

Sunday, October 2, 5:00 pm

Georgetown Baptist Church



Truck loading begins at 3 pm

ACRs are due October 13th

BBA Annual Meeting X Children's Home Truck Loading

Powdered Drink Mix-Lemonade, Bottled Water, 100% Juices, Ranch Dressing, Mayo, Ketchup, Mustard, Hot Sauce, Vegetable Oil, Olive Oil, Sloppy Joe Mix, Mac & Cheese, Corn, Green Beans, Baked Beans, any Paper Products-Plates, Cups, Sugar, Pop Tarts, Baggies (quart & gallon), Dawn Dish Washing Detergent, 55 gal Trash Bags, Aluminum Foil, Saran Wrap.

As you can see, there are a lot of needs! We can always use gift cards to buy these products and perishables too. We appreciate all that you do for the Campus and our residents! Bless you!

Sandra Hammonds,

ACKPACKS Appalachia



Drop-off your Christmas Backpacks for Appalachia at the Bethel Associational Office from October 4-27, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursdays, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm; please have the Boy/Girl tag marked and tied to each backpack. Mark the box with how many backpacks, age, and if its girl/boy. Place them into a standard 18 x 18 x 16 shipping box (these can be obtained at Home Depot or Lowes).

Please insert "The Christmas Story" pamphlet & Bible Club card.

List of items needed:	Toys
School Supplies	at least one NEW,
crayons	age appropriate,
notebook paper	non-breakable toy
pencils/pens	(no toy weapons,
composition books	please)
folders	<u>Hygiene items</u>
erasers	toothpaste
rulers	toothbrush
<u>New Clothing</u>	soap
winter hats	washcloth
gloves	brush/comb
socks	shampoo
underwear	deodorant
<u>Food-small pop-up</u>	(place items into a
can ravioli	one gallon Ziploc
tuna	bag, if you can)
beef stew	<u>Candy</u>
vegetables	fresh, wrapped
fruit	candy
<u>Bible-Youth/Children</u>	(no chocolate)



God is continuing to work within the Bethel Association to draw men & women, boys & girls unto Himself. This month I am excited to share with you all the news of **two new ministries** that are shaping up in the six-county area that is covered by the Bethel Baptist Association.

The first is a local Georgia component that will be added onto the Georgia Baptist Christmas-time collection of backpacks for needy children next year (2017). Dr. Frank Nuckolls, who coordinates Georgia Baptistos Backpacks for Appalachia+project each year, has offered our Association the privilege of being on the receiving end of the 2017 Georgia component, due to the high incidence of childhood poverty in our counties. Our Missions Coordinating Committee has recommended that we accept this partnership for 2017, and now our Mission Team Leaders, Kenny and Melanie Williams, are putting together a team of representatives from each of our six counties to serve as the local Steering Committee for this state-wide effort. They will locate areas/pockets of population where the backpacks are most needed, arrange and various distribution events and localities for the children to receive their backpacks. Dr. Nuckolls and the Georgia Baptist Mission Board, meanwhile, will educate all Georgia Baptist churches about the need in our area, and promote the Backpacks for Bethel+project as a part of next yearsq Backpacks for Appalachia+thrust. In this manner, Baptists from all

over our great state will be able to share with the needy children in our area, opening new doors for us to share the Gospel with many families right here in our own communities! We are also hopeful that this & ackpacks+ project will lead to some **mission partnerships** between Georgia Baptist churches in other parts of the state with our own Bethel Association churches.

The second new ministry is **Rehoboth Ranch**. a Christ-centered place of spiritual healing and discipleship for individuals struggling with drug and alcohol addiction. God first gave the vision for this ministry to Rob and Selina Morgan of Leary, and He has since made it possible for an ideal property to be purchased in Calhoun County as well as pulling together a great group of supporters and ministry partners to help the vision become reality. Rehoboth Ranch а Ministries has now incorporated as a 501(c) (3) Georgia non-profit, and I have the privilege of serving along with four others on the initial Board of Directors.

In my travels throughout the Bethel Association, I dond believe I have found a single congregation which has not been touched in some way by the scourge of alcohol and drug abuse involving those who are near and dear to us. Wherever I go, I find a family or families that are directly affected by this problem. That is why I believe that a ministry Iike Rehoboth Ranch is desperately needed in our area. Ministries is to provide a residential community where those who are dealing with chemical dependency can be transformed and set free from their addiction by the power of Christ. Our vision is to provide a %Christ-centered place of refuge and healing,+where individuals are transformed from being addicted to drugs and alcohol to being willing servants of Jesus Christ and of their fellow These individuals will live man. and work together within a loving community of Christ's disciples.

