

The Bethel News

January 2017

Bethel Baptist Association

"Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ"



He has made everything
beautiful in its time.
He has also set eternity in
the hearts of men;
yet they cannot fathom what
God has done
from beginning to end.

~Ecclesiastes 3:11

Wishing you a Blessed

Happy New Year!

**Cuthbert First
Baptist Church**

**March 10-11
Deadline:
March 1**

Lunch & Childcare
provided!
Registration \$10
Call 229.310.7902



Luke 6:40
Fully Prepared 2017



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

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By the time many of you read this, Christmas will have come and gone, and we will be looking forward to the beginning of a **New Year**. This particular New Year (2017) for many Americans holds the tantalizing hope of a new day+ in our country, as a new President and a new Congress take office in January.

Let us not allow the surprising results of the November 8th General Election to lull us into a sense of complacency, however. For defenders of biblical morality and religious liberty for our nation, the battle is far from over. In fact, with a change of Administration, our work has just begun. We cannot expect evangelical Christians to have any kind of favored+ status under the new Administration. The best we can hope for at this point is for our concerns to at least gain a hearing now in Washington that we have not had over the

past few years.

Now, more than ever, we must hold our elected officials **accountable** to their campaign promises and to the American citizens who put them in office! And, we must hold them accountable to the unchanging standards of God's Law. When our government leaders sin and dishonor God, they bring reproach and judgment upon our nation. Like the prophet Nathan of old, Christian leaders must step forward and speak truth to power,+ even when the truth hurts!

I know that many of us have felt intimidated in the past by the IRS and other government agencies and may have refrained from speaking out on public policy decisions that affect the moral and spiritual fiber of our nation. Let me just remind us that **the election is over now**, and there is a difference between campaigning for a particular candidate or candidates and speaking out against immoral behavior or harmful public policies coming out of our capitals. As salt and light+ in a free society, Christians have not just the right, but the **responsibility** to do the latter!

The next Missions Coordinating Committee Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 17th
@ 6:30 pm
Assoc. Office.

And so, on the eve of the Trump Inauguration, I especially want to encourage our pastors and preachers to have courage and stand firm on the Word of God. Regardless of how you may feel about the outcome of this election, you can be assured that there will be more struggles and hard times ahead for the people who follow God's Way. Didn't our Lord Himself tell us about that?

It's a new year. Whatever else we may resolve to do in 2017, let us all agree on this one: This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!+

Happy New Year!

Bro. James



•BARNABAS•
Group Mtg.
Tuesday, Jan. 3 @ 11 am
Assoc. Office

Bags To Beds Can You Help?



Plan

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CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Nov. 22, 2016 - Dec. 21, 2016

Arlington	625.62
Bethel	
Beulah	325.20
Blakely FBC	1,239.26
Bluffton	333.79
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	274.13
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	357.96
Edison	163.54
Enterprise	
Faith	
Fort Gaines	648.34
Georgetown	500.00
Leary	156.36
Milford	
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	
Mt. Hebron	
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	
New Hope	501.86
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	41.34
Shellman FBC	300.00
Shiloh	712.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	501.66
Springvale	
Vilulah	
Individuals	
TOTAL	7,418.56
Balances Dec. 21 (2016)	
General Fund	16,225.20
Designated Fund	7,629.62
New Work Fund	7,505.59

Dr. Bill Barker with ARM has requested as many sleeping mats made from the grocery bags as we can deliver. We have lots of bags, but we need plan (plastic yarn) makers and mat crocheters.

If you can crochet a simple chain stitch and the basic single stitch, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Contact: Ikey Gregory at 1-229-641-3480 or e-mail gregoryikey@gmail.com.

Administrative Team Meeting

Thursday, January 12th at 6:30 pm; Association Office



“Revitalization Roundtable” topic for January 18th at 10 am is **“Managing Church Conflict.”** Our special guest will be Marcus Merritt from the GBMB.

BBA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Monday evening, January 23rd, 7 pm at the Associational Office. The 2017 Nominating Committee will be named and commissioned to their task. Remember, each church is entitled to 3 representatives on the Executive Committee - the Pastor and 2 others elected by the church.

“Church Music Workshop” February 10 at 6:30 pm, Edison BC.



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.

IN CONCERT: The LeFevre Quartet
Thursday, January 12th at 7:00 pm Shiloh Baptist Church
Fort Gaines, 1974 Cotton Hill Road.



Jan. 29th
to
Feb. 5th

BBA Associational Missions Emphasis Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Churches are encouraged to received a special offering for the BBA each Sunday in the month of February.

Thank you!

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January 2017

- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR
- 3 %Barnabas+Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 9 New Zion Steering Committee - Freeman Rd, 6:30 pm
- 12 Administrative Team - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 17 Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 18 %Revitalization Roundtable+- Assoc. Office, 10 am
- 23 BBA Executive Committee - Assoc. Office, 7 pm
- 29-Feb. 5 BBA Associational Missions Week

February 2017

- 5 BBA Children's Racer Derby - 2 pm (place TBA)
- 6-8 Bro. James away at AM's Workshop
- 10 Church Music Workshop - Edison BC, 6:30 pm
- 11 SW GA. Regional Racer Derby - Tifton FBC
- 14 %Barnabas+Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 18 State RA Racer Derby - KampKaleo (Forsyth, GA)
- 21 BBA WMU 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

UPCOMING EVENTS