



**Bethel
Baptist
Association**

January

“Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ”

the **BETHEL NEWSLETTER 2020**


EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, January 27th @ 7:00 pm

Bethel Baptist Association Office

Bethel News Highlights:

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- ◆ Missionary Musings
- ◆ Church Contributions
- ◆ Bethel Assoc. News



All pastors are automatically on the Association’s Executive Committee, plus two elected representatives from each church!



Missionary Musings

HAPPY
New Year

May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us...
PSALM 90:17a

Well, Christmas is past, and already we are gazing at the Year 2019 in the rear-view mirror! 2020 marks, not just a new year, but a new decade in our lives. Much has already been made of the phrase “**2020 vision**” and its application to our dreams and goals for the new decade at both an individual and a corporate level. Some of our churches have already utilized this memorable expression as a way of motivating their congregations to seek **God’s clear direction** for their church during the coming year. This is a worthy pursuit, for the Word of God states that “Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained” (Prov. 29:18a, NASB).

What about you? As an individual disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, have you prayed for a fresh revelation of His appointed purposes for **you** in the year ahead? I’m afraid that too often we limit ourselves to following after old dreams that have lost their lustre, and fail to see the fresh, exciting mission that our Lord has for us now! So I want to challenge all of us in the Bethel Association to see the year 2020 as an opportunity to renew our commitment to follow **His** leading in our lives and in the life of our churches.

We had another exciting season of serving the children and families of our communities through the **Christmas Back-**

packs ministry in 2019. We are still waiting for a final accounting of all the backpacks given out in Early Country, where some smaller, focused distributions are ongoing right up until Christmas. But, as of this writing, we know of at least **1,837 Christmas Backpacks** that have been given so far to children from low-income families in our associational area! When the final tabulations are in, we expect to surpass 2,000 backpacks distributed within our association for the 2019 Christmas season. Praise the Lord! Watch the next edition of the **Bethel News** for a complete, county-by-county summary of our 2019 project.

With the Christmas Backpacks for 2019 now behind us, the next “big thing” for our Bethel Association is our “**On Mission Connection**” (World Missions Conference) set for the weekend of **February 21-23, 2020**. We put together these conferences just once every five years, so you will not want to miss participating in this one if you’re in our area. The schedule for this weekend conference can be seen on page 3 of this newsletter, and we hope to be able to mail brief biographical sketches of our missionary speakers to all of our churches soon. In the meantime, please call our office and get your church on the list for a missionary speaker for Sunday (Feb. 23rd) while they last! The

deadline for requesting a speaker with us is Thursday, January 30th.

I’m looking forward to a great year in 2020, as we serve our Lord together. Have a safe and **Happy New Year’s** holiday!

Bro. James



Bethel Baptist Association
Missions Coordinating
Committee
Monday, January 13th
Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm

Requests for New Work Fund assistance must be in to the BBA Office by Thursday, January 9th.

"ON MISSION CONNECTION"



WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE

2020

February 21st - 23rd

Bethel Association's Once-every-five-years World Missions Conference!

Featuring 4 International Mission Board missionary speakers, 4 from the North American Mission Board, and 4 from the Georgia Baptist Mission Board!

Schedule:

Friday, Feb. 21—Missionary Speakers arrive

Saturday, Feb. 22—Missions Fair from 10 am-12 noon, (location TBA)

Missions Banquet - 6 pm at George Bagby Lodge (Fort Gaines)

Sunday, Feb. 23—AM & PM Services - Missionaries speak at BBA churches!

Please contact the Bethel Association office (at 229.835.2887) by Thursday, **January 30** if you would like to have a missionary speaker on your church on Sunday, February 23rd. Please specify if you would like the AM or PM service.

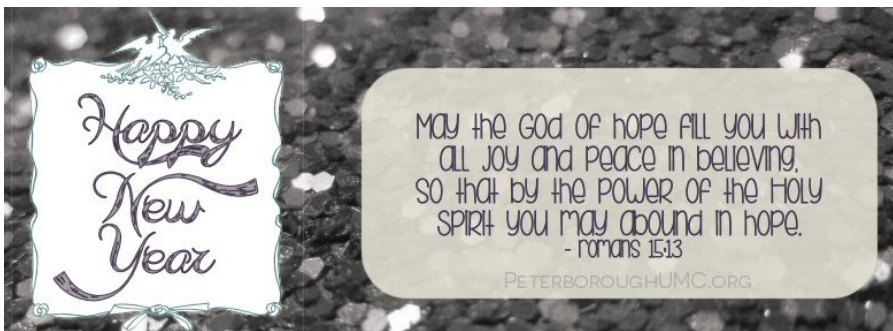


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Cuthbert First Baptist Church welcomed their new Pastor, **Nathan Zeigler**, on December 9th.



Mt. Vernon Baptist Church has called **Bro. George Hartley** to serve as their Pastor.



CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Nov. 27, - Dec. 18, 2019

Arlington	806.85
Bethel	
Beulah	
Blakely FBC	1,475.00
Bluffton	337.75
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	411.44
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	308.08
Edison	117.20
Enterprise	
Faith	
Fort Gaines	820.75
Georgetown	416.66
Leary	
Milford	1,119.00
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	35.36
Mt. Hebron	200.00
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	200.00
New Hope	74.34
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	
Shellman FBC	
Shiloh	708.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhattee	224.25
Springvale	
Vilulah	50.00
Individuals	50.00
TOTAL	8,092.18
Balances Dec. 18 (2019)	
General Fund	154.75
Designated Fund	14,833.32
New Work Fund	7,672.32



Barnabas Group Meeting

Tuesday, January 7th @ 11 am

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January 2020

- 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY (Assoc. Office Closed)
- 7 "Barnabas Group" - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 13 Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 27 BBA Executive Committee - Assoc. Office, 7 pm

February 2020

- 3-5 Bro. James away at AM's Workshop - Toccoa
- 10 Administrative Team - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 11 "Barnabas Group" - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 21-23 **BBA WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE**

March 2020

- 3 "Barnabas Group" - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 8 Daylight Saving Time begins
- 22 BBA Spring Meeting - Cuthbert FBC, 5 pm
- 28 "Peanut Proud" (Festival Outreach) - Courthouse Square, Blakely