



The Bethel News

November

2019

a month of gratitude

T November 10th - 12th, Fayetteville, New Hope Baptist Church
551 New Hope Rd. Fayetteville, GA 30214

The **2019 GBC Annual Meeting** is a yearly event to conduct the business of the Georgia Baptist Convention in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Convention. In addition, the Annual Meeting serves to provide inspiration for messengers from the member churches of the Convention as well as provide opportunities for networking among the member church representatives. It provides the opportunity for the Georgia Baptist Mission Board staff to increase the awareness of the ministries and resources available to the churches of the Georgia Baptist Convention.



Ministry Site	Date/Time	Contact	Phone Number
Baker County School, Newton	Dec. 7, 10 am—12 pm	Karin Tabb	229-254-2041
Calhoun County High School, Edison	Dec. 7, 10 am—1 pm	Cathy Arnold	229-724-8904
Clay County Fort Gaines BC	Dec. 7, 10 am—12 pm	Linda Hines	334-740-3083
Early County (ECHS) new Gym	Dec. 7, 10 am—1 pm	Donald Warren	954-632-2848
Quitman County Georgetown BC	Dec. 14, 9 am—11 am	James Holloway	229-723-1375
Randolph County Faith BC	Dec. 7, 10 am—1 pm	Katie Wright	229-310-1029

“Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ”

"Missionary Musings"

The weather has cooled off and Fall has finally arrived here in South-west Georgia. November is always an exciting time as we attend our annual **Georgia Baptist Convention**, take part in "**Christmas at the Fort**", and begin the "Holiday Season" with family & friends at **Thanksgiving**.

We had a great time at the Bethel Association's 187th Annual **Fall Meeting** this past month at **Arlington Baptist church**. We estimate that, including all the **choir** members and Hospitality Team, there were between **130-140 persons in attendance!** We had 118 names on the register, representing **25 churches**. I was proud to see 15 of our pastors and 3 interim pastors in attendance, as well.

We received a great collection of supplies and gift cards for the **Georgia Baptist Children's Homes**, which Bro. Jack Durham and I delivered to the Warm Springs campus the very next day. I'd also like to thank the **Durhams (Lorraine & Jack)** and our crew from **Rehoboth Ranch** for receiving the items that afternoon and loading them on the truck. I'd also like to thank all of the good folks at Arlington Baptist Church, especially those who set up tables, decorated, prepared food, and served for the delicious fellowship time after the meeting!

The worship music during the meeting itself was outstanding! Our hats off to **Debra Kleckley** and **Mike Stuart** for their leadership, and to all the Choir members and Bro. **Chris Cowart** for blessing us with special music. And we certainly don't want to leave out our sound and video technicians, **John Davis**

and **John Hatcher**, for their great work. Pastor **Ric Veal** and all of his staff and volunteers went above and beyond to make us all feel at home: Thank You!

Finally, our Moderator, Bro. **Michael Williams** kept it all running smoothly. And our preacher, Bro. **Jeff Hines**, challenged us from the Scriptures to be an encourager to our brothers and sisters in Christ. It was a great time of "family reunion" for our association of churches, and we are already looking forward to our **Spring Meeting at Cuthbert First Baptist Church on Mar. 22nd, 2020**.

Excitement is building for our 2019 "**Christmas Backpacks**" ministry. Please note the complete **schedule** of distribution events in our own six counties as printed elsewhere in this newsletter. And don't forget that the last day to bring your backpacks bound for Appalachia to our office in Edison is **Thursday, November 14th**. After that, I'll be taking them over to Albany for their final transport to Harrogate, Tennessee. Collection hours at our office are from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, through the 14th. It's always best to call ahead and let us know that you are coming.

Which leads me to a final word that I need to say about calling our Associational Office. We now only have one phone line for voice calls (229.835.2887). The other line is for FAXes only. So if you call us while we are talking on the phone, rather than getting a busy signal, your call will be routed directly to our voice mail. **Please leave us a message**, otherwise we will have no way of knowing that you called!

