

Bethel Baptist Association

Happy New Year!

“Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old.
Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it?
I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”

Isaiah 43:18-19

January 2019

The Bethel News

Bethel Baptist Association Choir Festival

Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 6:00 pm

We will once again have the BBA Choir Festival at First Baptist, Blakely. I would love to have as many participate as possible. You are welcome to sing something from your Christmas program or a favorite selection used throughout the year.

I would like for each church to bring one selection, but you are welcome to submit a second selection to sing if time permits. This could be shared by a choir, ensemble, quartet, duet, soloist, or even an instrumental piece.

Please complete the Participant Information form that will be sent in the mail to the pastors and music ministers as soon as possible and return to the Associational Office, by Monday, January 21, so that we can prepare a bulletin for the program. You may also text a picture of the form or email the form to me at the information below.

Following the service there will be a time of fellowship with finger foods and snacks. We would love for you to stay and visit. I would also like to talk with each of you about the possibility of doing a Night of Worship with all the choirs combined.

I pray that this evening will be a time of worshipping together as we express our gratitude for God's love given through His son.

Praying you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In Christ, Jeremy Jordan
BBA Church Music Specialist



Bethel Baptist Association
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

"Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ"

"Missionary Musings"

First of all, I want to express my gratitude for the many cards, phone calls, emails and text messages which I received expressing your condolences to our family in the loss of my brother, Ken, just after Thanksgiving. He departed this life on November 25th at 76 years of age, having fought valiantly against cancer since he was first diagnosed in 2012. Ken endured much in the way of treatments and surgery, and took part in a clinical trial which we pray will benefit others and help bring about a cure for this dreaded disease. But now he has been set free from pain, and we cherish our precious memories of him, and thank you all for your expressions of love and kindness during this time.

We are rejoicing in the blessings of our "**Christmas Backpacks**" ministry in 2018. As of this writing, we have distributed nearly **1,800 backpacks** filled with Christmas goodies and the Gospel message to children in our six-county area! And most important, we have been able to share the Gospel with hundreds of parents and other adults, along with these children. So far, we know of **64 decisions for Christ** that were made at our December Backpack distribution events!

Here is a summary of the

statistics from all of our events to date:

- Baker county (Newton):
We gave out 134 backpacks
- Cahhoun county (Edison):
240 backpacks
- Clay County (Fort Gaines):
240 backpacks
- Early county (Blakely, Cedar Springs, New Zion BC, and Springfield BC):
530
- Quitman County (Georgetown):
225
- Randolph county (Cuthbert):
429

Total: 1,798

Praise the Lord for all of the Georgia Baptists churches and associations that sent us Christmas Backpacks, and for the dozens of volunteers who helped to make these distribution events such wonderful Birthday Parties for Jesus!

And now we stand on the threshold of another New Year. We have already made a fresh commitment for 2019 toward doing all that we can to facilitate **church revitalization and reaching the next generation** through the Bethel Baptist Association. I pray that you will join hands and hearts with us as we step forward on this great adventure.

For His Glory,

Bro. James

NEXT

Missions Coordinating Committee meeting

Monday, January 21st

@ 6:30 pm

Project proposals and fund requests due in to our office by

Thursday, Jan. 17th.

"BARNABAS" Group

Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 8th 11:00 am
Assoc. Office.



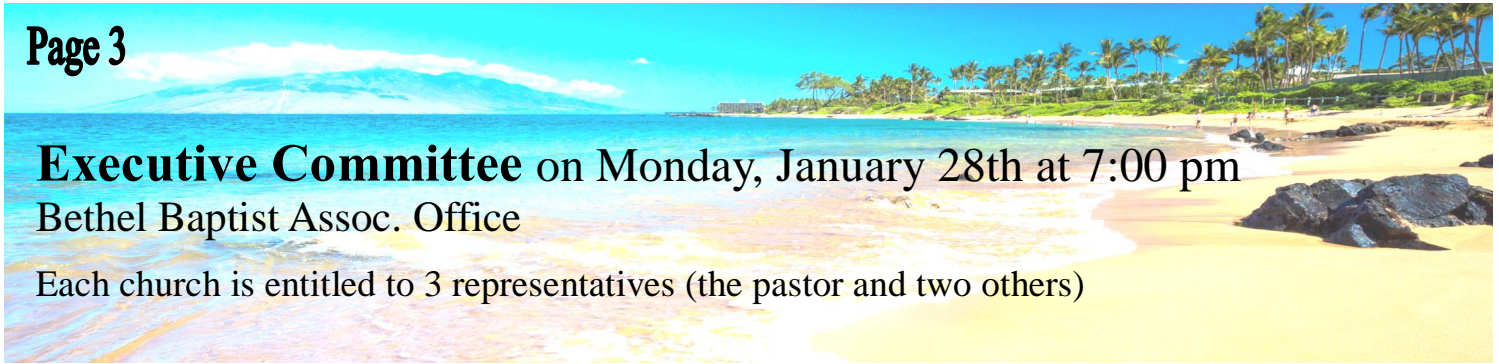
Women's Missionary Union

*Inspirational
Meeting*

Tuesday, Feb. 19th

@ 7 pm

Milford BC



Executive Committee on Monday, January 28th at 7:00 pm
 Bethel Baptist Assoc. Office

Each church is entitled to 3 representatives (the pastor and two others)



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**

Please call David Crowdis at 229-310-0597 if you have 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. ó 2:30 p.m.

Location:
 Camp Kaleo
 463 Old Zebulon Rd.,
 Forsyth GA 31029



Cost: \$5.00 Per Car Entry

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

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

December 19, 2018

Arlington	
Bethel	
Beulah	387.84
Blakely FBC	1,353.41
Bluffton	404.46
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	435.33
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	314.49
Edison	112.80
Enterprise	
Faith	750.00
Fort Gaines	
Georgetown	416.66
Leary	
Milford	748.00
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	
Mt. Hebron	200.00
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	
New Hope	55.72
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	
Shellman FBC	200.00
Shiloh	708.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhattee	179.65
Springvale	
Vilulah	
Individuals	
TOTAL	7,003.86
Balances Dec. 19 (2018)	
General Fund	8,291.72
Designated Fund	10,568.28
New Work Fund	7,610.13

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Looking Ahead...



January, 2019

- 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY (Assoc. Office Closed)
- 8 ðBarnabasö Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 21 Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 27 BBA Choir Festival - FBC Blakely, @ 6:00 pm
- 28 Executive Committee - Assoc. Office, 7 pm

February, 2019

- 4-6 Bro. James at AM's Workshop (Toccoa)
- 8-9 Evangelism Workshops - New Bethel BC, Fri. 6 pm, Sat. 9am and 12pm
- 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

March, 2019

- 5 ðBarnabasö Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 10 Associational VBS Rally - New Bethel BC, 2:30 pm
- 31 BBA Spring Meetingö Faith BC, 5 pm