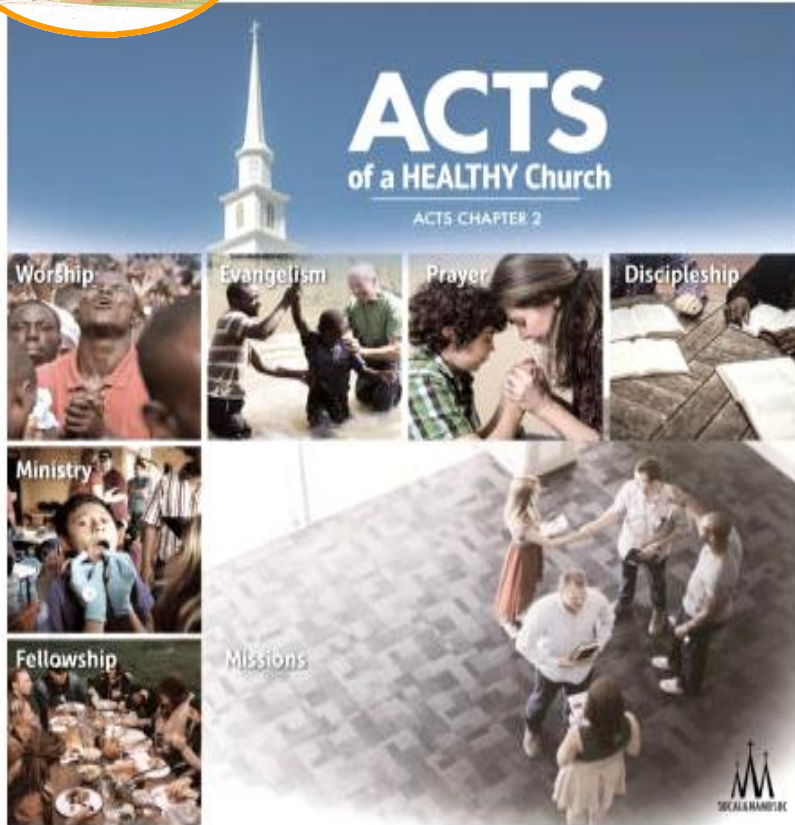


Bethel Baptist Association  
"Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ"

# The Bethel News February 2017



**Bethel Baptist Association's  
2017 Associational Missions Emphasis  
and Special Offering  
January 29<sup>th</sup> through February 5<sup>th</sup>  
Offering Goal = \$6,000**



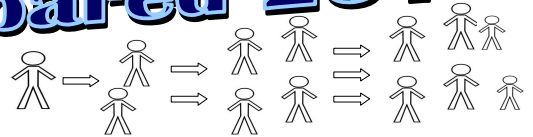
**Cuthbert First Baptist Church  
March 10-11  
Deadline:  
March 1**

**Lunch & Childcare provided!**

Registration \$10  
229.310.7902



## Fully Prepared 2017 Luke 6:40



To bring a disciple making atmosphere to the churches, small groups and Sunday school classes of SW Georgia by helping them implement biblical disciple making strategies.

**Featuring Speakers:**  
Cheri Holcomb and Herb Hodges

Also featuring:  
Keith Stewart and Mike Brandenburg

# Missionary Musings

The next  
**Missions Coordinating  
Committee Meeting**  
Monday, April 24 @ 6:30 pm  
Assoc. Office.

Project proposals and funding requests need to be turned into the Assoc. office by Thursday, April 20th. Thank you!

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It is amazing to see how God's people respond in times of community crisis. This past month, two major storm systems wreaked havoc in our Association and in neighboring areas: a major wind event (probable a tornado) on the evening of January 2nd that left widespread damage in and around Leary and on into the city of Albany, and then the tornado that cut a path through portions of Clay, Calhoun, and Randolph counties on Sunday afternoon, January 22nd, along with multiple, sometimes deadly, tornadoes throughout South West Georgia. Just a few minutes after both storms passed, groups of volunteers from Bethel Association churches were on the scene to assess the needs and assist the victims.

Despite extensive property damage to homes and other structures, we are thankful that there were no fatalities and only two persons that needed to be hospitalized as a result of the January storms in our six-county area. God was merciful to us. And He put it in the hearts of His people to rally together and help those whose lives were turned upside-down by the storms. What

a powerful, moving illustration of the Gospel in action!

I know of at least five churches that mounted special relief efforts to their community in the wake of these storms. I will not name them here, for certainty that there are others that I do not know about and someone would be left off the list, and also because I know they did not do it for the recognition and praise of men, but for the love of Christ which moves and motivates them. Several other individuals have given and volunteered in various ways to provide assistance to the storm victims in neighboring counties which were hit even harder than we were, especially in the Albany and Adele areas. These "first responders" have brought hope and the restoration of some order to a chaotic situation, and have paved the way for our GBMB and other trained Disaster Relief personnel who are now mobilizing and settling in to the hardest hit areas.

