

The Bethel News

Associational VBS Clinic

Tuesday Evening,
May 1st

Enterprise Baptist Church
7:00 PM



This clinic is for ALL workers in ALL churches in the Association.

No pre-registration is required...just come and be inspired!

The event is FUN-FILLED... PRACTICAL...and

FREE!!!!

Schedule:

Opening Session: 7:00-7:25

Breakout Sessions: 7:30-8:15

Preschool

1st-3rd Grade

4th-6th Grade

Youth

Director

Music

Missions

Crafts

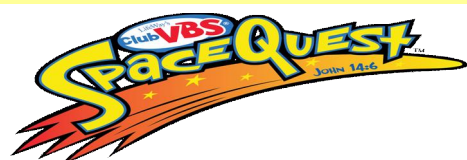
Space Quest

Recreation

Snacks

Please Note:

There will a breakout session dealing with the "Club VBS: Space Quest" curriculum option.



Missionary Musings

Nearly a month has passed now since our “**Spring Renewal**” services were held in Cuthbert and Blakely. We have **almost** recovered physically from the effort, and now have **almost** all of the bills paid associated with those events. With the added perspective that a little time gives, allow me to make some general observations:

1. It takes a lot of **prayer**, a lot of **people**, and a lot of old-fashioned **work** to pull together regional meetings of this sort. Space will not allow me to list the names of everyone who contributed their valuable time and energies to these special meetings (and I am sure I would forget someone!), but I must give special recognition to our Evangelism Team Leader, Bro. **Preston Wilson**, for his tireless efforts over the past several weeks and months to see this vision become reality. Preston was especially instrumental in the logistics of putting up and taking down the huge tent for the Blakely-area meetings.
2. The Lord sent some of His choicest servants to minister to us in song and through the Word. **Joe and Kim Stanley, Dennis Nunn, Reginald Calvert**, and the **Reggie Saddler Family** blessed us beyond measure while they were with us, and I pray that we were a blessing to them as well.
3. It takes **lost people** in attendance at a crusade to have an evangelistic harvest. Although the Gospel was sung and preached clearly at these meetings, **we** (myself included) did a poor job of getting our lost and unchurched friends, family members and neighbors to the meetings. The end result was that Christians (who attended) were edified and inspired, but there were no salvation decisions recorded.

Am I disappointed with the attendance and the results? Yes. Do I regret having spent the effort and resources that went into these meetings? Not at all! Brother Preston and I both agreed that we followed the Lord’s leading, as best we understood it throughout the process. We believe and trust that there will yet be fruit from this special emphasis. In the meantime, we commit ourselves to the task of praying and working for a revival and spiritual awakening to take hold in our area.

Our speaker at the Spring Meeting, **David Franklin**, said it best: **No more puny prayers!**

Will you join us?

Bro. James

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Pastor’s Mission Trip Assistance

With the approval at our Spring Meeting of the guidelines and application process, funds are now available from the Bethel Association to assist our pastors in going on association or church-sponsored **mission trips** to any location outside the geographical area of the Bethel Association.

Up to \$500 each is available from the missions budget of the Association for pastors desiring financial assistance for a mission trip. This assistance will be granted to an individual pastor no more than once every five years. Contact the Associational Office for a copy of the guidelines and application form.

Ministerial Dental Care

Grant funding has enabled the Baptist Mobile Health Ministry to offer dental assistance at no charge to ministerial staff and their spouses who do not have dental insurance or the financial means to obtain dental care. Services offered are dental hygiene, x-rays, restoration (fillings, both silver and tooth colored), and extractions.

Care will be offered May 31-July 2 at Abilene BC in Martinez, GA; Sept. 18-19 at GBC Conference Center in Toccoa, GA at the Pastors Wellness Retreat; and Oct. 8-9 at the Pastors Wellness Retreat at the GBC Conference Center in Norman Park, GA.

For more information contact the Associational Office at 229-835-2887.

