1 ðBarnabasö Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 14 Administrative Team - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 28 MEMORIAL DAY (Assoc. Office Closed)

### June 2018

- 7 Deadline for all Camp Registrations
- 11-17 Bro. James on Vacation
- 27-29 Day Camp - Camp Hicita, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
- 27-30 Overnight Camp - Camp Hicita, 8:30 am Wednesday - 12 noon Saturday

DONØT FORGET

Spring

MEETING

Sunday

April 15th

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