

Bethel Baptist Association



2018
December

The Bethel News

Wise Men
STILL SEEK HIM

"Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ"

"Christmas Backpacks" 2018

County	Coordinator(s)	Backpacks to Distribute	Date of Distribution	Time of Event	Place of Distribution
Baker	Karin Tabb Beth Bush	300	Sat., Dec. 1	10 AM - 12 PM	Baker Co. School, Newton
Calhoun	Cathy Arnold Carol Carter Eric Timpson	400	Sat., Dec. 8	10 AM - 1 PM	CCHS Cafeteria, Edison
Clay	Jeff Hines Linda Hines	400	Sat., Dec. 1	1 PM - 3 PM	Fort Gaines BC
Early	Bill Hovey	1,500	Sat., Dec. 1 Sat., Dec. 8	9:30 AM - 1 PM	Old ECHS Gym, Blakely Beulah BC, Cedar Springs
Quitman	Lisa Hagler	350	Sat., Dec. 8	1 PM - 4 PM	Quitman ES, Georgetown
Randolph	Lee Wright Katie Wright	750	Sat., Dec. 8	10 AM - 2 PM	Cuthbert First BC
Grand Total		3,700			

Ministers/Spouses Christmas Fellowship

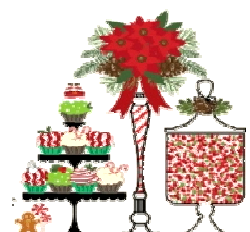
CHRISTMAS
fellowship

Thursday, December 6th @ 6:30 pm

Faith Baptist Church
166 South Webster Street ! Cuthbert, GA 39840

Musical Entertainment by Mike English

(Childcare Provided at church)



RSVP to The Bethel Baptist Association by Dec. 3 at 229-835-2887

"Missionary Musings"

The busy-ness of the Holiday Season has been amplified this year by the continuing clean-up and recovery effort in our area following Hurricane Michael. As I write this column (on the week after Thanksgiving) we have a team of 8 from the First Baptist church in Sandersville, GA, who are staying at Mt. Hebron Baptist Church and doing chain-saw jobs in our area. We are so grateful for these volunteers and all the aid we have been receiving from our sister Georgia Baptist Churches and Associations.

The last of the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief teams from Kentucky and South Carolina left our association on November 18th. These wonderful men and women served our community over a four week period following the storm. They completed 242 chainsaw jobs, put tarps on 52 homes, repaired 5 others, and logged 389 heavy-equipment hours over that 4-week period. They made 536 ministry contacts with the citizens of our area, and gave out 537 Bibles. They presented the Gospel 45 times and reported 28 spiritual decisions! And all of that while preparing over 13,000 meals!

PRAISE THE LORD for the help He has supplied us here in southwest Georgia!

On another note, we held a called **Executive Committee meeting** on November 5th to take care of our annual business matters. At that meeting, the Bethel Assoc. formally adopted our 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget, and we also unanimously approved a **Resolution on Church Revitalization and Reaching the Next Generation**. I believe that this is an important resolution that all of our churches should support and adopt for their own local ministry challenge. Because it is

so important, we are printing the Resolution as adopted here for all of you to read:



WHEREAS, the Bethel Baptist Association has faithfully ministered to the people of Southwest Georgia for 185 years.

WHEREAS, many of the churches of the Bethel Baptist Association have enjoyed the favor of God by experiencing seasons of great harvest and success in years past.

WHEREAS, today, many of the churches of the Bethel Baptist Association are plateaued or declining.

WHEREAS, this stagnation and decline is largely the result of ineffectiveness in reaching and discipling the next generation, in particular those under the age of 40.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Administrative Team, the Associational Missionary, and the messengers seated at the Nov. 5, 2018 called Executive Committee meeting of the Bethel Baptist Association desire to faithfully carry out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) within our community and believe in the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to enable us to accomplish this mission (Acts 1:8).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we as an association of churches will prioritize (1) church revitalization (Revelation 3:2) and (2) reaching and discipling the next generation (Deuteronomy 6:4-7, Psalm 145:4, 2 Timothy 1:5).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we count the cost of reaching and discipling the next generation and follow a biblical course of action to take the gospel of Jesus Christ and biblical teaching to our areas of Christian service, equipping our membership to be obedient to Jesus Christ.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we strongly encourage the individual churches of the Bethel Baptist Association to adopt this resolution and then evaluate their current ministries (music, Sunday school, midweek meetings, etc.) with respect to these priorities of (1) church revitalization and (2) reaching and discipling the next generation.

