

Bethel Baptist Association
The Bethel News

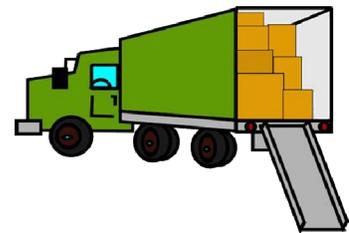
***2018 September
Newsletter***

"Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ"



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

"Truck Loadings"



ITEMS NEEDED:

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



Sunday, October 14, 2018

Bring your items to
First Baptist Church Blakely
Collect: 3:00 pm

**BBA Annual Fall Meeting:
5:00 pm**



First Baptist Church
Blakely

"Missionary Musings"



Well, schools are already back in session, and many of our churches have already promoted their children and youth to the next level in Sunday School. For our church clerks and other ministry leaders, this is also the time of year when we give an account of our church's activities during the past 12 months. Yes, the **ACR's (Annual Church Reports)** are due in to the Associational office by Tuesday, **October 2nd**. Or, you may complete your church's Annual Report **online** by following the instructions in your ACR packet. Your timely reporting of your church's annual statistics and leadership information is a great help not only to your local Association, but also to the Georgia Baptist Mission Board and other denominational entities as we seek to more effectively serve all of our churches. If you are a ministry leader in your church and have received a portion of the ACR from your Church Clerk for you to complete, let me encourage you to do so as thoroughly and as accurately as you can by the stated deadline. It will help us all to do a better job of making disciples!

I am encouraged by the response from Baptist churches and other associations throughout Georgia to this year's **Christmas Backpacks for SW GA** project. To date, about 2,500 backpacks have been pledged toward our goal of 3,700 to be distributed in our six counties this December. We have also had several churches and associations to commit to sending some volunteers to help us with our distribution events. **Darrell and Sondra Alexander** are our

Project Coordinators for 2018, and our County Coordinators are **Karin Tabb** and **Beth Bush** (Baker County); **Cathy Arnold**, **Carol Carter**, and **Eric Timpson** (Calhoun); **Jeff and Linda Hines** (Clay); **Bill Hovey** (Early), **Lisa Hagler** (Quitman); and **Lee and Katie Wright** (Randolph). If you wish to help with the distribution events in a particular county, please get in touch with your county Coordinator soon!

Finally, any church in the Bethel Association which desires to experience the **Four-Day Revitalization Conference** which I mentioned in our last newsletter needs to calendar that event with me at least one month (4 Sundays) ahead of time, so that I can conduct the proper research needed for the Sunday evening presentation. Conferences will be scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis, regardless of size of church. A church does not have to have a pastor in place in order to participate.

Following the 4-day event, I will schedule a series of quarterly check-up meetings with the church leadership to assess the congregation's progress and discuss any adjustments needed. As your Associational Missionary, I am happy to provide this ministry without charge to any Bethel Association church that requests it. No love offerings will be taken during these meetings.

I hope you will pray about this, and let me know if you think this is something that could benefit your church. I want to do all that I can to help our local churches experience the vitality that I believe God wants them to have.

Until next time

Bro. James

Barnabas
Son of Encouragement

**Barnabas+Group
Meeting**
Tuesday, Sept. 4th
@ 11 am
Associational Office

NEXT

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.



Planning Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 20th @ 7 pm



CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

July 26 - August 22, 2018

Arlington	779.94
Bethel	214.02
Beulah	452.40
Blakely FBC	1,584.69
Bluffton	315.45
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	375.12
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	362.58
Edison	125.18
Enterprise	
Faith	
Fort Gaines	804.65
Georgetown	
Leary	
Milford	
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	
Mt. Hebron	200.00
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	
New Hope	99.20
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	
Shellman FBC	200.00
Shiloh	708.00
Southside	25.00
Sowhatchee	248.15
Springvale	
Vilulah	50.00
Individuals	
TOTAL	7,056.88
Balances Aug. 22 (2018)	
General Fund	17,759.22
Designated Fund	8,747.06
New Work Fund	7,583.48



Administrative Team Meeting
Monday, September 17th @ 6:30 pm

Bro. Bill Barker formerly with ARM now with the **Georgia Baptist Mission Board** will be speaking at Southside BC on Sunday night Sept. 16th at 6:00 pm. Bro. Barker has worked with the distribution of Backpacks in Appalachia. Everyone invited!

CHURCH NEWS

The LORD will fight for you; you need only be still.

Exodus 14:14

Mt. Hebron Baptist Church has called Bro. **David Crowdis** to serve as their **Interim Pastor**. Bro. David will continue to serve as Pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church.

Mt. Gilead Baptist Church has called Bro. **Earnie Crussell** to serve as their **Pastor**, effective August 19th. Bro. Earnie and his wife Charlotte have a house on Lake Walter F. George near Fort Gaines. Welcome, Bro. Earnie!

Southside Baptist Church in Blakely has extended the call to **Yancey Hartman** to serve as their **Pastor**, beginning Sunday, September 2nd. Bro. Yancey, his wife, Amanda, and their three children (Paisley, Alden, and Blaine) are moving here from the Valdosta area. Welcome, Hartmans!

Cuthbert First Baptist Church recently called **Caleb Tuttle** to be their **Student Pastor**. Caleb began his service at the church in July. Welcome, Caleb!

ACR information (deadline-Tuesday, Oct 2nd)

Thank you!

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Here's
What's
Happening!

September

- 3 LABOR DAY (office closed)
- 4 øBarnabasø Group - Assoc. Office, 11:00 am
- 17 Administrative Team - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 20 øChristmas Backpacksø Planning Meeting- Assoc. Office 7 pm

October

- 2 øBarnabas Groupø - Assoc. Office, 11:00 am
- 2 ACRø are due
- 9 Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 14 BBA Fall Meeting (and Childrenø Home Collection, 3 pm)
- Blakely FBC, 5:00 pm

November

- 6 øBarnabasø Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 12-13 Georgia Baptist Convention - Second BC, Warner Robbins, GA
- 17 øChristmas at the Fortø (outreach) - Fort Gaines, 9 am - 4pm
- 21-23 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS (Assoc. Office Closed)