The Ranch community will be as self-sustaining as possible, as clients will share in the duties of raising cattle and other livestock, as well as gardening on the property. Volunteers from the churches and the community will work alongside these residents as they coach, disciple, and mentor them. We are partnering with the Albany Biblical Counseling **Center** to provide regular sessions with Certified Biblical Counselors. Residents with medical issues will be referred to appropriate health care providers and assisted in making those office visits.

In order for the ministry to begin, an old clubhouse building on the property must be completely renovated and remodeled to provide living guarters for the first twelve men. RRM is now in the process of raising funds for material and enlisting volunteers with construction skills to help in the first phase. If you can help in any way, please contact Rob Morgan at (229) 733-9152, or to schedule someone to come and speak to your church or group about Rehoboth Ranch and how you partner with them. can

As I stated at the beginning, God is at work. Letos join Him in what He is doing to transform lives through the power of His Son.

Amen!

Bro. James

Missions Coordinating Committee

Will meet on Tuesday January 17, 2017, at 6:30 pm at the Associational Office. Project and funding requests must be in to the Associational Office by Thurs., January 12th





Barnabas Group Meeting Tues. Oct. 4th at 11 am

"Revitalization Roundtable" Wed. Oct. 26 @ 11 am

Norman Park Georgia Baptist

Conference Center October 22 8 amó 3:30 pm Register online: LIFEWAY.COM/NSSDS





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Baby Station Ministry

"Christmas at the Fort" Nov. 19th; 9 am- 4 pm We are in need of volunteers to work an hour or 2 at the Baby Station. Please call the 229-835-2887 if you can help.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

August 24 - Septembe	er 28, 2016
Arlington	814.20
Bethel	
Beulah	572.57
Blakely FBC	1,252.73
Bluffton	310.94
Carnegie	1,900.00
Coleman	
Colomokee	254.38
Cuthbert FBC	512.50
Damascus (E)	250.00
Damascus (R)	310.62
Edison	116.80
Enterprise	
Faith	
Fort Gaines	547.64
Georgetown	500.00
Leary	119.53
Milford	400.00
Morgan	
Morris	
Mt. Gilead	
Mt. Hebron	573.25
Mt. Vernon	
New Bethel	
New Hope	595.55
New Zion	
Rehoboth	
Salem	46.17
Shellman FBC	1,800.00
Shiloh	708.00
Southside	225.00
Sowhatchee	487.97
Springvale	
Vilulah	
Individuals	
TOTAL	12,297.85
Balances 9/28(2016)	
General Fund	21,998.81
Designated Fund	8,795.03
New Work Fund	6,749.82





Upcoming Events

October 2016

- 2 BBA Annual Fall Meeting (and Childrenc Home Truck Loading) Georgetown BC, 5 pm
- 4-27 %Backpacks for Appalachia+received at Assoc. Office (Tues-Wed-Thurs, 8:30 am 4:30 pm)
- 4 %Barnabas Group Assoc. office, 11 am
- 10-14 Bro. James on Vacation
- 13 Deadline for receiving ACR s in Associational Office
- 18-20 Ag Expo (Moultrie, GA)
- 22 National Sunday School Directorcs Seminar Norman Park, 8 am. 3:30 pm
- 25 New Zion Steering Committee Freeman Rd. 6:30 pm
- 26 Revitalization Roundtable+- Assoc. Office, 10 am
- 27 Last day to receive Backpacks for Appalachia+at the Assoc. Office

November 2016

- 1 %Barnabas+Group Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 10 Administrative Team Assoc. Ofice, 6:30 pm
- 14-15 Georgia Baptist Convention Calvary Baptist Temple, (Savannah, GA)
- 19 %Ghristmas at the Fort+(Outreach) Fort Gaines, 9 am 4 pm
- 23-25 THANKSGIING HOLIDAYS (Assoc. Office Closed)

December 2016

- 8 Ministers/Spouses Christmas Banquet Faith BC, 6:30 pm
- 26-30 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (Assoc. Office Closed)

