

March
2019



"Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ"



VBS Worship Rally 2019

Sunday, March 10th 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Registration will begin at 2:15 pm—New Bethel Baptist Church, Cuthbert

This event is for EVERY person in your church family that works in VBS. Our goal is to educate and motivate and celebrate!!! There will be many door prizes & lots of surprises!!

We suggest you do not buy your VBS materials before this event because you might win some of the items you will need or want for your own VBS. We will be demonstrating every part of VBS from food to Bible study to decorating and everything in between. Bring your ideas to share!

VBS is the biggest evangelistic opportunity for many of us!
Questions? Please call Gay Crowdis at (229)310-0607

Sunday
March 31

Faith BC
Cuthbert

5:00 pm
Refreshments
Afterwards

Bethel Baptist Association
Annual Spring Meeting



"Missionary Musings"

Spring is in the air, and the activity level in our Bethel Association churches is beginning to ramp up+ again as warmer (and hopefully drier!) weather approaches. There are many opportunities for evangelism and service through the Association during the month of March beginning with an Associational **Youth Event** (March 3) followed by **Vacation Bible School Training** (March 10), and the **Beanut Proud+ Festival Outreach** on March 23rd. Please read more about these events elsewhere in this Newsletter.

The month of March will culminate on Sunday evening, **March 31st**, with our annual **Spring Meeting at Faith Baptist Church** in Cuthbert. Our guest preacher for that evening will be Bro. **Ricky Smith** from Student Groups and Faith Development at the Georgia Baptist Convention. Ricky will continue to challenge us from our theme of **Reaching the Next Generation+** from his perspective as a current Student Minister. He will help us to better understand today's youth and how to more effectively reach and disciple them. I hope you will come to hear what he has to say. We will also elect our new officers, committees, and Team Leaders at this session. The meeting will begin at 5 p m .



Dental Clinic

April 25-27th

Fort Gaines Baptist Church

Like many of you, I was a bit under the weather+ during February, and I am just now beginning to feel stronger as I recover from the crud+ that so many have dealt with this Winter. In spite of this, however, I was greatly encouraged during the month of February by the interest and participation in the recent **Evangelism Workshops** held at New Bethel Baptist Church with Wayne & Tina Hudson. Bro. **David Crowdis**, our Evangelism Team Leader, reported that over **60 adults** from **12 different churches** in our Association attended one of the three sessions offered that weekend, and I have heard several testimonies from participants of how helpful and edifying the workshops were. There is a growing burden among our people for reaching the lost and making disciples! Bro. David is committed to the goal of building a **culture of evangelism** in our churches, and I pray that we will all join him in that effort. for Jesus's sake.

For me personally, this has been a season of reflecting on my own ministry priorities. It has now been 35 years since I was ordained to the Gospel ministry in February of 1984. Most of those years (31 in fact) have been spent assisting churches through associational work. Yet I feel that I still have much to learn about the most effective ways of equipping and mobilizing God's people in these days. But I am thankful that the Lord has placed a talented and creative team of associational leaders around me who are not afraid to try new ways of reaching the next generation.+ Please remember to pray for these Associational leaders every day, that the Lord would use us all as

NEXT

Missions Coordinating Committee meeting

Monday, April 8th

@ 6:30 pm

Project proposals and fund requests due in to our office by Thursday, April 4th.

we work together to grow His Kingdom here and around the world. And pray for our **Nominating Committee** as they enlist our new slate of leaders to be voted on at the Spring Meeting.

May God continue to bless and use you...right where you are.

