

"Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ"

Bethel Baptist Association
The Bethel News

2018
Newsletter



One Hundred Eighty-Sixth

Annual Fall Meeting

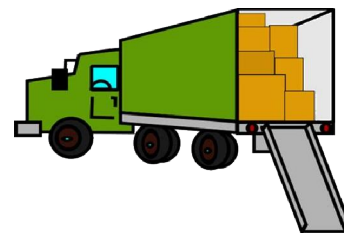
Sunday, October 14, 2018 @ 5:00 pm

Blakely First Baptist Church



**Georgia Baptist Children's
Homes and Family
Ministries, Inc.**

"Truck Loading"



Bring your items to
First Baptist Church Blakely
Collection begins at 3:00 pm



First Baptist Church
Blakely

ITEMS NEEDED:

Liquid Laundry Detergent
Liquid Dishwashing Detergent
Styrofoam Cups
Plates
Bowls
Plastic Forks & Spoons
(no knives)
Gift cards are always appreciated!



Please box the products for the Georgia Baptist Children's Home in boxes with lids or tops, so things can be stacked into the truck. We do not want the paper products to get smashed.

"Missionary Musings"



Fall is officially here, and soon we will be gathering for our annual Family Reunion of Bethel Baptist Association churches. Yes, the **Fall Meeting** is right around the corner!

On Sunday evening, **October 14th**, we will gather at the **First Baptist Church in Blakely** to celebrate the end of one Associational year and the start of a new one. We will hear and see what God has been doing during the past year as our churches have worked together to spread the Gospel and to make disciples, but we will also look forward at some exciting things we anticipate over the next twelve months. Your Administrative Team has planned a wonderful time of worship that will help us all focus on our theme of **Reaching the Next Generation**. Bro. **Jeff Hines**, Pastor of the Fort Gaines Baptist Church, will be our preacher for the evening.

The Associational Meeting will begin at **5 pm** in the Sanctuary (a nursery will be provided). There will be a finger food fellowship after the conclusion of the service. And don't forget to come early and drop off your items for the **Georgia Baptist Children's Home**. We will begin loading the truck at 3 pm, and will receive your items until just after the start of the meeting. Please see elsewhere in this Newsletter for a list of items we have been asked to bring this year and, as always, gift cards will be accepted!

Preparations for our **Christmas Backpacks** ministry are going well. I am pleased to report that

each of our six counties has a team of volunteers who are working together to plan the distribution process in that county. It looks like all of our distribution events will take place on either the first or second Saturday in December (Dec. 1st or 8th). We will be able to print a detailed calendar for all our distribution events by the next newsletter. If you would like to volunteer to help with the event in your county, I encourage you to get in touch with your County Coordinator. Their names and numbers are listed elsewhere in this edition.

Meanwhile, if your church is preparing Christmas Backpacks that you would like to go to children in **Appalachia**, and you do not have a direct partnership with a ministry site in Appalachia, you may leave your backpacks at the Associational Office in Edison anytime during the **month of October**. Our office assistants are here on **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm**. So you may bring your backpacks anytime during those hours, beginning Tuesday, October 2nd **through Thursday, November 1st**. Please bring your backpacks properly labeled with the colored ribbons and **boxed** in the standard 16x18x18 boxes (3 or 4 backpacks per box). Instructions about what to pack in a Christmas Backpack and the ribbons color-coding system can be found at gabaptist.org/backpacks.

On November 12th, we will transport all the Backpacks we received

at our office to a collection site at the Second Baptist Church in Warner Robbins in conjunction with the annual Georgia Baptist Convention meeting. From there, they will be taken by semi-trucks to the various ministry sites in Appalachia which have requested them. So it is important that you get your backpacks to us by the November 1st deadline, if you desire them to go to Appalachian Mountain Ministries.

It promises to be a busy and exciting Fall Season.

I hope you can be apart of it!

Joyfully Serving Him,

Bro. James

"Christmas Backpacks" 2018 County Coordinators:

Baker	Karin Tabb (229)254-2041 Beth Bush (229)336-3275
Calhoun	Eric Timpson (229)869-8817 Carol Carter (229)310-3017 Cathy Arnold (229)724-8904
Clay	Jeff Hines (229)768-2624 Linda Hines (334)740-3083
Early	Bill Hovey (229)372-4568
Quitman	Lisa Hagler (334)695-6403
Randolph	Lee Wright (229)310-0984 Katie Wright (229)310-1029

Associational Coordinators:

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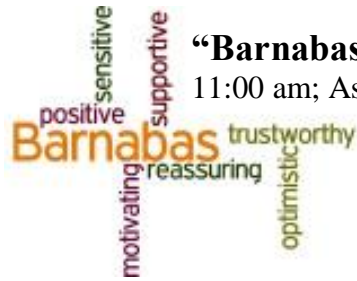
Missions Coordinating Committee

October 9th, 6:30 pm at the Assoc. Office.

