



Bethel Baptist Association



Proudly Presents

## THE BALL BROTHERS



**March 28th—12:30 PM**  
**Court Square—Blakely, Georgia**

***SPREAD THE WORD***  
***BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS***  
***ENJOY THE DAY!***

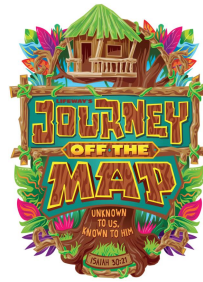
For more information about the festival, concerts, parking, etc., go to [www.peanutproudfestival.com](http://www.peanutproudfestival.com).  
For more information about The Ball Brothers go to [www.theballbrothers.com](http://www.theballbrothers.com).  
From Chickamauga, Georgia

## Annual Spring Meeting

**Shiloh Baptist Church**  
**March 29, 5PM**

## Racer Derby

The Bethel Baptist Associational Racer Derby will be on March 8th at Colomokee Baptist Church at 2PM. Please let Bro. James know by Thursday, March 5th if you will be bringing a group of children (there will be races for girls as well as boys!)



## Regional VBS Clinic

The Regional VBS Clinic (includes Spanish Conferences) will be at Byne Memorial Baptist Church, 2832 Ledo Road, Albany, GA, on Saturday, March 14th. Since we will not be having our own clinic this year in the Bethel Baptist Association, all of our churches are encouraged to attend this event.

### Registration/Cost

Registration: \$20 per person by March 2  
Late/At the Door Registration: \$25 per person  
Registration time/Continental Breakfast:  
7:30-8:15 AM, concludes at 12:30 PM.  
Register online at [gabaptistsundayschool.org](http://gabaptistsundayschool.org)  
Call 1-800-746-4422, ext. 286 with questions

## Children's Bible Drill

Monday, March 23rd, 7PM  
at Southside Baptist Church. Let Bro. James know if your church plans to have any children participating by Thurs., Mar. 19th.



## Missionary Musings

Thank you for your generous response to our Associational Missions Emphasis and special offering last month. We do not have all of the final figures in yet for the special offering, as churches reported to me that they would be collecting the offering throughout the month of February. So we will have to let you know next month if we reached our goal of \$5,000 for local missions through the Bethel Baptist Association. I am encouraged by the results so far, and optimistic about the final outcome of this year's special offering.

March will be a busy month for us all. Three events this month highlight your church's ministry to and with **children**:

- 1) Our Annual RA/GA **Racer Derby** is Sunday, **March 8th** at Colomokee Baptist Church (2PM).
- 2) An excellent **Vacation Bible School** clinic will be held in Albany on Saturday, **March 14th**. We are encouraging all of our Bethel Association churches to take advantage of this GBC-sponsored training at Byne Memorial Baptist Church. See elsewhere in this newsletter for registration information.
- 3) Our annual **Children's Bible Drill** will be held Monday evening, **March 23rd**, at Southside Baptist Church in Blakely (7PM).

Also, while we're thinking about children's ministries, please mark your calendar NOW for our 2015 BBA **Children's Camps** at Okitayakani on **July 8th-11th**. Our leadership team has begun its planning for another fun-filled, Christ-centered Summer camping experience for our local children. If you would like to help with this year's camp in any way, please let me know as soon as possible!

The busy month of March wraps up with our "Baby Comfort Station" and other outreach activities at the "**Peanut Proud**" festival on **March 28th**, our BBA **Spring Meeting** at Shiloh Baptist Church on the **29th** (Palm Sunday, 5PM), and the "**Collide Blakely**" evangelistic thrust throughout Holy Week and leading up to RESURRECTION DAY. For more about "Collide Blakely" and how you can help, visit the website at [collidelbc.com](http://collidelbc.com) and/or talk to our Evangelism Team Leader, Bro. Craig Layton at Leary Baptist Church.

So you see, there are numerous opportunities to serve and share Christ during the coming month. Find your place and "jump in" as we labor together to reach our "Jerusalem."

Have you shared your story about what Christ has done for you with anyone lately? Let us help you find new and exciting ways to do that . . .

*Bro. James*



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### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL READERS OF THE BETHEL NEWS:**

Beginning with the May, 2015 issue, our Bethel Baptist Association newsletter will only be mailed in its printed version to those readers who specifically request it. All others will receive an email link to our full-color, online version, which you can print from your computer if you like. We are gradually making this transition in order to be better stewards of your missions contributions, in light of the increasing costs of printing and mailing the newsletter.

