

Bethel
Baptist
Association

February

“Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ”

the **BETHEL NEWSLETTER 2020**



WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE



2020

February 22 - 23

We will be hosting 13 missionaries – 4 from the International Mission Board, 5 from the North American Mission Board, and 4 from our Georgia Baptist Mission Board.

Schedule for the weekend:

Friday, Feb. 21st – Missionaries arrive

Saturday, Feb. 22nd – 10 am–12 noon, **Missions Fair at Edison Baptist Church**, Family Life Center (Children, Youth, and Mission Education groups are cordially invited to attend this educational event, where they can meet all of our missionaries “up close and personal’.)

1 pm–3 pm Missionaries will have a **catered luncheon** at “The Hub” in Arlington.

6 pm **Missions Banquet** at the Lodge at George Bagby State Park near Fort Gaines. Each church may send up to **3 representatives** to this banquet (Reservations required with the Associational Office by Thursday, Feb. 13th. Cost is \$15 per person for the buffet.)

Sunday, Feb. 23rd – Missionaries speak in assigned churches.

Monday, Feb. 24th – Missionaries return home.

Missionary Musings

For the past few years, we have observed the month of February as “**Associational Missions Emphasis**” month in the Bethel Baptist Association. With that, our churches have collected a **Special Mission Offering** to supplement our regular monthly contributions for the General Fund operating budget of the BBA. Each year this special offering helps us to “fill in the gap” between our missions vision and our anticipated regular contributions from our member churches. This year, our goal is for **\$6000** in special, over-and-above gifts to the Association during the month of February.

All of our churches are encouraged to promote the mission work of the Bethel Baptist Association to their members during February, and to receive a special offering for the BBA sometime during (or throughout) the month. Many resources for telling our mission story can be found on our associational website, **www.bethelassociation.com**, including a 40-day Prayer Guide. When sending in a check to the Bethel Baptist Association for the Special Offering, church treasurers should place “2020 Special Offering” on the memo line. This will help us track our progress toward our goal! Donations from **individuals** will be accepted during this time, as well.

Our Associational Missions month will culminate this year with a very special association-wide event. Our “**On Mission Connection**” World Mission Conference takes place the weekend of **February 22-23**. You can find the schedule for the entire weekend on the front page of this

newsletter. All of our Sunday morning missionary speaker slots have been filled, and we are working on getting the rest of our Sunday evening slots filled. If your church has not yet signed up for a missions speaker and you would like to host one that Sunday evening, please give us a call ASAP!

As soon as we have all 12 of our missionary speaking teams assigned, the full speaking schedule for Sunday, Feb. 23rd will be posted on our website and emailed to all of our churches. That way, if your church does not have Sunday night services, you can see who is speaking in your local area and go and hear them!

Also, if any of you (churches or individuals) would like to provide additional help in defraying the expenses of this conference, designated gifts to the BBA for the “2020 World Mission conference” will be gladly accepted. It costs around \$100 per night to house our guest missionaries for this event. (Some churches have specifically asked how they can help with the lodging expenses.)

I am truly excited about this event. I’m looking forward to meeting all of our missionary guests, seeing many of you at the **Missions Fair** at Edison Baptist Church on Saturday morning, and fellowshiping with representatives from all of our churches at the **Missions Banquet** on Saturday evening. Most of all, I’m looking forward to hearing our missionaries’ stories about what our great God is doing across Georgia, throughout our nation, and around the world! Finally, here are the county-by-county totals for our 2019



June 24-27

“**Christmas Backpacks**” distributions in December:

Baker County	187
Calhoun county	291
Clay county	295
Early county	694
Quitman county	116
<u>Randolph county</u>	<u>479</u>
Total	2,062
Backpacks distributed	

Praise the Lord!

Bro. James

Associational Missions Emphasis Month & Special Offering for BBA

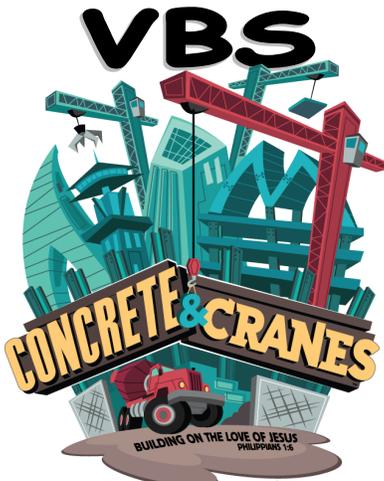
Goal = \$6000 over normal monthly contributions.

Churches may receive this offering throughout the month of February.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Dec. 19, 2019 - Jan. 29, 2020

Arlington	940.00
Bethel	
Beulah	621.42
Blakely FBC	2,034.66
Bluffton	432.57
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	479.46
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	353.45
Edison	184.20
Enterprise	1,266.87
Faith	
Fort Gaines	823.27
Georgetown	
Leary	1,200.00
Milford	532.00
Morgan	3,500.00
Morris	2,975.00
Mt. Gilead	47.42
Mt. Hebron	400.00
Mt. Vernon	318.69
New Bethel	200.00
New Hope	77.85
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	73.54
Shellman FBC	500.00
Shiloh	837.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	365.05
Springvale	
Vilulah	50.00
Individuals	100.00
TOTAL	19,049.95
Balances Jan 29 (2020)	
General Fund	8,021.12
Designated Fund	15,183.44
New Work Fund	7,680.38



VBS Workshop
March 8th @ 2 pm
New Bethel BC



Bethel Baptist Association
Missions Coordinating
Committee

Thursday, April 23
Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm

Requests for New Work Fund
assistance must be in to the BBA
Office by Tuesday, April 21st.

