

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2023

Wise Men
STILL SEEK HIM



Catering: Jerry's Country Meats

**RSVP
BBA
OFFICE**

Pastors, Staff and Wives Christmas Dinner

**Saturday, Dec. 9th
5:30 pm**

**Faith
BC**

Special Musical
Guest:

**The Dayspring
Trio**



**2023-2024
WEEK OF PRAYER
AND LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

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Your giving enables missionaries to be sent to make disciples & multiply churches among unreached peoples and places for the glory of God.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I pray that you have a Merry Christmas filled with peace, joy, and love. May God bless you with His greatest gifts and blessings during this Christmas season. Luke 2:10-11 ***Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*** I know we can be busy doing church during December with decorations, choir practices and Christmas plays – but let’s remember to make time to reflect on the gift of Christmas – Jesus the Son of God and the Savior for mankind! It still amazes me that Jesus would leave the glory of heaven to come to earth in physical form to shed His precious blood on the cross of Calvary so we might be forgiven, saved and have the promise of everlasting life.

The Pastor’s/Staff/Wives Christmas Party will be at Faith Baptist on December 9th at 5:30 PM. Please let us know at once if you plan to attend. It won’t be the same without you.

Backpack distribution will take place at Newton football field and Fort Gaines Baptist Church on Saturday December 2nd. You can be a part of this potentially life-changing event. I encourage every church and church member to prayerfully and cheerfully give to the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** this year. This money supports our missionaries that serve through the International Mission Board.

We are closing out this year and beginning a new year soon! So, let’s take advantage of the opportunities for training that are right here in our area:

TrainYOUary - February 10th, 2024 @ 1st Baptist Sylvester 9AM- 2:30 PM Training available for pastors, youth pastors/leaders, children’s ministry leaders and deacons. This training will be exceptional!

Disaster Relief Training - Feb 23, 2024 - Feb 24, 2024 @ Morningside Baptist Church 1303 Vada Rd Bainbridge GA Please go the GaBaptist Disaster Relief website and enroll. Please consider training for the Shower/Laundry units, since we have the only laundry unit in the state of GA. \$45 for first time trainees, and \$20 for recertification.

Speeders (Senior Adult Games and Lunch) will not meet in December but will resume the second Tuesday of every month in January. If your church would like to host, please contact me.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you this past year!

May God bless you all,

Bro. Jim

Disaster Relief Introduction Training: Bainbridge

FEB 23, 2024 - FEB 24, 2024 • BAINBRIDGE, GA



Disaster Relief Introduction (DRI) is required for all first-time volunteers and all Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief Volunteers needing recertification.

The DRI consists of two session:

Session 1 – Friday Night (6:00 – 9:00 PM): This is an introduction to the ministry of Disaster Relief.

Session 2 – Saturday Morning (8:00 – 10:00 AM or 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM for Chaplaincy): Training in the specific ministry area.

[Disaster Relief Introduction Training: Bainbridge - Georgia Baptist Mission Board \(gabaptist.org\)](http://gabaptist.org)

BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AND PINE LEVEL BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS

The Ark Encounter & Creation Museum

Incredible Price Includes:

\$743

- ♦ Motorcoach transportation
- ♦ 5 Night lodging including 3 consecutive nights in the Cincinnati area
- ♦ 8 meals: 5 breakfasts and 3 dinners
- ♦ Admission to the Stunning—Ark Encounter
- ♦ Admission to the Famous Creation Museum
- ♦ Admission to the Cincinnati Museum Center/Omnimax Show

6 Days 5 Nights

***Per Person**

Double Occupancy

(Mon - Sat) April 22-27, 2024

Departure:

Cairo/Blakely GA

8 am

\$75 Due Upon Signing. Final Payment due: 2/15/24

Call Jim Weaver for more info: 229-403-1034

Diamond Tours Inc



We have set a new goal to serve 300 children through the Christmas Wishlist. We need your help! We will be collecting Christmas donations in terms of clothes toys, food and cash through Dec. 15.

You may pick a child's tag off the Wish Tree at South Bank, First State Bank, or C-Hope Devotional Center in Blakely beginning Nov. 20th. Bring the UNWRAPPED gift (s) back to the location you pulled the name.

You can donate by mail, make check out to C Hope Ministries of Blakely, Inc; PO Box 027 Blakely, GA 39823. To use a credit card, contact Bro. Jason at 229-359-0065



**February 10th, 2024 @ 1st Baptist Church
Sylvester 9AM- 2:30 PM**

Training available for pastors, youth pastors/
leaders, children's ministry leaders, music
leaders and deacons.

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CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Oct. 31 - Nov. 28, 2023

Total to Date

Arlington	1,862.00	9,160.00
Bethel	183.20	2,335.21
Beulah	144.12	1,873.74
Blakely FBC	1,916.22	23,493.57
Bluffton	868.95	7,042.02
Carnegie		
Coleman		
Colomokee		4,111.85
Cuthbert FBC	600.00	6,600.00
Damascus (E)		
Damascus (R)	1,345.10	4,892.00
Edison	121.30	1,249.81
Enterprise		4,761.39
Faith		2,500.00
Fort Gaines	806.19	11,373.45
Georgetown	1,249.98	4,999.92
Leary	45.32	957.43
Milford		8,194.00
Morgan		3,600.00
Morris		2,580.00
Mt. Gilead	66.49	584.49
Mt. Hebron		2,750.00
Mt. Vernon		1,205.52
New Bethel		250.00
New Hope		1,446.99
New Zion		
Rehoboth		410.00
Salem		254.84
Shellman FBC	250.00	2,750.00
Shiloh	708.00	7,792.00
Southside	300.00	3,300.00
Sowhatchee		2,489.38
Springvale	100.00	1,100.00
Vilulah	50.00	650.00
Individuals	50.00	550.00
GA Convention	100.00	1,100
GF		28.00
TOTAL	10,766.87	126,385.62
Balances Nov. 28		
General Fund		152,126.17
Designated Fund		42,438.69
New Work Fund		7,840.96



Fun for Seniors

Senior Adult Fellowship & Lunch

Tuesday, January 9 @ 11:00 am

We need host churches!

Bethel Baptist
Association

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Bethel
Baptist
Association

*Serving the churches of Bethel Baptist Association
as we strive to reach the World for Jesus!*

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December

- 9 Pastors, Staff and Wives Christmas Dinner 5:30 pm; Faith BC
- 25 Merry Christmas
- 25-1/1 Office Closed

January

- 1 Happy New Year
- 9 Speeders (Senior Adult Games and Lunch) 11:00 am
- 22 BBA Executive Committee Meeting @ 6:30 pm

February

- 10 Train-YOU-Ary 9:00 am - 2:30 pm FBC Sylvester
- 13 Speeders (Senior Adult Games and Lunch) 11:00 am
- 23-24 Disaster Relief Training @ Morningside BC , Bainbridge GA