Also, we have been receiving a high volume of telemarketers and

"robo-calls" lately. These calls often "spoof" local numbers on our Caller-ID. These have become such a nuisance that, if we cannot identify a caller from the Caller ID, chances are we will not answer the phone. This makes it even more vital that our legitimate callers leave a message if you happen to get our voice-mail. Please try to work with us on this, as we don't want to miss any church and ministry-related calls just because we don't recognize the number!

We're all having to learn to adjust to life in this modern world, and we appreciate your patience. I hope you all have a **blessed Thanksgiving!**

In His Service,
Bro. James



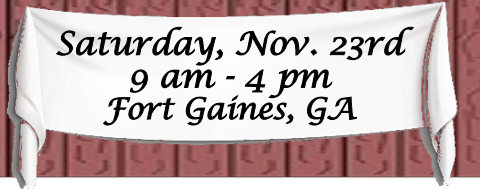
HAPPY
Thanksgiving
DAY

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

1 CHRONICLES 16:34



Need volunteers to work one hour shifts at BBA Changing Station. Please call Gay Crowdis 229-310-0607.



Thursday, Nov. 14th is the last day we will receive Backpacks in the Association Office.

BACKPACKS
for Appalachia



Bethel Baptist Association
Missions Coordinating
Committee
Monday, January 13th
Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm

Requests for New Work Fund assistance must be in to the BBA Office by Thursday, January 9th.

**Administrative
Team Meets
Nov. 18th
6:30 pm
BBA Office**

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Sept. 26 - Oct. 24, 2019	
Arlington	779.48
Bethel	
Beulah	
Blakely FBC	1,340.68
Bluffton	487.41
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	438.74
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	308.94
Edison	161.94
Enterprise	1,403.95
Faith	
Fort Gaines	972.65
Georgetown	416.74
Leary	
Milford	673.00
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	25.31
Mt. Hebron	200.00
Mt. Vernon	298.02
New Bethel	200.00
New Hope	120.85
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	47.45
Shellman FBC	250.00
Shiloh	708.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhattee	259.40
Springvale	
Vilulah	50.00
Individuals	50.00
TOTAL	9,930.06
Balances Oct 24 (2019)	
General Fund	4,046.57
Designated Fund	15,042.11
New Work Fund	7,667.68



Barnabas Group Meeting
Tuesday, November 5th @ 11 am
Association Office

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Upcoming

EVENTS

November

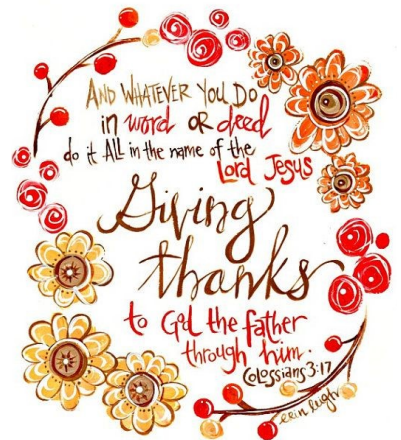
- 5 "Barnabas" Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 11-12 Georgia Baptist Convention - New Hope BC, Fayetteville, GA
- 14 Last Day to receive Backpacks for Appalachia at the Assoc. Office
- 18 Administrative Team - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 23 "Christmas at the Fort" (Festival Outreach) - Fort Gaines 9 am - 4 pm
- 27-29 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS (Assoc. Office Closed)

December

- 7 "Christmas Backpacks" Distributions - Baker, Clay, Calhoun, Early & Randolph Counties (see schedule)
- 14 "Christmas Backpacks" Distributions- Quitman County- Georgetown BC, 9-11 am
Ministers'/Spouses' Christmas Fellowship - Faith BC, 5 pm
- 24-31 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (Assoc. Office Closed)

January

- 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY (Assoc. Office Closed)
- 7 "Barnabas Group" - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 13 Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 27 BBA Executive Committee - Assoc. Office, 7 pm



*Mark your calendar for our upcoming **World Missions Conference - February 21-23, 2020**