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August 2020

“Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ”

the **BETHEL NEWSLETTER 2020**

Special Guest:
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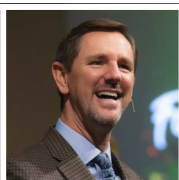
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Robby Gallaty
Long Hollow BC

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Tyrone Barnette
Peace Baptist Church

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Missionary Musings

It was my great pleasure recently to meet with our new Associational Mission Strategist **Search Committee** and lead them in a time of orientation to the work of an “Associational Missionary”. I am very pleased with the five individuals who have answered the call to serve on this Committee and know that they will seek to follow the Lord’s guidance throughout this process. I encourage all of you to pray for them each and every day, especially during the interim period. You will find their names and places of service listed elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Also, remember to pray for our **Administrative Team** (our Associational officers and four Team Leaders) as they make some important decisions in the coming days about leadership responsibilities during the interim period between my retirement and the calling of a new Associational Mission Strategist. We will strive to keep all of our churches informed about these decisions each step of the way.

Despite the challenges of “social distancing” and the COVID 19 virus, we do have two wonderful opportunities for discipleship & leader training over the next couple of months. The “**SPARK**” Conference (formerly known as “GO Georgia”) will be an online event this year, and I am encouraging all of our pastors and churches to **pre-register before August 28th** so you can utilize all of the sessions (including plenary speakers and specialized break-out sessions) for FREE in your church.

This is a great way to provide quality training for all of your volunteers right in your own church or even in their own homes via streaming video. For details on how to sign-up for SPARK, check out the front page of this Newsletter.

The other training opportunity is a live, in-person event on Saturday morning, **September 12th**, at the **First Baptist Church in Bainbridge**. Each year, our Association partners with our friends in the Bowen and Grady County Associations to put on a **Regional Training Event** for all **Sunday School and Small Groups Leaders**. Bowen Association is hosting the event this year, and you will need pre-register with the Bowen Associational Office. See the details elsewhere in this Newsletter. This conference is for workers with all ages (Preschool, Children, Youth, and Adults) in Sunday School and Small Group Ministry, so register your whole team and load up a van (or mini vans) and join us in Bainbridge on Sept. 12th!

Finally, I encourage all of you to join with Georgia Baptists in **prayer** next week (August 2-9) for healing, revival, and spiritual awakening in our state. We are now going through one of those pivotal moments in history when God’s people must cry out to Him for forgiveness, guidance, and deliverance.

In the next **Bethel News**, we hope to be able to announce some specific information about dates, times, places, and methods of distributions for our **Christmas Backpacks** this year. Our county coordinators will be conferring with our mission partners during the month of August to finalize those plans. **NOTE:** There will be no general collection received in the Associational office for Backpacks to Appalachia this year, but if your church already has an established partnership with a ministry site in Appalachia, we encourage you to continue in that ministry.

Until Next Time,

Bro. James

Administrative TEAM Meeting

Monday evening
August 24th
6:30 pm, Associational
Office

But we will give ourselves continually to
Prayer
and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4

Pray for the Associational Mission
Strategist Search Committee!

Cathy Arnold
(Morgan Baptist Church)

Ryan Lancaster
(Arlington Baptist Church)

David McFather
(Damascus Baptist Church) Randolph Co.

Chris Sumner
(Southside Baptist Church) Blakely

Karin Tabb
(Milford Baptist Church)



Bethel Baptist Association
Missions Coordinating Committee
Tuesday night, October 13th
Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
Requests for New Work Fund
assistance must be in to the
BBA Office by Thurs. Oct. 8

Southwest Georgia Sunday School & Small Groups Training

Saturday, September 12th 7:30 AM - 12:15 PM

Continental Breakfast

Cost: \$15 per registrant (payable at the door). Childcare is available for small children at no extra cost. (preregistration is required)

Registration: Please call the Bowen Baptist Assoc. at 229.246.1871 or email, bowenassoc@mediacombb.net by noon, Tuesday, Sept. 8th. (Office closed on Labor Day)

Place: Bainbridge First Baptist Church, 401 East Shotwell St. Bainbridge, GA 39819



Pastors and Directors Plenary Speaker: Matthew Gibbs, Adult Education & Evangelism Pastor, Second Baptist Church in Warner Robins

Adult Group Teachers/Leaders: Dr. P.J. Dunn, Southwest Georgia Discipleship Consultant GBMB

Student Teachers/Leaders: Tim Johnson, Associate Pastor Middle School & Student Worship, Sherwood Baptist Church, Albany

Children's Group Teachers/Leaders: Mark Scardino, Children's Pastor Sherwood Baptist Church, Albany

Preschool Teachers/Leaders: Helen Crain, Preschool and Infants Teacher, Barnetts Creek Baptist Church, Ochlocknee

Sponsored by the Bowen Baptist Association In Cooperation with the Bethel & Grady County Baptist Associations



Georgia Baptists urged to a time of repentance, restoration with August prayer emphasis!

A time of prayer Aug. 2-9 will bring churches from across the state together to focus on God's healing power for unrest and conflict permeating the nation, say Georgia Baptist leaders.

Pray Georgia is described as a "solemn assembly" and will begin Sunday, Aug. 2. Over the following six days ending on Saturday, Georgia Baptists will pray over six areas: repentance, salvation, unity, healing, renewal, and wisdom. On a specified day, churches in a particular ministry region will be encouraged to take part in a time of prayer and fasting in addition to the prayer emphasis.

Further plans are in development to culminate the event Sunday, Aug. 9 with a statewide event. More information can be found on the Georgia Baptist Mission Board's website, <https://gabaptist.org/prayerweek>.

Planning Meeting

Thursday, Aug. 6th
@ 6:30 pm



CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS
FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Associational Office

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

June 18, - July 29, 2020

Arlington	744.00
Bethel	
Beulah	291.56
Blakely FBC	1,434.53
Bluffton	313.95
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	295.59
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	380.56
Edison	178.50
Enterprise	1,207.69
Faith	625.00
Fort Gaines	681.87
Georgetown	416.66
Leary	267.88
Milford	887.00
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	92.90
Mt. Hebron	400.00
Mt. Vernon	242.85
New Bethel	
New Hope	94.71
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	
Shellman FBC	250.00
Shiloh	833.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	527.21
Springvale	
Vilulah	50.00
Individuals	100.00
TOTAL	11,052.96
Balances July 29	
General Fund	12,321.70
Designated Fund	10,152.46
New Work Fund	7,699.47



"Barnabas" Group Prayer

Associational Office

Tuesday, August 4th at 11:00 AM

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August 2020

- 4 "Barnabas" Group Meeting at 11:00 am; Assoc. Office
- 6 Christmas Backpacks Planning - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 16-22 Brother James away on vacation
- 24 Administrative Team - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 28 "SPARK" Conference Premiers Online

September 2020

- 1 "Barnabas" Group Meeting at 11:00 am; Assoc. Office
- 7 LABOR DAY (Assoc. Office Closed)
- 12 Regional Sunday School Training Event - Bainbridge FBC,
8:30 am-12:15 pm
- 30 **Bro. James final day as AMS**

October 2020

- 6 "Barnabas" Group Meeting at 11:00 am; Assoc. Office
- 13 Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 18 BBA Fall Meeting - Blakely FBC, 5:00 pm
- 25 Daylight Savings Time Ends (set clocks back!)

