

# Bethel Newsletter



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always

## September 2022



**Bethel Baptist Association**  
**FALL Annual Meeting**  
Sunday, October 16 @ 5:00 pm  
FBC Shellman  
  
GA. Baptist Children's Home  
Truck Loading @ 3:00 pm



### **ITEMS NEEDED**

Boxes of Individual Snacks, chips/crackers/cookies  
Kool-Aid  
Mashed Potatoes (instant)  
Kitchen/Bath Cleaners (Pine-Sol, Fabuloso, etc.)  
Paper Plates  
Plastic Cups 16oz  
Paper Towels  
Toilet Paper  
**Gift Cards**



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

Bethel Baptist Association

Dear Brother Pastors and Church Leaders,

I want to thank you for your service and dedication to the Lord and His church. I know this past year or so have been some difficult days. I want you to know that I am here to assist and encourage you as well as listen to you. Unfortunately, I have not met each of you yet. I am looking forward to the day when I know each of you personally. I ask you to help me with that please. A text, a phone call or an email will help us establish a means of communication.

***Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.*** Hebrews 10:23 May we never waver in our confession or in our calling.

Winston Churchill said, **Never, never, never give up.** Never, never, never give up. When something is important enough, you do it even if the odds are not in your favor. Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time. It always seems impossible until it's done.

Paul writes to the church at Philippi and to each of us: ***I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*** Literal translation is ***I can ENDURE all things through Christ who gives me strength!***

*May God bless your ministry greatly,*

*Bro. Jim*



You're invited to an upcoming Worship and Music Roundtable! These are times for church music leaders to gather and be encouraged and prepared to do local church ministry.

We believe in helping you establish relationships with other music and worship leaders, discuss best practices, and refresh as we converse.

**Worship and Music is based on six principles:**

1. Mind of Christ
2. Heart of Worship
3. Hands of the Artist
4. Feet of Service
5. Voice of Discipleship
6. Ear to the Next Generation.

**SOUTHWEST**

October 13, 10 AM – 1 PM  
FBC Bainbridge

October 13, 6 PM – 8:30 PM  
FBC Tifton

REGISTER AT:

[Regional Worship & Music Listening Sessions - Georgia Baptist Mission Board \(gabaptist.org\)](https://gabaptist.org)

## Annual Church Report

### Why complete an annual church report?

- You are an important part of the Southern Baptist family! This small task benefits the entire Southern Baptist Convention and her mission of reaching the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Information gathered can be used to help your church measure ministry directions and effectiveness.
- Reviewing data from several years can help your church as you plan ministry strategies each year.
- Information collected can be archived and not lost as the result of a church fire, flood, or property damage.
- It assists our national SBC agencies in reporting accurate, important, and relevant information concerning church life.
- Reported data helps determine the number of church messengers that can be duly and properly elected to participate and vote in state convention and national convention meetings.
- Information provided through the ACP survey enables your association and state convention to better communicate with and serve the needs of your congregation.

*Please have reports in by Oct. 6th. You can mail to the Bethel Baptist Association or even call it in and I will take care of it for you, 229-835-2887. Thank you, Kathy Hardwick BBA Ministry Assistant.*

**First Baptist Church Donalsonville** is looking for a full-time Associate Pastor of Music & Worship. He will provide pastoral leadership to our music and worship ministries, and to the church at large. A more detailed job description is available upon request. All interested candidates should send resumes to michael.wingertsahn@fbcdonalsonville.com or mailed to P.O. Box 81 Donalsonville, Ga 39845. For questions contact the church office at 229-524-2166.

## 200th GBC Annual Meeting

YOU ARE INVITED! Join with other Georgia Baptists as we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

**Nov. 14-15, 2022**

**Warren Baptist Church, Augusta**

Cooperative Program giving churches can now register messengers.

You should be receiving a letter in the mail with instructions on how to register.

## CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

**July 27 - Aug. 24, 2022**

Arlington	730.00
Bethel	457.88
Beulah	
Blakely FBC	1,749.26
Bluffton	895.79
Carnegie	
Coleman	
Colomokee	383.13
Cuthbert FBC	
Damascus (E)	
Damascus (R)	183.90
Edison	136.50
Enterprise	
Faith	
Fort Gaines	758.03
Georgetown	416.66
Leary	92.70
Milford	
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	59.86
Mt. Hebron	250.00
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	
New Hope	124.74
New Zion	
Rehoboth	410.00
Salem	
Shellman FBC	250.00
Shiloh	708.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatree	341.11
Springvale	100.00
Vilulah	50.00
Individuals	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,372.56</b>
Balances Aug. 24, 2022	
General Fund	143,645.00
Designated Fund	31,411.37
New Work Fund	7,756.42

Venue has changed from the Marriot to Warren Baptist Church

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## September

- 5 Labor Day (office closed)
- 6 [Public Affairs Trainings 2022 - Georgia Baptist Mission Board \(gabaptist.org\)](http://gabaptist.org) 5-9 pm; Columbus Assoc.  
[Public Affairs Trainings 2022 - Georgia Baptist Mission Board \(gabaptist.org\)](http://gabaptist.org) 10 am - 2:30 pm; Columbus Assoc.

## October

- 7-9 Pastors & Wives Fall Retreat (Legacy Lodge Lake Lanier Island) [gabaptist.org/pastorwellness](http://gabaptist.org/pastorwellness)
- 13 Worship & Music Learning Roundtable, FBC Bainbridge, 10 am - 1 pm
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- 16 Annual Fall Meeting 5 pm and Baptist Children's Home Truck Loading 3 pm; Shellman FBC

## November

- 6 Daylight Saving Time Ends at 2:00 am
- 14-15 2022 Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting