

The Bethel News



Merry Christmas
 Christ was born for our salvation
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December 2019

"Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ"



**CHRISTMAS
 BACKPACKS**
 FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS



Ministry Site	Date/Time	Contact	Phone Number
Baker County School, Newton	Dec. 7, 10 am—12 pm	Karin Tabb	229-254-2041
Calhoun County High School, Edison	Dec. 7, 10 am—1 pm	Cathy Arnold	229-724-8904
Clay County Fort Gaines BC	Dec. 7, 10 am—12 pm	Linda Hines	334-740-3083
Early County (ECHS) new Gym	Dec. 7, 10 am—1 pm	Donald Warren	954-632-2848
Quitman County Georgetown BC	Dec. 14, 9 am—11 am	James Holloway	229-723-1375
Randolph County Faith BC	Dec. 7, 10 am—1 pm	Katie Wright	229-310-1029



Missionary Musings

As the Christmas Season approaches, I am always reminded of the supreme demonstration of God's love toward us in the Incarnation of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The thought that He would condescend to us as sinners by taking on human flesh so that He might bear the penalty for our sins is mind-boggling, and it is also very humbling. Paul wrote to the early Christians in Philippi that we are to:

"Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men."
(Philippians 2:5-7)

May you and I share some of this same attitude as we serve others in Jesus' name during this special time of year. In all of our Holiday busy-ness, acts of charity, and celebrations, may others see Jesus in us and come to know and understand the real meaning of Christmas.

For the past couple of years, we in the Bethel Association have been sharing Christ's love with children and their families through the distribution of **Backpacks** filled with gifts, goodies and supplies. These backpacks are provided to us by Baptists from all over the state of Georgia, for which we are eternally grateful. This year, there will be Christmas Backpack distributions ("Birthday Parties for Jesus") in each of the six counties covered by the Bethel Baptist Association. Please see the front-page of this newsletter for a complete sched-

ule of the times and locations for these events and, if you haven't already, choose an event to volunteer and help with on either of the first two Saturdays in December. You will be blessed!

I am also pleased to announce that we exceeded our own goal this year of providing Christmas Backpacks for children in **Appalachia** this year! Our churches packed **286 Backpacks** for the ministry in Harrogate, Tennessee, which I took to the Mallery Association office in late November. In addition to those, **Shiloh Baptist Church** packed **150 bags** to be taken to Corbin, Kentucky mission partners in Appalachia, which brings the total in backpacks contributed by Bethel Association churches in 2019 to **436**. Praise the Lord!

Please mark your calendars for the weekend of **February 21-23, 2020**. That is the time for our **World Missions Conference** in the Bethel Baptist Association. This is a very special event which only happens once every five years, so you won't want to miss it! We will be sending out a complete schedule for the weekend, along with information about our **12 missionary speakers** (four International, four North American, and four Georgia) during the month of December, so be on the lookout for that. Be praying about how your church can be involved in this time of celebration and learning more about Southern Baptist Cooperative missions.

Above all, have a blessed and very Merry Christmas!

Bro. James



Bethel Baptist Association

Missions Coordinating
Committee

Monday, January 13th
Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm

Requests for New Work Fund assistance must be in to the BBA Office by Thursday, January 9th.

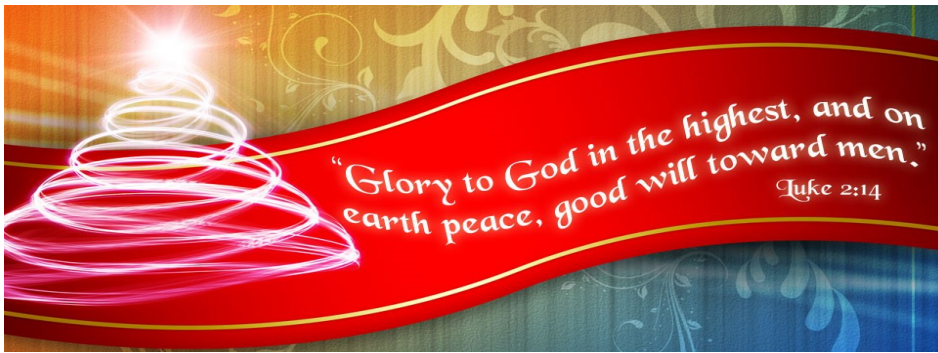


Bethel Baptist Association
February 21st - 23rd



Barnabas Group Meeting

Tuesday, January 7th @ 11 am
Association Office




Pastors'/Spouses' Christmas Fellowship

Faith Baptist Church
 December 14th
 5:00 pm
 Please RSVP
 229-835-2887

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Oct. 25 , - Nov. 26, 2019

Arlington	689.78
Bethel	
Beulah	339.72
Blakely FBC	1,291.31
Bluffton	341.32
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	375.63
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	293.70
Edison	97.30
Enterprise	
Faith	
Fort Gaines	726.54
Georgetown	416.66
Leary	
Milford	
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	43.16
Mt. Hebron	
Mt. Vernon	200.00
New Bethel	
New Hope	72.05
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	
Shellman FBC	250.00
Shiloh	708.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	226.30
Springvale	
Vilulah	50.00
Individuals	50.00
TOTAL	6,908.97
Balances Nov.26 (2019)	
General Fund	1,816.92
Designated Fund	14,825.28
New Work Fund	7,672.32



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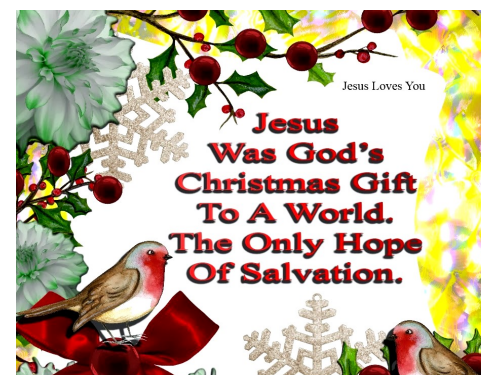
FROM EVERY NATION AND ALL TRIBES... **REV 7:9**

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Shiloh Baptist Church *Live Nativity*

Dec. 20 & 21  6:00-8:00 pm

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Upcoming Events

December

- 7 "Christmas Backpacks" Distributions - Baker, Clay, Calhoun, Early & Randolph Counties (see schedule)
- 14 "Christmas Backpacks" Distributions- Quitman County– Georgetown BC, 9-11 am
- Ministers'/Spouses' Christmas Fellowship - Faith BC, 5 pm
- 24-31 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (Assoc. Office Closed)

January 2020

- 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY (Assoc. Office Closed)
- 7 "Barnabas Group" - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 13 Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 27 BBA Executive Committee - Assoc. Office, 7 pm

February 2020

- 3-5 Bro. James away at AM's Workshop - Toccoa
- 10 Administrative Team - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 11 "Barnabas Group" - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 21-23 **BBA WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE**

