

Bethel
Baptist
Association

March

“Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ”

the **BETHEL NEWSLETTER 2020**

Sunday, March 22nd 5:00 pm

Cuthbert First Baptist Church

Bethel
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Association's

Annual Spring Meeting



Guest Speaker: Thomas Hammond
Executive Director of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board

Missionary Musings



We just completed an awesome weekend with our “**On Mission Connection**” (World Missions Conference). Our 14 guest missionaries from the Southern Baptist IMB (International Mission Board) and NAMB (North American Mission Board) as well as our own Georgia Baptist Mission Board were all tremendous blessings sent from God! We praise Him for the marvelous work that these missionaries and their co-laborers are doing all around the world!

We had a great time at the **Mission Fair** on Saturday morning, with 60 people in attendance from 12 different churches. On Saturday evening, we enjoyed a delicious “Bagby buffet”, uplifting musical entertainment and inspiring testimonies from three of our guest missionaries at the **Missions Banquet**. And on Sunday, February 23rd, our missionaries spoke at 20 of our Bethel Association churches. As I write this column, the praise reports are still

coming in from those churches. It was truly a great weekend, and our great God gets all the glory!

A World Missions Conference like this can not come together without many of God’s people contributing their special gifts and abilities. I want to express a special word of thanks to **Edison Baptist Church** for hosting our Missions Fair and to **Meghan Williams** and **Kathy Hardwick** for writing, designing, and assembling our children’s activity guide for the Missions Fair.

I’d also like to thank **Richard and Aleda Ward** for our use of “The Hub” for our missionaries Saturday luncheon, and the events staff at **George T. Bagby State Park and Lodge** for their wonderful service. We appreciate so much the “**Balkcom Sisters**” (Cynthia’s grands!) and **Ian Hudspeth** for sharing their musical talents with us on Saturday evening. And thanks to **Georgetown Baptist Church** and **David & Gay Crowdis** for providing housing for three of our missionary guys over the weekend. **Morgan Baptist Church** and **Morris Baptist Church** also made special contributions toward our missionaries’ lodging expenses. And finally, thanks to our 20 churches which hosted our missionary speakers for Sunday services. May God continue to bless you all!

As you can see from the many special events being promoted in this edition of the **Bethel News**, we are not letting up in our missions activity here in the Bethel Association in the coming month, either. I pray that you will each find a place to “plug in” to be a part of God’s kingdom - building

Everyday Discipleship Evangelism Making Conference

Friday-Saturday
April 3 & 4

Bluffton Baptist Church

activities right here in our own communities in these weeks leading up to Resurrection Sunday.

And don’t forget to join us on Sunday evening, **March 22nd** at **Cuthbert First Baptist Church** for our annual **Spring Meeting!** We are privileged to have **Thomas Hammond**, Executive Director of our Georgia Baptist Mission board, as our speaker for the evening. You won’t want to miss it!

Blessings,

Bro. James



Bethel Baptist Association
Missions Coordinating
Committee

Thursday, April 23
Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm

Requests for New Work Fund assistance must be in to the BBA Office by Tuesday, April 21st.



VBS Workshop

Join us!

March 8th @ 2 pm

New Bethel BC

Win Prizes

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Jan. 30, - Feb. 26, 2020

Arlington	754.00
Bethel	
Beulah	
Blakely FBC	1,241.92
Bluffton	410.55
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	435.31
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	374.71
Edison	112.00
Enterprise	400.00
Faith	
Fort Gaines	1,145.16
Georgetown	833.32
Leary	171.83
Milford	970.00
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	42.53
Mt. Hebron	
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	
New Hope	74.88
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	500.00
Shellman FBC	250.00
Shiloh	833.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	226.70
Springvale	
Vilulah	50.00
Individuals	50.00
TOTAL	9,613.41
Balances Feb. 26, 2020	
General Fund	7,899.26
Designated Fund	18,686.23
New Work Fund	7,684.89



Saturday, March 28th
 Courthouse Square, Blakely
BBA will need volunteers to work one hour at our **Baby Changing Station Outreach**.

TUESDAY, MAR. 10TH @ 10:30 AM
PASTOR'S
EVANGELISM
 TRAINING
 w/Tim Williams, Associational Office

First Baptist Church of Blakely Ladies Event

Thursday March 19th at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$10 each and includes a delicious meal. Door prizes will be given away. Kaye Blalock will be the speaker, her theme is **Joy**. Please contact the church office at 229-723-3448 for more ticket information.

First Baptist Blakely Men's Event

Monday March 16th at 6:00pm
 Fellowship hall/Includes a meal.
 Guest Speaker: Royce Railey
 RSVP (229-723-3448)

Shiloh Baptist Church
 Saturday, Mar. 14 @ 6 pm



Blakely Youth Sunday, March 29th

Guest Speaker: Richard Ross, professor of student ministry & J.M. Price Chair of Religious Education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; 9:30 am parents/guardians session; 10:30 am youth emphasis worship & message followed by lunch then a youth & parent session. Please call the church office by March 22nd for lunch reservations (229-723-3448).

Enterprise Baptist Church Choir "In Calvary's Shadow" A Tenebrae Service

Thursday, April 9th @ & 7 pm
 This is a deeply moving service of Jesus' journey from betrayal through crucifixion.

All of the community is invited!
 Sunrise Service Easter 7:30 am



Barnabas Group Meeting

Tuesday, March 3 @ 11 am
 Association Office

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2020

- 3 "Barnabas Group" - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 8 Assoc. VBS Clinic - New Bethel BC, 2 pm
(Daylight Savings Time begins)
- 10 Pastor's Evangelism Training w/Tim Williams - Assoc. Office, 10:30 am
- 22 BBA Spring Meeting - Cuthbert FBC, 5 pm
- 28 "Peanut Proud" (Festival Outreach) - Courthouse Square, Blakely

April 2020

- 3-4 Assoc. Evangelism/Discipleship Conference - Bluffton BC
- 7 "Barnabas Group" Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 12 EASTER
- 13 "Christmas Backpacks 2020" Planning Mtg. - Assoc. Office, 7 pm
- 23 Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 27 Administrative Team - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm

May 2020

- 5 "Barnabas Group" - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 25 MEMORIAL DAY (Assoc. Office Closed)



SAVE THE DATES!

BBA Summer Camp - June 24-27