



November 2017 The Bethel News

give thanks For The Lord Is Good

"Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ"



2017 GEORGIA BAPTIST CONVENTION

196th Annual Meeting • North Metro First Baptist Church, Lawrenceville • November 12-14

"The harvest truly is plentiful..." Matthew 9:37

SPEAKERS



J. Robert White



David Platt



Thomas Hammond



Robby Foster



Anthony George



Frank Cox

HOST PASTOR

SUN
NOV 12

PRE-CONVENTION INSPIRATIONAL RALLY 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Missions Inspiration Message -
J. Robert White,
Executive Director,
Georgia Baptist Mission Board
Inspirational Message -
David Platt, President,
International Mission Board, SBC

TUES
NOV 14

ANNUAL MEETING SESSION 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Executive Committee Report -
Mike Stone, Chairman,
Emmanuel Baptist Church,
Blackshear and J. Robert White
Doctrinal Sermon - Anthony George,
First Baptist Church, Atlanta

MON
NOV 13

ANNUAL MEETING SESSION 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Presidents Message -
Thomas Hammond,
First Baptist Church, Alpharetta
Missionary Sermon - Robby Foster,
Northside Baptist Church, Valdosta
Special Music - International Choir

TUES
NOV 14

ANNUAL MEETING SESSION 2:00 - 5:30 PM

Election of Officers
25th Anniversary Celebration for
J. Robert White, Executive Director
Special Music - Sons of Jubal

MUSIC GUESTS



Al Denson
Worship Leader
Grapevine, Texas



Keron Jackson
Special Music
Dallas, Texas



Rodrigo Rodriguez
Special Music
Simpsonville,
South Carolina



Georgia Baptist
Mission Board



Missionary Musings

Family reunions are always great occasions, and that is certainly true here in the family of churches which we call the Bethel Baptist Association. Last month we held our **185th** such gathering at the Fort Gaines Baptist Church. It was a wonderful time of inspiration and fellowship. About 110 folks gathered that evening to celebrate what God has been doing among us during the past twelve months. This included representatives from 24 different churches, including 17 of our Pastors.

The music was uplifting, and the message brought through Brother Kermit Soileau challenged us to re-evaluate our commitment to preaching and living God's Word in a culture that is often hostile to the Gospel. In items of business, the messengers harmoniously affirmed our new Budget for 2017-2018, approved Jack Watson as our new trustee, and adopted a change to the By-laws which will provide better clarity regarding the qualifications of persons to serve as Associational officers and committee members.

Perhaps the highlights of the meeting for me were the reports on our **Backpacks of Hope** for SW GA. project and the **Rehoboth Ranch** Ministries. Two of the young men from the Rehoboth Ranch shared their testimonies of Christ's transforming power in their lives!

Immediately before and during the first half of the meeting there was a lot going on outside the church building, as well! Under the capable supervision of our **own Children's Home Collection** coordinators, **Jack and Lorraine Durham**, the guys from Rehoboth Ranch were loading a truck with supplies brought by the churches for the **Good Shepherd Home** in Warm Springs, GA. We collected a good, heavy load of items as well as **\$2,650** in cash and gift cards to go to the Children's Homes that day! Not to mention the **\$1,031** offering that was collected in the worship service for our **Backpacks of Hope** distribution events! **Thank you, Bethel Baptists!**

I also want to extend a special word of thanks to all the good folks at **Fort Gaines Baptist Church** who worked so hard to make our Fall Meeting such a success. To Pastor Jeff Hines and Linda; Bess

Hartley, Joanna Giles and all the members of the Fort Gaines Choir; to Kenny and Melanie Williams and all who helped with the food preparation, child-care, greeters, ushers, and **clean-up crew** - y'all are awesome! Thank you for letting God use you to bless the lives of others in your sister churches.

Soon it will be time for that larger, extended family reunion that we call **the Georgia Baptist Convention**. I am looking forward to attending that this month in Lawrenceville, and then it's on to the busy Holiday Season, beginning with **Christmas at the Fort** and extending throughout the month of December with our Backpack distribution events. Please note on the enclosed schedule the time and place of the distribution in your area, and volunteer to help if you can. I promise that you, too, will receive a blessing as you help us bless the children of our area this Christmas Season.

Have a safe and thankful Thanksgiving!

Bro. James



Calling all Churches:

After several devastating area storms over the past few years, Calhoun County is leading a multicounty effort in preparedness, response and recovery for when the next storm hits. The **Calhoun County Area Disaster Team** was formed in March of 2017 and is in the process of securing representation from all city and county officials from Calhoun, Early, Baker, Randolph and Clay counties to attend the monthly meetings, which are held the first Wednesday of each month, at 10:00 am, at the Morgan City Hall Council Meeting Room in Morgan. In addition to officials from the area, the Team also encourages Churches, Pastors, Fire and Police Departments, and anyone interested to attend these meetings and become part of this Team for our area. Interested individuals may contact the Team at ccadt01@gmail.com or find us on Facebook.

