

Bethel Baptist Association

November 2020

“Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ”

HAPPY
Thanksgiving

the **BETHEL NEWSLETTER 2020**



Georgia Baptist Mission Board Annual Meeting



Ingleside Baptist Church in Macon 9 am - 6 pm

REGISTER ONLINE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR THE 2020 GBC ANNUAL MEETING.

The meeting will be a one-day event on Monday, November 9 at Ingleside Baptist Church in Macon. We are adjusting the schedule this year out of concern for the health of Georgia Baptists. By registering early (**prior to November 2**), you will help streamline the check-in process onsite, allowing Georgia Baptist staff to pre-package your name badge and other materials that you'll receive when you check-in.

AN ADDITIONAL STEP TO HELP WITH REGISTRATION:

On the day of the annual meeting at Ingleside, please consider arriving early to check-in between 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., then you can go to lunch and return in time for the 1 p.m. start of the meeting. This will also help expedite the onsite check-in process.

Each congregation qualifies for a different number of messengers based on Cooperative Program giving in 2019. According to Article II of our Constitution, mission congregations may request messengers to be registered through their sponsoring church as they do not qualify for messengers directly.

Questions? Contact helpdesk@gabaptist.org or call Kevin Wilson at 770-936-5294. Information regarding the 2020 Annual Meeting can be found here: gabaptist.org/annualmeeting.

Moderator's Musings

As Brother James continues to learn how to be retired, we will attempt to keep everyone informed on the happenings of the association.

Please continue praying for the members of the AMS Search Committee as the Lord draws them to the next AMS for the Bethel Association. Also, please pray for the one who the Lord is preparing for this service to Christ and the churches of this association.

I appreciate everyone who attended the Fall Meeting, the staff and members of First Baptist Church in Blakely who hosted the meeting, and the opportunity to gather as a family and worship God. In conjunction with the Fall Meeting every year we also receive the collection for the GA Baptist Children's Homes. A special thank you to the Durhams and the fellows of Rehoboth Ranch for receiving the items collected and packing those into the U-Haul for delivery to Warm Springs. The Lord worked greatly through the members and churches of the association to provide "just what they needed and just in time," according to Byron Smith who welcomed the load of items and gift cards with heartfelt appreciation.

As the holiday season approaches I hope you remember the certainty of the assurance of salvation God has graciously bestowed on His children regardless of the uncertainty which exists in this world. One thing is for sure, the people of God have plenty of reasons for giving thanks to the Lord.

BBA Moderator

Michael Williams



(Next meeting will be in
January 2021!)

Dear Book-Link Friends,

We are in the middle of changes here at the Gregory household. In November Flinn's mother died at the age of 98 in the home which was built as a place for her to be born. We are now in the process of moving from GA to AL to this home where Flinn was raised.

We will be continuing to collect material for Book-Link from our new address (PO box 97, 1305 Lee Street, Rutledge, AL 36071) and to deliver these materials to the home office in Eubank, KY to be sent overseas to our missionaries. You already know, it cost 50 cents a pound for us to send materials in the shipping containers to various countries.

Which brings us to our current problem. We have stored in GA over 15,000 + pounds of materials which we have received without any funds to take them to the home office or to pay for shipping them overseas. Our new home does not have a storage place for us to store these materials and Flinn and I (being seniors on a fixed income) cannot provide the funds needed. Would there be any way you could help with this one time request for shipping funds for these stored materials?

The materials we are currently collecting and sending will not require storing since we no longer accept materials without funding. We need your help so these stored materials will not be wasted.

Thank you for praying about this Southwest GA Book-Link need with us and for helping in any amount you can.

Eternally Grateful to Jesus,

Flinn & Ikey
Gregory





The Bethel Baptist Association, located in southwest Georgia, is in the process of calling a full-time Associational Mission Strategist. This SBC association currently serves 6 rural counties and 34 affiliated churches. The applicant should have at least 5 years of experience with an SBC church or agency and affirm the Baptist Faith and Message 2000. Please email resumes to BethelSearchTeam@gmail.com or mail a hard copy to Bethel Baptist Association c/o Search Committee at P.O. Box 398, Edison, GA 39846 by Oct. 30, 2020. Visit the Bethel Baptist Association's website at bethelassociation.com for more information.

Pray for the Associational Mission Strategist Search Committee!

- Cathy Arnold** - (Morgan Baptist Church)
- Ryan Lancaster - Chairman**, (Arlington Baptist Church)
- Chris Sumner** - (Southside Baptist Church) Blakely
- Karin Tabb** - (Milford Baptist Church)



“BBA Christmas Backpacks” 2020

<u>County</u>	<u>Coordinator(s)</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Baker	Karin Tabb	229-254-2041
	Beth Bush	229-336-3275
Calhoun	James Holloway	229-723-1375
Clay	Linda Hines	334-740-3083
Early	Darrell Alexander	229-308-2183
	Sondra Alexander	229-308-2939
Quitman	James Holloway	229-723-1375
Randolph	Lee Wright	229-310-0984
	Katie Wright	229-310-1029

NOTE: We will not be receiving Backpacks for the general GBMB collection at our office this year! Please take any undesignated Backpacks to the SW Ga. Collection point: Cross View Baptist Church - 320 W. 20th Street, Tifton, GA 31794.

- Tuesday, Nov. 3rd:** 10 am-1 pm
- Wednesday, Nov. 4th:** 10 am-12 pm
- Thursday, Nov. 5th:** 10 am-12 pm & 1-2:30 pm



CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

September 24, - October 21, 2020

Arlington	1,228.00
Bethel	
Beulah	
Blakely FBC	1,586.33
Bluffton	302.75
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	372.51
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	481.21
Edison	95.00
Enterprise	1,168.76
Faith	1,875.00
Fort Gaines	656.18
Georgetown	833.32
Leary	
Milford	
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	
Mt. Hebron	200.00
Mt. Vernon	266.73
New Bethel	240.00
New Hope	28.75
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	
Shellman FBC	500.00
Shiloh	833.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhattee	402.00
Springvale	100.00
Vilulah	50.00
Individuals	50.00
TOTAL	12,007.04
Balances Oct. 21	
General Fund	17,755.84
Designated Fund	10,375.70
New Work Fund	7,707.15



“Barnabas” Group Prayer
 Associational Office
 Tuesday, Nov. 3 at 11:00 AM

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November 2020

- 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends (set clocks back on Saturday night)
- 3 "Barnabas" Group Meeting at 11:00 am; Assoc. Office
- ELECTION DAY**
- 5 Association Mission Strategist Search Committee at 6:30 pm: Assoc. Office
- 9 Georgia Baptist Convention - Ingleside BC, Macon
- 16 Administrative Team - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 25-27 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS (Office Closed)

December 2020

- 12 Ministers'/Spouses' Christmas Fellowship - Faith BC, 5 pm
- 24-31 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (office closed)

January 2021

- 1 Happy New Years
- 5 "Barnabas" Group Meeting at 11:00 am; Assoc. Office
- 25 Executive Committee Meeting at 7:00 pm: Assoc. Office