

*Bethel Baptist Association*  
*Ministers' Christmas Fellowship*

*Thursday Evening*  
*December 4th, 2013*  
*6:30 PM*

*Arlington Baptist Church*  
*(Fellowship Hall)*

*Menu: Steak Dinner*

*Cost: \$10.00 person (payable at the door)*

*A nursery will be provided for young children at no charge, but please call the office (835-2887) by Monday, December 1st to make reservations for the nursery. Children will need to be fed prior to arrival.*

*RSVP to Bethel Baptist Association by 12 Noon on Monday, December 1st.*



Entertainment: L. C. Lane  
(Composer, Guitarist, and  
Recording Artist)

*Merry Christmas*

## MISSIONS COORDINATING COMMITTEE

The next Missions Coordinating Committee meeting will be on Monday, January 12, 2015, at 7PM at the Association Office. Please have project and funding requests turned in the Association Office by Thursday, Jan. 8th.





## *Missionary Musings*

We have had a busy November, and the Christmas Season is now getting into high gear. We do not have the totals in yet for the "Operation Christmas Child" shoeboxes, but we do know that at least **447 Christmas Backpacks for Appalachia** were delivered to the Georgia Baptist Convention's Annual Meeting in Macon from churches in the Bethel Baptist Association! We know of at least 15 of our churches which took part in this effort. I would like to thank all of those who contributed in any way, and to give special thanks to **Bill and Cindy Gore** and **Phil Thomas** for pulling our two trailer loads of backpacks up to Macon. A total of over 14,000 backpacks for the children of Appalachia were received from all over our state at the Macon meeting!

There is a growing interest in starting a **Baptist Campus Ministry** (formerly known as "BSU") on the **Early County Campus of Bainbridge College**. In fact, a luncheon meeting will be held there on the Blakely Campus on **Monday, December 1st** to discuss a cooperative strategy between our Blakely-area churches to launch and support such a ministry. **Bro Joe Graham**, Specialist in Collegiate Ministries for the Georgia Baptist Convention, will be our guest to help "walk us through" the process. The meeting starts at 12 Noon and lunch will be provided. All of our Blakely-area BBA pastors have been invited. Please contact me if you would like to know more about this exciting new endeavor!

On a personal note, I am very happy to announce that I plan to **graduate** from the Professional Doctoral program of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary on Saturday morning, December 13th. It has been a long, six-year journey in earning this Doctor of Educational Ministry degree, and I have many kind and gracious friends in the Bethel Baptist Association to thank for their prayers and support along the way. You all have made it possible for me to pursue these studies while serving as your Associational Missionary, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart!

May our Lord greatly bless you and yours this sacred season.

Merry Christmas,

*Bro. James*





## Church News



December 14, 2014, 6:00 PM

### Cuthbert First Baptist Church

*The Incarnation; the birth of Jesus, the Christ was the divine fulfillment of a sacred promise. The prayers of God's people become a holy introit—pleading and praying for the coming of Messiah. The prayers are heard, the promises kept. All of heaven and earth rejoice!*

### New Hope Baptist Church

Welcome to the new pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Rev. Scott Dobson, his wife Rhiannon, and their three children, Emma, Elise, and Miles.

## Festival of Lights

### Over 500,000 Christmas lights

The Festival of Lights is open every evening from 6PM until Midnight the Saturday before Thanksgiving through December 31.

LOCATION: The home of Bro. Ralph and Rachel Estes, located on GA Hwy 39 (Eufaula Road) five miles north of Fort Gaines, GA. Visit us on You Tube, "Festival of Lights, Fort Gaines, Georgia."



*Our Deepest Sympathy*

*Christian Sympathy to:*

*Mike and Karin Tabb and family at Milford, following the loss of their son, Mike, Jr., on October 28th.*

*The family of Bro. James Pelham former DDM of the Mallary Baptist Association, who passed away on November 14th. After his retirement from the Mallary Association, Bro. James served as Interim Associational Missionary for the Bethel Baptist Association for six months, then served as Pastor at Salem Baptist Church.*

## CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

October 29, 2014 thru November 24, 2014

Arlington	566.97
Bethel	1,245.72
Beulah	
Blakely FBC	1,339.45
Bluffton	255.82
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	517.47
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	291.42
Edison	129.69
Enterprise	
Faith	
Fort Gaines	731.43
Georgetown	500.00
Leary	159.61
Milford	286.00
Morgan	
Morris	1,500.00
Mt. Gilead	
Mt. Hebron	190.56
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	
New Hope	
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	
Shellman FBC	
Shiloh	750.00
Southside	450.00
Sowhatchee	402.33
Springvale	100.00
Vilulah	50.00
Individuals	200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,518.58</b>
<b>Balances</b>	
General Fund	7,443.30
Designated Fund	12,811.81
New Work Fund	10,993.30
World Missions Conf.	5,135.06

*Thank You*

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### Calendar of Events

#### December, 2014

- 1 Informational Meeting on Starting a BCM ministry-  
Bainbridge College (Early County Campus), 12 Noon
- 4 Ministers' and Spouses' Christmas Fellowship  
Arlington BC, 6:30 PM
- 24-Jan. 2 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (Assoc. Office Closed)

#### January, 2015

- 1-2 HOLIDAYS (Office Closed)
- 5 Assoc. Office Re-Opens  
Bi-vocational "Barnabas" Group-Assoc. Office, 7PM
- 6 "Barnabas" Group-Assoc. Office, 11AM
- 12 Missions Coordinating Comm.-Assoc. Office, 7PM
- 19 Executive Committee-Assoc. Office, 7PM
- 20 Church Financial Compliance Seminar-Southside BC  
(Camilla), 5:30 PM
- 27 New Zion Steering Committee-Freeman Rd., 7PM
- 28 Church Revitalization Roundtable-Assoc. Office, 10AM

#### February, 2015

- 2 Bivocational "Barnabas" Group-Assoc. Office, 7PM
- 3 "Barnabas" Group-Assoc. Office, 11AM
- 8-15 BBA Assoc. Missions Emphasis and Special Offering
- 16 Administrative Team-Assoc. Office, 6:30 PM
- 17 Associational WMU Inspirational Meeting-TBA
- 24 "Pray GA" Prayer Time w/Dr. J. Robert White  
Edison, 12-1PM

