

Bethel Baptist Association

# July 2019



4TH OF JULY  
INDEPENDENCE DAY

*"Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ"*

# 2019



## SW Georgia Regional Sunday School

### Small Groups Leader Training

*"Making Disciples through the Sunday School"*

Saturday, August 10th

First Baptist Church of Blakely, GA  
790 S. Church St. 39823



### Registration Info:

**Cost:** \$15 per registrant (payable at the door)  
Child-care provided for small children at no extra charge (pre-registration required)

**Registration:** Please pre-register by phone with Bethel Baptist Association Office (229-835-2887) by **Noon on Monday, Aug. 5th.**

### Teaching Faculty:

#### Pastors and Directors/Plenary Speaker

**Alan Folsom** (Retired, GA. Baptist Mission board)

#### Workers with Adults

**Rick Stewart** (Discipleship Pastor, Bradfordville FBC Tallahassee area)

#### Workers with Students

**Tom Cooney** (Student Pastor at Bradfordville FBC)

#### Workers with Children

**Jenny Whitaker** (Children and Family Director, Bradfordville FBC)

#### Workers with Preschoolers

**Joyce Alexander** (Children's Minister, Calvary BC, Dothan, AL)

### Schedule:

**7:30 - 8:30 AM**

Continental Breakfast & Registration

**8:30 - 9:45 AM**

Training Session #1 (by Age-group)

**9:45 - 10 AM** Break

**10 - 11:15 AM**

Training Session #2 (by Age-group)

**11:15 - 11:30 AM**

Break and go to Sanctuary

**11:30 AM - 12:15 PM**

Plenary Session with Alan Folsom on "Building a Safe Small Groups Ministry at Your Church"

**12:15 - PM** Dismiss

**Sponsored by:** Bethel Baptist Association, Bowen Baptist Assoc., & Grady County Baptist Assoc.

## "Missionary Musings"

As this Newsletter is "going to press", we are in the midst of our 2019 Bethel Association **Summer Camp**. We've had a great response to our registration for both Day Camp and Overnight Camp this year, and we will be at near-capacity this week. Thankfully, we also have a full and competent staff, with our returning volunteers and the "SEND NOW" BCM Summer Missions Team. It will all be over on Saturday afternoon, June 29th, and I will have a great deal to share with you in our next Newsletter about our exciting "Lion Kings" week!

In the meantime, I want to encourage you to look ahead to Saturday, **August 10th**, and to our **SW Ga Regional Sunday School and Small Group Leader Training** event to be held at Blakely First Baptist Church. Every fourth year for the past several years, the Bethel Association has taken its turn in hosting this event for all Sunday School and Small Group Leaders in the Bethel, Bowen, Grady county, and Tucker Baptist Associations. I am excited to have it back in Blakely this year!

Both our age-group specific workshops and our training for Pastors and Directors will be focused on two important areas of small-groups ministry this year: making disciples through the Sunday School, and small group safety and security measures for churches. With the great deal of attention brought to bear lately on both safety, and sexual abuse

issues within Christian ministry, we felt that this second topic would be helpful for all of our small-group leaders (not just Sunday School). And the first topic of developing disciples is, of course, our principle task as church leaders. So I do hope that you will take advantage of this local training opportunity, and encourage others in your church to attend, as well. Information about our conference leaders and how to register for the event can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

As we celebrate our nation's Independence this week, I pray that we would each take the time to consider our individual role as citizens in preserving and nurturing the freedoms that we enjoy here in the United States of America. It is a great country. Let's each do our part to make it greater!

Have a safe and happy Fourth!