Here is what we need for you to do: If you wish to continue receiving the **Bethel News** by mail in its paper form, please notify our office (229.835.2887) by **April 23rd** and be sure we have your current, correct mailing address. If you are not already receiving the email link, but would like to, please call or write or email us ([bethelbaptist@windstream.net](mailto:bethelbaptist@windstream.net)) by April 23rd and give us your current email address. Our postal mailing list will be reduced after that date to just those folks who requested to continue receiving the **Bethel News** in the mail.

Please help us to be good stewards of the Lord's money by notifying us of your preference in this matter.

## Church News



- **Congratulations** to David & Hannah McFather on the birth of baby Lauren on Friday, Jan. 19th. She is welcomed to the family by Mom and Dad, big brother Luke, and proud grandparents, Ben and Evadne McFather (David is pastor at Damascus BC in Randolph County).
- **Welcome** Robert Mitchell and Family to Southside BC as Pastor (Feb. 4th).
- **Welcome** Darrell Alexander (and Sondra) to New Zion BC as Pastor (Feb. 8).



The 3rd Sunday of every month from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM  
**Randolph/Clay High School Clay Middle School**



**COLLIDE BLAKELY**

Contact Pastor Craig Layton if you would like to get involved (229.886.4540) or see the website [collidelbc.com](http://collidelbc.com) for more information.

### GOLF TOURNAMENT & MEN'S CONFERENCE



The Brotherhood of **Shiloh Baptist Church** is sponsoring a **Golf Tournament** on April 11th, followed by a **Men's Conference** that evening.

## CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Jan. 27, 2015 thru February 25, 2015

Arlington	1,386.00
Bethel	811.46
Beulah	996.82
Blakely FBC	1,364.38
Bluffton	269.92
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	307.15
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	85.00
Damascus (R)	289.76
Edison	134.06
Enterprise	500.00
Faith	
Fort Gaines	822.99
Georgetown	500.00
Leary	
Milford	388.00
Morgan	2500.00
Morris	257.00
Mt. Gilead	
Mt. Hebron	238.82
Mt. Vernon	100.00
New Bethel	
New Hope	336.79
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	
Shellman FBC	
Shiloh & Brotherhood	1,090.00
Southside	431.00
Sowhatchee	405.16
Springvale	
Vilulah	
Individuals	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,726.81</b>
<b>Balances</b>	
General Fund	7,925.95
Designated Fund	12,143.65
New Work Fund	9,007.55
World Missions Conf.	5,146.06

*Thank You*

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### Calendar of Events

#### March, 2015

- 2 Bi-vocational "Barnabas" Group-Assoc. Office, 7PM
- 3 "Barnabas" Group-Assoc. Office, 11AM
- 8 Assoc. Racer Derby-Colomokee BC, 2PM
- 11 "Revitalization Round Table"-Assoc. Office, 10AM
- 14 Regional VBS Clinic-Byne Memorial BC (Albany)  
8:15AM-12:30 PM
- 17 New Zion (Mission) Steering Committee  
Freeman Rd., 7PM
- 23 Assoc. Children's Bible Drill-Southside BC, 7PM
- 28 "Peanut Proud" festival (Outreach)-Blakely Court  
Square, 9AM-4PM
- 29 BBA Spring Meeting, Shiloh BC, 5PM
- 30-Apr. 3 "Collide Blakely" (Evangelistic Activities)

#### April, 2015

- 5 EASTER
- 6 Bi-vocational "Barnabas" Group-Assoc. Office, 7PM
- 7 "Barnabas" Group-Assoc. Office, 11AM
- 13 Missions Coordinating Committee-Assoc. Office, 7PM
- 27 Administrative Team-Assoc. Office, 6:30 PM

#### May, 2015

- 1 Deadline for Church Commitments to  
Sept. 12-13 OMC
- 4 "Bivocational" Barnabas Group-Assoc. Office, 7PM
- 5 "Barnabas" Group-Assoc. Office, 11AM
- 15 Ministers' Pre-Retirement Planning Seminar  
Assoc. Office, 9AM-12PM
- 25 MEMORIAL DAY (Assoc. Office Closed)

### Missions Coordinating Committee

The next meeting of the Missions Coordinating Committee will be on Monday, April 13th at 7PM at the Associational Office. Anyone desiring approval for an associational missions/ministry project and/or funding from the New Work Fund should submit their written proposals and requests to the BBA office by Thursday, April 9th. Contact us by phone at 229-835-2887 to obtain needed forms.

