

Bethel Baptist Association

August 2016

The Bethel News
"Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ"

... Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, He will come with vengeance; with divine retribution He will come to save you."
Isaiah 35:4

Breakout Sessions & Leaders

Pre-School:

Cheryl Burchfield
Fayetteville, GA

Children:

Josh Wilson
FBC Moultrie, GA

Youth:

Bill Hughes
FBC Tifton, GA

Adults:

Charlie Brown
Unity BC, Sylvester, GA

SS Directors:

Keith Stewart
FBC Nashville, GA

Pastors:

Josh Hunt
SS Seminar Leader/
Author
Las Cruces, NM

Southwest Georgia Regional Sunday School Training

Where: Camilla FBC (27 E. Broad St., Camilla, GA 31730)

When: Saturday, August 20, 7:30 AM - 12:15 PM

Cost: \$10 before Aug. 8th, after Aug. 8th \$15 - Register with the Assoc. Office

(Preschool Childcare available by Reservation only - call 229-835-2887)

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 are in Fellowship Hall)
9:50 - 10:50 AM	Session #2 Everyone (with Josh Hunt)
10:50 - 11:10 AM	Break (Refreshments are in Fellowship Hall)
11:10 AM-12:15 PM	Workshop Session #3

For more information contact: Chad Boyd @ 229-336-7574 or 229-886-0598

Josh Hunt is the author of several books related to Sunday School, small groups, teaching and disciple-making:

- You Can Double Your Class in Two Years or Less
- Disciplemaking Teachers
- Make Your Group Grow
- Give Friday Nights to Jesus
- Good Questions Have Groups Talking (the book)



Josh is a popular seminar speaker and trains Sunday School teachers along with his wife, Missy.

He is the world's #1 Bible Study Lesson writer. He has written more Bible Study Lessons than any human, living or dead. Josh has written 4 lessons a week for 20 years and counting. His lessons are not like other lessons. They consist of 20 ready-to-use questions that spark discussion, create controversy and get groups talking. Newer lessons (written after 2007) include answers from top biblical commentators- people like Max Lucado, Chuck Swindoll, David Jeremiah and Beth Moore.

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Missionary Musings



God is so good! We had a wonderful time at our **“Covenant Camp”** at Okitayakani last month, in spite of the blistering heat and more problems with the pool. We had a great group of 50 **campers** this year (24 Overnights and 26 Day Campers) and a tremendous volunteer staff. Above all, the Name of Jesus was lifted high and God’s Holy Spirit touched many young lives. On Friday evening, 10 boys and girls came forward to pray with our counselors about significant spiritual decisions, most of whom were first time professions of faith in Christ!

I want to take this opportunity to praise the Lord and to thank our

wonderful staff:

Wanda Moody (Overnight Camp Director)
Laura Goode (Day Camp Director)
Cindy Lee (Camp Nurse)
Craig Layton (Camp Pastor)
Mike & Becki English (Worship Leaders)
Kara Linker (Curriculum Writer)
Bible Study Leaders: Chris Sumner, Kate Moody, Paul Tennille, & Kermit Soileau
Other Adult Volunteers: Jan Nicholson, Elizabeth Moody, Catherine Sumner, Rhiannon Dobson, & Lisa Hagler

I also want to use the space this month to thank those churches which prepared and served **meals**, for our Summer Camps:

- Enterprise BC Morris BC
- Mt. Hebron BC Shellman FBC
- Cuthbert FBC Faith BC
- Shiloh BC Bluffton BC

And, last but not least, here’s a big shout-out to all of our teen volunteer helpers who did so much of the work for us **%ld folks**:

Annie Adams & Cynthia Brown (Georgetown BC)
Jared Brown & Alex Bush (Shiloh BC)
Erin Lanier (Milford BC)
Marcus Miller (Morris BC)
Cielo Murillo & Hunter Preston (Faith BC)
Corbin Smith (Colomokee BC)

Thanks guys!

Please take notice of some special **training opportunities** coming up in our area over the next two months. First is our Annual Southwest Georgia **Regional Sunday School Worker’s** Training event on Saturday, **August 20th**. This year’s training is being hosted by the Tucker Baptist Association at the **First Baptist Church in Camilla**. Please see the details elsewhere in this newsletter about specific conferences offered and registration information.

In September, we have two conferences of special interest. The **Church Financial Compliance Workshop** for our area will be at Gillionville Baptist Church in Albany on Thursday evening, **September 15th**. This conference is very helpful to Church Treasurers and Church Finance Committee members, with important updates on how to keep your church in compliance with IRS requirements and other legal issues as they relate to

handling the Lord’s money.

Finally, on Tuesday evening **September 20th**, our special guests Dr. Tom Crites and Dr. Steve Parr from the Georgia Baptist Mission Board will be sharing their findings with us on **“Why They Stay”**, a study of young adults who are active in church and what

kept them **%connected** to the Body of Christ. This seminar is for all pastors, parents, and church leaders who are concerned about how to keep their children and youth from disappearing from church as young adults! The workshop will begin at 6:30 pm with a light snack supper. **Colomokee Baptist Church** will host the event for all of our churches.

