

The Bethel News

"Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ"

June 2016

Bethel Baptist Association

"Covenant Camp - 2016"

at

Camp Okitayakani (near Shellman, GA)

DAY CAMP (for YOUNGER CHILDREN)

Ages 4 - Completed 2nd Grade

July 6, 7, & 8

Cost Per Camper - \$40.00

Limit: 30 Campers

Overnight CAMP (for OLDER CHILDREN)

Completed Grades 3 - 7

July 6 - 9

Cost Per Camper - \$70.00

Limit: 60 Campers

Deadline for registration forms and

\$20 Non-Refundable Deposit

is Thursday, June 16th, 2016

Signed Medical Release Form Required

Balance of Camp Fee due at Check-In.

James Holloway

Associational Missionary

229-853-2887 or www.bethelassociation.com

(click on "Summer Camps")



**REGISTER
NOW**



But now in

Christ Jesus

you who were formerly

f a r o f f

have been

brought near

by the blood of

Christ

Ephesians 2:13



Associational Summer Camp



God's Word says that the death of His godly servants is precious in the sight of the Lord+ (Psalm 116:15). The memorial service held at Fort Gaines Baptist Church on Sunday, May 1st, for our dear friend and brother, Rev. **Jim Cox**, was certainly an affirmation of that truth. What a precious time it was as the Gospel was proclaimed, and we remembered and celebrated the life of a humble man who stood in the same pulpit at Springvale Baptist Church for nearly 40 years!

As Bro. Jim would have it, the entire service made much of Jesus, and Bro. Jeff Hines' message contained a clear call for those who did not know Him as Lord and Savior to receive Him as their own. It was a fitting tribute to a life well lived for the Lord.

Well done, thou good and faithful servant...now, enter into the joy of your master.+ (Matthew 25:23) May we all be found so faithful!

I am encouraged by the enthusiasm and team spirit of our newly-elected team leaders and specialists as I have met with them over the course of the last few weeks. They are working now on their plans for our next associational year (Oct. 2016-Sept. 2017), so that our Stewardship Committee can put together a ministry-based **budget** to present

to our Executive Committee on **June 27th**. Please be much in prayer for this process, that our plans for next year's associational activities would be in total alignment with God's will. And please continue to pray for someone to step up and assume leadership and coordination of **Senior Adult** activities for our association this year.

Speaking of prayer, many of you know that our Bethel Association Prayer Team Leader, Mrs. **Lorraine Durham**, suffered a broken hip last month, while attending the state WMU conference at Jekyll Island. We are thankful that her surgery went well, and that she is now situated much closer to home at a hospital facility in Miller County, but she still has a lot of recovering to do, and much physical therapy to endure. So we ask that you continue to lift her and Jack up in prayer, and come around and visit her when you can. Of course, she will not be able to send out her usual prayer lists to her prayer partners in the various churches for some time, so we ask you to bear with us during her recovery period. A weekly prayer update of associational concerns is e-mailed to all of our pastors each Monday afternoon, and we ask that pastors please pass that information on to their local prayer warriors for Ms.

Lorraine until she is able to resume her letter-writing activities.

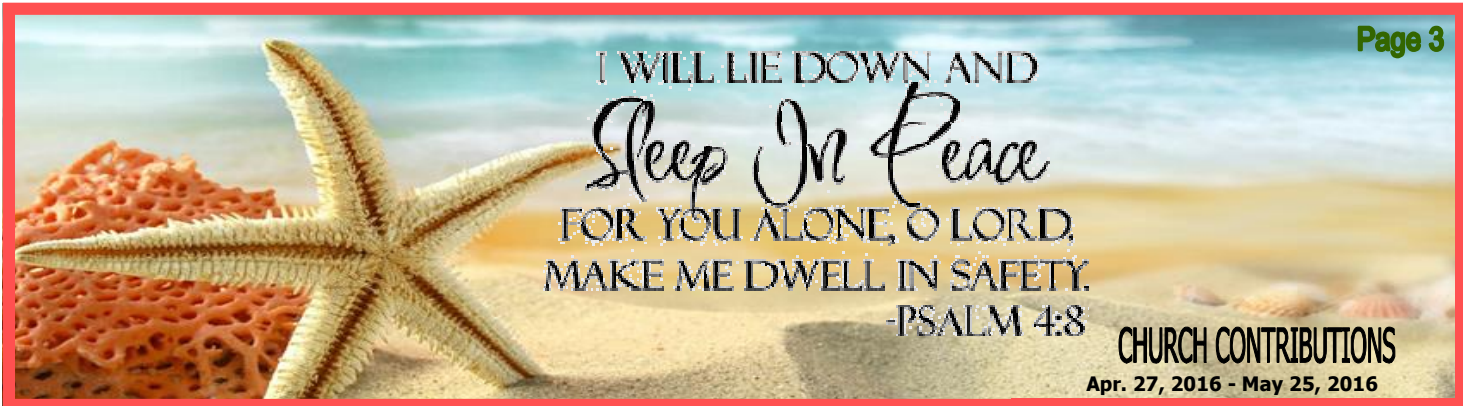
Finally, our children's **Summer Camps** are right around the corner! Don't forget that **June 16th** is the deadline for receiving registrations and deposit monies into our office for both Day Camp and Overnight Camp. Additional forms are available on our website at www.bethelassociation.com.



