



SW Georgia Regional Sunday School Worker Training Event

Bethel Baptist Association will host the “Ridgecrest-style” event.

Date: Saturday morning, August 15th, 2015
Time: 8:30 AM - 12:15 PM
Location: Blakely First Baptist Church (790 S. Church St. Blakely, GA 39823)

Workshop Faculty:

- Preschool Workers - Joyce Alexander (Calvary BC, Dothan, AL)
- Children’s Workers - Scarlyte Collette (Cloverdale BC, Dothan, AL)
- Youth Workers - Andy Hunter (Bethel BC, Dothan, AL)
- Adult Workers - Randy Stumbaugh (Bethel BC, Dothan, AL)
- S.S. General Officers/Directors - Mike Knowles (Morningside BC, Columbus, GA)
- Pastors - Mike Griffin, Georgia Baptist Convention Ethics and Public Affairs

Schedule for Saturday morning:

7:30-8:30 am Registration/continental breakfast in Fellowship Hall
8:30-9:30 am Workshop Session #1
9:30-9:50 am Break (refreshments in Fellowship Hall)
9:50-10:50 am Workshop #2
10:50-11:10 am Break (refreshments in Fellowship Hall)
11:10 am-12:15 pm Workshop Session #3

Cost: \$15 per participant registered at the door (those who pre-registered by July 30 will receive a \$5 discount)



Barnabas Group Meeting

Bethel Baptist Association Office
Tuesday, August 4th at 11:00 am

Missionary Musings

July went by in a hurry, with activities centered on our **Children's Overnight Camp** and **Day Camp**. Once again we had a great staff of volunteers led by our Camp Director, Mrs. **Wanda Moody**, and our Day Camp Director, Mrs. **Laura Goode**. We had 23 older children in Overnight Camp, and 29 younger children in Day Camp, for a total of **52 campers**. Camp Pastor **Craig Layton** and our small group Bible Study Leaders took us through the entire Bible-book of **Nehemiah** as we learned how God works in and through us to %ebuild+us into His image. We all had a great time at %Rebuilder's Camp+, and we are already looking forward to next summer.

Incidentally, we could never offer our Summer Camps at such a low cost per camper if it were not for our churches that pitch in and provide and serve our meals. This year our camp meals were provide by the following churches : **Enterprise, Morris, Cuthbert First, Mt. Hebron, Shellman First, Faith, and Shiloh**. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Our main focus in August will be the **Southwest Georgia Regional Sunday School Training Event** which we host here at **Blakely First Baptist Church** on **Saturday, August 15th**. Even if you did not pre-register by July 30th, I encourage you and as many of your church's Sunday School workers as possible to attend this high-quality, local training event. Our Bible Study Leaders need to be well-equipped to rightly handle the Word of God and to teach it in a way that connects with the needs of today's children, youth, and adults. These workshops will provide exactly that for our participants this year, so I heartily recommend them for all your Sunday School Staff be they new or experienced workers. You can find details about the training event (faculty trainers, age-groups, and schedule) on the front page of this edition of the Bethel News.

Finally, keep our upcoming %On Mission Connection+World Missions Conference in your prayers. The dates are **September 12-13**, and a complete schedule for the Saturday activities and the Sunday church speaking schedules for all our guest missionaries will be mailed to each of our BBA Churches in August. Pray especially for our missionaries as they prepare to come our way - for health, no complications in their schedule, and safe travel to and from SW GA. May our Lord Jesus be honored and glorified by all the activities of that special weekend, and may we all become more committed to **His Kingdom** work at home and around the world.

HIS,

Bro. James

MISSIONS Coordinating Committee

The next meeting of the Missions Coordinating Committee will be on Monday, August 10th at 7:00 PM at the Associational Office. Anyone desiring approval for an associational missions/ministry project and/or funding from the New Work Fund should submit their written proposals and requests to the BBA office by Thursday, August 6th. Contact us by phone at 229-835-2887 to obtain needed forms.



New Hope Baptist Church

Sunday, August 9th from 5-7 PM; New Hope Baptist Church will host a two hour Darkness to Light Conference. D2L's mission is to: Empower People to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse. Their programs raise awareness of the prevalence and consequences of child sexual abuse by educating adults about the steps they can take to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to the reality of child sexual abuse. We would love to have you and your church join us for this conference. All are welcome! New Hope Baptist Church: 3870 Hwy 27 Blakely GA 39823. For more information contact Scott Dobson (816)517-6136.