I hope you take advantage of all of the unique, low-cost (or free!) training and equipping opportunities provided to you locally by your local association working together in partnership with our state Baptist Convention. We have so much available to us as Southern Baptists to aid us in our Christian growth and to equip us for fruitful ministry! Please give your associational office a call if we can be of any further assistance to you.

In His Service,
 Bro. James

Tuesday, Sept. 6
6:30 pm, Assoc. Office
**Missions
Coordinating
Committee**

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

June 23, 2016 - July 27, 2016

Arlington	577.70
Bethel	
Beulah	155.58
Blakely FBC	1,331.01
Bluffton	253.23
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	316.77
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	257.46
Edison	141.42
Enterprise	
Faith	750.00
Fort Gaines	
Georgetown	500.00
Leary	128.98
Milford	300.00
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	
Mt. Hebron	388.19
Mt. Vernon	286.56
New Bethel	
New Hope	353.03
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	
Shellman FBC	300.00
Shiloh	708.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	223.75
Springvale	
Vilulah	100.00
Individuals	
TOTAL	7,809.18
Balances (2016) July 27	
General Fund	20,071.92
Designated Fund	8,480.92
New Work Fund	9,738.89

Why They Stray

Helping Parents and Church Leaders Make Investments That Keep Children and Teens Connected to the Church for a Lifetime.

A Seminar for pastors, youth & young adult leaders, and parents.

Presented by:
Dr. Steve R. Parr, Dr. Tom Crites, & the Georgia Baptist Mission Board

Tuesday evening, September 20, 2016
Colomokee Baptist Church
6:30 PM (A sandwich/finger foods supper will be served) **-NO CHARGE-**

CHURCH FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE SEMINARS

Sept. 15, 2016
Gillionville BC

The 2016 Financial Compliance Seminars are designed for church treasurers, secretaries, ministers, budget committees, and any other financial leadership. The seminar will focus on compliance with federal and state payroll reporting requirements.

Iron to Iron
The Difference Men Make in the Lives of Other Men
State Men's Conference
August 13, 2016 | Wrens Baptist Church
500 N. Main Street
Wrens GA 30833

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.
Proverbs 27:17

Speaker:
Pastor Jeff Crook

"Revitalization Roundtable"
Wednesday, August 10th at 10:00 am BBA Office.

New Zion Steering Committee
Tuesday, Aug. 2, 6:30 pm
Freeman Rd.



Dear Georgia Baptist Pastor and Church Leaders:
Thank YOU, Georgia Baptists!
We collected 31,396 backpacks last year for children in Appalachia!

In 2016 our goal is 30,000 backpacks. Georgia Baptists have been asked to provide backpacks for North GA, KY, TN. Please look over the following points to help you get started.

- Contact your local association office
- Let them know how many your church plans to contribute
- There will be collection sites around the state (including the GBC Annual Meeting at Calvary Baptist Temple in Savannah). The collection sites are only for churches or associations that are not partnering with a specific ministry site in Appalachia.

Thank you!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2016

- 2 %Barnabas+Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
New Zion Steering Comm. Freeman Rd., 6:30 pm
10 %Revitalization Roundtable+- Assoc. Office, 10 am
20 Regional Sunday School Worker Training - Camilla FBC
8:30 am- 12:15 pm
22-26 Bro. James on vacation

September 2016

- 5 LABOR DAY (Associational Office closed)
6 %Barnabas+Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
8 Administrative Team - Assoc. Office 6:30 pm
15 Church Financial Compliance Workshop - Gillionville BC
(Albany) 6 pm
20 %Why They Stay+Seminar (Keeping Children & Teens
Connected to Church) Colomokee BC, 6:30 pm

October 2016

- 2 BBA Annual Fall Meeting (and Children's Home Truck
Loading) Georgetown BC, 5 pm
4 %Barnabas Group - Assoc. office, 11 am
18-19 Ag Expo (Moltrie, GA)
22 National Sunday School Directors Seminar - Norman Park,
8 am . 3:30 pm

2016 BBA Summer Camp Lost & Found

Columbia Jacket . M Black
Towels . 1 dark red, 1 yellow
Boxers . boys small, 1grey, 1 blue
Jeans, girl stretch XL 14/16
Shorts, girl black 10/12
Shorts, girl Black w/pink 14/16
T-shirt . boy orange Auburn 6/7
T-shirt . boy dark blue Lg 10/12
T-shirt - girl Black w/butterfly Lg
T-shirt . girl Black w/Peace Lg
T-shirt . girl gray w/hearts Lg
T-shirt . girl white w/green stripes
Bathing trunks . boys M-8
Black shorts . boys 10/12
Jean cargo shorts . boys 10
Shoes Nike . blue 9 1/2
Small Blue Bible
Small black fan