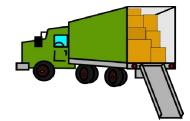


One Hundred Eighty-Sixth Annual Fall Meeting Sunday, October 14, 2018 @ 5:00 pm Blakely First Baptist Church



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



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



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 Childrenøs 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.



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. Wed 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 wed 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 % inger food+ fellowship after the conclusion of the service. And dong forget to come early and drop off your items Georgia for the **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 youqd 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 your 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

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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:

Darrell Alexander	(229)308-2183
Sondra Alexander	(770)710-2063

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.



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

ACR's due Oct. 2



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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).

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

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Squire Parsons

Shiloh Baptist Church

Fort Gaines, GA

Friday, October 5th @ 6 pm

(author of õSweet Beulah Landö)



Rehoboth Ranch Ministries

COME JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE WHAT GOD HAS DONE THUS FAR IN THE LIVES OF OUR GRADUATES

> 623 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD EDISON, GEORGIA

OCTOBER 27, 2018 AT 10:30 AM WITH LUNCH TO FOLLOW

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October

- 2 õBarnabas Groupö Assoc. Office, 11:00 am
- 2 ACRøs are due
- 9 Missions Coordinating Committee Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 14 BBA Fall Meeting (and Childrengs Home Collection, 3 pm) Blakely FBC, 5:00 pm
- 18 õChristmas Backpacksö Planning Meeting Assoc. Office, 7 pm
- 27 Rehoboth Ranch Annual Graduation 10:30 am

<u>November</u>

- 1 Last Day to receive Backpacks at Assoc. Office!
- 6 ELECTION DAY
 - õBarnabasö Group Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 12-13 Georgia Baptist Convention Second BC, Warner Robbins, GA
- 17 õChristmas at the Fortö (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 õChristmas Backpacksö Distributions Baker, Clay, Early Counties
- 6 MinistersøSpousesøChristmas Fellowship Faith BC, 6:30 pm
- 8 õChristmas Backpacksö Distributions Calhoun, Early, Quitman, Randolph Counties
- 24-Jan.1 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (Assoc. Office Closed)