

The Bethel News

January 2012

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How to Keep the Church Treasurer out of Trouble by Handling the Church's Contributions Correctly

A Workshop for the financial leadership of the church sponsored jointly by the Georgia Baptist Convention and The Bethel Baptist Association

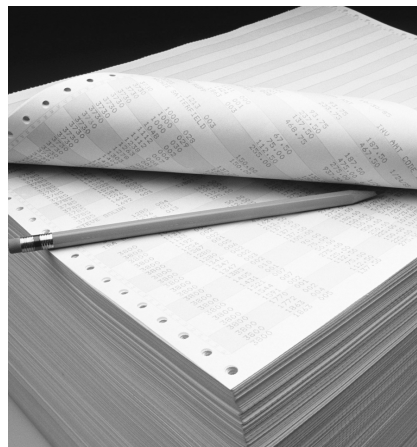
**Edison Baptist Church
19530 West Hartford St.
Edison, GA 39846**

**January 30, 2012
7:00-9:00 PM**



The workshop will focus on practical helps in establishing church contribution credit policy and designated fund policies. Also, the general topic of IRS requirements for accounting procedures will be discussed. As always, a question and answer period will follow.

**Led by Rev. Tony Neal, CPA
Church Financial Services**



Georgia Baptist Convention

For information or directions, please call
the Bethel Baptist Association
229.835.2887

**Cuthbert Area
Week 1**

**March 22nd-25th
(Thursday-Sunday)**

Evening services held at the
Family Life Center of
Cuthbert First Baptist

Preachers:
Thurs & Fri.

Dennis Nunn (Founder of
“Every Believer a Witness”)

Sat. & Sunday
Reginald Calvert (Pastor,
New Jerusalem Baptist
Church, Bessemer, AL)

Music Evangelists: **Joe and
Kim Stanley**

**Blakely Area
Week 2**

**March 29th thru April 1st
(Thursday-Sunday)**

Evening services under the
GBC Evangelism Tent
(site TBA)

Preaching and Singing
all 4 Nights:
The Reggie Sadler Family

Missionary Musings

The New Year is now upon us, and here in the Bethel Association we will be very busy over the next 10 weeks preparing for our long-anticipated **Evangelistic Emphasis** in early Spring. Many of you have prayed and contributed special offerings toward this effort, and now all plans have been finalized and we are into the “implementation” phase.

Our original vision called for 3 regional “tent crusades” at 3 different locations over the course of 3 consecutive weeks. We have faced many challenges and tests of faith over the past several months as we have attempted to bring in the best evangelistic preachers and musicians possible for these events, and to secure the best possible sites for the tent to be set up for maximum impact. Through that process, we have had some disappointments and have had to adjust our expectations to align with God’s activity.

Because of these developments, and based upon the financial gifts we have received so far for the crusades, Bro. Preston Wilson and I have felt it prudent to narrow our focus to **2** regional crusades rather than 3. We wish to be good stewards of the offerings received for this effort and put all of our resources to their best, most effective use. Therefore, we now have the schedule and line-up for our Spring Crusades as noted in the side-bar on this page.

We are excited about these guest evangelists, and will be putting out some special promotional materials on both events over the next couple of weeks. Please mark the dates on your calendars, pray **specifically** for the lost to be drawn to these events and saved by the Spirit of God, and for all of the details and “logistics” to fall into place. Our desire is for God to be honored and His Kingdom extended through these meetings. Plan now to be a part of it all!

Also, you will find information elsewhere in this Newsletter about an important training opportunity for all **Church Treasurers** and **Financial Committee members**. On Monday evening, **January 30th**, **Tony Neal** will be with us from the Georgia Baptist Convention to lead a workshop on the proper handling of church finances (regular offerings, designated gifts, etc.) and update us on recent developments with the tax laws and other regulations that impact churches and those who manage church finances. The workshop will be held in the **Family Life Center** (Gym) at **Edison** Baptist Church from 7-9 PM. I hope to see many of our churches represented at this much-needed training.