The bottom line is, we have some very compassionate and self-less churches and church leaders here in our little part of the world, and God is still reaching out and bringing hope and healing to hurting people through His church,

and specifically, through the people called southern Baptists. I count myself blessed to be among them!

Okay, as you no doubt can see from our full "Calendar of Events" and several promotional articles in this Newsletter, February will be a very busy month for us here in the Bethel Baptist Association. From the Children's **Pinewood Racer Derby** on Sunday, Feb. 5th, to the Church **Music/Worship Workshop** at Edison on the 10th, to our annual **Associational WMU Inspirational Meeting** at Fort Gaines on the 21st, there is something for everyone this month right here in our own Association. Also, please note that there will be an important **strategy planning meeting for the "Backpacks of Hope"** project targeting our area on **Tuesday, February 28th at 7 pm** at **Shellman First Baptist Church**. It is crucial that all of our county coordinators as well as other interested persons attend, as several key decisions will be made about the specific dates, places, etc.. for the distribution of Children's backpacks in our own area this Christmas.

Exciting times  
God is good,

Bro. James

## "Church Music Workshop"

February 10th at 6:30 pm  
Edison Baptist Church

Jon Duncan-will lead the Pastors in a seminar on Biblical Worship.  
Steve Brown-will lead the Ministers of Music/Music Directors.  
Judy Crumley-will have a practical, hands-on session for accompanists.



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

**Micah 6:8**

**CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS**

Dec. 22, 2016 - Jan. 25, 2017

Arlington	602.00
Bethel	
Beulah	189.24
Blakely FBC	1,557.11
Bluffton	376.82
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	350.44
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	227.13
Edison	140.04
Enterprise	1,241.94
Faith	750.00
Fort Gaines	838.88
Georgetown	500.00
Leary	
Milford	668.00
Morgan	
Morris	3,350.00
Mt. Gilead	300.00
Mt. Hebron	241.12
Mt. Vernon	366.93
New Bethel	
New Hope	
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	
Shellman FBC	300.00
Shiloh	712.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	204.06
Springvale	
Vilulah	50.00
Individuals	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,703.21</b>
<b>Balances Jan. 25 (2017)</b>	
General Fund	18,693.05
Designated Fund	7,217.12
New Work Fund	7,509.73

**February 5th**  
BBA Children's  
**Racer Derby**  
2:00 pm  
Cuthbert First BC

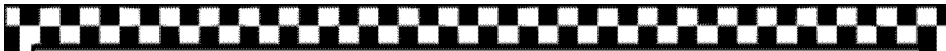


**RA Southwest Region  
Racer Derby**

Date: Saturday, Feb. 11th  
Registration: 8:30 am Cost: \$5 Tif-  
ton FBC  
404 Love Avenue Tifton, GA  
229-382-6063  
Contact: Michael Norman, 229-848-0190

**State RA Racer Derby**

Date: February 18th



**WMU®**

*Inspirational Meeting*

Fort Gaines Baptist Church  
Tuesday, February 21st at 7:00 pm  
Guest Speaker: Matt Dye

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**In Concert**

**The Dixie Echoes**  
Shiloh Baptist Church  
Saturday, Feb. 25th @ 7:00 pm

**"BARNABAS" Group Mtg.**

Tuesday, Feb. 14 @ 11 am  
Lunch at Roosters (dutch treat)

**THE ENCOURAGER**



Services are being held every Sunday at **Springvale Baptist Church** at  
9:30 am with Pastor Phil Thomas, Short Bible Study at 9:00 am, except  
the 5th Sunday, on that Sunday they will all meet at Shiloh Baptist  
Church at 11:00 am and 6:00 pm.

*Thank you!*

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### **February 2017**

- Jan. 29-Feb. 5 BBA Missions Emphasis Week  
5 BBA Children's Racer Derby - 2 pm Cuthbert First BC  
6-8 Bro. James away at AM's Workshop in Toccoa  
10 Church Music Workshop - Edison BC, 6:30 pm  
11 SW GA. Regional Racer Derby - Tifton FBC  
14 %Barnabas+Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am  
16 Administrative Team - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm  
18 State RA Racer Derby - KampKaleo (Forsyth, GA)  
20 New Zion Steering Committee - Freeman Rd., 6:30 pm  
21 BBA WMU Inspirational Meeting - Fort Gaines BC, 7 pm  
28 %Backpacks of Hope+Planning Mtg. - Shellman FBC, 7 pm

### **March 2017**

- 7 %Barnabas+Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am  
10-11 %Fully Prepared+Conference - Cuthbert FBC  
25 %Peanut Proud+Festival Outreach - Blakely  
26 BBA Spring Meeting - Milford BC, 5 pm

### **April 2017**

- 4 %Barnabas+Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am  
16 EASTER SUNDAY  
17 BBA Children's Bible Drill - Enterprise BC, 7 pm  
24 Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm  
25 Regional Bible Drill - Albany FBC

**Upcoming Events**