

# September 2021



## **Bethel Baptist Association Annual Fall Meeting 2021 & GA Baptist Children's Home Truck Loading 3:00 pm**

Sunday, October 3, 2021 @ 5:00 pm

Shiloh Baptist Church

Speaker: Rev. David Murphy, Vilulah BC

Voting on prospective Association Mission Strategist: Rick Hatley (tentative)

Meet & Greet—Saturday, Oct. 2 ( place & time TBA )



### **ITEMS NEEDED**

Canned Fruits & Vegetables  
Boxes of Individual Snacks, chips/crackers/cookies  
Laundry detergent  
Disinfectant Spray & Wipes  
Paper Plates  
Plastic Cups  
Paper Towels  
Toilet Paper  
Gift Cards



**Please have all items boxed so they can be stacked in the truck on Loading Day!**

the BETHEL NEWSLETTER

## Moderator's Musings

Psalms 46:1-3 says this, "God is our refuge and strength, A very ready help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth shakes And the mountains slip into the heart of the sea; Though its waters roar and foam, Though the mountains quake at its swelling pride.

Today, more it seems, we are living in very uncertain times. So many things we saw as normal a little over a year ago are changing quickly. Most are not changing for the better. We are still battling a virus we prayed was close to running its course. There is uncertainty with the leadership of our country at so many different levels. The levels of discontent between different groups of people seem to be at a historical high. Yet, through all of this we must remember God is our refuge and strength. No matter how long the corona virus spreads, God is still on His throne. No matter what decisions, good or bad, our leaders make, God is still our King. Finally, if we want to stay unified as God's church we must remember it will come through our faith in Jesus, not in man made groups or ideas!

Continue to pray for our churches and for our association.

Blessings,

Pastor Nathan Ziglar

Moderator

We have draw string bags from summer camp.  
You could use them for kid's church trips.  
Please call us at 229-835-2887 with how many  
you would like to have.

**W**e are receiving calls about what we are doing in Haiti. We have set up a special account for Haiti and churches can make a donation to GBMB, Disaster Relief, 6405 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth GA 30097 designated it to Haiti.

You can also make a donation at [gabaptist.org](http://gabaptist.org).

We are working with our partner in Haiti, Look at the Nations (Baptist for Haiti) as they sent relief supplies to families that are in desperate need.

Please let your churches know this.

If you have any questions fell free to contact me.

Ricky Thrasher  
Statewide Consultant  
Associational Missions and Convention Planning  
Georgia Baptist Mission Board



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

By Roger Alford

Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief crews have been placed on alert to respond to hurricane-ravaged communities. We are preparing to pull out with as many volunteers as needed to help return the lives of victims back to normal as quickly as possible.

"We have more than 7,000 Disaster Relief volunteers in Georgia," said Ricky Thrasher, head of Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief. "These are people who serve on chainsaw brigades to remove fallen trees, mud-out teams to remove mud from flood-damaged homes, feeding units to prepare food for victims and volunteers, childcare workers, chaplains, laundry units, shower units, just about whatever is needed to help get these victims of Hurricane IDA back on their feet."

Widespread property damage was reported, and more than 1 million homes and businesses in Louisiana and Mississippi were without power as of Monday morning.

"Our volunteers have servant hearts," he said. "Where they see a need, they gladly respond. Over the years, they've served just about everywhere disasters have struck. That means all over the U.S. and in many parts of the world."

"There is always light after darkness," Edwards said. "And I can assure you we are going to get through this."

Floodwaters from Hurricane Ida left many Louisiana residents stranded in homes while first responders worked methodically on search and rescue.

Thrasher said he hasn't yet received definitive word where Georgia crews will be going, but he said it appears at this point they'll be responding to Mississippi.

"We also don't know yet how many of our units will be asked to respond," he said. "That depends on the how many are requested. I can tell you, our people stand ready to respond, as many as are needed."

"Experience has shown that the best way our churches can help is by providing financial support through the Georgia Baptist Mission Board," he said. "So often, literal mountains of clothing and similar goods are sent to disaster areas that simply go to waste. If churches provide financial support instead, victims can purchase what they need when they need it."

To give to the Georgia Baptist's hurricane relief effort, go to: <https://gabaptist.org/disasterrelief/> and click on the giving link at the top of the page.

## CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

**July 28 - August 25, 2021**

Arlington	516.00
Bethel	183.65
Beulah	
Blakely FBC	1,498.75
Bluffton	391.66
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	370.67
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	328.02
Edison	113.50
Enterprise	
Faith	
Fort Gaines	702.17
Georgetown	
Leary	150.55
Milford	
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	32.94
Mt. Hebron	200.00
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	
New Hope	107.19
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	
Shellman FBC	250.00
Shiloh	833.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhattee	227.86
Springvale	100.00
Vilulah	100.00
Individuals	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,893.75</b>
Balances Aug. 25	
General Fund	85,488.92
Designated Fund	10,055.72
New Work Fund	7,730.58

**Barnabas**  
Son of Encouragement

## Prayer Group

Tuesday, September 7

Please meet with Bro.

Ben McFather at 11 am

BBA Office

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### 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 @ 5:00 pm
- GA Children's Home Loading @ 3:00 pm
- 5 "Barnabas" Group Meeting at 11:00 am; Assoc. Office

### November 2021

- 2 "Barnabas" Group Meeting at 11:00 am; Assoc. Office
  - 8-9 Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting - First Baptist Church, Jonesboro
- [2021 Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting - Georgia Baptist Mission Board \(gabaptist.org\)](http://gabaptist.org)