Next Missions Coordinating Committee:

The next quarterly meeting of the Missions Coordinating Committee will be Monday evening, January 15, 2018, at 6:30 PM at the Associational Office in Edison. Any requests for project approvals or applications for New Work Funds should be submitted to the Assoc. Office by Thursday, Jan. 11th



Minister's and Spouses' Christmas Celebration Thursday, Dec. 7th at 6:30 pm - Faith BC

Catered Meal - \$10 per adult plate
Child Care (with meal for the children) provided
Musical Entertainment by Mark Parrish
Please make reservations with Associational Office by Monday, Dec. 4th

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Sept. 28 - Oct. 25

Arlington	595.00
Bethel	
Beulah	443.52
Blakely FBC	1,286.25
Bluffton	341.67
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	327.49
Edison	117.60
Enterprise	1,159.40
Faith	
Fort Gaines	681.94
Georgetown	500.00
Leary	156.65
Milford	455.00
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	
Mt. Hebron	
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	
New Hope	101.55
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	44.34
Shellman FBC	200.00
Shiloh	374.66
Southside	
Sowhatchee	182.15
Springvale	119.50
Vilulah	50.00
Individuals	
TOTAL	7,649.22
Balances Oct. 25 (2017)	
General Fund	17,914.39
Designated Fund	16,298.09
New Work Fund	7,544.57



**BACKPACKS
OF HOPE**

Get in touch w/your County Coordinator's if you want to help out on distribution day!

- Calhoun Co. Becky Avera & Martha Bell, B (229) 881-2837, M (229) 308-3775
Saturday, Dec. 9 (10 am - 1 pm) CCHS Football Field
- Clay Co. Tammy Pope, (229) 308-0185, or Susan Walker, (678) 898-3923
Saturday, Dec. 2 (2 pm - 5 pm) Fort Gaines BC
- Baker Co. Karin Tabb, (229) 254-2041
Saturday, Dec. 2 (10 am - 1 pm) Baker Co. School, Newton
- Early Co. Darrell & Sondra Alexander, (229) 308-2183
Saturday, Dec. 9 (10 am - 1 pm) Old ECHS Gym, Blakely
Saturday, Dec. 16 (10 am - 1 pm) Beulah BC, Cedar Springs
Saturday, Dec. 23 (10 am - 1 pm) Arlington City Gym
- Randolph Co. Ben & Kim Crowdis, (229) 310-7902 or Lee & Katie Wright
Saturday, Dec. 9 (10 am - 2 pm) Cuthbert FBC
- Quitman Co. Lisa Hagler, (334) 695-6403
Saturday, Dec. 2 (1 pm - 4 pm) Quitman ES, Georgetown

“Backpacks of Hope” Coordinators Meeting on Thursday, November 9th @ 7 pm - Assoc. Office



“Christmas at the Fort” Saturday, Nov. 18th

Volunteers needed from 9 am-4 pm (one hour shifts) to monitor our ðBaby Comfort Stationö tent and engage in ðGospel Conversationsö with festival guests and vendors. We want to be the physical presence of Christ at this major festivity. Contact Bro. James if you can help.



Church News

We welcome **Bradley Crews** to the staff of First Baptist Church of Blakely as full-time Student Minister. Bradley and his wife, Kelly reside in Jakin.

Shiloh BC is seeking a **Part-time Music Director**. Please mail resumes to Shiloh Baptist Church, 1974 Cotton Hill Rd. Fort Gaines, GA. 39851.

Thank you!

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November

- 7 ðBarnabasö Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 9 ðBackpacks of Hopeö County Coordinatorsø Meetingö Assoc. Office, 7 pm
- 13-14 Georgia Baptist Convention - N. Metro FBC, Lawrenceville, GA
- 16 Administrative Team Meeting - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 18 ðChristmas at the Fortö (Festival Outreach) - Fort Gaines, 9 am - 4 pm
- 22-24 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS (Assoc. Office Closed)



December

- 2 ðBackpacks of Hopeö distributions: Baker County (10 am - 1 pm)
Clay County (2 pm - 5 pm)
Quitman County (1 pm - 4 pm)
- 7 MinistersøSpousesøChristmas Fellowship - Faith BC, 6:30 pm
- 9 ðBackpacks of Hopeö distributions: Calhoun County (10 am - 1 pm)
Early County, Blakely (10 am - 1 pm)
Randolph County (10 am - 2 pm)
- 16 ðBackpacks of Hopeö distribution: Early County, Cedar Springs (10 am - 1 pm)
- 23 ðBackpacks of Hopeö distribution: Early County, Arlington (10 am - 1 pm)
- Dec. 25-Jan. 1, 2018 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (Assoc. Office Closed)

January 2018

- 2 ðBarnabasö Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 15 Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 22 Executive Committee - Assoc. Office, 7 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS