

"Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ"

Hosanna

TO GOD
IN THE
HIGHEST
GALATIANS 6:8

March 2018

The Bethel News



and



GEORGIA
SOUTHERN
UNIVERSITY

Lead by: Georgia Southern Univ. Mission Team

Will be in our area, March 9-11

Youth Worship Service & Pizza Blast!

Saturday, March 10th @ 6 pm

Arlington Baptist Church

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10



Blakely, Georgia

Saturday, March 24th 9 am - 5 pm

Volunteers are needed to work at the
"Baby Comfort Station"

Just for 1 hour, please call the
Assoc. Office at 229-835-2887
if you are interested.

•An Introduction to Biblical Counseling•

This is a special educational opportunity we have for you, your spouses, and any interested laypersons in your church. Dr. Gary Hadden, former pastor of Arlington Baptist Church and now staff counselor with the Albany Biblical Counseling Center, will be presenting a free workshop, **Monday** evening, **March 5th**. The workshop will take place at **Morgan Baptist Church**, from **6:30 – 8:00 pm**.



"Missionary Musings"

The month of March presents us with many interesting learning and ministry opportunities. Our friend and former pastor at Arlington Baptist Church, Dr. Gary Hadden, will be presenting an **Introduction to Biblical Counseling+** at **Morgan Baptist Church** on the evening of **March 5th (6:30 pm)**. I urge all of our ministers as well as their wives to attend this workshop if possible, along with any laypersons who are interested in improving their skills at helping others to find biblical solutions for life's problems. The workshop is free and requires no pre-registration, so come if you can!

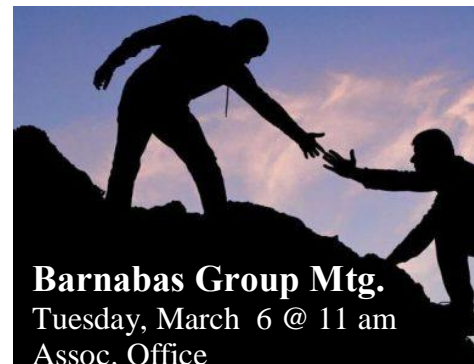
Then, the weekend of March 9-11, we will be blessed by a team of energetic college students on mission for the Lord! The **BCM** (Baptist Campus Ministry) of **Georgia Southern University** in Statesboro will once again be in our area to minister in Jesus' Name, as a part of their annual Spring Break Mission Tour. Our own **Donna Blackburn** is their Campus Minister and she will have about 20 students and two staff members with her. The students will be working on various ministry projects around our Association that Saturday morning, and on **Saturday evening, March 10th**, the entire

team will lead a **Youth Rally** for our Middle- and High-school students at **Arlington Baptist Church** (see elsewhere in this newsletter for details). They will then wrap up their time in the Bethel Association worshipping and sharing in several of our churches on Sunday, March 11th. Please be in prayer for Donna and the entire group as they prepare to **come our way!**

Finally, the last Saturday in March (24th) is the Annual **Beanut Proud+** Festival in Blakely. This event grows larger each year, and thousands of people will pass through the Courthouse Square in Blakely on that day to take in the sights, sounds, and tastes of this arts and crafts fair and community celebration. The Bethel Baptist Association will be there, too, with a physical presence to share Christ's love through our **Baby Comfort Station+** tent ministry. **Volunteers** will be needed to help me put up the tent at 7 am on that Saturday morning, and to take it down on Saturday evening. Volunteers are also needed to work one-hour shifts **between 9 am and 5 pm** to greet festival visitors and share information about the Gospel and our Bethel Baptist Association with them. Please contact me at the Associational Office (229.835.2887) or at 229.723.1375 if you can help!

I am excited about the coming of Spring and about the resurrection of our Lord! Are you?

Bro. James



Updated (Final) Figures for our 2017 "Backpacks of Hope" ministry in the Bethel Baptist Association:

Here are the corrected numbers of Christmas backpacks we distributed to children in our 6 counties.

Baker County	440
Calhoun County	552
Clay County	492
Early County	1,036
Randolph County	746
Quitman County	<u>189</u>
Total	3,455

backpacks!

PRAISE THE LORD!

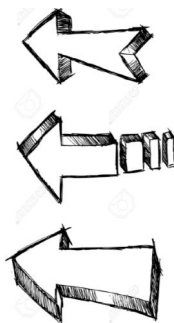
NOTE:

All of our surplus backpacks were shared with children in Blackey, KY, the Georgia Baptist Children's Homes, and Mission Columbus.

