

Happy Retirement
Bro. James

October 2020

"Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ"

"For I know the plans that I have for you,"
says the LORD,
"plans for your welfare, and not for calamity,
to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

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the BETHEL NEWSLETTER 2020

Bethel Baptist Association

Blakely First Baptist Church

This will be a live, in-person event limited to 3 persons per church (with social-distance seating) and also live-streamed for those who cannot attend in person.

Preston Wilson will preach the annual sermon. Year-end financial reports will be e-mailed to all churches, and other reports will be available on the BBA website.

The meeting will be live-streamed on Blakely First Baptist Church's Facebook page!



Items for the Georgia Baptist Children's Home will be loaded on the truck beginning at 3:00 pm.

Items needed for the Children's Home:

White t-shirts
Toothbrushes/toothpaste
Shampoo/conditioner
Bar Soap
Pillow Cases
13-gallon trash bags
Deodorant
Ziploc bags-all sizes
Paper products
White towel/washcloths

School Supplies

Filler paper
Ruled index cards
Composition notebooks
(not spiral bound)
Flash drives
Ear buds for computer use

Gift cards are always appreciated. They can be used for emergency needs.

Annual Fall Meeting

Sunday, October 18th
5:00 pm

Thank You!

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the Gospel from the first day until now.

For I am confident of this every thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus" Philippians 1:3-6 (NASB)

Dear Friends,

Mary and I wish to thank you all for standing by us, praying for us, and supporting us in so many ways during the past 21 & 1/2 years that I have served as your Associational Missionary. We have been so blessed by your partnership in the Gospel. And thank you, also, for the many expressions of love and gratitude which you have shared with us over the past few months since I announced my upcoming retirement.

I know that the Bethel Baptist Association is in the best of hands. You have always sought and will continue to seek the Lord's will in every direction and decision and, like Paul, I am confident that He has a wonderful plan for this Association of churches. I depart this office knowing that the BBA has an able group of godly officers and leaders, and a Search Committee made up of Christ's choicest servants who only want what is best for the Association. I encourage you to lift them up in prayer and support them as you have supported me.

Mary and I plan to remain at our home in Blakely for the foreseeable future, but we will be listening and watching for the Lord's direction in this new chapter of our life and ministry. I will be available for pulpit supply and church leadership training as the Lord allows, and I am looking forward to being a more active (and faithful!) member of our own local church. And, of course, there are those grandchildren!

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Associational Missionary. It has been a privilege, indeed.

Continuing In His Service,

Bro. James



DISCIPLESHIP
GEORGIA BAPTIST

DISCIPLESHIP TEAM VIRTUAL FALL TOUR SW,GA - October 5, 2-4 pm

The purpose of these meetings is to introduce the Georgia Baptist Discipleship team and our strategy for church health: The Watershed Principle.

Register online at gabaptist.org/teamtour



Meeting has been **cancelled**
for Tuesday, Oct. 6th
BBA Office.
(Next meeting will be in
January 2021!)

GBMB Annual Meeting:

Inspiration for Messengers
Opportunities for Networking,
Conducting of Business,
Great Fellowship!

Join Us November 9, 2020

Purpose of the 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.



The Bethel Baptist Association, located in southwest Georgia, is in the process of calling a full-time Associational Mission Strategist. This SBC association currently serves 6 rural counties and 34 affiliated churches. The applicant should have at least 5 years of experience with an SBC church or agency and affirm the Baptist Faith and Message 2000. Please email resumes to BethelSearchTeam@gmail.com or mail a hard copy to Bethel Baptist Association c/o Search Committee at P.O. Box 398, Edison, GA 39846 by Oct. 30, 2020. Visit the Bethel Baptist Association's website at bethelassociation.com for more information.

Pray for the Associational Mission Strategist Search Committee!

- Cathy Arnold** - (Morgan Baptist Church)
- Ryan Lancaster - Chairman**, (Arlington Baptist Church)
- Chris Sumner** - (Southside Baptist Church) Blakely
- Karin Tabb** - (Milford Baptist Church)



"BBA Christmas Backpacks" 2020

<u>County</u>	<u>Coordinator(s)</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Baker	Karin Tabb	229-254-2041
	Beth Bush	229-336-3275
Calhoun	James Holloway	229-723-1375
Clay	Linda Hines	334-740-3083
Early	Darrell Alexander	229-308-2183
	Sondra Alexander	229-308-2939
Quitman	James Holloway	229-723-1375
Randolph	Lee Wright	229-310-0984
	Katie Wright	229-310-1029

NOTE: We will not be receiving Backpacks for the general GBMB collection at our office this year! Please take any undesignated Backpacks to the SW Ga. Collection point: Cross View Baptist Church - 320 W. 20th Street, Tifton, GA 31794.

- Tuesday, Nov. 3rd:** 10 am-1 pm
- Wednesday, Nov. 4th:** 10 am-12 pm
- Thursday, Nov. 5th:** 10 am-12 pm & 1-2:30 pm



CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

August 27, - September 23, 2020	
Arlington	
Bethel	
Beulah	162.84
Blakely FBC	1,433.69
Bluffton	284.20
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	385.17
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	372.18
Edison	102.50
Enterprise	
Faith	
Fort Gaines	956.90
Georgetown	
Leary	219.92
Milford	536.00
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	51.04
Mt. Hebron	200.00
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	
New Hope	
New Zion	
Rehoboth	400.00
Salem	
Shellman FBC	
Shiloh	833.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	
Springvale	100.00
Vilulah	50.00
Individuals	50.00
TOTAL	6,874.94
Balances Sept. 23	
General Fund	10,446.17
Designated Fund	10,159.36
New Work Fund	7,704.79



"Barnabas" Group Prayer
 Associational Office
 Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 11:00 AM

Bethel Baptist Association 124 Bay Ave. PO Box 398 Edison, GA 39846	<i>The Bethel Baptist Association</i> Dr. James Holloway, Association Mission Strategist Kathy Hardwick, Ministry Assistant Joyce Jarrett, Financial Assistant Phone 229.835.2887 FAX 229.835.2023	Presort Standard Mail (B) US Postage Paid Mailed from Zip Code 39846

October 2020

- 6 “Barnabas” Group Meeting at 11:00 am; Assoc. Office
- 18 BBA Fall Meeting - Blakely FBC, 5:00 pm
(Truck Loading for Children’s Home begins at 3:00 pm)
- 30 Resume Receipt Deadline for AMS Position

November 2020

- 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends (set clocks back on Saturday night)
- 3 “Barnabas” Group Meeting at 11:00 am; Assoc. Office
ELECTION DAY
- 9 Georgia Baptist Convention - Ingleside BC, Macon
- 16 Administrative Team - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 25-27 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS (Office Closed)

December 2020

- 12 Ministers’/Spouses’ Christmas Fellowship - Faith BC, 5 pm
- 24-31 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (office closed)



ACR’s are due by October 1, 2020