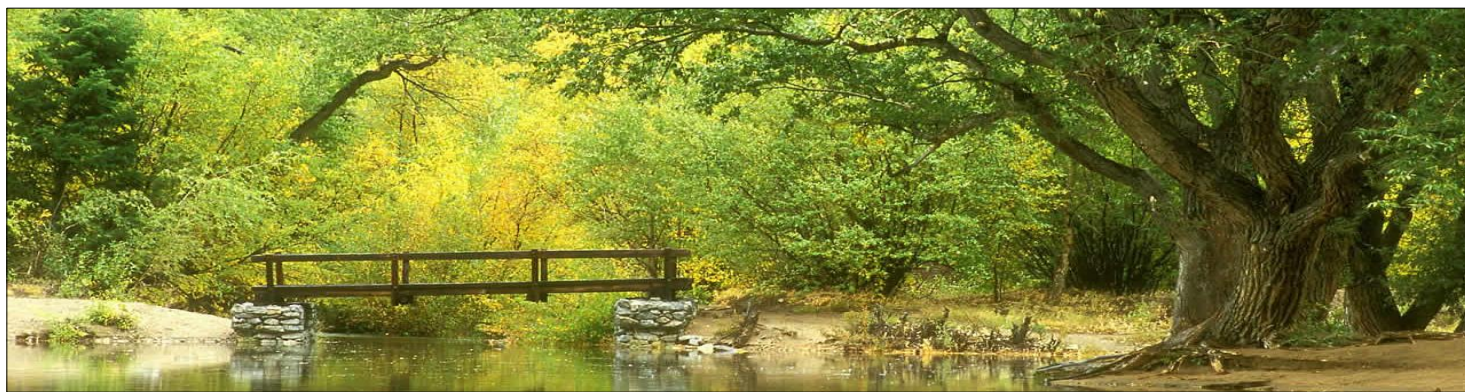
Bro. James

öBarnabasö Group Meeting
Tuesday, March 5th
11:00 am Assoc. Office.

Thank you for the beautiful flowers in the loss of my sister, La Verne Blankenship. She had a very pretty yard that she loved to work in after retirement.

Thank you,

Lorraine & Jack Durham



ONE NIGHT

YOU'RE INVITED

YOUTH SUNDAY 2019

MARCH 3 * 5 PM - 7:30 PM

@ FBC BLAKELY

PIZZA, GAMES, WORSHIP, & MORE

A BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT

If you think your church and students will be able to be a part of One Night, please give me a call @ 229-723-3448 or text me @ 229-220-4995. Bradley Crews, Youth Pastor, First Baptist Blakely.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Jan. 24 - Feb. 21, 2019

Arlington	
Bethel	
Beulah	418.70
Blakely FBC	1,304.44
Bluffton	321.57
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	418.20
Damascus (R)	
Edison	99.40
Enterprise	
Faith	
Fort Gaines	
Georgetown	416.66
Leary	
Milford	534.00
Morgan	3,454.00
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	24.00
Mt. Hebron	200.00
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	150.00
New Hope	
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	
Shellman FBC	
Shiloh	708.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	201.90
Springvale	
Vilulah	50.00
Individuals	
TOTAL	9,038.37
Balances Feb. 21 (2019)	
General Fund	9,905.48
Designated Fund	10,689.20
New Work Fund	7,620.59



First Baptist Church, Blakely Annual Women's Conference

March 21st at 6:00 pm *** Speaker: Marty Sholars

"Dressing Gaudy in Grace"

Tickets will go on sale to the public beginning Feb. 25th and the cost is \$10.

Please purchase your ticket now to avoid a sell out because they go really fast.



Peanut Proud Festival OUTREACH

Saturday, March 23rd
Blakely, GA



Baby Comfort Station

Sign-up for 1 hour shifts
from 9 am-5 pm. Call Gay
Crowdis @ (229)310-0607



DISASTER RELIEF ORIENTATION

(Required for All Volunteers)

At this credentialing session, you will receive an introduction to the overall ministry of Disaster Relief, 3 ministry areas (Child Care, Cleanup & Recovery, and Feeding), and Evangelism Encouragement. Once you become a credentialed Disaster Relief volunteer, recertification is required every 2 years.

Register on-line by April 7th.

<https://missiongeorgia.org/georgia-disaster-relief/>

April 12th, 2019

6:00-9:00 pm

Blakely FBC

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March, 2019

- 3 ONE NIGHTö Associational Youth Event-Blakely FBC, 5 pm
- 5 Barnabasö Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 10 Associational VBS Rally - New Bethel BC, 2:30 pm
Daylight Saving Time begins (Spring forward!)
- 23 Peanut Proudö Festival Outreach - Court House square, Blakely
- 31 BBA Spring Meetingö Faith BC, 5 pm

April, 2019

- 2 Barnabas Groupö - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 8 Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 12 GA. Baptist Disaster Relief Orientation - Blakely FBC, 6-9 pm
- 21 EASTER
- 25-27 GA. Baptist Mobile Dental Clinic at Fort Gaines BC

May 2019

- 7 Barnabas Groupö - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 27 MEMORIAL DAY (Assoc. Office Closed)

MARK YOUR SUMMER CALENDARS!

BBA Childrenö Summer Camps at Hicita
June 26 - 29, 2019



Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
NORTH AMERICAN
MISSIONS
MARCH 3-10, 2019

More info at AAEO@namb.net