



CLOSED

JULY 3rd

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, USA!

The Bethel Baptist Association Office **will be closed July 3rd** in observance of the July 4th Holiday.

Milford Baptist Church

Homecoming and Revival

Sunday, July 20th - 11:00 AM



Milford Baptist Church will celebrate her Homecoming on Sunday, July 20th, 2014 at 11:00 AM, lunch will follow. Revival Services begin at 6:00 PM Sunday evening and will continue Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights with services beginning at 7:00 PM. Benny Pate will be preaching the Word and the Harper Trio will lead in worship. Everyone is invited to attend as we ask the Lord to ~~we~~ear open the heavens and come down+.



Vilulah Baptist Church

Homecoming and Revival

Homecoming—July 20th

10:00 AM Speaker:
Donna Blackburn
11-12 AM Music:
Pachitla Creek Pickers
12 NOON Dinner on the Grounds

Revival—July 21-23rd

Time: 7:00 PM
Speaker: Rev. Ben Crowdis
Music: Eddie Frazier

Missionary Musings

Thank you, Bethel Baptist Association, once again for your amazing and timely gift of a Sabbatical Leave to me during May and the first two weeks of June. Because of your thoughtfulness, I was able to complete the first draft of my Final Project Report and submit it to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary by the end of May. I have already received my comments back from the style reader and, thankfully, the style revisions needed are not very extensive. I should be able to have those all "cleaned up" and the final copies submitted for faculty evaluation (grading) well ahead of the deadline for December graduation. I really don't think I could be at this point now without the extra time you allowed me during the Sabbatical Leave!

With the paper turned in, Mary and I did "take off" during the first week of June and enjoyed a week in the Smoky Mountains of East Tennessee. Then, it was back to work, and I know she's probably glad to get me out of the house!

Seriously, I am looking forward to July and our annual **Summer Camps** at Camp Okitayakani. **Wanda Moody** and **Meghan Williams** have done a great job planning our overnight and day camps, respectively. We just finished up an exciting 3 days of "**Camp Crescendo**" (Children's Music Camp) last week at Cuthbert First Baptist Church. Once again, **Mrs. Glenda Bates** and her fine "Crescendo" staff did a great job of teaching the children about praise and worship through music. Three children made professions of faith at Camp Crescendo! Now we are excited about what the Holy Spirit is going to do at Camp Okitayakani in July. Please pray for all of our camp staff, including our camp pastor, **Bro. Kermit Soileau**, as they prepare for this life-changing week.

Also, we have a special opportunity that has come about for our pastors and staff on the very first day of the month. On **Tuesday morning, July 1st, Brother Steve Parr**, Vice-President for Staff Coordination with the Georgia Baptist Convention, will be our special guest in the Associational Office. We invite all pastors and church staff to join us at **11:00 AM** for a sort of "impromptu" Barnabas gathering, to meet with Steve and hear his heart for evangelizing Georgia. After our meeting, we will fellowship with Steve over lunch at a nearby restaurant. I hope that several of our pastors and staff will be able to share a couple of hours with Steve as he shares his vision and listens to our questions and concerns. This will be a great opportunity to "connect" with our State Convention office.

I hope you all have a safe and happy **Independence Day** celebration. May we never take our freedom for granted, especially our freedom in Christ!

Keep Serving Him,

Bro. James





Church News

First Baptist Shellman is looking for a minister of music and youth. If you are interested or know someone, contact Bruce Pittman at 229.679.5092 or fbcos@windstream.net. It can be one full-time position or either two part-time positions.



2014 Sunday School Training Workshops Theme: Refresh

**August 16th at Eastside Baptist Church
Cairo, Georgia 39828**

Cost: \$15 Pre-Registration by August 11
\$25 at the Door for this event



Register online at
<http://gabaptistsundayschool.org/training-conferences/>

Call 1-800-746-4422, ext. 285 for more information

Schedule

- 7:30 AM—8:30 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 AM—8:45 AM Welcome and Instructions
- 8:45 AM—10:00 AM Session 1
- 10:00—10:15 AM Break
- 10:15—11:00 AM Larry Wynn, guest speaker
- 11:00 AM—12:15 PM Session 2

Session Leaders

- Pastors: Dr. John Waters
- Sun. School Directors: Keith Stewart
- Adults: Scott McVey
- Youth: Garrett Grubbs
- Children: Scott Patrick
- Preschool: Linda Baxter

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

May 28, 2014 thru June 25, 2014

Arlington	610.85
Bethel	370.75
Beulah	
Blakely FBC	1,270.93
Bluffton	211.41
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	245.70
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	247.25
Edison	
Enterprise	
Faith	
Fort Gaines	567.55
Georgetown	416.67
Leary	163.76
Milford	541.00
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	
Mt. Hebron	183.92
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	
New Hope	375.35
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	41.43
Shellman FBC	
Shiloh	
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	
Springvale	
Vilulah	
Individuals	
TOTAL	5,984.07
Balances	
General Fund	2,699.42
Designated Fund	9,816.40
New Work Fund	10,960.07
World Missions Conf.	2,596.09

Thank You

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Calendar of Events

July, 2014

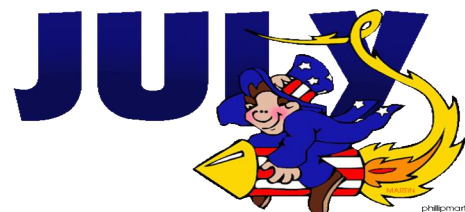
- 1 Steve Parr meets w/Pastors & Staff
Assoc. Office, 11AM
- 3 Independence Day Holiday Observed
(Office Closed)
- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 9-11 DAY CAMP-Camp Okitayakani, 9:30AM-3:30PM
- 9-12 OVERNIGHT CHILDREN'S CAMP
Camp Okitayakani, 8:30 AM Wed.
thru 12 Noon Sat.
- 14-18 Jana on Vacation

August, 2014

- 4 Bi-Vocational "Barnabas" Group-Assoc. Office, 7PM
- 5 "Barnabas" Group-Assoc. Office, 11AM
- 11 New Zion (Mission) Steering Com.-Freeman Rd., 7PM
- 16 Regional Sunday School Workers Training Clinic-
Eastside BC (Cairo), 8:30AM-12:15PM
- 25-29 Bro. James on Vacation

September, 2014

- 1 LABOR DAY (Associational Office Closed)
Ministers' Family Fellowship (TBA)
- 13 "Step Up" Regional Men's Rally-Bainbridge (TBA)
- 15 Missions Coordinating Com.-Assoc. Office, 7PM



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