



*Congratulations!*

*Dr. James Holloway*

*Bethel Baptist Association's Associational Missionary, James Holloway, graduated from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in December, 2014 with a Doctorate of Educational Ministry.*

→ **ATTENTION: All Readers of the Bethel News** ←

Beginning with the May, 2015 issue, our Bethel Baptist Association newsletter will only be mailed in its printed version to those readers who specifically request it. All others will receive an email link to our full-color, online version, which you can print from your computer if you like. We are gradually making this transition in order to be better stewards of your missions contributions, in light of the increasing costs of printing and mailing the newsletter.

Here is what we need for you to do: If you wish to continue receiving the **Bethel News** by mail in its paper form, please notify our office (229.835.2887) by **April 23rd** and be sure we have your current, correct mailing address. If you are not already receiving the email link, but would like to, please call or write or email us at [bethelbaptist@windstream.net](mailto:bethelbaptist@windstream.net)) by April 23rd and give us your current email address. Our postal mailing list will be reduced after that date to just those folks who requested to continue receiving the **Bethel News** in the mail.

Please help us to be good stewards of the Lord's money by notifying us of your preference in this matter.



## Missions Coordinating Committee

The next meeting of the Missions Coordinating Committee will be on Monday, April 13th at 7PM at the Associational Office. Anyone desiring approval for an associational missions/ministry project and/or funding from the New Work Fund should submit their written proposals and requests to the BBA office by Thursday, April 9th. Contact us by phone at 229-835-2887 to obtain needed forms.

## *Missionary Musings*

Well, you did it, Bethel Baptist Association Churches! In February, we received a special offering for the work of the association as part of an emphasis on Associational Missions. Our goal for the offering was to collect an additional \$5,000 for our General (operating) Fund. You responded with a generous offering of **\$6,092.67!** Praise the Lord and thank you, church leaders, for making our first annual BBA Missions Offering a success.

We are also excited about the positive developments in our mission, **New Zion Baptist Church** in Blakely, over the past few months. New pastor **Darrell Alexander** and his family are already being used to make an impact for the Lord in that community. This week, New Zion is partnering with **Leary Baptist Church** and the "**Collide Blakely**" Team to saturate their neighborhood with a Gospel witness. In the months ahead, Bro. Darrell and his congregation will be doing important follow-up work on these families and individuals with spiritual needs that were discovered during "Collide Blakely." Please keep them in your prayers and, if you can, join our team of ministry partners on the Steering Committee as we help this mission congregation progress toward a fully-constituted, Southern Baptist church.

I do have some sad news. . . we will not be able to conduct our "Camp Crescendo" **Children's Music Camp** this Summer. But we do hope to have new associational music leadership in place soon, and will begin planning early for **next** year's (2016) "Camp Crescendo." In the meantime, we are offering our **Children's Overnight Camp** again, **July 8th-11th**, at Camp Okitayakani. Please see our feature elsewhere in the Newsletter for details, and be sure to sign your child(ren) up by the deadline of **June 18th**.

A most blessed and happy Easter to you all!

*Bro. James*



## **COLLIDE BLAKELY**

Contact Pastor Craig Layton if you would like to get involved (229.886.4540) or see the website [collidelbc.com](http://collidelbc.com) for more information. The dates are March 30-April 3, 2015.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT & MEN'S CONFERENCE



The Brotherhood of **Shiloh Baptist Church** is sponsoring a **Golf Tournament** on April 11th, followed by a **Men's Conference** that evening.

## Day Camp



Associational Day Camp will be Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 8-10 from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM each day, for children ages 4 through completed 2nd Grade. The cost is \$40 per child. It will be held at the Girl Scouts Camp Okitayakani near Shellman, GA, in conjunction with our Overnight Camp for older children. Send \$20 non-refundable deposit and medical release form to Associational Office by Thursday, June 18th. **Limit: 30 children.**



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## Overnight Camp

Our overnight camp for older children (completed 3rd through 7th grades) will be at the Girl Scout Camp near Shellman, GA,

Camp Okitayakani. The cost is \$70 per camper. We must have reservations with a non-refundable deposit of \$20 and a medical release form by the registration deadline of Thursday, June 18th. **Space is limited!** Camp will begin at 8:30 AM on Wednesday, July 8th (sign-in between 7:30 and 8:30 AM). Camp will end at 12 Noon on Saturday, July 11th, with a family-style cookout!

## CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

February 25, 2015 thru March 25, 2015

Arlington	
Bethel	318.42
Beulah	318.71
Blakely FBC	3,649.74
Bluffton	644.89
Carnegie	580.00
Coleman	
Colomokee	284.50
Cuthbert FBC	947.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	280.00
Edison	123.70
Enterprise	
Faith	
Fort Gaines	599.48
Georgetown	
Leary	590.60
Milford	1,124.00
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	
Mt. Hebron	395.55
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	
New Hope	400.24
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	53.61
Shellman FBC	
Shiloh & Brotherhood	341.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	177.56
Springvale	
Vilulah	
Individuals	115.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,169.50</b>
<b>Balances</b>	
General Fund	10,489.03
Designated Fund	12,133.59
New Work Fund	9,012.04
World Missions Conf.	5,146.06

*Thank You*

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### Calendar of Events

#### April, 2015

- 1-3 "Collide Blakely" (Evangelistic Activities)
- 5 EASTER
- 6 Bi-vocational "Barnabas" Group-Assoc. Office, 7PM
- 7 "Barnabas" Group-Assoc. Office, 11AM
- 13 Missions Coordinating Committee-Assoc. Office, 7PM
- 27 Administrative Team-Assoc. Office, 6:30 PM

#### May, 2015

- 1 Deadline for Church Commitments to  
Sept. 12-13 OMC
- 4 "Bivocational" Barnabas Group-Assoc. Office, 7PM
- 5 "Barnabas" Group-Assoc. Office, 11AM
- 12 New Zion (Mission) Steering Committee  
Freeman Rd., 7PM
- 15 Ministers' Pre-Retirement Planning Seminar  
Assoc. Office, 9AM-12PM
- 20 Revitalization Roundtable-Assoc. Office, 10AM
- 25 MEMORIAL DAY (Assoc. Office Closed)

#### June, 2015

- 18 DEADLINE for Summer Camp Reservations
- 22-26 Bro. James on Vacation
- 29 Executive Committee-Assoc. Office, 7PM

### PRAYER WALK

The **3rd Sunday** of every month  
from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM



**Randolph/Clay  
High School  
Clay Middle School  
Early Co. High School**