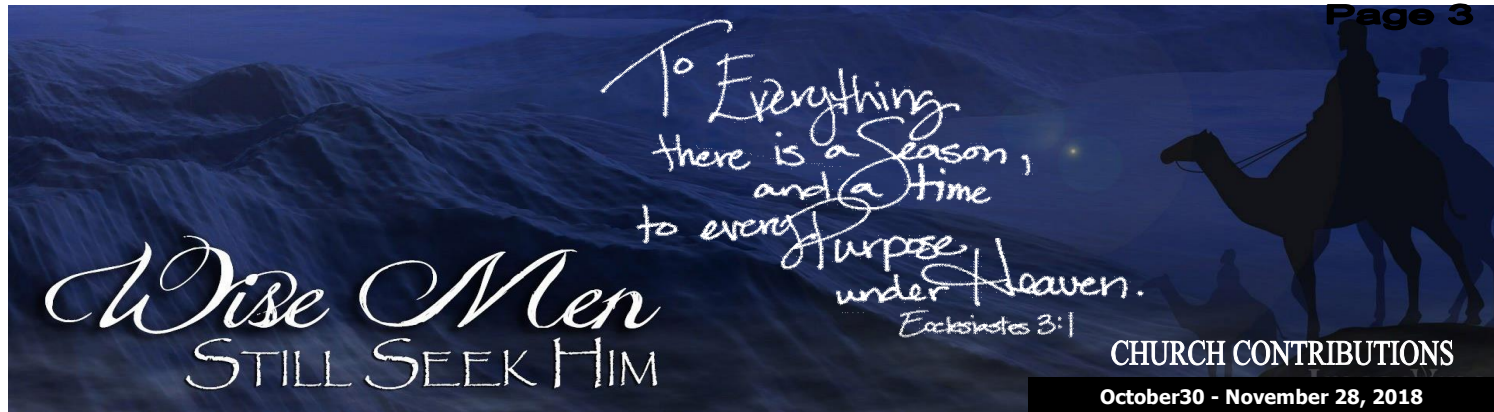
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that we provide training to churches in evangelism, discipleship, and revitalization to assist leaders in equipping believers to carry out the Great Commission with an emphasis on these priorities.



On November 12th, I delivered 254 Christmas Backpacks to the Georgia Baptist Convention meeting in Warner Robbins, from our churches to the children of Appalachia. Shiloh Baptist Church is taking 220 backpacks directly to a ministry site in Appalachia this week, making a total of **474 backpacks** given by Bethel Association churches this year to the children of Appalachia!

Which brings us to December and our own Christmas Backpacks distributions here in SW Georgia. Please note the complete schedule of the distribution events scheduled for our 6-county area elsewhere in this newsletter. And pray for all these events, and for the families that will be blessed by these ministries.

For JesusqSake,
Bro. James



“Barnabas” Group Meeting on Tuesday, January 8th 11:00 am; Assoc. Office.

One King: Jesus Messiah

Presented by:

First Baptist Church Choirs

Sunday, December 9th

10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

790 S. Church St.

www.fbcblakely.com

NEXT

Missions Coordinating Committee meeting
 Monday, January 21st @ 6:30 pm
 Project proposals and fund requests due in to our office by
 Thursday, Jan. 17th.

*What does the Lord require of you,
 but to do justice, love kindness and
 walk humbly before your God.*

Micah 6:8



Jeff Stice
IN CONCERT
Christmas
by Request

Thursday, Dec. 6th @ 6 pm
Shiloh Baptist Church

Jeff Stice, affectionately known as Mr. Piano Man is having an incredible musical journey and has reached pinnacles of great success in the Gospel Music World.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

October 30 - November 28, 2018

Arlington	726.44
Bethel	
Beulah	
Blakely FBC	1,426.01
Bluffton	268.29
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	279.60
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	261.90
Edison	128.44
Enterprise	
Faith	
Fort Gaines	1,419.53
Georgetown	416.66
Leary	
Milford	438.00
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	
Mt. Hebron	200.00
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	
New Hope	53.60
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	
Shellman FBC	200.00
Shiloh	708.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	348.15
Springvale	
Vilulah	100.00
Individuals	
TOTAL	7,712.12
Balances Nov.28 (2018)	
General Fund	10,892.04
Designated Fund	12,057.67
New Work Fund	7,610.13

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December

- 1 ðChristmas Backpacksö Distributions - Baker, Clay, & Early counties
- 6 Ministers/Spousesø Christmas Fellowshipð Faith BC, 6:30 pm; RSVP by Monday, Dec. 3rd, call 229-835-2887 Assoc. Office
- 8 ðChristmas Backpacksö Distributions - Calhoun, Early, Quitman, & Randolph counties
- 10 Administrative Team - Associational Office, 6:30 pm
- 24-Jan. 1 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS** (Assoc. Office Closed)

January, 2019

- 1 NEW YEARøS DAY (Assoc. Office Closed)
- 8 ðBarnabasö Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 21 Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 27 BBA Choir Festival - FBC Blakely, @ 6:00 pm
- 28 Executive Committee - Assoc. Office, 7 pm

February, 2019

- 4-6 Bro. James at AMøS Workshop (Toccoa)
- 8-9 Evangelism Workshops - New Bethel BC
- 12 ðBarnabas Groupö - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 16 State RA Racer Derby - Camp Kaleo (Forsyth GA)