

<div>Ladies' Corner</div> <div>Have you ever felt like you had something in your life that had a hold on you, and you just couldn't get free of it? Maybe a bad habit, bad feelings toward someone, or something that just binds you down?</div> <div>Well there is good news for you!! You can be set free!!</div> <div>Romans 8:1-2 tells us that we can be free from the law of sin and death!! Christ Jesus has made us free. If you have put your faith in Him and accepted Him as your Lord and Savior, you are no longer under the bondage of sin.</div> <div>If we walk in the Spirit, we can have victory over sin!! We don't have to stay under that heavy bondage; instead, we can enjoy the freedom that Christ has provided for us!!</div> <div>If you are not saved, accept Him today!! If you are saved already - enjoy the freedom that is in Christ!!</div> <div>Brenda Cloud</div> <div>Associational WMU/Ladies Ministry</div>		<div>April 2019</div> <div><div>1 Pastor's Praise, Worship, & Fellowship – 10:30 AM, Bowen Center</div><div>7 Cooperative Program Emphasis Sunday</div><div>7 Blairsville Mission Trip Meeting – 3 PM, Bowen Center</div><div>8 Associational Senior Adult Luncheon – 12 Noon, Antioch</div><div>8-9 Intercultural Leadership Conference – Georgia Baptist Conference Center, Toccoa</div><div>11 WMU/Ladies Meeting – 6:30 PM, Spring Creek</div><div>11-12 Georgia Baptist Association of Ministry Assistants (GBAMA) Conference – Georgia Baptist Conference Center, Toccoa</div><div>12 Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief Training – 8 AM, Blakely First Baptist Church</div><div>13 Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief Training – 8 AM, Thomasville First Baptist Church</div><div>18 Executive Committee Meeting – 7 PM, Bowen Center</div><div>19 Good Friday – Bowen Center closed</div><div>21 Easter</div><div>24 Administrative Professionals Day</div></div> <div><div>May 2019</div><div><div>2 National Day of Prayer</div><div>12 Mother's Day</div><div>16 Associational Men's Ministry Meeting – 6:30 PM</div><div>27 Memorial Day – Bowen Center Closed</div><div>**Georgia Baptist Children's Home Truck Loading – Date TBA</div></div></div>	
<div>THE BOWEN INFORMER</div> <div>P.O. Box 551</div> <div>Bainbridge, GA 39818</div> <div>Address Service Requested</div> <div>Permit 18</div> <div>Non-Profit Organization</div> <div>U.S. Postage</div> <div>PAID</div> <div>Bainbridge, GA 39818</div>		<div>BOWEN ASSOCIATION PRAYER LIST:</div> <div><div>1. Baptist Collegiate Ministries – Bradley Crews, Director</div><div>A. Funds needed and food for students</div><div>B. Pray for students during summer break</div><div>2. Alpha Pregnancy Center – Karren Green, Director</div><div>A. Volunteers to help staff the clinic - URGENT</div><div>B. Pray for clients to be receptive.</div><div>3. Cristo te Ama – Arnaldo González, Pastor</div><div>A. Pray for spiritual growth and souls to be saved</div><div>4. New Life–Jesus Bocanegra, Pastor</div><div>A. Pray for spiritual growth and souls to be saved</div><div>5. Bride of Christ – Bernard Burke, Pastor</div><div>A. Pray for spiritual growth and souls to be saved.</div><div>6. “My 85” Ministry – Susan Lanier</div><div>7. Churches this month:</div><div>A. Climax– Rev. Steve Poppell</div><div>B. Colquitt FBC – Rev. Chad Cooper</div><div>C. County Line – Rev. Hoyt Donley</div><div>D. Cristo te Ama – Rev. Arnaldo Gonzalez</div></div>	
<div>SPRING CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH</div> <div>HOMEcoming</div> <div>Sunday, April 28 @ 9:45 ~ Special music by Kesha Parish followed by a message from guest preacher Bro. Jimmy Dean. There will be a covered dish lunch afterwards.</div> <div>REVIVAL</div> <div>Sunday, April 28-May 1 @ 7PM</div> <div>Guest Preacher Bro. Bucky Kennedy, April 29-May 1</div> <div>*Guest Preacher TBA April 28</div>			

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April 2019

Disaster Relief Training

2 DATES/LOCATIONS:

Friday, April 12

Blakely First Baptist Church


-OR-

Saturday, April 13th

Thomasville First Baptist Church

At this credentialing session, you will receive an introduction to the overall ministry of Disaster Relief, 3 ministry areas (Child Care, Cleanup & Recovery, and Feeding), and Evangelism Encouragement.

