



**The Bethel Baptist
Association Office**

WILL BE CLOSED

**Jan. 1-2
for New Year's
And reopen on
Monday, Jan. 5th**



Bi-vocational "Barnabas" Group

We will have our next Bi-vocational "Barnabas" Group meeting on Monday evening, January 5th, at 7PM here at the Associational Office in Edison. Hope you can join us then for a time of informal sharing and praying together!



Barnabas Group

Our next "Barnabas" Meeting will be, Tues., Jan. 6th, here at the Associational Office. We will begin at 11AM. After our time of sharing and prayer, we will go out to lunch together (Dutch treat).



**IRON
SHARPENS
IRON
PROVERBS 27:17**

As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.

Executive Committee Meeting



The Executive Committee Meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 19, 2015. Every pastor is automatically a member of the Executive Committee and each church is entitled to 2 additional representatives. The meeting will be held at the Associational Office, beginning at 7PM. The 2015 Nominating Committee will be named at that time.

Missionary Musings

2015 is right around the corner, and with it the possibilities and opportunities afforded by a New Year. In the Bethel Baptist Association, I know of at least three new and/or special things that will be happening in 2015:

1. February 8-15 we will observe our first **BBA Associational Missions Emphasis and Special Offering** to supplement the regular contributions from our churches and to support and advance our own local missions activities. Our offering goal for this first year is \$5,000.
2. Our experiment with a new, **Sunday evening format for our annual Associational Meetings** begins with our Spring Meeting on March 29th (Palm Sunday) at Shiloh Baptist Church, at 5PM.
3. We will have a **world missions conference**, dubbed our "On Mission Connection," on the weekend of September 12-13, with international, North American, and state missionaries sharing their missions experiences in our churches. It has been over five years since our last world missions conference in the Bethel Association.

In addition to these opportunities, I am also excited by the growing interest in **BCM** (Baptist Campus Ministry) work at our **Bainbridge College/Early County Campus**. We had a great strategy meeting with some of our local BBA leaders and school faculty and administration and the foundation seems to be in place for launching some sort of Bible study/discipleship group on campus this semester. During recent final exams week at the college, several of our volunteers served refreshments for students, and over 30 students indicated an interest in participating in the new campus ministry! If you would like to find out more about BCM at Bainbridge College in Blakely, please contact Bro. T. J. Bennett at (229) 308-8243. We will be needing church groups to help us in the coming days with food, etc. for these on-campus ministries.

And thank you all once again for your prayers and support during these last six years as I completed my professional doctorate work at New Orleans Seminary. I am most happy to announce that I graduated on December 13th, and I am finally **finished** with my schoolwork . . . at least the formal, academic part of it! I do plan to continue learning and growing, as the Lord allows. But maybe it won't involve so much homework!

Happy New Year!

Bro. James



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.

11 INTENSIVE Church Compliance
TRAINING SEMINARS

Handling the Church's Money Correctly and Legally

Church treasurers, financial secretaries, church staff, and financial leaders are invited.

Our Area: Southside Baptist Church-Camilla, GA

Church Financial Compliance Seminar

Southside Baptist Church
831 GA Highway 112, Camilla, GA
January 20th at 5:30 PM
Registration Fee: \$10.00 (includes textbook)
Register online, www.churchfinancialservices.org, under the Events tab or call 1.800.746.4422X295

**RENEW GA
2015**

Jan. 22, 7-9PM
Central Baptist Church
1681 West Third Avenue
Albany, GA 31707

Featuring Don Hattaway, Senior Pastor,
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Cartersville
President, Georgia Baptist Convention

FREE ADMISSION!

Contact Alan Folsom at afolsom@gabaptist.org



New Zion Steering Committee

The New Zion Steering Committee will meet Tues. evening, Jan. 27th at the Freeman Rd facility, 3104 Freeman Rd, Blakely at 7PM.



CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Nov. 24, 2014 thru Dec. 22, 2014

Arlington	536.18
Bethel	208.20
Beulah	452.52
Blakely FBC	1,552.52
Bluffton	343.29
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	355.45
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	369.74
Edison	133.88
Enterprise	
Faith	
Fort Gaines	926.45
Georgetown	500.00
Leary	390.09
Milford	301.00
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	
Mt. Hebron	170.66
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	
New Hope	445.34
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	37.28
Shellman FBC	300.00
Shiloh	
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	
Springvale	
Vilulah	50.00
Individuals	100.00
TOTAL	7,910.10
Balances	
General Fund	2,654.28
Designated Fund	12,030.68
New Work Fund	10,993.30
World Missions Conf.	5,135.06

Thank You

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Calendar of Events

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
- 22 "Renew GA"-Central BC (Albany), 7-9PM
- 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

March, 2015

- 2 Bi-vocational "Barnabas" Group-Assoc. Office, 7PM
- 3 "Barnabas" Group-Assoc. Office, 11AM
- 14 VBS Team Training-Byne Memorial BC (Albany)
8:15AM-12:30 PM
- 29 BBA Spring Meeting (and Children's Bible Drill)-Shiloh
BC, 5PM

Church Revitalization Roundtable

We will have our next **Church Revitalization "Roundtable"** group at the Associational Office on **Wednesday, January 28th**. Stacey Dyer from the GBC will facilitate our discussion of worship styles in the church. Our Roundtable discussion will begin at **10AM** and conclude at noon. All pastors, church staff, and key lay leaders are invited!



January