

August 2018 Newsletter

Bethel Baptist Association
The Bethel News

"Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ"

Southwest Georgia Regional Sunday School Worker Training Event Saturday, August 11, 2018 8:30 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.

First Baptist Church Cairo
505 North Broad Street, Cairo, Georgia 39828

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Greg Frizzell

Workshop Leaders:

Pre-School SS Workers	- Joy Brenneman (Northside, Tifton)
Children's SS Workers	- Josh Williams (FBC Moultrie)
Youth SS Workers	- Garrett Grubbs (Sherwood, Albany)
Adult SS Workers	- Steve Vaughan (Thomasville Road, Tallahassee)
S.S. Directors	- John Yates (Morningside, Valdosta)
Pastors	- Dr. Greg Frizzell (Oklahoma Baptist Convention)

Schedule:

7:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.	Registration
8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.	Workshop Session 1
9:30 A.M. - 9:50 A.M.	Break
9:50 A.M. - 10:50 A.M.	Workshop Session 2
10:50 A.M. - 11:10 A.M.	Break
11:10 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.	Plenary Session with Dr. Greg Frizzell

Pre-register w/BBA Office by Monday, August 6th
Cost: \$10 per person (payable at the door)
Make checks out to ðGrady County Baptist Associationð

"Missionary Musings"

It is hard to believe that a full month has now passed since our 2018 **Summer Camps**. We had a great time at our "**Arise**" Camps on June 27-30 at Kolomoki Mounds State Park, Camp Hicita. We had a total of **43 Overnight Campers** (completed Grades 3-7) and **18 Day Campers** (age 4 through completed 2nd grade). Our theme was %Arise,+ and our



Bible Studies and Worship Rallies all focused on the resurrection stories in the Bible with, of course, all of the messages pointing to **Jesus** as the Resurrection and the Life! Once again, we are indebted to my daughter, **Kara Linker**, for developing our unique camp curriculum, as well as to our Camp Pastor, **David McFather**, and Bible Study teachers for interpreting it to the children. I had the special privilege this year of team-teaching one of the older kidsqBible Study groups with Kara (proud Papa!). Our other Bible Study teachers for Overnight Camp were **Haley Harris** and **Paul Tennille**. Our Day Campers were led in Bible Study by Bro. **Chris Sumner**. They all did a wonderful job of engaging all of our children in these life-changing lessons!

Please express your appreciation to all of our dedicated Camp Staff - they endured heat indices of 100 + degrees everyday in order

to serve the children! Our **Overnight Camp** Director was **Wanda Moody**, assisted by **Jan Nicholson** (crafts) and our Camp Nurse, **Cindy Lee**. Once again, **Mike and Becki English** served as our rocking Worship Leaders, and **A.J. Hooper** assisted with worship and led our recreation times. In addition to the fore-mentioned Bible Study teachers, our Overnight cabin leaders included **Annie Adams**, **Abbey Neville**, **Cynthia Brown**, and **Corbin Smith**, assisted by **Hunter Redding**, **Kaitlyn Felch**, and **Caleb Kegley** (Lifeguard). **Will Simons** also served as a Lifeguard.

Our Day Camp was directed by **Laura Goode**, assisted by **Meredith Bennett**, **Chris Sumner**, **Annie Adams**, and **Cynthia Brown**.

Last, but not least, many folks from our churches did an amazing job with providing and serving all camp **meals**. Breakfast each day was provided by the good folks from **Enterprise Baptist Church**, and **Bluffton Baptist Church** hosted the big Family Cook-out for our concluding lunch on Saturday. Other churches which provided lunch and supper meals throughout the week were: **Georgetown**, **Southside**, **Faith**, **Colomokee**, **Blakely First**, and **Shiloh**.

Be sure to check out our website at www.bethelassociation.com for some fun pictures from this year's camp! As you can see, our BBA children's camps are a beautiful example of what God's people can do when they pull

together to accomplish big things. We are already looking forward to next Summer!

I hope you have all given some thought to my last two articles on church revitalization. If you would like to look deeper into this for your church, I have developed, with consultation from our Administrative Team, a four-session %**Church Revitalization Conference**+ that can be customized for your congregation. I have designed this to take place in a series of special church-wide services from Sunday through Wednesday evening, much like you would schedule for a church Revival. I would love to talk with you pastors and other church leaders about this new ministry approach, and how you can be involved. It is not for every church, but I believe there are many churches that could greatly benefit from such an experience, if they are willing to seek God's direction and are willing to make whatever adjustments He requires.

It is a Joy and a Privilege Serving You,

As you serve Him!

Bro. James



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Missions Coordinating Committee

Oct. 9th, 6:30 pm, Assoc. Office. Ministry project proposals and New Work Fund requests must be submitted to the Associational Office by Thursday, October 4th to be considered.



**Christmas Backpacks
Planning Meeting**
Thursday, August 16th
at 7:00 pm
Associational Office



CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

June 28 - July 25, 2018

Arlington	632.33
Bethel	
Beulah	
Blakely FBC	1,476.83
Bluffton	373.24
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	300.33
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	298.29
Edison	142.02
Enterprise	
Faith	750.00
Fort Gaines	1,063.79
Georgetown	833.32
Leary	141.29
Milford	662.00
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	
Mt. Hebron	
Mt. Vernon	269.22
New Bethel	
New Hope	78.22
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	65.57
Shellman FBC	200.00
Shiloh	708.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	201.25
Springvale	
Vilulah	50.00
Individuals	
TOTAL	8,983.20
Balances July 26 (2018)	
General Fund	18,104.11
Designated Fund	8,673.96
New Work Fund	7,583.48

**Southern Mutual Church
Insurance Company**

in Columbia, SC (our BBA insurer) has produced a short video to help churches to begin building a solid security program.

The video is free and can be accessed at:
www.smcins.com/churchsecurity/churchsecurity.aspx

You might want to have the person in charge of security for your church to check this out!

“BARNABAS”

Group Meeting

Tuesday, August 7th @ 11 am
Bethel Baptist Assoc. Office



IN CONCERT

Shiloh Baptist Church
Saturday, Aug. 11th @ 6:00 pm

JOIN US FOR A
Night of Worship
AT FIRST BAPTIST BLAKELY
LED BY THE FBC ADULT, YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 19 • 6:00 PM

2018 Theme
August 17-18
re:GENERATION
RESTORE // RENEW // REFOCUS

A Total Church Leadership Equipping Event

GOGeorgia Conference - Mabel White Baptist Church
1415 Bass Road, Macon, GA 31210
\$45 Until August 10th - \$55 At the door
120 topics, National Speakers, Special Music
<https://gogeorgia.net>

FBC Blakely is in search of a Wednesday night choir rehearsal pianist.
If interested or for more details call Jeremy Jordan at 229-723-3448.

Thank you!

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Upcoming Events:

August 2018

- 7 ðBarnabasö Group - Assoc. Office, 11:00 am
- 11 SW GA. Regional Sunday School Training - Cairo FBC, 8:30 am - 12:15 pm
- 13 Administrative Team - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 16 ðChristmas Backpacksö Planning Meeting - Assoc. Office, 7:00 pm
- 17-18 ðGO Georgiaö Church Leadership Conference - Mabel White BC (Macon)
- 27-Sept. 2 Bro. James on Vacation

September 2018

- 3 LABOR DAY (office closed)
- 4 ðBarnabasö Group - Assoc. Office, 11:00 am

October 2018

- 2 ðBarnabas Groupö - Assoc. Office, 11:00 am
- 9 Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 15 BBA Fall Meeting (and Childrens Home Collection) - Blakely FBC, 5:00 pm