Bro. James



## Prayer for America

*Father in Heaven,  
We, the people, in the  
land of the free  
and the home of the brave,  
desperately need You.  
Oh that we would leave  
our ways of seeking to be  
blessed and instead  
seek to bless others.  
We beg for Your guidance  
and wisdom for our  
leaders.  
We ask You to protect our  
land from enemies both  
within and without.  
And we praise You for the  
freedom we have through  
the blood of Your Son.  
May Your plan be the  
desire of our nation.  
Amen*

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NEXT  
**Missions Coordinating  
Committee meeting**  
Monday, July 8th  
@ 6:30 pm  
Project proposals and fund  
requests due in to our office by  
**Wednesday, July 3rd**



*BBA*

**Senior Adult Fellowship**

Saturday, September 21st  
FBC Cuthbert



**Planning Meeting @ BBA Office**  
Thursday, July 11th at 7 pm

**“CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS”**  
FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS




**Arlington Baptist Church** called **Ric Veal** as their Pastor on Sunday, June 2nd.



To Donna Blackburn and her entire extended family in the passing of Mrs. **Norene Blackburn** on May 29th. Mrs. Norene was a faithful member of the **Vilulah Baptist Church** and always a stalwart supporter of our Bethel Association. She was 102 years old.

To Judy Greene and the family of Dwayne Greene. Dwayne passed away on Friday, June 7th. He grew up in New Bethel Baptist Church, and served as Pastor of Carnegie Baptist Church from 2001-2016.

### *Vilulah Homecoming and Revival*

**Sunday, July 21st**, The Church Trio will begin at **10:00 am**  
Special Guest Speaker: **Larry Worsley**  
There will be a meal afterwards.

**Revival:** July 22, 23, & 24 @ 7:00 pm with Rev. Daniel McFather

### CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

May 30 - June 26, 2019	
Arlington	612.84
Bethel	
Beulah	190.38
Blakely FBC	1,148.40
Bluffton	334.60
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	402.90
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	264.06
Edison	112.60
Enterprise	
Faith	3,000.00
Fort Gaines	825.51
Georgetown	416.66
Leary	
Milford	1,820.00
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	16.62
Mt. Hebron	200.00
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	
New Hope	73.70
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	
Shellman FBC	200.00
Shiloh	708.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatcee	244.65
Springvale	
Vilulah	
Individuals	650.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,958.42</b>
<b>Balances June 26 (2019)</b>	
General Fund	12,134.31
Designated Fund	18,501.49
New Work Fund	7,644.39

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## July 2019

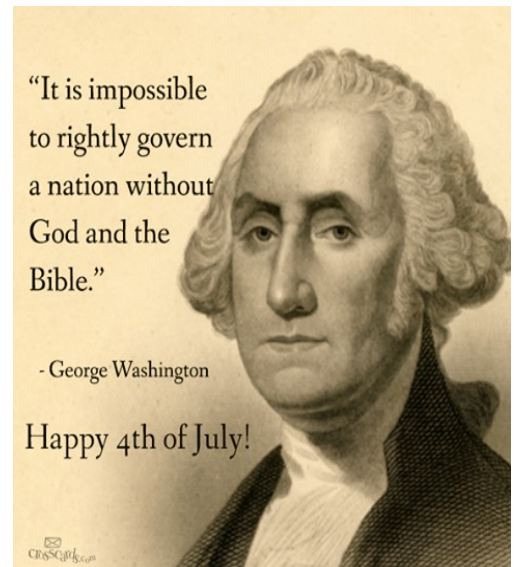
- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY (Office Closed)
- 8 Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 11 "Christmas Backpacks" Mtg. - Assoc. Office, 7 pm
- 14-21 Bro. James on Vacation
- 29 Administrative Team - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm

## August 2019

- 6 "Barnabas" Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 10 SW GA. Regional Sunday school Training - Blakely FBC  
8:30 am - 12:15 pm
- 16-17 "GO Georgia" Conference - Jonesboro, GA
- 23-24 "GO Georgia" Conference - Statesboro, GA

## September 2019

- 2 LABOR DAY (Office Closed)
- 3 "Barnabas" Group - 11 am
- 15-22 Bro. James on Family Vacation
- 21 BBA Senior Adult Fellowship - Cuthbert FBC, 5 pm



"It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible."

- George Washington

Happy 4th of July!