

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA



The Bethel News

July 2017

"Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ"



Preamble to the U.S. Declaration of Independence, 1776

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed,

by their Creator, with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

DISCIPLE NOW 2017

PURSUED

SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2017 - CUTHBERT FBC - REGISTER TODAY!

\$15/STUDENT - INCLUDES LUNCH, DINNER, and a FREE T-SHIRT!



Missionary Musings

June has been a very busy month for your associational staff, beginning with the development of a proposed **budget** for 2017-2018 by our Stewardship Committee, and ending with our Summer Executive Committee meeting on the 26th. Sandwiched in between, I managed to take a week of **vacation** and finish preparations for our **Summer Camps**, which took place on June 21st-24th this year.

We praise the Lord for a great week of Camp! We had **24 Day Campers** and **37 Overnight Campers**, for a total of **61 children** in our camping ministry this year. The theme was **%Rooted+** (a study of basic Christian doctrine, for kids!) and we had one of our best groups of kids ever! They really listened, participated, and responded to God's Word. On Friday evening, 7 of our Over-nighters made professions of faith in Christ, along with several others who made significant spiritual commitments. The Lord really moved and touched many young lives last week at BBA Camp!

I want to thank all of the churches that provided our delicious **meals** last week at camp: **Enterprise, Colomokee, Southside, Faith, Shiloh, Georgetown, Milford, and Bluffton**. We ate well! And to all of our Staff volunteers - what can I say? You all gave sacrificially of your time, energy and your very lives to bless these little ones in Jesus's Name. Kudos to our Overnight Camp Director, **Wanda Moody**, and her hearty

staff: **Cindy Lee** (Camp Nurse), **Craig Layton** (Camp Pastor), **Dorothy Geddings, Mike and Becky English** (Worship Leaders), **Kara Linker** (Crafts leader), **A.J. Hooper** (Rec Leader), **Elizabeth Moody, Annie Adams, Skyler and Shelby Goode, Scott Dobson**, and Assistant Cabin Leaders **Corbin Smith, Caleb Kegley, Abbey Neville, and Erin Lanier**.

Also, our hats off to our Day Camp Director, **Laura Goode**, and her crack staff of **Chris Sumner, Rhiannon Dobson, Annie Adams, and Meredith Bennett**. Yaq! all did a great job!

Our camp obviously was the focus and the highlight of last month's activity. However, I was able to get away for a week's vacation in the Smokies with my sweet wife early in the month, and it was a wonderful, much-needed time of rest and re-fueling. Some of you have been praying for me lately as I've been undergoing some medical tests to get at the root of some health problems which I've been having lately, and I really appreciate that. I am feeling a little better, which I attribute to my vacation in the mountains and to

your prayers. We still have some unanswered questions, so your continued prayers are welcome. But most of all, I urge you to be praying for our Financial Assistant, **Joyce Jarrett**, and her husband, **Ewell**, as they deal with Bro. Ewell's recent diagnosis and her recent stent procedure. Just pray that the Lord would strengthen them and guide the physicians to the best course of treatment for Ewell. They have meant so much to our Bethel Baptist Association.

I wish you all a safe and happy 4th of July!

Bro. James

Next MISSIONS COORDINATING COMMITTEE

**Associational Office
July 24th at 6:30 pm**

Project Proposals and Requests for New Work Funds need to be in to the Assoc. Office by Thursday, July 20th

Sunday School Worker Training Event

**Saturday, August 12th
8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Bainbridge FBC**

For all Age-Group Sunday School teachers,
General Officers, and Pastors
Cost: \$10 per person

Pre-Register with BBA Office by
Thursday August 3rd

Blessed is the nation
whose God is the Lord;
 and the people whom
He hath chosen
 for his own inheritance.
 Psalm 33:12



CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

5/24/17 - 6/28/17

Arlington	1,177.00
Bethel	323.45
Beulah	381.78
Blakely FBC	1,196.74
Bluffton	259.56
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	636.54
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	357.36
Edison	110.83
Enterprise	1,125.87
Faith	
Fort Gaines	490.36
Georgetown	500.00
Leary	332.96
Milford	515.00
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	
Mt. Hebron	258.52
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	
New Hope	90.50
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	
Shellman FBC	300.00
Shiloh	708.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	226.92
Springvale	
Vilulah	50.00
Individuals	
TOTAL	9,778.89
Balances June 28 (2017)	
General Fund	22,235.77
Designated Fund	41,442.82
New Work Fund	7,532.36



Administrative Team

Thursday, July 20th @ 6:30 pm
 Associational Office



A Total Church Leadership
 Equipping Event
 August 25-26
 FB Tifton
 Register at gogeorgia.net

Milford Baptist Church Homecoming

July 16th with Bro. James Holloway bringing the message.
 Lunch to follow

Revival Services

Sunday, July 16 @ 6:00 pm
 Mon.-Wed. July 17,18, & 19 @ 7:00 pm
 with Bro. T.J. Bennett bringing the message
 & Masterø Praise leading the worship in song.



Vilulah 150th Homecoming

Sunday, July 16th at 10:30 am

Special Music: Blake English
 Guest Speaker: Donna Blackburn
 (covered dish dinner)

Vilulah Revival

Mon.-Wed., July 17, 18, & 19 at 7:00 pm
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Jackie Williams

Thank you!

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SEPTEMBER 2020

July

- 3-4 Associational Office Closed
- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 20 Administrative Team - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 24 Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 27 ðBackpacks of Hopeö Team Planning - Assoc. Office, 7 pm

August

- 1 ðBarnabasö Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 9 ðRevitalization Roundtableö - Assoc. Office, 10 am
- 12 SW Georgia Regional Sunday School Worker Training
-Bainbridge FBC, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
- 25-26 ðGO Georgiaö Leader Training Event - Tifton FBC

September

- 4 LABOR DAY (Assoc. Office Closed)
- 5 ðBarnabasö Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 23 Youth Disciple NOW - Cuthbert FBC

HOLD THE DATE: Sunday, October 15th - BBA Fall Meeting at Fort Gaines BC 5:00 pm