

The Bethel News

October 2019

"Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ"

BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL FALL MEETING 5:00 pm

§ The Children's Home Truck Loading
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!

Sunday, October 13th, 2019
Arlington Baptist Church
17382 S Highland Ave.

"Missionary Musings"

In just a couple of weeks, our Bethel Baptist Association "Family of churches" will be having our annual "family reunion". Yes, the **187th Annual Fall Session** of the Bethel Baptist Association is coming up on Sunday evening, **October 13th**, at **Arlington Baptist Church**.

In addition to hearing **reports** on what God has done and is doing through our association of churches, we will also formally adopt our **budget** for 2019-2020 and vote on some minor wording changes to our **By-Laws**. I trust you have had a chance to review those changes in the document that was mailed to all the churches earlier in the summer. If not, please notify our office and we will be glad to supply you with a copy.

I also trust that your church has elected its **messengers** to the association. Each church is entitled to three messengers, plus one additional messenger for each 50 members (or fraction thereof) over the initial 50 members. No church may have more than 15 voting messengers at the Annual Meeting. However, there is no limit to the number of people who can attend the meeting as (non-voting) "visitors." If your church has not yet elected messengers, please do so before October 13th. And remember, completed **ACR's** (Annual Church Reports) are due online or in the Associational office by Tuesday, October 1st.

Also, don't forget the collection and **truck loading for the Georgia Baptist Children's Home** which will take place in conjunction with our Fall Meeting. The truck loading will begin at Arlington Baptist Church (under the covered drop-off behind the church) at 3:00 pm. The Annual Meeting itself will begin in the Sanctuary at 5:00 pm. There will be "finger food" refreshments available after the meeting adjourns (approximately 7 pm).

I am looking forward to seeing representatives from all of our churches at our Fall Meeting on October 13th.

Our 2019 "**Christmas Backpacks**" project is will underway. We praise the Lord that we have already received commitments from our Georgia Baptist mission partners for all of the backpacks we have requested for five of our six counties! We are still around 360 backpacks shy of our goal for **Early County**, however. So if you or your church group are planning to pack any backpacks for local distribution to the kids here in SW Georgia, please consider donating them to the Early county effort!

Also, we have not settled on a date yet for the distribution in **Quitman County**, because we are still praying for someone to volunteer to coordinate that event in the Georgetown area. If you feel led to help in this way, contact me ASAP!

Her are the times and location of our local distribution events so far:

1. **Baker County** - Sat, Dec. 7, 10 am-12 pm at Baker County School in Newton.
2. **Calhoun County** - Sat. Dec. 7, 10 am-1 pm at Calhoun County High School in Edison.
3. **Clay County** - Sat. Dec. 7 (time TBA) at Fort Gaines Baptist Church.
4. **Early County** - Sat. Dec. 7, 10 am-1 pm at ECHS Gym in Blakely.
5. **Randolph County** - Sat. Dec. 7, 10 am - 1 pm at Faith Baptist Church in Cuthbert.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with ministry activities at any of these sites, please give our office a call and we will put you in touch with the coordinator (s) for that event.

Also, remember our goal is to collect **250 backpacks for ages 8-10 and 11-14** here at our BBA office from our

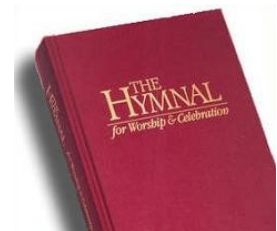
own churches, which we will send to a distribution event in **Harrogate Tennessee** for Appalachian children. We will receive those backpacks at our office in Edison from **Oct. 15th - Nov. 14th**, as noted elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Fall is a busy time. Let's get busy for our Lord!

Bro. James



Bethel Baptist Association
Missions Coordinating
Committee
Monday, October 7th
Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm



Faith Baptist Church
has 90 Baptist Hymnals they would like to give away. You will need to make arrangements to pick-up. Call Ben McFather 478-960-6457.



CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Aug. 22—Sept. 25, 2019

Arlington	668.09
Bethel	
Beulah	
Blakely FBC	1,380.25
Bluffton	325.30
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	418.24
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	280.08
Edison	139.60
Enterprise	
Faith	
Fort Gaines	523.74
Georgetown	833.32
Leary	
Milford	472.00
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	16.77
Mt. Hebron	200.00
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	
New Hope	76.20
New Zion	
Rehoboth	400.00
Salem	
Shellman FBC	250.00
Shiloh	708.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatree	203.15
Springvale	
Vilulah	50.00
Individuals	50.00
TOTAL	7,732.24
Balances Sept. 25 (2019)	
General Fund	6,510.90
Designated Fund	14,389.69
New Work Fund	7,660.78

Announcement: the **Bowen Baptist Association** (Decatur, Miller, and Seminole Counties) is accepting resumes for their next **Associational Missionary**. The Search Committee will receive resumes until **October 14th**. Interested persons can send their resume by email to: bowenassoc@mediacombb.net or FAX to: (229)246-1896 or mail to: Bowen Baptist Association, AM Search Committee, PO BOX 551, Bainbridge, GA 39818.

Date & Location

October 24 - FBC Pelham - 231 Primitive Ave., Pelham, GA

Event time: 6-9pm

Cost per person:
\$10 Online; \$15 at the door!

For more information contact
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Tony Neal

Church Administration Ministry



SAFETY & SECURITY
Ben O'Neal

Security Manager



RELIGIOUS FREEDOM
Harrison Smith

*The Church Alliance of Alliance
Defending Freedom*

Happy 20th Church Anniversary

Rev. Jeff Hines
Pastor of Fort Gaines Baptist Church.
Sunday, October 13.

A special service will begin at 10:00 AM, and lunch will follow.
Everyone is invited and welcomed.



Join us on Saturday, **October 26th @ 3:30 pm**
Shiloh Baptist Church for a Harvest Skit, Fun, Food, & Fellowship.
1974 Cotton Hill Rd., Fort Gaines, GA.

Bluffton Baptist Church

Anniversary Homecoming
Sunday, October. 27th @ 10:30 am
Lunch will be after the service. All welcomed!



Barnabas Group Meeting

Tuesday, October 1st @ 11 am
Association Office

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Upcoming


EVENTS

October

- 1 "Barnabas" Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 7 Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 10 "Christmas Backpacks" Planning Meeting - Assoc. Office, 7 pm
- 13 BBA Fall Meeting - Arlington BC, 5 pm
(Children's Home Truck Loading begins at 3 pm)
- 15 Begin receiving Backpacks for Appalachia at the Assoc. Office
- 24 Church Protection Seminar (GBMB) - Pelham FBC, 6-9 pm

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
- 14 Ministers'/Spouses' Christmas Fellowship - Faith BC, 5 pm
- 24-31 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (Assoc. Office Closed)

LOST AND FOUND

Some clothing, towels, and a small fan were left behind from Summer Camp. You can come by the Associational Office to claim these items by Oct. 31st. If not claimed, we will give them away. Thank you.