ANYONE WHO IS A MEMBER OF A CHURCH IN OUR ASSOCIATION, THE BOWEN OFFICE WILL PAY YOUR REGISTRATION FEE!!!



TO SIGN UP, CALL THE BOWEN OFFICE @ (229) 246-1871

**Deadline to sign up is April 7th

Bowen Baptist Association Mission Trip to Blairsville, GA

June 22-28

This will be our 5th year helping Ebenezer Baptist Church with their VBS!

There will be a Mission trip Meeting Sunday, April 7, 3 PM @ Bowen Center.

Anyone is invited to attend!! This will be an informational meeting for those who are committed to go and for those who just want to see what we do in Blairsville!

Director of Missions

Dear Co-laborers in Christ,
Praise the Lord as He continues to bless and souls are being added to His Kingdom. A soul saved is a life saved. God not only wants to save sinners, but also give them abundant life. People that are saved do not have to hang on to the past; instead, they are free in Christ to live a new life. Sadly, some never turn loose of old baggage of hurt and anger from the past. All things are new in Christ. Praise the Lord!
God continues to bless our association. Several new pastors have come in to Bowen Association, and we welcome them and their families. We still have six churches without pastors. I do not believe God has been unfaithful in calling enough men to fill these churches, but instead that some men have failed to respond to His call. Please pray for these churches.

Most of our churches have recovered from Michael, though some are still in the rebuilding process. Please pray for those that are still having to endure situations. I have been receiving reports of the Lord really blessing through these situations, as He has used this to bring a lot of our people together.
Please continue to pray for our mission outreach here in Bowen Association. Pray for the college ministry, and if any church would like to help with the food please call Bradley Crews at (229) 220-4995. Pray for the ministry at Riverside Assisted Living, where our pastors preach each week. Pray for our mission churches: Bride of Christ, New Life Hispanic, and Cristo te Ama. I had the privileged of speaking at New Life in March with Pastor Jesus Bocanegro.
Please pray for our annual mission trip in June to Blairsville, Georgia to help Ebenezer Baptist Church with their VBS. If interested in participating in this trip, call Bro. Terry Bell @ (229)416-6591. Pray for the Harvest House of Hope directed by Cissie Franklin. Mrs. Brenda speaks there each week with a Bible study. Pray for the Alpha Pregnancy Center with Mrs. Karren Green and the other volunteers. WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS MINISTRY!!! If interested, call Karren at (229) 416-7800.
Please pray for the Migrant Health Fair June 8-13. We bring in the Georgia Baptist Mobile Dental Unit to help the migrants and to present them with the gospel. Pray that God will raise up Dentists to volunteer to help with this great opportunity.
We have a mission field here in Southwest Georgia. Do you see lost souls around you? When Jesus touched the blind man, He asked him what he saw. He saw men walking as trees. Do we see them as lost souls, or are we so offended by their sins and lifestyles that we cannot see their real need of the Savior? Every soul is precious in God’s sight.
Please continue to pray for Brenda and me as we serve with you all. We love you all and thank God for the privilege of serving with you.

Your servants in the Lord,
Ken and Brenda Cloud

CHURCH NEWS

Morningside – Rev. Jimmy Dean – We are seeking to fill the position of Worship Leader. This is a bi-vocational position, which includes leading the congregation in worship during each church service, directing the choir for morning services and seasonal cantatas, and leading the praise team that assists in the morning and evening services. If interested, please send resumes to Morningside Baptist Church, ATTN: Worship Leader Search Committee, P.O. Box 7009, Bainbridge, GA 39818.

Mt. Pleasant – Rev. Scott Norman – We are in need of a pianist & a music leader. If you are interested, please contact the church at 246-0362 and leave a message. We invite you to listen to our radio broadcast Sunday mornings from 10 – 11 a.m. Stations include: FM 101.9, 106.3, 92.3, 99.3; and WMGR 930AM.

West Bainbridge – We have a food bank that is open on Thursdays from 9 – 10:30 a.m. If your church would like a local mission project, we would greatly appreciate any donations of non-perishable food items. For more information contact Judy Ward at 246-0630.