Bethel Baptist Association
Spring Meeting

Sunday, Mar. 22
5:00 pm
Cuthbert Baptist
Church

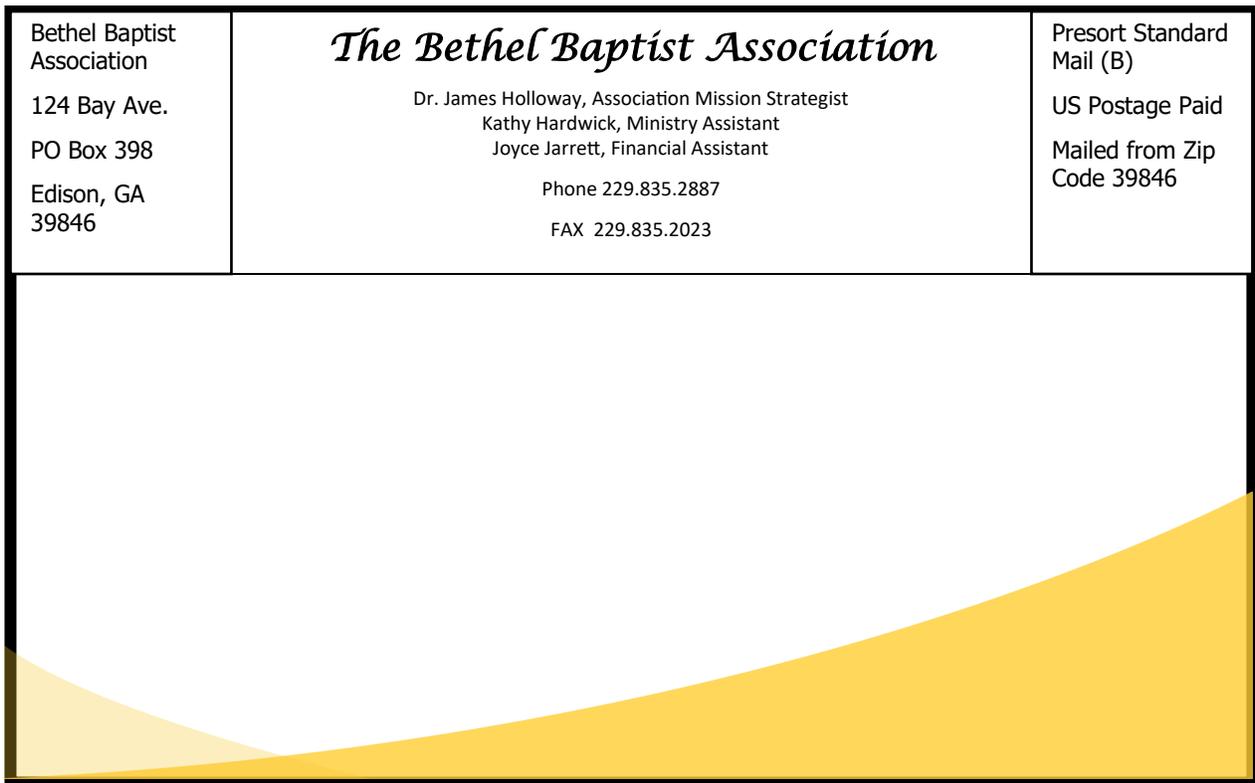


FBC, Blakely
Friday, Feb. 21st
12:30 - 1:30 pm

You're invited to an event with a shoebox recipient. Come hear how God used an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift to change a life forever.



Barnabas Group Meeting
Tuesday, February 11 @ 11 am
Association Office



February 2020

- 3-5 Bro. James away at AM's Workshop - Toccoa
- 10 Administrative Team - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 11 "Barnabas Group" - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 21 Operation Christmas Child Speaker - Blakely FBC, 12:30 pm
- BBA WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE**
- 22 Missions Fair - Edison BC, 10 am - 12 noon
- Missions Banquet - The Lodge at Bagby State Park, 6 pm
- 23 Missionaries Speak in churches - AM and PM services

March 2020

- 3 "Barnabas Group" - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 8 Assoc. VBS Clinic - New Bethel BC, 2 pm
(Daylight Savings Time begins)
- 22 BBA Spring Meeting - Cuthbert FBC, 5 pm
- 28 "Peanut Proud" (Festival Outreach) - Courthouse Square, Blakely

April 2020

- 3-4 Assoc. Evangelism/Discipleship Conference - Bluffton BC
- 12 EASTER
- 23 Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm

SAVE THE DATES!

BBA Summer Camp - June 24-27