HELP WANTED

Edison Baptist Church is seeking a Part-Time Church Secretary. This position would require about 10 hours per week (3 hours per day) at the church. Computer skills are a plus! If interested, please contact Becky Owen at 229-835-2338 or Marion Lane at 229-724-8942.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: A team of 2-3 volunteers to help prepare the *Bethel News* for mailing (folding, taping, sorting). One day each month (between the 25th and the last day of the month). Contact Bro. James at the Associational Office (229.835.2887) if you would like to help. *"Many hands make quick work!"*



**Pray for our:
Sept. 12-13, 2015 On Mission
Connection Missionary Speakers:**

International Mission Board

Alan Woody Central Mexico
Lee Bradley Durres, Albania
Gary* Northern Africa/Middle East
Judy* Northern Africa/Middle East

North American Mission Board

Bill Barker Appalachian Regional Ministries
George Chinn Mississippi River Ministries
Diane Smith Anniston, AL Women's Ministry
Bennett Ekandem Clarkston, GA Refugee Ministry

Georgia Baptist Convention

Buck Burch CP/Stewardship
Stacy Dyer Church Revitalization
Mike Flowers RAs/Camp Kaleo
Cindy Fruitticher Youth

Others:

Russell Proctor, Penfield Christian Homes
Jim Lucas, Savannah Baptist Center Homeless Ministry
Randy Smith, Georgia Campers On Mission (President)

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

June 25, 2015 thru July 29, 2015

Arlington	1,349.34
Bethel	345.05
Beulah	737.03
Blakely FBC	1,294.57
Bluffton	253.78
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	577.16
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	713.42
Edison	119.48
Enterprise	1,222.67
Faith	
Fort Gaines	531.51
Georgetown	500.00
Leary	211.56
Milford	344.00
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	
Mt. Hebron	546.78
Mt. Vernon	295.08
New Bethel	
New Hope	701.59
New Zion	
Rehoboth	100.00
Salem	
Shellman FBC	600.00
Shiloh	291.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	434.15
Springvale	
Vilulah	50.00
Individuals	
TOTAL	11,955.67
Balances (July 29, 2015)	
General Fund	17,632.39
Designated Fund	14,188.59
New Work Fund	9,672.69
World Missions Conf.	5,167.78

Thank you!

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Requested

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August, 2015

- 4 "Barnabas" Group - Assoc. Office, 11 AM
- 10 Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. Office, 7 pm
- 11 New Zion (Mission) Steering Committee - Freeman Rd. 7 pm
- 15 Regional Sunday School Worker Training - Blakely FBC, 8:30 AM - 12:15 PM
- 17 Administrative Team - Assoc. Office, 6:30 PM
- 19 "Revitalization Roundtable" - Assoc. Office, 10 AM

September 2015

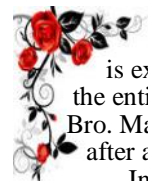
- 1 "Barnabas" Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 7 LABOR DAY (Associational Office Closed)
- 12-13 "On Mission Connection" (World Missions Conference)

October 2015

- 4 BBA Annual Fall Meeting (and Children's Home Truck Loading) Cuthbert FBC, 5 PM
- 5-16 Bro. James on Family Vacation
- 6-29 Backpacks for Appalachia+will be received at the Assoc. Office (Tue, Wed, Thurs; 8:30 am - 4:30 pm)

Upcoming:

- November 9-10 Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting (in Marietta)
- December 3 - Ministers/Spouses Annual Christmas Banquet at Faith BC (6:30 pm)



Our Deepest Sympathy...

is extended to Mrs. Martha Hicks and the entire family of Rev. **Marcus Hicks**. Bro. Marcus passed away on **July 10, 2015**, after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease.

In addition to several pastorates throughout Georgia, Bro. Marcus served our Bethel Baptist Association as Associational Missionary for 14 years, from 1984-1998. He left the Bethel Association to serve as Area Missionary for the Merritt, Summerhill, and Pine Mountain Associations for several years before his retirement.

Memorial gifts may be placed in Bro. Marcus' memory with the Parkinson's Disease Foundation at pdf.org. Martha's contact information:

Mrs. Martha Hicks
281 Saddlebrook Trail
Ellerslie, GA 31807



If you are missing t-shirts, shoes, sunscreen, etc.. from Summer Camp, you may pick them up at the Bethel Association Office in Edison or call 229-835-2887. Thank You.