

April, 2012

# The Bethel News

alleluia!



*Christ has Risen!*

SPRING  
MEETING

April 17<sup>th</sup>

New Hope BC

7:00PM

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## Missionary Musings

As I write these words, we are moving into our season of "Spring Renewal" services, with the first service taking place in Cuthbert this evening. Much prayer and preparation have gone into these evangelistic meetings, and now we await the results. God has already answered many prayers in working out the logistics and details for such a huge undertaking, and we are trusting Him now to touch hearts and change lives through these meetings this week and next. Look for a full report on this activity in our next **Bethel News**.

I want to thank the **31 local volunteers** who helped us on March 9 and 10 with our first-ever **Mobile Dental/Medical Clinic in Fort Gaines**. Ten of those volunteers were local health care professionals (doctors, dentists, and nurses)! Over the 11-hour service period (Friday evening and all day Saturday) we served a total of 57 needy people. Thirty-one of those were dental patients!

A special Thank You goes to **Joyce Jarrett** for organizing our ladies and children's mission groups in assembling **free personal hygiene kits** for each client. We gave out 78 of these kits during the Mobile Clinic at Fort Gaines. Another 60 kits were given out on March 22 at the Calhoun County Senior Center's Health Fair. The remainder of the kits will be taken down to Bainbridge to be distributed in the migrant camps when the Georgia Baptist Mobile Medical Unit serves there in June.

Besides the celebration of our Lord's passion and resurrection at Easter, a highlight of the upcoming month will be our annual associational **Spring Meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>**. This year we will gather at **New Hope Church** (south of Blakely on US 27) for a wonderful time of fellowship and inspiration. We are in for a real treat this year, as our guest preacher will be **David Franklin** from Cartersville, GA. David is the Director of Missions (my counterpart) in the Bartow Association, and he has a special ministry in the area of revival and spiritual awakening. David is going to be following up on our "Spring Renewal" evangelistic crusades with a message on "The Baptist Association's Role in Revival and Spiritual Awakening." As you recall, we began our preparations for the evangelistic crusades with an emphasis on prayer in September, and we are following them up with an emphasis on continuing prayer and renewal. You will not want to miss our Spring Meeting.

Finally, please remember our **Summer Camps** are rapidly approaching! "**Camp Crescendo**" **Children's Music Camp** will be **June 25-27**; **Day Camp** will be **July 11-13**; and **Children's Overnight Camp** will be **July 11-14**. This year, we are running our Day Camp (for younger kids) and our Overnight Camp concurrently at **Camp Okitayakani** (near Shellman). We are always looking for a few good men and women to staff these camps. So please, do not wait for me to call you, just go ahead and **volunteer** to be a part of this rewarding ministry. Make an eternal investment in the lives of these, our future church leaders. You will be glad you did!

Happy Easter,

*Bro. James*

**EASTER**  
*Blessings*

## Church News



### Mt. Vernon Homecoming—125 Years

Sunday, April 15, 2012· Mt. Vernon BC  
 Special Singing by the Taylor Family  
 Message· Rev. Bobby Boswell,  
 Asst. to the Executive Director of the GBC  
 Basket Lunch at Noon· Join them!

### Mount Hebron Baptist Church Homecoming

Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM Worship Service  
 Speaker: Daniel McFather  
 Sunday afternoon concert featuring the *Living Water Quartet*  
 and many others! You are invited to join the celebration.

Join *Shiloh Baptist Church* as they prepare for a children's musical presentation, "Down by the Creek Bank." There will be singing, dancing, and praise "Down by the creek bank by the old holler log!" Children of all ages are invited to participate. Contact Lisa Haggler 334-695-6403.

*Enterprise Baptist Church* is organizing a "Flash Mob of Christians" performing to the song "Rise Up" at Relay for Life on April 28, 2012 at Calhoun County High School. Everyone is invited to participate. You can view a similar performance on youtube.com or godtube.com by searching for "Easter mob 2000 Christians TX." There will be 3 practice sessions in April. A special message will be shared during the interlude. They ask all ages to come and join them. Contact Theresa Bruner at scrappyhappyteresa@gmail.com



Blakely First Baptist Church  
 Ladies Conference/Salad Luncheon  
 "When Life Gives You Lemons"  
 May 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-2:30 PM.  
 \$10.00 /person· child care provided  
 Kathy Hammond· Speaker  
 Wade Hammond--Music  
 Call FBC· 723-3448 for questions.

## Church Position

**First Baptist Church Shellman** is looking to fill 2 part-time positions: *Youth Director & Music Director*. Both are paid positions and will require about 15-18 hours a week. If interested, contact Bruce Pittman· fbcos@windstream.net or 229.679.5092.

## CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

March 1, 2012 thru  
 March 28, 2012

Arlington	740.56
Bethel	1,382.04
Beulah	372.14
Blakely FBC	1,532.34
Bluffton	189.07
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	362.64
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	315.63
Edison	166.15
Enterprise	
Faith	250.00
Fort Gaines	625.87
Georgetown	416.67
Leary	344.54
Milford	
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	
Mt. Hebron	
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	
New Hope	369.08
New Zion	
Rehobeth	
Salem	
Shellman FBC	300.00
Shiloh	
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	237.33
Springvale	
Vilulah	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,341.56</b>
<b>Balances</b>	
General Fund	21,917.70
Designated Fund	9,807.52
New Work Fund	18,597.25
World Missions Conf.	2,539.55



## Calendar of Events

### April

- 1 BLAKELY-AREA EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE  
(Final Service) EC Ag Center Grounds, 6 PM
- 3 %BARNABAS+GROUP- Assoc. Office, 11 AM
- 5-6 Association Office Closed
- 8 EASTER
- 12 DISASTER RELIEF VOLUNTEERS UPDATE  
Southside BC, 7 PM
- 17 ASSOC. SPRING MEETING- New Hope BC, 7 PM

### May

- 1-3 Bro. James away at NOBTS Seminar
- 1 %BARNABAS+GROUP- Assoc. Office, 11 AM  
ASSOC. VBS CLINIC (all workers)- Enterprise BC, 7PM
- 21 MISSIONS COORDINATING COMM.- Assoc. Office
- 22 RETIREMENT PLANNING WORKSHOP with Keith  
Hamilton- Assoc. Office, 9:30 AM
- 22-24 %LEADERSHIP ENCOUNTER+ Mallery Assoc. Office  
(Albany)

### June

- 19-20 SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION- New Orleans
- 21 Deadline for all Summer Camp Registrations
- 25-27 CAMP CRESCENDO (Children's Music Camp)  
Cuthbert FBC, 9 AM-12 Noon

### Association-Wide Disaster Relief Meeting

A Disaster Relief Meeting of 1F (feeding unit) will be held on Thursday, April 12, at 7:00 PM at Southside Baptist Church in Blakely. The speaker will be Ronnie Clements, 1F Unit Director from Warner Robbins, GA. He will update us on what is happening in Disaster Relief. We ask that you bring your favorite finger food for a time of fellowship after the meeting. The host church will provide something to drink and paper goods. Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend this meeting. If you are not in feeding but are a trained volunteer, you are also invited to come.

*Ewell Jarrett*

*Assoc. Disaster Relief Coordinator*

