

The Bethel News



October 2017

"Strengthening Churches in Sharing Christ"

Bethel Baptist Associational Annual **FALL MEETING**



Sunday, October 15th @ 5:00 pm
Fort Gaines Baptist Church



Truck Loading @ 3 pm

**GEORGIA BAPTIST
CHILDREN'S HOMES
AND FAMILY
MINISTRIES, INC.**

The Bethel Baptist Association is collecting: Laundry Detergent, Pine Sol, Disinfecting Cleaner, Plastic Plates & Cups, Toilet Tissue, Paper Towels, Aluminum Foil, Ziploc Bags, Bottled Water, *Men's Deodorant, 3-1 Shampoo.* Gift Cards are always needed!





Missionary Musings

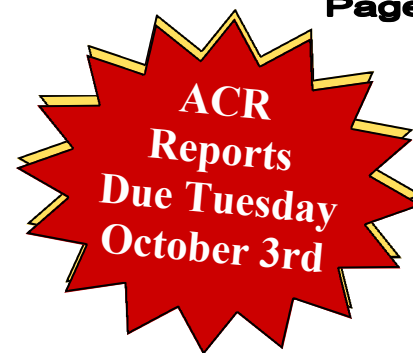
What a great way to end our Associational Ministry year with the 2017 **Pursued+Disciple NOW** event at Cuthbert on September 23rd! Dustin Simmons, the staff and volunteers at Cuthbert First Baptist Church did a great job of organizing and hosting this awesome day of Bible study, recreation, and worship for our students. The Crystal Padilla Band and Casey Lynch blessed us with uplifting music and challenging messages from God's Word. We had **85 students** and **41 adults** participating! It was a glorious, God-honoring day, and we know of at least 5 students who were **apprehended+** by the One who loves us and pursues us to be His own. **PRAISE THE LORD!**

October, of course, is the month when we gather as messengers from all of our Bethel Association churches for the **Annual Fall Meeting**. This year, our annual time of celebration, business, and fellowship will take place on **Sunday evening, October 15th**, at the **Fort Gaines Baptist Church**, beginning at **5 PM**. Bro. **Kermit Soileau**, Pastor of the Georgetown Baptist Church, will be our preacher for the evening. Don't forget to come early with your church's items collected for our **Georgia Baptist Children's Home**, as we will begin loading the truck behind the church building at **3 PM**.

Early in the month we will have a special opportunity for our pastors and ministerial staff. Our October **Barnabas+** meeting will combine with our **Revitalization Roundtable+** group on **Tuesday, October 3rd** for a special presentation and

discussion led by Bro. Mike Everson on "**Before You Hit the Wall**". This session will focus on recognizing the signs of and preventing **burn-out+** in ministry. Since this will be a special discussion, we will begin at **10 am** rather than our traditional 11 am **Barnabas+** starting time. I hope many of our ministers will be able to join us at the Association office for this stimulating and helpful program. One of the most important steps we can take in revitalizing our churches is to take care of ourselves as pastors and ministers and not allow our own fatigue and weakness to hinder our effectiveness as spiritual leaders.

Please take note of all the opportunities for service that are described in the newsletter, especially our upcoming "**Backpacks of Hope**" project for children in Appalachia and here in our own 6 county-area. Things are really **ramping up+** for Backpacks of Hope this Christmas, and we want everyone to get involved and do their part to



share the love of Christ with a child through the gift of a bountiful backpack this Holiday Season. Please contact Kenny and Melanie Williams or your county coordinator (s) as listed in this Newsletter for information and how you can help.

I hope to see you all at the Fort Gaines Baptist Church for our Fall Family Gathering on the 15th!

Joyfully serving Him,

Bro. James

Administrative Team Meeting

Thursday, November 16th
6:30 pm
Associational Office



County Coordinator's Mtg. Thurs. Oct. 12 @ 7 pm

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| Calhoun Co. | Becky Avera & Martha Bell, B (229) 881-2837, M (229) 308-3775 760 backpacks (already committed!) |
| Clay Co. | Tammy Pope, (229) 308-0185, or Susan Walker, (678) 898-3923 500 backpacks (clear or mesh bags only) |
| Baker Co. | Karin Tabb, (229) 254-2041 310 backpacks (already committed!) |
| Early Co. | Darrell & Sondra Alexander, (229) 308-2183 2,130 backpacks |
| Randolph Co. | Ben & Kim Crowdis, (229) 310-7902 or Lee & Katie Wright 1,000 backpacks |
| Quitman Co. | Lisa Hagler, (334) 695-6403 500 backpacks (already committed!) |

If you have any questions about how or where you can help, please contact Kenny & Melanie Williams, (K- (229) 310-9067 / M- (229) 942-9623) or your county coordinator as listed above.

öBarnabasö

Group Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 3, 10:00 am
Associational Office

First Baptist Church, Donalsonville, GA is seeking a **full-time Youth & Children's Minister**. Please email resumes to: secretary@fbcdonalsonville.com or mail to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 81, Donalsonville, GA 39845.

BACKPACKS for Appalachia

We will still be receiving backpacks at the Associational Office for transport to the Georgia Baptist Convention meeting November 13th in Lawrenceville.

