

Bethel Baptist Association

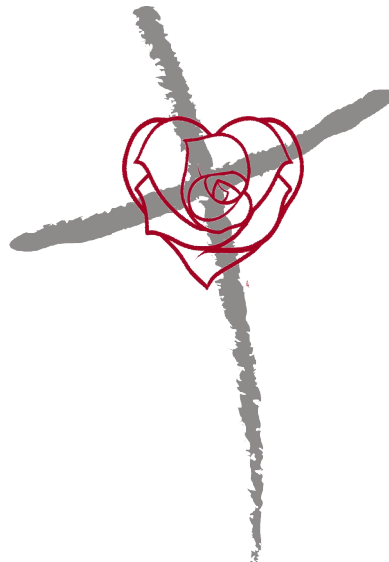
February
2019

The Bethel News



Bethel Baptist
**Associational
MISSIONS
EMPHASIS**

The month of February
Churches are encouraged to pray
for our BBA Missions work and
receive a special offering for BBA
during the month of February.



“Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ”



Womens Missionary
Union

*Inspirational
Meeting*



Tuesday, Feb. 19th
@ 7 pm
Milford BC

Bethel Baptist Association

**EVANGELISM
WORKSHOP**

Please call David
Crowdis at
229-310-0597
if you have questions.

New Bethel Baptist Church, Cuthbert, Georgia

Friday, February 8th 6:00 - 8:15 pm Saturday, February 9th 9:00 - 11:15 am
Saturday, February 9th 2:00 - 4:15 pm Led by Wayne and Tina Hudson, Kosciusko, MS

We are offering the workshop three different times to give more people an opportunity to attend. We encourage all churches to send a team to be equipped to evangelize in their community. The workshop includes these topics:

Changing the Culture

Live Expecting Acts 2

Living on Mission

"Missionary Musings"

Several years ago our Executive Committee voted to designate a time in February of each year to emphasize **Associational Missions** and to encourage our member churches to have special times of **prayer** and to receive a special **offering** for our Bethel Baptist Associational work. This offering has been a great help to us in funding our BBA ministry budget each year, and last year it helped us to completely pay off our indebtedness.

This year, we are setting aside the entire month of February for this emphasis. Churches may want to schedule a special study or presentation on Associational Missions, and I would be happy to come to your church and share about what God is doing through your Association. This could be on a Sunday morning, Sunday evening, or Wednesday evening. Just call us and we will get something on the calendar! Churches may also wish to collect a special offering and send it in to the Bethel Association as an **over-and-above** your regular church contribution. The offering could be received by the church on a particular designated Sunday, or simply received every Sunday throughout the month and sent in to our office at the end of February. (Be sure to indicate on the check that it is for the **2019 BBA Special Offering**, so we can keep track of this).

One of the most exciting aspects of our Associational Missions work during 2018 was the **Christmas Backpacks** project. I am happy to supply you this month with an updated, more complete account-

ing of all the backpacks we were able to give out to children in our area during this past Christmas season. The updated Christmas Backpacks totals are as follows:

Baker Co.	-134 backpacks distributed
Calhoun Co.	-242 backpacks
Clay Co.	-240 backpacks
Early Co.	- 817 backpacks
Quitman Co.	-225 backpacks
Randolph Co.	-474 backpacks
	for a total of 2,132 backpacks

In conjunction with this, the Gospel Plan of Salvation was shared with every child who received a backpack (along with their parents, siblings and others who were there), and we know of at least **165 professions of faith** which resulted from these Gospel conversations. Praise the Lord!

Finally, I would like to invite our Pastors and other church leaders to attend a special event with me at Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany on the last day of this month, **February 28th**. Dr. **Thomas Hammond**, the new Executive Director of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board, will be at Sherwood that morning to meet with church leaders in our part of the state and to hear our concerns, questions, and ideas about our state mission work and how the GBMB can best serve us here in SW Georgia. The **listening session** begins at 10:30 AM and concludes at noon. I am trying to get a group of our Pastors from our Association to ride together (we'll borrow a bus if we have to!) to this event, and then to fellowship over lunch at an Albany-area restaurant. If you are interested in joining us, please

give me a call or e-mail me, and we will put your name on the list!

And remember, this Valentine's Day and always, Who loves you most? GOD does!

And ~~we~~ love others, because He first loved us+(1 John 4:19).

Until Next Time,

Bro. James

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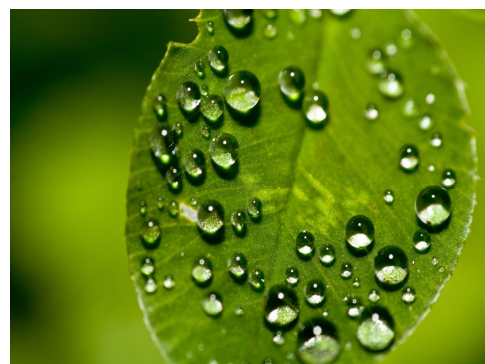
Missions Coordinating Committee meeting

Monday, April 8th

@ 6:30 pm

Project proposals and fund requests due in to our office by Thursday, April 4th.

ōBarnabasö Group
Meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 12th
11:00 am Assoc. Office.