Have a Great New Year (2012)!
Bro. James



• **HAPPY NEW YEAR** •

Calendar of Activities

January, 2012

Jan. 3

“Barnabas Group”
Associational Office
11AM

Jan. 8-13

Bro. James at NOBTS
(Seminar)

Jan. 23

Executive Committee
Associational Office
7PM

Jan. 30

Church Finances Workshop
With Tony Neal
Edison Baptist Church
7PM

February, 2012

Feb. 6-8

Bro. James at Norman Park
(Ga. Associational Missionaries
Workshop)

Feb. 18

RA Racer Derby
Milford Baptist Church
9AM-12Noon

Feb. 20

Missions Coordinating Committee
Associational Office
7PM

Feb. 23

Associational Choir Fest
Blakely First Baptist Church
7PM

Feb. 27-28

State Evangelism Conference
Northside Baptist Church
Columbus, GA

Calendar of Activities Con't.

March, 2012

March 10

Mobile Dental/Health Clinic
Fort Gaines Baptist Church
8AM-4PM

March 12

New Zion Steering Committee
Freeman Road
7PM

March 20

Assoc. Children's Bible Drill
New Hope Baptist Church
6:30PM

March 22-25

Cuthbert-area Evangelistic
Crusade
Cuthbert FBC (Gym)

March 29-April1

Blakely-area Evangelistic
Crusade

Important Upcoming Date:

July 11-14

Children's Summer Camp
Camp Okitiyakani
Shellman

Teach us to
number our days
that we might
present unto You a
heart of wisdom.

Psalm 90:12

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

November 31 thru
December 15, 2011

Arlington	885.96
Bethel	658.81
Beulah	
Blakely FBC	1,243.33
Bluffton	474.86
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	314.17
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus E	
Damascus R	371.65
Edison	249.00
Enterprise	
Faith	
Fort Gaines	1,544.52
Georgetown	416.67
Leary	316.32
Milford	579.00
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	1,200.00
Mt. Hebron	430.29
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	
New Hope	411.69
New Zion	
Rehobeth	100.00
Salem	
Shellman FBC	300.00
Shiloh	
Southside	206.25
Sowhattee	485.52
Springvale	
Vilulah	
TOTAL	\$11,588.64
Balances	
General Fund	\$22,766.67
Designated Fund	8,298.42
New Work Fund	18,557.51
World Missions Conference	1,289.55

Thank You

The New Year

Dear Lord, as this new year is born
I give it to Thy hand,
Content to walk by faith what paths
I cannot understand.

Whatever coming days may bring
Of bitter loss, or gain,
Or every crown of happiness;
Should sorrow come, or pain,

Or, Lord, if all unknown to me
Thine angel hovers near
To bear me to that farther shore
Before another year,

It matters not—my hand in Thine,
Thy light upon my face,
Thy boundless strength when I am weak,
Thy love and saving grace!

I only ask, loose not my hand,
Grip fast my soul, and be
My guiding light upon the path
Till, blind no more, I see!

--Martha Snell Nicholson



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Now you can not only find
The Bethel News in your
mailbox but on our website as
well. Check out our much
more colorful edition at
www.bethelassociation.com

Help Wanted!

The Clothes Closet in Fort Gaines is looking for help. Volunteers are needed to sort clothes—summer, winter, kids, men, and women. You can sit down on the job and work when the store is closed or you can also work during store hours. The store is open Tuesday 1:00-5:00PM and Saturday 9:00AM-1:00PM. If you are unable to be on your feet you can sit and work the front desk.

The mission is also in need of gently used clothing. Items may be brought during store hours or dropped off in front of the store at any time. The mission is located between the hardware store and the police station in Fort Gaines.

Contact Carolyn Gleaton (229-768-3390) or Pat Hatcher (229-732-3446) or Debbie Harrell (229-768-3651) for more information. These ladies assure you that helping at the mission will bring great joy.

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