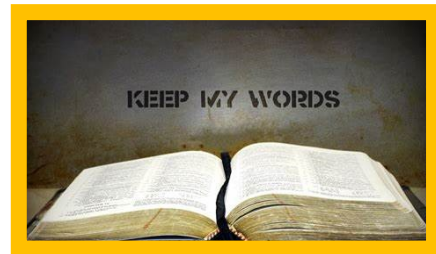


# AUGUST 2021

## BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

### Southwest Georgia Regional Sunday School Training Conference

Saturday, August 21st  
7:30 am - 12:15 pm  
Continental Breakfast



Southwest Baptist Church—1101 Faceville Hwy—Bainbridge GA

#### The Training Schedule

**7:30-8:30 AM** ~ Continental Breakfast & Registration  
**8:30-9:30 AM** ~ Training Session #1 (by Age-Group)  
**9:45-10 AM** ~ Break  
**10-11:15 AM** ~ Training Session #2 (by Age-Group)  
**11:15-11:30 AM** ~ Break and go to Sanctuary  
**11:30 AM-12:15 PM** ~ Plenary Session with  
Matthew Gibbs on "Relaunching and Strengthening  
Sunday Schools and Small Groups"  
**12:15 PM** ~ Dismiss

#### The Particulars

**Cost:** \$15 per registrant (payable at the door).  
Childcare is available for small children at no extra cost.  
(preregistration is required)

**Registration:** Please Pre-register by calling the Bowen Baptist Association at 229-246-1871 or by email to [bowenassoc@mediacombb.net](mailto:bowenassoc@mediacombb.net) by noon, August 16th.

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## Moderator's Musings

I hope everyone is doing well. It's hard to believe summer break is quickly coming to an end. In comparison to 2020, which seemed to last forever, summer this year has flown by. As summer ends I have two things I like to share with you.

First, pray for all of our schools. In many of our communities we are seeing a major upswing in covid cases. Now the CDC has changed their recommendations for masks in school. Our school administrators, teachers, students, parents, and support staff are entering a new school year where they expected things to be close to normal. Unfortunately, this is not the case, and with many different ideas, options, on how to move forward, our schools need our prayers. Pray God will speak clearly to those involved. Pray all the Christians involved will extend an attitude of grace toward the decisions made. As a pastor, I can tell you, this past year and a half has been my most challenging season of ministry, and I can only imagine how difficult it has been for those involved with our schools. Please, please pray for them!

Second, please pray for our search team. I know many of you are ready for new info, or an update. Our search team has worked very hard, and soon they will have some new info to share with our association. I know I've said this each month, but the task is important, and it is not an easy task to undertake.

God Bless All of You,

Pastor Nathan

Moderator



### **STRENGTHEN YOUR CHURCH**

#### **One-Day Total Church Equipping Conference**

going LIVE Thursday, August 12, 2021!

Over 40 High-Impact Sessions To Equip You To Lead In Your  
Ministry

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\(thesparkconference.com\)](https://thesparkconference.com)

# Barnabas

Son of Encouragement

## Prayer Group

Tuesday, August 3rd  
Please meet with Bro Ben  
McFether at 11 am  
BBA Office

# Meet & Greet

A Mission Strategist has been called (Rick Hatley) by the search committee for consideration. On Saturday, August 14th at 5:00 pm, you will be able to meet Bro. Rick and his wife, Carol at Blakely First Baptist Church. Voting will be on Sunday @ 6:00 pm at Arlington Baptist Church by the Executive Committee.

## Bethel Baptist Association Annual Fall Meeting

October 3, 2021 @ 5:00 pm

### Children's Home Truck Loading

3:00 pm

Speaker: Rev. David Murphy, Vilulah BC

*Pray* for the Associational Mission Strategist Search Committee!

**Cathy Arnold** - (Morgan Baptist Church)  
**Ryan Lancaster** - Chairman, (Arlington BC)  
**Chris Sumner** - (Southside BC) Blakely  
**Karin Tabb** - (Milford BC)

## CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

June 24, - July 28, 2021

Arlington	832.00
Bethel	361.24
Beulah	266.29
Blakely FBC	1,236.53
Bluffton	271.34
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	632.01
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	403.56
Edison	121.00
Enterprise	1,446.83
Faith	
Fort Gaines	624.40
Georgetown	833.32
Leary	89.94
Milford	664.00
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	120.40
Mt. Hebron	200.00
Mt. Vernon	450.30
New Bethel	
New Hope	91.40
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	
Shellman FBC	250.00
Shiloh	833.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	239.41
Springvale	100.00
Vilulah	
Individuals	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,853.98</b>
Balances July 28	
General Fund	81,842.83
Designated Fund	10,051.99
New Work Fund	7,727.87

### Bethel Resource Center:

There are many books, Bible Study Kits, History of our Churches, Gospel Tracts, and much more, so come and check it out! We are open Tuesday-Thursday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

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### August 2021

- 3 "Barnabas" Group Meeting at 11:00 am; Assoc. Office
- 12 SPARK Conference, live on-line
- 21 SW Georgia Regional Sunday School Training Conference, 7:30 am-12:15 pm

### September 2021

- 6 Labor Day
- 7 "Barnabas" Group Meeting at 11:00 am; Assoc. Office

### October 2021 (Pastor Appreciation Month)

- 3 BBA Fall Meeting at Shiloh Baptist Church
- 5 "Barnabas" Group Meeting at 11:00 am; Assoc. Office