If you have backpacks **not designated** for a particular ministry site in Appalachia or SW Georgia, please bring them **boxed** (3 or 4 per medium 18x18x16 moving box) to the Assoc. office between 8:30 am & 4:30 pm, Tuesday through Thursdays, anytime during the month of **October**.

(If you need to bring the bags on a Monday, please call the office to arrange a time.)

PLEASE NOTE...

The following amendment to the By-Laws of the Bethel Baptist Association will be presented for a vote at the Annual Fall Meeting on October 15th (new words proposed in bold).

Article XI, Paragraph A

öEach officer, leadership specialist, ministry team leader, committee member or board member of THE ASSOCIATION shall be an active member of an affiliated church **who is recommended by the Pastor or, in the absence of a Pastor, the Chairman of Deacons of their church.**ö

Missions Coordinating Committee - Monday, October 23rd
Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm; Requests due by October 19th



October 14th at 7pm (Eastern), Georgetown Baptist Church will host a Youth Rally featuring "Welsh Revival". This group of eight coeds from the University of Mobile will present a program of contemporary Christian music. All youth are invited to an evening of inspiration and fun.

Cuthbert First Baptist Church HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

186 Years of Ministry
Sunday, October 15, 2017

10:30 AM Service Begins with Rev. Ken Hall, Former Pastor - Keynote Speaker

Former Pastors and other staff members will be recognized.

12:00 Noon - Fellowship Meal in the Family Life Center
(Call church office 229-732-2800 for further information.)

RSVP by October 1st, for plans for lunch.)

The family of Ewell Jarrett acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy:

Thank you so much for the beautiful wreath of flowers you sent to us. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. We also thank all the churches who had Ewell on their prayer list. All the cards that you sent him meant so much. God had other plans than healing him here.

We are so grateful He showed mercy. Please continue to pray for us!
Joyce

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Aug. 24 - Sept. 27

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| Arlington | 650.00 |
| Bethel | |
| Beulah | |
| Blakely FBC | 1,305.98 |
| Bluffton | 366.11 |
| Carnegie | |
| Coleman | |
| Colomokee | 662.46 |
| Cuthbert FBC | 512.50 |
| Damascus (E) | |
| Damascus (R) | 330.78 |
| Edison | 156.59 |
| Enterprise | |
| Faith | |
| Fort Gaines | 907.55 |
| Georgetown | 1,000.00 |
| Leary | 382.16 |
| Milford | 1,313.00 |
| Morgan | |
| Morris | |
| Mt. Gilead | |
| Mt. Hebron | 284.19 |
| Mt. Vernon | 289.41 |
| New Bethel | |
| New Hope | 53.45 |
| New Zion | |
| Rehoboth | 400.00 |
| Salem | |
| Shellman FBC | 300.00 |
| Shiloh | 708.00 |
| Southside | 225.00 |
| Sowhatchee | 185.83 |
| Springvale | 108.68 |
| Vilulah | 50.00 |
| Individuals | |
| TOTAL | 10,191.69 |
| Balances Sept.27 (2017) | |
| General Fund | 21,387.48 |
| Designated Fund | 18,689.73 |
| New Work Fund | 7,544.57 |

Thank you!

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Requested

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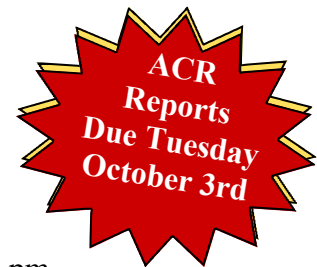
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October

- 3 ACRs Due!
oBarnabasö Group - Assoc. Office, 10 am
- 12 oBackpacks of Hopeö County Coordinatorö Mtg. 7 pm
- 15 BBA Annual Fall Meeting (and Childrenö Home Truck Loading)
-Fort Gaines BC, 5 pm (truck loading begins at 3 pm)
- 23 Missions Coordinating Committee - Assoc. office, 6:30 pm
- 31 Last Day to Receive Backpacks at the Assoc. Office, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm



UPCOMING EVENTS

November

- 7 oBarnabasö Group - Assoc. Office, 11 am
- 13-14 Georgia Baptist Convention - N. Metro FBC, Lawrenceville, GA
- 16 Administrative Team Mtg. Assoc. Office, 6:30 pm
- 18 oChristmas at the Fortö (Festival Outreach) - Fort Gaines, 9 am - 4 pm
- 22-23 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS (Assoc. Office Closed)

December

- 2 oBackpacks of Hopeö Distributions:
 - Baker County (10 am - 1 pm)
 - Clay County (2 pm - 5 pm)
 - Quitman County (1 pm - 4 pm)
- 7 Ministerö/Spousesö Christmas Fellowshipö Faith BC, 6:30 pm
- 9 oBackpacks of Hopeö Distributions:
 - Calhoun County (10 am - 1 pm)
 - Randolph County (1 pm - 4 pm)
- oBackpacks of Hopeö Distribution: Early County, Blakely (10 am - 1 pm)
- 16 oBackpacks of Hopeö Distribution: Early County, Arlington (10 am - 1 pm)
- 23 oBackpacks of Hopeö Distribution: Early County, Cedar Springs (10 am - 1 pm)

Dec. 25-Jan.1, 2018

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (Assoc. Office Closed)