VBS Worship Rally 2019

Sunday, March 10th 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Registration will begin at 2:15 pm—New Bethel Baptist Church, Cuthbert

This event is for EVERY person in your church family that works in VBS.

Our goal is to educate and motivate and celebrate!!!

There will be many door prizes & lots of surprises!!

We suggest you do not buy your VBS materials before this event because you might win some of the items you will need or want for your own VBS. We will be demonstrating every part of VBS from food to Bible study to decorating and everything in between.

Bring your ideas to share!

VBS is the biggest evangelistic opportunity for many of us!

Questions? Please call Gay Crowdis at (229)310-0607



CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Dec. 20, 2018 - Jan. 23, 2019

Arlington	1,878.46
Bethel	
Beulah	
Blakely FBC	2,118.95
Bluffton	486.72
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	451.97
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	330.08
Edison	177.40
Enterprise	1,267.11
Faith	
Fort Gaines	967.75
Georgetown	416.66
Leary	
Milford	592.00
Morgan	
Morris	2,975.00
Mt. Gilead	
Mt. Hebron	200.00
Mt. Vernon	228.12
New Bethel	
New Hope	103.18
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	54.73
Shellman FBC	200.00
Shiloh	712.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	
Springvale	
Vilulah	50.00
Individuals	
TOTAL	13,947.63
Balances Jan. 23 (2019)	
General Fund	10,423.83
Designated Fund	10,031.28
New Work Fund	7,620.59

Dear Bro. James & Churches of the Bethel Association,

On behalf of the staff, residents and Board of Directors of **Rehoboth Ranch Ministries, Inc.**, thank you for your generous support of our ministry. You have enabled us to expand our ministry and reach more men for Christ. You are the backbone of our ministry. Without your continued support we could not have graduated 12 men from our program in Oct. 2018.

Families were reunited and strengthened, and non-productive men became responsible citizens. But most important of all, every man who came to Rehoboth even for a short time was exposed to the gospel of Jesus Christ and offered an opportunity to surrender their lives to Him. Many did, some chose not to, but the seeds are planted, and you were a big part of the spreading of the Gospel.

We covet your prayers for each man at RRM, and for the continuance and expansion of our ministry. We would love for you to visit RRM whenever possible to see for yourselves just what God is doing there.

Our men are available to speak, lead worship, or talk to your group or church whenever you would like. If we can be of service to your church or organization in the future, please call on us. Thank you again.

Sincerely, Ann Hudgins, Secretary/Treasurer

February 18th at Schomburg Rd. BC in Columbus 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

COST: \$10 PER PERSON

Early Bird (until Feb. 11.)

Regular & Walk-Up: \$15 per person

Refunds: Full refunds are available if requested 21 days prior to the event.

No refunds are available within 20 days of the conference.



The 55+ Swap Shop Tour is designed with the Sr. Adult Leader in your church in mind. We will discuss the importance of good methods for a successful ministry to adults over 55.

We will also share ideas with each other and learn what is working in this vital ministry of the church. Our speaker will be Benny Pate. You won't want to miss this!

Contact 1.800.746.4422 ext. 286 with questions.

State RA-Challengers Racer Derby February 16, 2019 @ 8:30 am - 2:30 pm



An RA & Challengers interest event used for reaching children and their parents for Christ. A competitive race of cars built by participants from a wooden block, metal axles, and four plastic wheels. Car kits must be ordered from specific sources.

Date and Time:

Saturday February 16, 2019,

8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 Per Car Entry

Camp Kaleo
463 Old Zebulon Rd.,
Forsyth GA 31029

No pre-registration is required, but RA Chapters must be registered to participate.

<p>Bethel Baptist Association 124 Bay Ave. PO Box 398 Edison, GA 39846</p> <p>Change Service Requested</p>	<p><i>The Bethel Baptist Association</i></p> <p>Dr. James Holloway, Associational Missionary Kathy Hardwick, Ministry Assistant Joyce Jarrett, Financial Assistant Phone 229.835.2887 FAX 229.835.2023 E-mail: bethelbaptist@windstream.net Website: www.bethelassociation.com</p>	<p>Presort Standard Mail (B) US Postage Paid Mailed from Zip Code 39846</p> <p>Permit # 7</p>



February, 2019

- 4-6 Bro. James at AMø Workshop (Toccoa)
- 8-9 Evangelism Workshops - New Bethel BC, Fri. 6 pm, Sat. 9 am & 12 pm
- 12 ðBarnabas Groupö - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 16 State RA Racer Derby - Camp Kaleo (Forsyth GA)
- 19 WMU Inspirational Meeting - Milford Baptist Church, 7 pm
- 28 ðGBMB Listening Sessionö w/Thomas Hammond - Sherwood BC (Albany), 10:30 am

March, 2019

- 5 ðBarnabasö Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 10 Associational VBS Rally - New Bethel BC, 2:30 pm
- 23 ðPeanut Proudö Festival Outreach - Court House square, Blakely
- 31 BBA Spring Meetingö Faith BC, 5 pm

April, 2019

- 2 ðBarnabas Groupö - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 8 Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 12 GA. Baptist Disaster Relief Orientation - Blakely FBC, 6-9 pm
- 21 EASTER
- 25-27 GA. Baptist Mobile Dental Clinic at Fort Gaines BC