

The Bethel News

"Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ"



**2017
March**

Bethel Baptist Association

Luke 6:40

Fully Prepared 2017



To bring a disciple making atmosphere to the churches, small groups and Sunday school classes of Southwest Georgia by helping them implement biblical disciple making strategies.



March 10th – 11th, 2017

Deadline: March 1st

Location: Cuthbert FBC

Times: 6:30pm Fri. & 9am Sat.

Featuring Speakers Cheri Holcomb and Herb Hodges

Also featuring Keith Stewart and Mike Brandenburg

***Lunch and Childcare provided* - Registration Cost: \$10 - Sign up at your church or call 229.310.7902 today!**

Missionary Musings

NOTE: You should not have any trouble getting to our Spring Meeting at Milford Baptist Church on March 26th coming from either direction. It was previously announced that there might be some bridge construction taking place on Hwy 216 at that time, but that project has now been delayed until summer. Messengers coming to the Spring Meeting from Blakely or Arlington should be able to use HWY 216 as usual.



Bethel Baptist Associational Annual Spring Meeting

March 26 @ 5:00 pm @ Milford Baptist Church

Spring is definitely in the air, and that means that representatives from our Bethel Association churches will soon be gathering for our annual **Spring Inspirational Meeting**. The date is **Sunday, March 26, 2017**, and the place is **Milford Baptist Church**. The meeting will begin at **5 pm**. Our **Nominating Committee** is hard at work enlisting volunteers to serve in our various BBA ministries during the next 12 months, and they will present their full slate of nominees for all of our Associational leadership positions and committees for election at the Spring Meeting. Also, we will be blessed by the preaching of **Dr. Steve Echols**, President of Brewton-Parker College (one of our Georgia Baptist Schools). Brewton-Parker has recently undergone some trying times but, under the bold leadership of Dr. Echols, the school is now experiencing a great turn-around and the Lord is truly blessing. You will want to hear about the great things that are happening at our college and to meet this Godly servant who has been sent to lead it.

March also brings a great opportunity for cooperative outreach through the **Peanut Proud+ festival** on **Saturday, March 25th**. Once again, Bethel Association will participate with our **Baby Comfort Station+tent** on the square in Blakely. We need **volunteers** to work one-hour shifts between 9 am and 4 pm as we present the love of God and the Gospel of Christ to hundreds of festival-goers. Just contact the Associational office to sign-up for a time slot!

We had a great **Children's Racer Derby** this past month at Cuthbert First Baptist. It was the largest field of contestants that I can remember in

our Associational Derby- **45 children** from 4 different BBA churches! Once again, the kids did great and **good time** was had by all+ I want to give a special word of thanks to Bro. Ben Crowdis and Bro. Curry Spoon and all the volunteers from Cuthbert First Baptist who helped to make it all possible (especially your cooks in the concession area!), and to my Derby-Officials: Bro. Ben McFather, Rev. David McFather, Bobby and Lisa Hagler, and Rev. Shannon Morris for their time and **expert+discernment** as judges! Without people giving of themselves like this, we could never have these Associational events.

The next Associational children's event coming up is our **Bible Drill** on **Monday evening, April 17th** (that's the day after Easter). This year's **Associational Bible Drill** will be hosted by **Enterprise Baptist Church**, beginning at **7 pm**. If you have children who you believe may be participating from your church, please let us know at the Associational Office so that we can make adequate preparation for them. Remember, your church should schedule their church Bible Drill to take place prior to April 17th,

so that your winners can participate in our **Associational Drill**.

Finally, I am happy to report that our **Summer Camp** dates have now been finalized for 2017. Please mark your calendars for **June 21st-24th** for **Children's Overnight Camp**, and **June 21st-23rd** for **Day Camp**. Due to the recent sale of the Camp Okitiyakani property by the Girl Scouts, we are returning our camping program this year to **Group Camp Hicita at Kolomoki Mounds State Park**, near Blakely. We think our kids will enjoy swimming at the new **beach** there, as well as the improved camp facilities. Please pray for our camp directors (Wanda Moody and Laura Goode) as we assemble our team of volunteer staff and plan for these exciting 4 days of Camp.

And thank you all again for your outpouring of support for the ministries of your local association during our **Associational Mission Emphasis** through out the month of February. At the time of this writing, the figures are not in yet for our special offering, but we will have those for you in our next newsletter.

Bless You All,
Bro. James

PHILIPPIANS 3:14

*I press on toward the goal
to win the prize for which God
has called me heavenward in
Christ Jesus*



We need volunteers for our
"Baby Comfort Station"
Please call the BBA Office
@ 229-835-2887.

**"Revitalization Roundtable"
Meeting**

Tuesday, Mar. 15th @ 11 am
Guest Speaker: Dr. Tom Crites, who will
be sharing about an exciting new online tool
for increasing your church's outreach to
your community.



**Next MISSIONS COORDINATING
COMMITTEE**

Meeting is on April 24th at 6:30 pm



- April 17**
- BBA Children's Bible Drill, Enterprise BC, 7 pm
- April 25**
- Regional Bible Drill, Albany FBC. 3-5:30 pm

NOTE:
Please let Bro. James know if you plan to bring any
children from your church to the BBA Drill on the 17th.

Blakely First Baptist Church Ladies' Event

Ladies mark Thursday evening,
March 23rd On your calendar!

You don't want to miss hearing Joy Earle speak about her passion for all women to know who they are in Christ and to remain unique in that relationship. Her ministry of encouragement will have you not only uplifted but also doubled over in laughter. Tickets are on sale for \$10.00. Meal is catered. Door prizes will be given. Time is 6:15 pm. Call church office at 723-3448 for ticket or more information. Nursery will be provided.



CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Jan. 26, 2017 - Feb. 22, 2017

Arlington	748.00
Bethel	
Beulah	435.72
Blakely FBC	1,440.56
Bluffton	326.62
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	378.09
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	1,396.04
Edison	171.04
Enterprise	
Faith	
Fort Gaines	1,039.87
Georgetown	500.00
Leary	154.46
Milford	
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	
Mt. Hebron	158.68
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	
New Hope	263.27
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	
Shellman FBC	
Shiloh	708.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	311.29
Springvale	
Vilulah	100.00
Individuals	
TOTAL	8,869.14
Balances Feb. 21 (2017)	
General Fund	16,978.45
Designated Fund	96,278.97
New Work Fund	7,513.87

Thank you!

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March 2017

- 7 %Barnabas+Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 10-11 %Fully Prepared+Conference - Cuthbert FBC
- 15 %Revitalization Roundtable+- Assoc. Office, 10 am
- 25 %Peanut Proud+Festival Outreach - Blakely
- 26 BBA Spring Meeting - Milford BC, 5 pm

April 2017

- 4 %Barnabas+Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 16 EASTER SUNDAY
- 17 BBA Children's Bible Drill - Enterprise BC, 7 pm
- 24 Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 25 Regional Bible Drill - Albany FBC
- 27 Administrative Team - Assoc. Office, 6 pm

May 2017

- 2 %Barnabas+Group - Assoc. Office 11 am
- 5-7 Will Graham Crusade in Dothan, AL.
- 29 MEMORIAL DAY (Assoc. Office Closed)

Hold The Date!

BBA Children's Camps, June 21-24

Upcoming Events