

Bethel Baptist Association

*The Bethel News*

August 2019



"Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ"



## SW Georgia Regional Sunday School &

## Small Groups Leader Training

"Making Disciples through the Sunday School"

Saturday, August 10th

First Baptist Church of Blakely, GA  
790 S. Church St. 39823

### Registration Info:

**Cost:** \$15 per registrant (payable at the door)  
Child-care provided for small children at no extra charge (pre-registration required)

**Registration:** Please pre-register by phone with Bethel Baptist Association Office (229-835-2887) by **Noon on Monday, Aug. 5th.**

### Teaching Faculty:

#### Pastors and Directors/Plenary Speaker

**Alan Folsom** (Retired, GA. Baptist Mission board)

#### Workers with Adults

**Rick Stewart** (Discipleship Pastor, Bradfordville FBC Tallahassee area)

#### Workers with Students

**Tom Cooney** (Student Pastor at Bradfordville FBC)

#### Workers with Children

**Jenny Whitaker** (Children and Family Director, Bradfordville FBC)

#### Workers with Preschoolers

**Joyce Alexander** (Children's Minister, Calvary BC, Dothan, AL)

### Schedule:

**7:30 - 8:30 AM**

Continental Breakfast & Registration

**8:30 - 9:45 AM**

Training Session #1 (by Age-group)

**9:45 - 10 AM** Break

**10 - 11:15 AM**

Training Session #2 (by Age-group)

**11:15 - 11:30 AM**

Break and go to Sanctuary

**11:30 AM - 12:15 PM**

Plenary Session with Alan Folsom on "Building a Safe Small Groups Ministry at Your Church"

**12:15 - PM** Dismiss

**Sponsored by:** Bethel, Bowen & Grady County Baptist Associations

# "Missionary Musings"

It's hard to believe that our area children are already preparing to go back to school! It seems like only yesterday that we were all in the midst of our church VBS, and getting ready for Bethel Camp.

We did have a blessed and memorable week at Camp Hicita during the final week of June with our "**Lion Kings**" **Summer Camp**. Along with our **awesome staff**, we had **48** older boys and girls in our **Overnight Camp**, and registered **30** younger children in our **Day Camp**, (average daily attendance of 28 little ones). Best of all, we know of **four Overnight Campers** who received Jesus as Lord and King of their lives during the week. Praise the Lord!

I would also like to thank the following churches which provided meals for our hungry campers and staff:

Enterprise  
Georgetown  
New Zion  
Faith  
Southside  
Blakely First  
Shiloh

and Bluffton Baptist Churches. It was delicious!

Thanks to all of you for braving the heat and humidity and gnats to serve our boys and girls. You truly have a heart for "reaching the next generation" with the Gospel!

I am really excited about our **Regional Sunday School and Small Groups Leader Training** event this month at **Blakely First Baptist Church**. Saturday, **August 10th** is just around the corner, so be sure and call our office by Monday, Aug. 5th to pre-register your leaders to attend this special conference. As you can see from our front page spread, we have a great line-up of instructors for two very critical topics in today's small group ministry - "Making Disciples" and "Safety and Security Issues' ."

Finally, each church in the Bethel Baptist Association should be receiving a letter from us containing proposed amendments to our **By-Laws**. These changes will be voted on at our Annual Fall Meeting on October 13th in Arlington. These were mailed to all of our pastors, and to the Deacon Chairman of each church without a pastor. If you have not seen a copy of these proposed changes in your church within the next couple of days, please call our office and we will see that you receive a copy.

In order to make any changes to our By-Laws, we are required to make this information available to all of our churches within 60 day of the Fall Meeting. These are relatively minor changes (mostly updating terminology to reflect current usage), but we need your help and participa-

tion in this process to bring our governing documents up-to-date.

Thanks again for all the ways in which you support our ministry here at the Bethel Baptist Association. You are a blessing to us!

Bro. James

## **NEXT**

### **Missions Coordinating Committee meeting**

Monday, October 7

@ 6:30 pm

Project proposals and New Work fund requests need to be submitted to the Assoc. office by **Thursday, Oct. 3rd**

Trust in him at all times.  
-Psalms 62:8

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS



**Meeting**

on Tuesday, August 6 @ 11:00 am  
Assoc. Office.

**C A B S**

(Celebrating **A** Bethel **S**eniors' **55+**)

**Food and Fun Event**

Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019 @ 6:00  
p.m.



At Cuthbert First Baptist Church

(\$5/person - Please RSVP on your church's  
sign-up sheet by Sunday, 9/8/2019.)

*Menu: Chicken, green beans, potatoes,  
Salad, bread, and dessert!*

*BBA Annual Fall Meeting*  
and Children's Home Truck Loading

Sunday, October 13th  
Arlington Baptist Church

*Church News*

**Keith Alderman** has retired from the full-time pastorate. His last Sunday at **Blakely First Baptist Church** was July 28th. He and his wife Vicki will live on the family farm in Terrell County. A reception in their honor will be at Blakely First on Sunday evening, August 4th, at 6 pm.

**Buren Womble** has retired from pastoring at **Damascus Baptist Church** in Damascus, Early County. He and his wife Martha will continue to reside at their home in the Colquitt area.

June 27—July 24, 2019

Arlington	740.86
Bethel	
Beulah	
Blakely FBC	1,769.85
Bluffton	
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	558.30
Cuthbert FBC	
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	471.84
Edison	111.36
Enterprise	1,112.33
Faith	
Fort Gaines	1,011.29
Georgetown	416.66
Leary	
Milford	585.00
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	
Mt. Hebron	200.00
Mt. Vernon	247.80
New Bethel	
New Hope	94.28
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	
Shellman FBC	200.00
Shiloh	708.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	208.50
Springvale	
Vilulah	50.00
Individuals	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,711.07</b>
<b>Balances</b> July 24 (2019)	
General Fund	13,401.29
Designated Fund	13,572.85
New Work Fund	7,649.73



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**August**


- 6 "Barnabas" Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 10 SW GA. Regional Sunday School Training - Blakely FBC  
8:30 am - 12:15 pm
- 16-17 "GO Georgia" Conference - Jonesboro, GA
- 22 Administrative Team - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 23-24 "GO Georgia" Conference - Statesboro, GA

**September**

- 2 LABOR DAY (Office Closed)
- 3 "Barnabas" Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 12 "Christmas Backpacks" planning meeting - Assoc. Office, 7 pm
- 15-22 Bro. James on Family Vacation
- 21 BBA Senior Adult Fellowship - Cuthbert FBC, 6 pm

**October**

- 1 "Barnabas" Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 7 Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 13 BBA Fall Meeting - Arlington BC, 5 pm  
(Children's Home Truck Loading begins at 3 pm)



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is a lamp  
to guide my feet  
and a light  
for my path.