



Bethel  
Baptist  
Association

Happy  
New  
Year

## JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

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

### Disaster Relief Introduction Training: Bainbridge, GA FEB. 23 & 24

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 sessions:

**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. During the online registration, choose from one of the following:

- Chaplaincy
- Feeding
- Shower Units
- Family Care
- Cleanup & Recovery

**NOTE:** During the online registration, you have the opportunity to register to cross train in an additional ministry area on Saturday from 10 am – 12 pm. However, if training in Chaplaincy, you will **NOT** be able to cross train on Saturday from 10 am – 12 pm.

#### Online registration is easy:

Click the link below for the introduction you want to register for.

If this is the first time you have registered online, click the “Don’t have an account? Sign Up” to the right of the “Sign In” button.

Complete information and click “Create an Account”.

You will receive an email with the information to activate your account and register for the event.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEB. 18, 2024**

**FEE** if received by the registration deadline: First Time attendees, \$40; Recertification, \$15

**Privacy and Refund Policy for Training Events:** Your information is held securely by the Fellowship One system. This information will remain private and will never be given away to third parties, other than to process your scheduled payments.

**COST:** First Time attendees, \$45; Recertification, \$20

### Church Strengthening Roundtables



#### 2024 Church Strengthening Roundtables

##### Arlington Baptist Church

**Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM**

#### TOPIC: Four Gateways of a Healthy Church

In conjunction with your local Associational Mission Strategist, pastors and church leaders will be introduced to the “Four Gateways of a Healthy Church” which include:

- 1) Mission, Vision, Values
- 2) Disciple’s Pathway
- 3) Leadership Pipeline, and
- 4) Missional Engagement

**FREE**

[You searched for Round Table - Georgia Baptist Mission Board \(gabaptist.org\)](https://gabaptist.org)

You can register and pay online for events by their deadline. Once a paid registration has been processed online, it cannot be canceled online. If there are any problems or questions related to this, please contact the Disaster Relief office at 770-936-5254, [pficarra@gabaptist.org](mailto:pficarra@gabaptist.org), or Disaster Relief, 4295 Brogdon Exchange, Suwanee, GA 30024-3980. **REGISTER**

#### WHEN & WHERE

Morningside Baptist Church, **1303 Vada Rd.** Bainbridge, GA

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Praying God blesses each and every one of you with His greatest blessings in the New Year, and that your labor in His Kingdom work will be rewarded greatly!

In the old Star Trek TV series of the sixties they used the phrase “Boldy going where no man has gone before” – that’s what we are doing as we enter into the uncharted waters of 2024! May we boldly go with the Lord into this next chapter of our lives with hope, peace and love while making a difference in the lives of those around us.

There are some important opportunities coming up very soon that I would encourage you to participate in:

1. **Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>** – Senior Adult Games and lunch 11 AM @ BBA Office  
(Associational Office [124 Bay Ave Edison GA](#))
2. **Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** – GBMB Church Strengthening Roundtables @ Arlington Baptist from 9 AM – 10:30 AM for all pastors and church leaders
3. **Disaster Relief Training** – February 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Morningside Baptist Church [1303 Vada Rd](#) Bainbridge, GA. Friday Evening and Saturday Morning. Please consider signing up for Shower/Laundry training as we have the first laundry trailer in the state of Georgia. Please know that I am here to assist you, your pastor and your church in any way that I can be used.

God Bless You All,

Bro. Jim

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, January 22**

**6:30 pm**

**BBA Office**

# 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



# Fun for Seniors

## Senior Adult Fellowship & Lunch

**Tuesday, January 9 @ 11:00 am**  
Bethel Baptist Association



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

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

**This training will be exceptional!**

## CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Total to Date  
2023

**Nov. 29 - Dec. 31, 2023**

Arlington	710.00	9,870.00
Bethel	176.44	2,511.65
Beulah	118.39	1,992.13
Blakely FBC	2,359.75	25,853.32
Bluffton	384.11	7,426.14
Carnegie		
Coleman		
Colomokee	327.42	4,439.27
Cuthbert FBC	600.00	7,200.00
Damascus (E)		
Damascus (R)		4,892.00
Edison	109.50	1,359.31
Enterprise		4,761.39
Faith		2,500.00
Fort Gaines	968.17	12,341.62
Georgetown		4,999.92
Leary		957.43
Milford		9,704.00
Morgan		3,600.00
Morris		2,580.00
Mt. Gilead	43.26	627.75
Mt. Hebron	250.00	3,000.00
Mt. Vernon		1,205.52
New Bethel		250.00
New Hope	152.46	1,599.45
New Zion		
Rehoboth		410.00
Salem	69.90	324.74
Shellman FBC	550.00	3,300.00
Shiloh	708.00	9,600.00
Southside		3,600.00
Sowhatchee		2,820.98
Springvale	100.00	100.00
Vilulah		650.00
Individuals	50.00	628.00
GA Convention		1,100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,977.40</b>	<b>136,204.62</b>
Balances Dec. 21		
General Fund		150,869.04
Designated Fund		42,091.29
New Work Fund		7,847.19

We are collecting Sunday School  
Literature, Bibles, Study Books,  
etc...that you are not using anymore to  
send to Missionaries.

You may drop off boxes on  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays  
between 9 am to 5 pm at the BBA .

Thank You!

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## January

- 1 Happy New Year
- 9 Speeders (Senior Adult Games and Lunch) 11:00 am  
at the BBA Office
- 22 BBA Executive Committee Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 24 Georgia Baptist Church Strengthening Round Table 10-11:30 am Arlington BC

## February

- 10 Train-YOU-Ary 9:00 am - 2:30 pm FBC Sylvester
- 13 Speeders (Senior Adult Games and Lunch) 11:00 am
- 18 Register for the Disaster Relief Training **Deadline**
- 23-24 Disaster Relief Training @ Morningside BC , Bainbridge GA
- 27 WMU Inspiration

## March

- 10 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 12 Speeders (Senior Adult Games and Lunch) 11:00 am
- 24 Palm Sunday
- 29 Good Friday
- 31 EASTER