

Children's Home Truck Loading

At the Fall Meeting on October 7, 2014 beginning at 3:00 PM prior to the meeting at 4:30 PM.

Clorox 2, Pine Sol
Paper plates, Paper cups, and Plastic utensils
Gatorade, Ranch Dressing
100% fruit juices, and bottled water
Gift cards are always Appreciated (Wal-Mart for example)



Bethel Baptist Association

2014 Annual Fall Meeting

Tuesday, October 7th

Edison Baptist Church

4:30 PM



Bethel Baptist Association will be participating in the Backpacks for Appalachia ministry this year. However, there will be different guidelines for collection at the Associational office. The office will be the designated collection site from October 27 to November 6, then the backpacks will be transported to the Georgia Baptist

Convention in Macon. All backpacks must be packed in uniform size boxes (18x18x16 medium packing boxes) before being dropped off at the office. Please write the number of backpacks in the boxes on the outside of each box. The boxes can be purchased at Lowe's, Wal-mart, or Home Depot. If you are filling a single backpack, you can bring it to the office and it will be placed in a box with others. The goal for the association is 400, therefore, if you are taking your backpacks to the convention yourself, please let the Association Office know how many so they can be counted toward our goal.

Go to missiongeorgia.org/backpacks-for-appalachia for detailed instructions.

Missionary Musings

Fall is finally here and, before you know it, the churches of the Bethel Baptist Association will be gathering together at **Edison Baptist Church** for our **182nd Annual Meeting**. The date is **Tuesday, October 7th**, and the first business session will begin at **4:30 PM**. We will enjoy a wonderful fellowship meal provided by the host church at 6PM, and then reconvene in the sanctuary at 7PM for our closing session. **Bro. Michael Williams**, pastor of Bluffton Baptist Church, will be our preacher that evening.

Of course, no Fall meeting would be complete without our annual **Georgia Baptist Children's Home** drive. We will begin loading a trailer off the back parking lot at Edison Baptist Church about **3 o'clock** that afternoon, and will continue loading it with items for the Children's Home until suppertime. Thank you in advance for your continuing support of this vital ministry to children who are in need of our special love and care.

As you can see from reading our "Church News" this month, we now have several of our churches who are without pastors. Please pray for these sister congregations as they seek to find God's man to lead them in the days ahead. I want to take this opportunity to request special prayers for **New Zion Baptist Church**, our latest mission congregation. They are only 10 years old as a fellowship, so this is their first time to be without a pastor. Pray for them, the Steering Committee (consisting of representatives from Colomokee, Arlington, New Hope, and Mr. Hebron Baptist Churches) and for me as we all work together to try and guide them through this period and find a leader who has a God-sized vision for this strategic ministry.

Also, as many churches have now begun their budget planning for next year, I would ask that you give consideration to joining these 4 "partner churches" in supporting New Zion on a regular basis. There is a great need for a strong, Bible-teaching, "every-Sunday" church in the African-American community of Blakely, Georgia and you can help us meet that need!

In closing, don't forget that the annual meeting of the **Georgia Baptist Convention** will be in Macon this year (Ingleside Baptist Church, November 10-11). Perhaps this will make it possible for many more of our pastors and messengers from the Bethel Association to attend. So, if your church has not elected messengers yet, please do so in October, so that they may participate at the Georgia Baptist Convention in November.

Bless you all . . . and happy Fall!

Bro. James



MISSIONS COORDINATING COMMITTEE

The next Missions Coordinating Committee meeting will be on Monday, January 12, 2015, at 7PM at the Association Office. Please have project and funding requests turned in the Association Office by Thursday, Jan. 8th.



Church News



GOSPEL CONCERT

Ed O'Neal and The Dixie Melody Boys will be at Shiloh Baptist Church on Friday, October 24th at 6PM.

175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Rehoboth Baptist Church in Shellman will celebrate its **175th Anniversary** at special Homecoming Services on Sunday morning, **October 26th**. **Bro. Morris Monkus** is pastor.

CHURCH STAFF CHANGES

Dr. Gary Hadden has retired from the full-time pastorate. His last Sunday at **Arlington Baptist Church** was July 27th. He and Kathy still live in Leesburg, and Gary will be devoting more time to the field of Christian Counseling. He is also available for pulpit supply in the area. Dr. Hadden can be contacted at (229) 308-5033.

Bro. Rick Smith recently accepted a call to serve as pastor at Salem-Seminole Baptist Church near Donalsonville, in the Bowen Baptist Association. Rick and Becky's last Sunday at **Southside Baptist Church** was on August 31st.

Bro. Troy Lewis resigned as mission pastor at the **New Zion Baptist Church** at the end of August. Please pray for this mission congregation and the four supporting "Partner Churches" as they seek new pastoral leadership for this church.

CHURCH VANS FOR SALE

Arlington Baptist Church has two vans for sale:
 1994 Chevrolet 15 passenger van with 93,499 miles
 1998 Chevrolet 28 passenger bus with 74,182 miles
 If interested, contact Mickey Jordan at 229.308.6031, or Mike Stuart at 229.254.6480.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

August 26, 2014 thru September 25, 2014

Arlington	667.56
Bethel	1,343.74
Beulah	503.18
Blakely FBC	1,844.05
Bluffton	342.23
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	369.37
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	250.00
Damascus (R)	334.30
Edison	265.63
Enterprise	
Faith	
Fort Gaines	728.21
Georgetown	416.67
Leary	390.06
Milford	328.00
Morgan	500.00
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	
Mt. Hebron	191.60
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	
New Hope	447.48
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	44.86
Shellman FBC	300.00
Shiloh	
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	449.65
Springvale	
Vilulah	
Individuals	
TOTAL	10,454.09
Balances	
General Fund	8,028.72
Designated Fund	8,891.32
New Work Fund	10,978.04
World Missions Conf.	2,606.93

Thank You

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Calendar of Events

October, 2014

- 7 Annual BBA Fall Meeting (and Children's Home Truck Loading)-Edison BC, 4:30PM
- 13 Bi-vocational "Barnabas" Group-Assoc. Office, 7PM
- 14 "Barnabas" Group-Assoc. Office, 11AM
- 27-11/6 Receive Backpacks for Appalachia at Assoc. Office (9:00AM-2:30PM, Mon.-Thurs.)

November, 2014

- 3 Bi-vocational "Barnabas" Group-Assoc. Off., 7PM
- 4 "Barnabas" Group-Assoc. Office, 11AM
- 6 Last Day to receive Backpacks for Appalachia at Assoc. Office (9:00AM-2:30PM)
- 10-11 Georgia Baptist Convention-Ingleside BC, Macon, GA
- 17 Admin. Team-Assoc. Office, 6:30PM
- 19 "Revitalization Roundtable"-Assoc. Office 10AM-12NOON
- 22 "Christmas at the Fort" Festival Outreach-Ft. Gaines, 9AM-4PM

26-28 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS (Assoc. Office Closed)

December, 2014

- 4 Ministers' and Spouses' Christmas Fellowship-Place and time TBA
- 24-Jan. 2 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (Assoc. Office Closed)

ACR (Annual Church Report) DEADLINE



★ **October 15th** ★

