

The Bethel News

September 2019

"Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ"

Enjoy



CABS'

(Celebrating A Bethel Seniors' 55+)

Food and Fun Event

Saturday, September 21, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

At Cuthbert First Baptist Church

(\$5/person - Please RSVP on your church's
sign-up sheet by Sunday, Sept. 8th.)



Menu: Chicken, green beans, potatoes, Salad, bread, and dessert!

"Missionary Musings"

The Summer is slipping by, and once again we find ourselves gearing up for the busy activities of Fall.

Our **SW Georgia Regional Sunday School/Small Groups Leader Training** event at Blakely First on August 10th was a success! We had **81 leaders** from **16 different churches** trained in the specific tasks of making disciples and providing a safe and secure environment for their small group participants. Special thanks to Bradley Crews and Jeremy Jordan and the whole First Baptist family for opening up their facilities for the "invasion" on that hot August morning. We had a great time, and I believe that 16 churches will see positive effects from this conference in their small group ministries in the days ahead.

Please take a note of our association-wide **Senior Adult (Age 55+) Fellowship** planned for Saturday evening, **September 21st** at **Cuthbert First Baptist Church**. Jimmy and Elaine Brownlee, our BBA Senior Adult Coordinators, have worked hard to put together a fun and inspiring program and, of course, the food and fellowship will be terrific! Be sure to sign up with your church Senior Adult group to be a part of this special evening.

Many of you are asking questions about **Christmas Backpacks**. As you can see elsewhere in this Newsletter, our Association will be working

together this year with one of our neighboring associations (Mallary) to send our undesignated backpacks collected in the Associational Office to a specific ministry site in **Harrogate, Tennessee**. Our goal is to collect **250 backpacks** for boys and girls **ages 8-10 and 11-14** in our BBA office between **October 15th and November 14th**, then we will deliver them to Albany for final transport to Tennessee. If your church already has a partnership with a different ministry site in Appalachia, we encourage you to continue that partnership and bless the children there.

Of course, we will also be on the **receiving** end of Christmas Backpacks for children and youth in our own local families during this Christmas season. If you're interested in helping us distribute these gifts of love here in the Bethel Association this December, please come to our **planning meeting** on Thursday evening, **September 12th** at **7 pm** and learn how you can be a part of this wonderful "home missions" experience! Next month, I hope to be able to publish a complete schedule for you of our local distribution events and locations.

Have a safe and happy Labor Day weekend!

Bro. James



Planning Meeting:
Thurs. Sept. 12th @ 7 pm;
Association Office

-Backpacks for SW Georgia will be distributed in all six of our counties during the first two Saturdays of December. The backpacks which are needed have already been pledged to us by our ministry partners in Georgia, with the exception of 510 backpacks still needed for **Early County**. **Volunteers** will be needed at the distribution events in December. Please contact the Associational Office for more details.

A **planning meeting** for our Bethel county distributions will be held at the Associational Office on Thursday evening, **September 12th**, at **7 pm**.

-Backpacks for Appalachia - This year, the Bethel Association is partnering with our neighbors in the Mallary Association (Albany) to send backpacks to the children in **Harrogate, Tennessee** (Cumberland Gap area). If you or your church group would like to put together backpacks for this effort, you may bring them to our Associational Office on Tuesday, through Thursday, **Oct. 15th, through Nov. 14th** between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. We will then take the backpacks collected in our office to Albany, and they will take them along with their collection to TN.

Our goal for the Appalachian collection from the Bethel Association is **250 backpacks**. We will need boys and girls, **ages 8-10 and 11-14** only. Please follow the packing guidelines found on the gabaptist.org/backpacks website, plus Mallary Association is also requesting that these children **do** need school supplies, as well.



**BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL FALL MEETING 5:00 pm**

**& The Children's Home Truck
Loading @ 3:00 pm**

Our 2019 Collection for the Georgia Baptist Children's Homes will take place on Sunday, October 13th at Arlington Baptist Church in conjunction with our Annual Fall Meeting.

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.

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.



**ADMINISTRATIVE
TEAM
MEETING**

Monday, Sept. 23rd
@ 6:30 pm



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

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

| July 25 - Aug. 21, 2019 | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Arlington | 921.86 |
| Bethel | |
| Beulah | 235.52 |
| Blakely FBC | 1,212.09 |
| Bluffton | 279.37 |
| Carnegie | |
| Coleman | |
| Colomokee | 379.10 |
| Cuthbert FBC | 512.50 |
| Damascus (E) | |
| Damascus (R) | 337.44 |
| Edison | 110.70 |
| Enterprise | |
| Faith | |
| Fort Gaines | 703.15 |
| Georgetown | |
| Leary | |
| Milford | 624.00 |
| Morgan | |
| Morris | |
| Mt. Gilead | 21.63 |
| Mt. Hebron | 200.00 |
| Mt. Vernon | |
| New Bethel | |
| New Hope | 60.13 |
| New Zion | |
| Rehoboth | |
| Salem | |
| Shellman FBC | 250.00 |
| Shiloh | 708.00 |
| Southside | 225.00 |
| Sowhatchee | 197.40 |
| Springvale | |
| Vilulah | 50.00 |
| Individuals | 50.00 |
| TOTAL | 7,077.89 |
| Balances Aug.21 (2019) | |
| General Fund | 10,846.13 |
| Designated Fund | 13,502.63 |
| New Work Fund | 7,655.25 |



Barnabas Group Meeting
Tuesday, September 3rd @ 11 am
Association Office

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September

- 2 LABOR DAY (Office Closed)
- 3 “Barnabas” Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 12 “Christmas Backpacks” planning meeting - Assoc. Office, 7 pm
- 15-22 Bro. James on Family Vacation
- 21 BBA Senior Adult Fellowship - Cuthbert FBC, 6 pm
- 23 Administrative Team - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm

October

- 1 “Barnabas” Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 7 Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. Office, 6:30 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 Assoc. Office

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 Associational Office
- 23 “Christmas at the Fort” (Festival Outreach) - Fort Gaines, 9am-4pm
- 27-29 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS (Assoc. Office Closed)