Ministry project proposals and New Work Fund requests must be submitted to the Associational Office by Thursday, October 4th to be considered.

as I have loved you, Love one another...

John 13:34



“Barnabas” Group Meeting on Tuesday, October 2nd
11:00 am; Associational Office

ACR's due Oct. 2



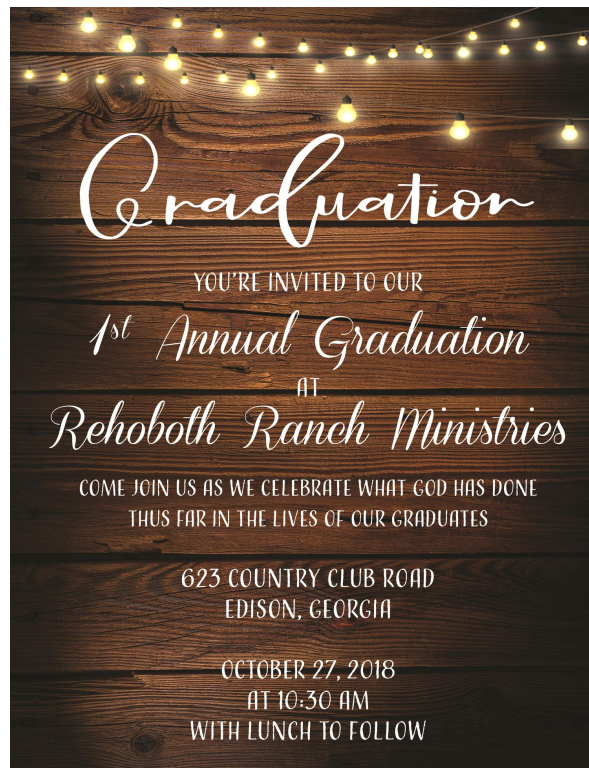
We will receive boxed Christmas Backpacks for Appalachia at the Assoc. Office on Tuesday.-Thursday, from Oct. 1st through Nov. 1st, for transport to the Ga. Baptist Convention Meeting in Warner

Robbins on Nov. 12th (Backpacks for distribution within our own county will be collected at other locations besides the Assoc. Office, please check with the Assoc. Office to find out where to take yours).

öChristmas Backpacksö planning meeting on Oct. 18th at 7 pm.

IN
CONCERT
Squire Parsons
Shiloh Baptist
Church
Fort Gaines, GA
Friday, October 5th
@ 6 pm

(author of
öSweet Beulah Landö)



CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

August 23 - September 25, 2018

Arlington	747.20
Bethel	
Beulah	
Blakely FBC	1,365.23
Bluffton	384.06
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	338.60
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	500.00
Damascus (R)	
Edison	124.20
Enterprise	
Faith	
Fort Gaines	804.65
Georgetown	833.32
Leary	228.01
Milford	1,201.00
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	
Mt. Hebron	200.00
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	
New Hope	166.23
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	
Shellman FBC	200.00
Shiloh	
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	220.02
Springvale	
Vilulah	50.00
Individuals	
TOTAL	8,100.02
Balances Sept. 25 (2018)	
General Fund	13,161.34
Designated Fund	10,309.37
New Work Fund	7,599.33

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Calendar of Events

October

- 2 ð Barnabas Group - Assoc. Office, 11:00 am
- 2 ACRs are due
- 9 Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 14 BBA Fall Meeting (and Childrens Home Collection, 3 pm) - Blakely FBC, 5:00 pm
- 18 ð Christmas Backpacks Planning Meeting - Assoc. Office, 7 pm
- 27 Rehoboth Ranch Annual Graduation - 10:30 am

November

- 1 Last Day to receive Backpacks at Assoc. Office!
- 6 ELECTION DAY
- ð Barnabas Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 12-13 Georgia Baptist Convention - Second BC, Warner Robbins, GA
- 17 ð Christmas at the Fort (outreach) - Fort Gaines, 9 am - 4 pm
- 19 Administrative Team - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 21-23 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS (Assoc. Office Closed)

December 2018

- 1 ð Christmas Backpacks Distributions - Baker, Clay, Early Counties
- 6 Ministers/Spouses Christmas Fellowship - Faith BC, 6:30 pm
- 8 ð Christmas Backpacks Distributions - Calhoun, Early, Quitman, Randolph Counties
- 24-Jan.1 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (Assoc. Office Closed)