

Bethel Newsletter

June 2022

Bethel Baptist Association

Bethel Baptist Association Executive Committee Meeting Monday, June 20 at 7:00 pm; BBA Office

The Nation's Largest Total Church Equipping Conference

Saturday, August 20 @ Byne Memorial Baptist Church— Albany, GA

REGISTER AT: [SPARK Conference 2022 \(thesparkconference.com\)](https://thesparkconference.com)



We've assembled a diverse team of practicing leaders prepared to give you best practices in their field of expertise. Every part of the gathering - from our keynote speakers to our SPARK breakout sessions - has been intentionally designed by our team to equip and inspire your leaders. Make plans now to join us online for #SPARKcon2022!

Moderator's Musings

Wow, June is here and we have much joy and grief. Our country is so broken. It seems violent crime continues to rise unabated. The latest tragedy is the heart breaking shooting that took place at an elementary school in Texas. The lives of 19 children and 2 adults lost in such a terrible act of violence. I remember how scriptures point out the evil in the hearts of mankind without the saving grace of Jesus. While our culture does not understand our call for prayer in times such as these, we need to remember prayer is foundational. Pray for our nation! Pray for our leaders as they work to come up with solutions that do not infringe on our rights as citizens of the USA.

As Southern Baptist we also have much to grieve over. During the 2021 SBC meeting the messengers requested a full investigation of the SBC Executive Committee and their handling of sexual abuse allegations against churches and pastors dating back into the early 2000's. On Sunday, May 22, the final report of the investigation was released by Guidepost Solutions. While much of the findings were expected, many were not and were shocking. While none of our churches are in any way directly involved with what has taken place in the EC for nearly 20 years; it should still break our hearts to know these things were allowed to not only take place, but to know individuals were more worried about personal perception and liability instead of the safety of individuals and churches. If you like to read the report it can be found at www.sataskforce.net

Bad news is never good, but we do have much to be joyful about. First, **Bro. Jim Weaver will begin his ministry as our Associational Mission Strategist on July 11th.** We are excited for all God has in-store for our association and churches through Jim's ministry with us. Please keep him in your prayers as he transitions into this position in a little over a month. Second, it is **VBS season!** Such an exciting time for so many of our churches. Please be praying as children and adults hear the Gospel of Jesus in the coming days. Pray God will prepare their hearts in the days before they attend. The best way to change the next generation is through a relationship with Jesus!

Blessing to you all!

Pastor Nathan



Vilulah Baptist Church Homecoming & Revival

Homecoming Sunday, July 17

Music at 10 am with Jeff Davis and Tired Creek
Service at 11 am with Donna Blackburn speaking

Revival, July 18, 19, & 20 at 7 pm

Speaker: Jeff Hines
Music: Randy Stokes

Here are some of the churches in the Bethel Association
having **VBS**:

Blakely, First Baptist Church - July 6-8 (10:00 am to noon)
Georgetown Baptist Church - June 6-10 (6:30 to 8:30 pm)
Southside Baptist Church - June 6-9 (6:00 - 8:00 pm)

If your church is having VBS this year, please call the office
at 229-835-2887.



Join us for this Public Affairs Training Event where you will learn why it's important and how ministry leaders and churches can be engaged in the policy making process and why local, state, and national leaders need your ministry and support.

This training is for pastors, ministry leaders and students. The event and meals are FREE!

go to: [Public Affairs Trainings 2022 - Georgia Baptist Mission Board \(gabaptist.org\)](https://gabaptist.org/public-affairs-trainings-2022)

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

May 1, - May 25, 2022

Arlington	660.00
Bethel	202.76
Beulah	
Blakely FBC	2,411.75
Bluffton	553.75
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	444.87
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	
Edison	99.50
Enterprise	
Faith	
Fort Gaines	950.46
Georgetown	
Leary	73.88
Milford	775.00
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	64.30
Mt. Hebron	250.00
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	
New Hope	219.00
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	
Shellman FBC	250.00
Shiloh	708.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	223.83
Springvale	100.00
Vilulah	
Individuals	50.00
TOTAL	8,774.60
Balances May 25, 2022	
General Fund	150,519.43
Designated Fund	11,406.42
New Work Fund	7,753.29

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- 19 Happy Father's Day
- 20 BBA Executive Committee Meeting, Association Office @ 7 pm

July 2022

- 4 Happy Independence Day
- 11 AMS - Jim Weaver will begin his ministry at the Bethel Baptist Association Office
- 12 Administrative Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm in the BBA Office

August 2022

- 20 Spark Conference in Albany, GA at Byne Baptist Church