

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy

longer any sea. I saw the Holy
City, the new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven
from God, prepared as a bride
beautifully dressed for her
husband. And I heard a loud
voice from the thronesaying,
"Look! God's dwelling place is
now among the people, and he
will dwell with them. They will
be his people, and God himself
will be with them and be their

God.

REVELATION 21:1-3

THE GRACEFUL CHAPTER

# Happy New Year

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.



Numbers 6: 24-26

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Bethel Baptist Association,

It is a new year! I want to see God do miraculous and glorious things in our association and all our churches. I believe it is time for a new commitment in serving the Lord, a new dedication to worship and the Word of God, a new faithfulness in our being a witness for the Lord Jesus, and a renewed passion for reaching the lost. The church has languished in fear and apathy far too long, and many have become lukewarm towards the Lord and His church. Start this year off with a renewed commitment to make church a priority and to be on mission for Jesus.

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. Philippians 3:13-15

Leave the Past in the Past (failures and successes)
Look to the Future that lies ahead (anticipate the things God has in store)
Lean toward the goal that God has set for us (to finish well)
Live seeking spiritual maturity (get our eyes off ourselves and on Him)

We have things to do! Let's get busy!

God Bless and Happy New year to you all!

Bro. Jim



# Pastors Day at the Georgia State Capitol Thursday, January 26, 2023

7:30 am - 2:00 pm \$15 for breakfast; \$15 for lunch; \$30 for both

Floyd Room, Sloppy Floyd Building 200 Piedmont Ave SW, Atlanta, GA 30334

DEADLINE JAN. 12th; Register on line!



#### Brothers,

I just wanted to get this on your radar. Last year we held this event aimed at bivocational pastors and bivo and volunteer music and youth leaders. Our people loved it. This year we have another lineup of great leaders to help with bivocational and volunteer ministry.

We have:

Christ Trent: Next Gen GBMB
Danny James: Music Gillionville

**Byron Ednes**: Brewton Parker's head of the Bivocational program and a bivo himself.

Steve Foster: GBMA Evangelism and more. \$15.00 (lunch and materials are included)

Nov. 30. - Dec. 21. 2022

#### Shiloh Winter Revival with Evangelist Kent York



Sunday, January 29 @ 11:00 am Jan. 29, 30, 31 @ 6:00 pm Wednesday, Feb. 1st @ 7:00 pm

Continually proclaiming The Word

Using a mixture of humor and poignant truth, the word of God comes alive every service in his messages- to ignite and challenge the Church family! Kent has traveled over a million miles to different countries and people groups. God continues to use Kent as an instrument to share the message of Jesus

Christ to a lost world, igniting hearts and changing lives.





Monday, January 16th 7 pm BBA Office



## **Missions Coordination Team Meeting**

Tuesday, January 10th @ 6:30 pm BBA Office

#### **Disaster Relief Introduction**

**Session 1**: Jan.20 Friday Night (6:30 - 9:00 pm) **Session 2**: Jan. 21 Saturday,(8:00 - 10:00 am)

Register: online <u>www.gbcdisasterrelief.org</u>

Deadline is Jan. 15 Columbus, GA





GA Baptist Disaster Relief Trailer: We have been given the opportunity to have the first Disaster Relief trailer in our state. The trailer is being donated as a gift from the GA Baptist Foundation. We have set up a fund to equip the trailer with hot water heaters, dryers and washers as well as the wiring and plumbing. Please give to the Bethel Baptist Disaster Relief trailer fund. We also are trying to sched-

ule a disaster relief training in our association in the new year. We will keep you updated on the progress of receiving the trailer and the finds received.

Thank you for your cooperation

Nov. 30, - Dec. 2	•
Arlington	555.00
Bethel	158.88
Beulah	
Blakely FBC	1,922.65
Bluffton	575.36
Carnegie	
Coleman Colomokee	270.90
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	
Edison	115.50
Enterprise	
Faith	
Fort Gaines	635.70
Georgetown	833.32
Leary	112.68
Milford	660.00
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	83.08
Mt. Hebron	250.00
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	
New Hope	105.81
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	78.30
Shellman FBC	250.00
Shiloh	708.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	219.33
Springvale	100.00
Vilulah	50.00
Individuals	50.00
Georgia Baptist Con.	23.00
TOTAL	8,472.01
Balances Dec. 22, 2022	
General Fund	137,912.62
Designated Fund	31,733.84
New Work Fund	7,770.04

## Shiloh Baptist Church

is looking to hire a Family Youth/Children's Minister. Someone who would bring a vision, & energy as we seek to share the Gospel with the next generation. Please send resume to 1974 Cottonhill Rd. Fort Gaines, GA 39851 or email to shilohbcga@aol.com.

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Serving the churches of Bethel Baptist Association as we strive to reach the World for Jesus!

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# Announcements and Upcoming Events

#### **January**

- 1 Happy New Years
- 10 Missions Coordination Team Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- Executive Committee Meeting @ 7 pm; BBA Office
- 20 Georgia Disaster Relief Introduction (6:30 9:00 pm)
- 21 Georgia DRI (8:00 10:00 am)
- Pastor's Day at the Georgia State Capital (7:30 am 2:00 pm)
- Train-YOU-Ary for Pastors, Music Leaders, & Youth Leaders

## **February**

26-27 Georgia Baptist Evangelism Conference, Central Warner Robins

#### March

Peanut Proud Festival (no date yet)