

"Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ"

May 2018

The Bethel News



Bethel Baptist Association

Children's SUMMER CAMPS

Camp Hicita at Kolomoki Mounds

Don't Miss Out

DAY CAMP

Dates: June 27th - 29th
Who: ages 4 to completed 2nd Grade
Times: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

OVERNIGHT CAMP

Dates: June 27th - 30th
Who: completed 3rd - 7th grades
Times: 8:30 am, Wed. - Sat. noon
(sign-in between 7:30-8:30 am on Wednesday)

Day Camp
Cost: \$60
Overnight Camp
Cost: \$85

Register with the Bethel Baptist Association office by Thurs., June 7 Include \$20 non-refundable deposit with your registration form.

Deadline for Registration June 7th

Register @ 229-835-2887 or bethelassociation.com



Monday, May 28, 2018

"Missionary Musings"

What a great time we had with our associational family of churches+ at our **Annual Spring Meeting in Leary!** I was very encouraged by the good attendance on a day marked by unpredictable Spring weatherō we know of **108 people** who were present, from **22** different **churches** throughout the Bethel Association.

Although we only had time to give about one week's notice, the impromptu collection of household cleaning supplies for **Rehoboth Ranch** was a big success, and the guys took home a busload of needed supplies. They also left a busload+of blessings with all of us as they shared in our worship time and led the congregation in singing 10,000 Reasons+to bless the Lord for all His goodness! It was one of the most Spirit-led worship times I have ever experienced in an associational meeting (and I have been to a lot of them!)

Our guest preacher, **Larry Wynn**, challenged us all from Psalm 126 to do whatever it takes+to reach the next generation of preschoolers, children, and students in our churches. Many of our pastors and other church leaders renewed their commitment to do just that as we closed out the meeting with a time of personal response.

We also received an offering that evening of **\$766.21**, which has been sent to our bank as an extra payment on the principle of our remaining debt. This payment puts us on track to have all of the debt paid off by the Fall Meeting. Praise the Lord!

Finally, we always take care of one important business item at our Spring Meeting, and that is the **election of new officers**, team

leaders, and committee members for the next twelve months. Our Nominating Committee did a great job this year, and I am excited about working with the new slate of volunteer leaders which they presented in their report to the Spring Meeting.

We have had several leaders rotate off or to otherwise not be able to continue serving this year, so allow me to introduce you to our new Bethel Baptist Associational leaders:

-T.J. Bennett has completed two terms as **Moderator**, and so now Bro. **Chris Holdorf**, Pastor of Morgan Baptist Church, moves up to that position. Thank you, Bro. T.J. for your faithful and gracious leadership!

-Our **new Vice-Moderator** will be Bro. **Michael Williams**, Pastor of the Bluffton Baptist Church.

-On the Strengthening Churches Team, Bro. **Jeremy Jordan** from Blakely 1st Baptist takes over as **Music Specialist**.

-Mrs. **Gay Crowdis**, from New Bethel Church, is our new **VBS Specialist**.

-**Gay** and her husband **David Crowdis** will also serve as our new **Evangelism Team Leaders**,

-and **Darrell and Sondra Alexander** of New Zion Church will now serve as **Ministry/ Mission Team Leaders**.

We have two new Age-Group Coordinators this year:

-Bro. **Chris Sumner** from Southside Church will work with **Preschool/Children's Ministries**,

-and Bro. **Bradley Crews** from Blakely 1st will work with **Youth Ministries**.

We also welcome two new members to the **Missions Coordinating Committee**, as Bro. Kermit Soileau and Mrs. Karin Tabb have

rotated off. The new members of the Missions Coordinating Committee are: Pastor **Keith Alderman** of Blakely 1st Baptist, and Mrs. **Cathy Arnold** from Morgan. They will each serve a three year term until 2021.

-**Scott Peavy** from Faith Baptist Church is our new **Trustee** (term to expire in 2021), as Bro. Larry Shellhouse has completed his three-year term.

-Jack Watson moves up to Chairman, and Bill Stone rounds out the Board of Trustees.

Please pray for all of these new leaders as well as our returning veterans,+as we work together to plan, promote, and implement a complete program of Associational Ministry which will glorify our Lord and will strengthen (our) churches in sharing Christ.+And pray for the Lord to raise up new leaders to fill our two remaining vacancies in **Sunday School** and **Senior Adult Ministries**.

In His will, in His timeō

Bro. James



let your
faith
BE BIGGER
than your fear.



CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

March 22 - April 25, 2018

**Children's
SUMMER
CAMPS**
Camp Hicita at Kolomoki Mounds

Summer Camp Planning
Meeting
Sunday, May 20th @ 2:30 pm
Associational Office

Barnabas Group Mtg. - Tuesday, May 1st @ 11 am
Rehoboth Ranch

Next Missions Coordinating Committee Meeting...

will be Monday, July 16, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Associational Office. All project Proposals and/or New Work Fund requests for this Committee should be submitted to the BBA Office by Thursday, July 12th.

Shiloh Baptist Church is pleased to present the **Ellen Crozier Memorial Scholarship for Music Students**. Shiloh Baptist Church is establishing the scholarship with the GB Foundation for the Bethel Baptist Associational area. Ms. Ellen was a longtime member and pianist at SBC. She was an example of commitment and dedication to our Lord. She was actively playing the piano up to 2 weeks before her passing. To make donations to the fund, contact Shiloh Baptist Church @ 229-768-3391 or email - shilohbcga@aol.com



Shiloh Baptist Church **H+MECOMING**

May 6th @ 11 am; Covered Dish Fellowship @ noon
CELEBRATING 178 YEARS



To the family of Linda and Jeff Hines, on the passing of Linda's mother, Dot Cheney, on March 27th. Ms. Dot was a long-time, faithful member of Morgan Baptist Church. Jeff is Pastor of Fort Gaines Baptist Church.

Arlington	625.02
Bethel	308.24
Beulah	278.94
Blakely FBC	1,690.35
Bluffton	377.09
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	382.49
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	302.58
Edison	125.30
Enterprise	1,228.43
Faith	1,500.00
Fort Gaines	737.20
Georgetown	416.66
Leary	
Milford	581.00
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	
Mt. Hebron	200.00
Mt. Vernon	215.16
New Bethel	
New Hope	81.12
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	44.01
Shellman FBC	200.00
Shiloh	708.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	203.25
Springvale	
Vilulah	50.00
TOTAL	10,992.34
Balances April 25 (2018)	
General Fund	17,030.83
Designated Fund	8,895.93
New Work Fund	7,570.86

Thank you!

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Upcoming

EVENTS

May 2018

- 1 ðBarnabasö Group - Rehoboth Ranch, 11 am
- 14 Administrative Team - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 20 Camp Planning Meeting - Assoc. Office, 2:30 pm
- 28 MEMORIAL DAY (Assoc. Office Closed)

June 2018

- 7 Deadline for all Camp Registrations
- 11-17 Bro. James on Vacation
- 18 Executive Committee - Assoc. Office, 7 pm
- 26 Camp Staff Orientation and Set-up - Camp Hicita 6 pm
- 27-29 Day Camp - Camp Hicita, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
- 27-30 Overnight Camp - Camp Hicita, 8:30 am Wednesday - 12 noon Saturday

July 2018

- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY (Assoc. Office closed)
- 16 Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm



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7th
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