I pray that you all have a safe and fruitful Summer season, and don't forget to have fun in the Sun+

Bro. James





CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Apr. 27, 2016 - May 25, 2016

The next
Missions Coordinating Committee Meeting
 June 6 at 7:00 pm. Assoc. Office.

New Zion Steering Committee
 June 7 at 6:30 pm. Freeman Road.

Executive Committee
 June 27 at 7:00 pm. Assoc. Office.
 A REMINDER: The Pastor and 2 lay people from each church can be on the committee

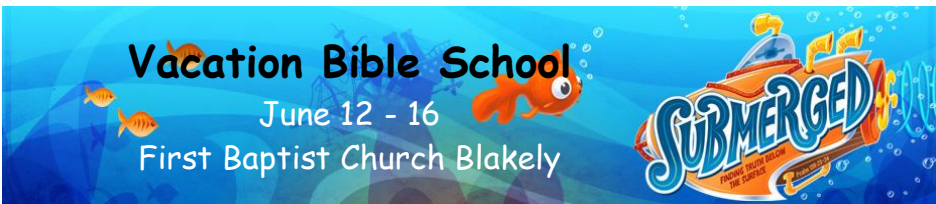
Stewardship Committee (Budget planning)
 Fort Gaines Baptist Church
 Thursday, June 9th @ 7 pm

Arlington	637.86
Bethel	
Beulah	221.42
Blakely FBC	1,372.01
Bluffton	292.04
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	272.13
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	611.64
Edison	190.56
Enterprise	
Faith	
Fort Gaines	751.80
Georgetown	500.00
Leary	164.99
Milford	316.00
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	
Mt. Hebron	406.17
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	
New Hope	389.73
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	
Shellman FBC	300.00
Shiloh	708.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	251.15
Springvale	
Vilulah	100.00
Individuals	
TOTAL	8,223.00
Balances May 25(2016)	
General Fund	21,591.29
Designated Fund	9,404.65
New Work Fund	9,728.32

CHURCH NEWS



Vacation Bible School
 June 19-23, 6:30-9 pm
 @ Georgetown BC.
 Sponsored by Georgetown & Shiloh BC.



Our Deepest Sympathy...

is extended to the family of Bro. Jim Cox, and to the congregation of Springvale Baptist Church. Bro. Jim went to be with the Lord on Friday, April 29, 2016, just two months after the death of his beloved wife, Diane. Bro. Jim had served as Pastor of the Springvale congregation since January of 1977, a period of over 39 years!

Thank you!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2016

- 6 Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. Office, 7 pm.
- 7 New Zion Steering Committee - Freeman Rd. 6:30 pm.
- 9 Stewardship Committee (Budget planning) - Fort Gaines BC, 7 pm
- 14-15 **Southern Baptist Convention** - St. Louis, MO.
- 16 Deadline for Camp Reservations
- 27 Executive Committee - Assoc. Office, 7 pm

July 2016

- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY! (Associational Office Closed)
- 6-8 **BBA Day Camp** - Okitayakani, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm.
- 6-9 **BBA Overnight Camp** - Okitayakani
begins Wed. morning at 8:30 am
(registration begins at 7:30 am) ends at noon on Saturday.
- 12 Administrative Team - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm

August 2016

- 10 Revitalization Roundtable+- Assoc. Office, 10 am
- 20 Regional Sunday School Worker Training - Camilla FBC