

"Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ"

May 2017

Children's Summer Camps 2017

Kolomoki Mounds State Park Camp Hicita

Day Campers-June 21-23 ages 4 thru completed 2nd grade, Cost: \$40

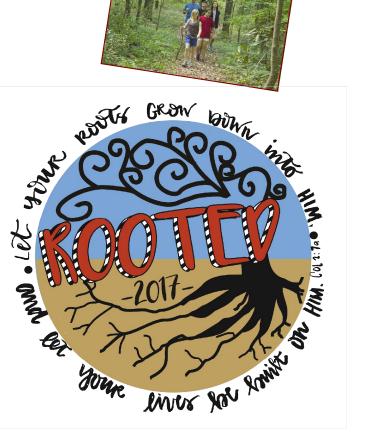
Overnighters-June 21-24 completed 3rd grade thru 7th grade, Cost: \$70



Summer Camp Planning Meeting

Sunday, May 21st @ 2:30 pm Associational Office







Missionary Musings

Time marches on, and soon another school year will be drawing to a close. I am always reminded of the fleeting nature of time around this

season of the year, because it was in April of 1999 that I came to Southwest Georgia to serve as missionary for the Bethel Baptist Association. God has richly blessed me and my family during these first 18 years as we have witnessed a family of churches work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation for the spread of the Gospel from our own communities to %the ends of the earth.+

Year #19 promises to be an exciting one, as well, with our Children's Summer Camps returning to Kolomoki, and our partnership with the Georgia Baptist Mission Board in offering "Backpacks of Hope" to the children of our six counties this Christmas Season. As we have sent volunteer mission teams across our nation and around the world over the past 18 years, we have been praying that others would see the great missions needs in our area of Georgia, and that someday the Bethel Association could become a missions

destination+as well as a sending point for worldwide missions. With the 2017 % Backpacks of Hope+for children in Appalachia and Southwest Georgia project, I feel that we are beginning to see that vision become a reality. Let me encourage you to do all that you and your church can to promote and participate in this groundbreaking missions project for our area this year. If you have any questions about how and where you can help, please contact our Mission Team Leaders. Kenny and Melanie Williams, or Maackpacks of Hope+ the coordinator (s) for your county:

Appalachian project. We hope and pray that some long-term partnerships between Bethel Association churches and other churches throughout Georgia will develop as a result of this short-term project.

Thank you all again for 18 wonderful years. Let trust God for even greater things in the days ahead!

In His Service,

Bro. James

Early County - Darrell and Sondra Alexander Clay County - Heather Harrell Calhoun County - Martha Bell and Becky Avera Baker County - Karin Tabb Randolph County - Ben and Kim Crowdis Quitman County - Lisa Hagler

Georgia Baptistsq statewide goal for collecting backpacks for distribution within the Bethel Baptist Association this Christmas season is **5,200 backpacks**. Soon you will be seeing publicity from the Georgia Baptist Mission Board appearing statewide, encouraging Baptist Churches all over Georgia to participate in this as well as the



Memorial Day Monday, May 29th LET MEMORIAL DAY BE A DAY TO COUNT OUR BLESSINGS AND REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVE TO PROTECT OUR COUNTRY AND OUR FREEDOM

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What does the Cord require of you. but to do justice. love kindness and walk humbly before your God.

Micah 6:8

"Barnabas" Group Meeting Tuesday, May 9 11:00 am. Assoc. Office

UPDATE on our Special Offering

for Bethel Associational Missionsí Received to date: **\$5,545.00** (our 2017 Special Offering Goal was \$6,000.00) Praise the Lord and thank you all for your partnership in the Gospel!

Bethel Baptist Association Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, June 26th, Assoc. Office at 7 pm



 To the following churches for earning certificates of
 recognition from the Georgia Baptist Mission Board for 2016 (based on information turned in on the 2016 ACR):

Bethel Baptist Association's...
-Largest contribution to the Cooperative Program Cuthbert First Baptist Church
-Largest percentage contributor to the Cooperative Program Milford Baptist Church
-Leading contributor per resident member to the Cooperative Program Bluffton Baptist Church
-Largest contributor to the 2016 State Missions Offering Cuthbert Baptist Church
-Leading contributor per resident member to the 2016 State Missions Offering Morris Baptist Church
-Leading contributor per resident member to the 2016 State Missions Offering Southside Baptist Church

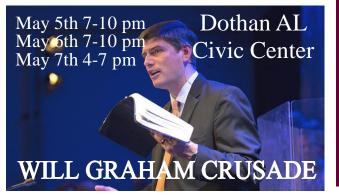
-Leading ratio of baptisms to resident members New Zion Baptist Church

177th Homecoming Anniversary

Shiloh Baptist Church

Fort Gaines, GA

Sunday, May 7th 11:00 am (covered dish fellowship 12 noon)



CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS Mar. 30 - Apr. 20

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Mar. 30 - Apr. 20	
Arlington	690.00
Bethel	
Beulah	324.74
Blakely FBC	1,227.49
Bluffton	
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	335.01
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	291.24
Edison	127.20
Enterprise	1,192.96
Faith	
Fort Gaines	1,612.66
Georgetown	
Leary	146.54
Milford	
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	
Mt. Hebron	
Mt. Vernon	276.21
New Bethel	
New Hope	60.83
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	
Shellman FBC	300.00
Shiloh	708.00
Southside	340.00
Sowhatchee	384.14
Springvale	
Vilulah	50.00
Individuals	
TOTAL	8,579.52
Balances Apr. 20 (2017)	
General Fund	21,523.85
Designated Fund	75,203.99
New Work Fund	7,521.77





<u>May</u>

- 5-7 Will Graham Crusade in Dothan, AL.
- 9 %Barnabas+Group Assoc. Office 11 am
- 21 Camp Planning Meeting Associational Office, 11 am
- 25 Deadline for All BBA Camp Reservations!
- 29 MEMORIAL DAY (Assoc. Office Closed)

<u>June</u>

- 5-11 Bro. James away on Vacation
- 21-24 BBA Childrence Camps Group Camp Hicita, Kolomoki Mounds State Park
- 26 Executive Committee Assoc. Office, 7 pm

<u>July</u>

4 INDEPENDENCE DAY (Assoc. Office Closed)



Upcoming Events