Congratulations to...

... our newly elected Associational Officers and Team Leaders:

Ben McFather (Moderator)

Phil Thomas (Vice-Moderator)

Alida Ward (Service Ministry Team Leader)

Michael Williams (Ministry Team Leader)

We still have vacancies for Evangelism Team Leader, Fellowship Leader, and Men's Ministry Specialist.



.... **Gerald Kirby**, pastor of Beulah Baptist Church, who recently won the **preaching competition** at Baptist College of Florida in Graceville. Gerald will preach in Chapel at BCF on May 1st, and will graduate May 11th.

Well done!

Church News:



Arlington Baptist Church has called **Daniel Brodie** to serve as their **Minister of Music and Students**. Daniel and his wife, Tina, with sons Jeffrey and Sean, will begin at Arlington BC around the first of June.

Cuthbert First Baptist has called **Tommy Youmans** as their **Minister of Music and Discipleship**. Bro Tommy began serving on Easter Sunday, April 8th. Tommy and his wife, Jana, have a daughter, Joy.

Cuthbert First Baptist has also called **Ben Crowdis** as their **Minister of Youth**. Ben serves along with his wife Kim and little girl, Kenzie. They began February 20th.

Attention!

The next quarterly meeting of the **Missions Coordinating Committee** will be **Monday, May 21st**, at **7PM** at the Association Office. All project proposals and New Work Fund requests must be turned into the office by Thursday, May 17th in order to receive consideration at this meeting.

This will be the first meeting of the Missions Coordinating committee under the new structure. The MCC now consists of the following members (dates in parentheses are years of rotating off): Ben McFather (2013), David Wilson (2013); T.J. Bennett (2014), George Hartley (2014); Phil Thomas (2015), Flinn Gregory (2015).

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

March 29, 2012 thru
April 24, 2012

Arlington	593.20
Bethel	
Beulah	
Blakely FBC	1447.90
Bluffton	241.52
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	370.56
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	359.69
Edison	109.60
Enterprise	
Faith	
Fort Gaines	674.76
Georgetown	416.67
Leary	248.36
Milford	618.00
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	
Mt. Hebron	609.14
Mt. Vernon	310.58
New Bethel	
New Hope	583.36
New Zion	
Rehobeth	
Salem	38.36
Shellman FBC	
Shiloh	
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	253.08
Springvale	
Vilulah	
TOTAL	8,372.06
Balances	
General Fund	25,693.46
Designated Fund	4,683.38
New Work Fund	18,621.94
World Missions Conf.	2,539.55

Thank You

Calendar of Events

May

- 1 ASSOC. VBS CLINIC (all workers)- Enterprise BC, 7PM
- 1-3 Bro. James away at NOBTS Seminar
- 8 %BARNABAS+GROUP- Assoc. Office, 11 AM
- 14 NEW ZION STEERING COMMITTEE- Freeman Rd, 7PM
- 20-27 ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS EMPHASIS WEEK
- 21 MISSIONS COORDINATING COMM.- Assoc. Office, 7PM
- 22 RETIREMENT PLANNING WORKSHOP with Keith Hamilton- Assoc. Office, 9:30 AM
- 24-25 %LEADERSHIP ENCOUNTER+ Mallary Assoc. Office (Albany)
- 28 Memorial Day (Assoc. Office Closed)

June

- 19-20 SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION- New Orleans
- 21 Deadline for all Summer Camp Registrations
- 25-27 CAMP CRESCENDO (Children's Music Camp)
Cuthbert FBC, 9 AM-12 Noon
- 25 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE- Assoc. Office, 7 PM

July

- 1 Independence Day (Assoc. Office Closed)
- 11-13 DAY CAMP- Camp Okitayankani, 9:30-3:30 PM
- 11-14 CHILDREN'S OVERNIGHT CAMP- Camp Okitayankani,
(Camp begins Weds. Morning & ends at Noon on Sat.)

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