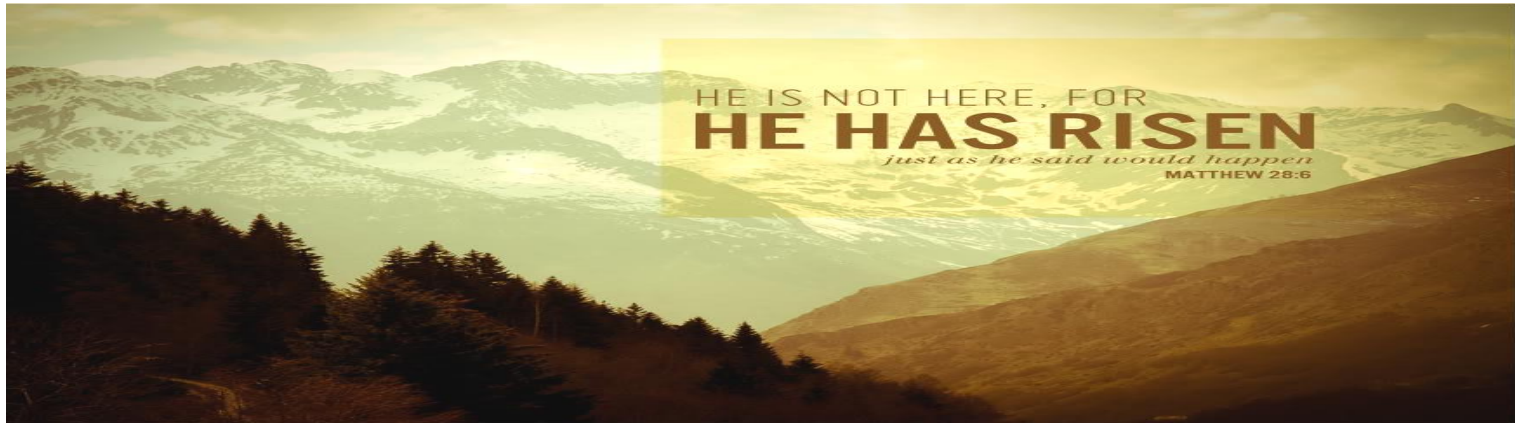
NEXT Missions Coordinating Committee

April 9th @ 6:30 pm @ Assoc. Office

Please have Project Proposals and/or New Work Fund requests submitted to the BBA office by Thurs. April 5th for consideration at this meeting.



**GOD
IS
GOOD
ALL THE TIME**



gabaptist.org/churchcompliance **2018**

March 22
Liberty BC, 6-9 pm
 Bainbridge, GA
 2909 Vada Rd.

CHURCH FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE & GIVING SEMINAR

For church staff & lay leaders

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2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLINICS

MARCH 10, 2018
 Sherwood BC
 Albany, GA 31707
 7:30 am-12:30 pm

REGISTER ONLINE: GABAPTIST.ORG/HIDS

GAME ON!

GEARING UP FOR LIFE'S BIG GAME 2 PETER 1:3

Saddle Up and come on down to the **LADIES CHRISTIAN ROUND-UP**
 First Baptist Church in Blakely.

We are excited to welcome Joy Earle as our guest speaker. Make your plans for a fun time of Christian Fellowship.

Tuesday, March 20th @ 6:00 pm. Tickets: \$10 - meal included

See Charlene Ashley, Janet Payton, Gayle Harper, Janis Megahee, or Ellen Glass for tickets or call the FBC office, 229-723-3448.

SEE YA' THERE!

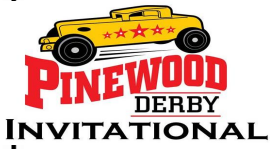


Coming Soon: **Security Seminar - Shiloh Baptist Church** - April 21 & 22 with Ben O'Neal who led the BBA Church Security Workshop. Apr. 21st a session for ladies. **THIS IS OPEN TO ALL THE CHURCHES!**

SAVE-THE-DATE
 "Old Fashion Hymn Sing"
 Sunday, April 29th
First Baptist Blakely
 An Early County Bicentennial Event
 More info next month!

MARCH 19TH
"Christmas Backpacks" Mtg.
 w/Bill Barker - Assoc. Office
@ 7:00 pm

Where: Cuthbert FBC Family Life Center
 When: March 18, 2018
 Time: Registration from 1:30-2:00 PM then race.
 Who: Children Preschool through 6th Grade
 Rules: RA Derby Racer Guidelines
 Contact: 229-732-2801 to Sign Up Your Church
 Deadline for Signup: March 15th



Jan. 25 - Feb. 21, 2018

Arlington	677.89
Bethel	432.14
Beulah	
Blakely FBC	1,134.78
Bluffton	327.32
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	306.54
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	277.26
Edison	91.58
Enterprise	600.00
Faith	
Fort Gaines	749.19
Georgetown	416.66
Leary	180.00
Milford	
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	300.00
Mt. Hebron	200.00
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	
New Hope	67.44
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	
Shellman FBC	
Shiloh	708.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	218.50
Springvale	
Vilulah	
Individuals	
TOTAL	7,424.80
Balances Feb. 21 (2018)	
General Fund	16,947.74
Designated Fund	7,160.13
New Work Fund	7,562.85

Thank you!

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March 2018

- 5 Biblical Counseling Workshop - Morgan BC, 6:30 pm
- 6 ðBarnabasö Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 9-11 GA. Southern Univ. BCM Mission Team here
- 10 VBS Clinic - Sherwood BC (Albany), 8 am-12:30 pm
- 10 Associational Youth Rally and Pizza Blast - Arlington BC, 6 pm
- 12 Administrative Team - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 18 Pinewood Derby - Cuthbert FBC, 1:30 pm
- 19 ðChristmas Backpacksö Mtg. w/Bill Barker - Assoc. Office, 7 pm
- 22 Church Financial Compliance Workshop-Liberty BC, Bainbridge, 6-9 pm
- 24 ðPeanut Proudö Festival (Outreach) - Blakely Courthouse Square, 9 am-5 pm

April 2018

- 1 EASTER
- 3 ðBarnabasö Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 9 Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 15 BBA Spring Meeting - Leary BC, 5 pm
- 22 State Regional Bible Drill - Valdosta

May 2018

- 1 ðBarnabasö Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 28 MEMORIAL DAY (Assoc. Office Closed)



Save the Dates!

**BBA
Summer Camps
June 27-30**

at Camp Hicita
(Kolomoki Mounds
State Park)