Please pray for the following churches without a pastor:
Bethany, Lake Seminole,
West Bainbridge, West Street

Send us your special events and announcements.
Deadline for the May Informer is April 15th

Visit our website:
www.bowenbaptistassociation.org.
If you would like to subscribe to the *Informer* by email, please go to our website or call us at 229-246-1871



If any church is looking for a piano, we have a family who is wanting to donate a used Baldwin piano. It is in good condition, but it will need to be tuned. Please call the Bowen Office for more information.



Pastor’s Praise, Worship, & Fellowship

*First Monday of every month
10:30 AM at Bowen Center*

Come join us for a Birthday Celebration!
Bro. Ken is turning 75!!!
Come by, fellowship, and enjoy some cake!
Sunday, June 2, 2PM @ the Bowen Center

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 2– Cheryl Donley
April 5– Luz Gonzalez
April 7– Ty Bell
April 12– Mary Anna Chapman

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 20
Rev. Jimmy & Pat Dean

DEALING WITH DEMENTIA WORKSHOP

◆ Understanding Dementia
◆ Managing Problem Behaviors
◆ Handling Stress
◆ Finding Time for You
Two Locations/Dates
First Baptist Church Donalsonville
409 Woolfork Ave.
Donalsonville, GA 39845
Friday, May 17th 1-5 PM
To register, call (229) 246-1563 or e-mail secretary@fbcdonalsonville.com
-OR-
First Baptist Church Bainbridge
401 E. Shotwell St.
Bainbridge, GA 39819
Saturday, May 18th 9AM – 1PM
To register, call (229) 524-2166 or e-mail office@fbcbainbridge.com
****PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED****

SENIOR’S HOMECOMING RETREAT

Come join us at the Georgia Baptist Conference Center in the beautiful mountains of Northeast Georgia for an unforgettable two nights of fun, fellowship, worship, and relaxation. You will receive a warm welcome and will enjoy a retreat away from the bustle of everyday life. It is a time to refresh yourself in your relationship with God, renew your friendships with others, and relax in the beauty of God’s creation that surrounds the conference center. Seniors may participate in a choir which will be featured during worship times.

October 21-23
Toccoa, GA

\$155 per person (2 per room)
Call Kathy Bell @ 229-861-3996
****Must register by April 29****

ARNALDO

“For if these things be in you, and abound...” 2 Peter 1:8 (KJV).

God wants us to KNOW Him completely as He is so that we can then MAKE HIM KNOWN.

We need to read the Scriptures, but moreover we need to practice the Scriptures. We need to hear the Word of God preached to us so that we can know what is expected of us as His children.

We need to share His work in us so that others may know what He does for those who listen and obey His words.

We need to pray (talk directly with Him) to know what He wants us to do, personally and collectively, as His church.

This seems simple enough but are we doing it?

God speaks and He expects to be obeyed. Are you willing to do this? There is not much time left.
Trust and obey, for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus; but to trust and obey.

Love you because He first loved me,

Arnaldo
Lev. 19:33,34

Bowen Baptist Association, Inc.
Schedule of General Receipts
For two months ending February 28, 2019

Antioch.....	\$450.00	Iron City	—
Attapulgus.....	\$300.00	Jakin	\$333.00
Bainbridge FBC	\$3,640.76	Lake Seminole.....	\$200.00
Bethany	\$308.50	Liberty	\$470.00
Bethel	\$150.00	Maranatha.....	—
Black Jack	\$132.00	Morningside	\$4,241.75
Bride of Christ.....	\$164.13	Mt. Olive	—
Brinson.....	\$867.66	Mt. Pleasant.....	\$279.96
Calvary.....	\$30.00	Mt. Zion.....	\$944.08
Climax.....	\$953.37	Notchaway.....	\$750.00
Colquitt FBC.....	\$3,986.34	Nueva Vida.....	\$11.00
County Line	\$150.00	Pine Forest.....	—
Cristo te Ama	\$91.21	Pine Grove.....	\$150.00
Donalsonville FBC.....	\$4,738.73	Rocky Ridge.....	\$783.45
Eldorado	—	Salem Seminole.....	\$222.66
Faceville.....	\$2,562.80	Southwest	\$150.00
.....	Spring Creek.....	\$898.64
Fellowship.....	\$1,250.00	Springfield	\$467.58
Flat Creek.....	\$1,467.22	Union.....	—
Franklin.....	\$240.00	West Bainbridge	\$313.93
Grace	\$415.60	West Street.....	--
.....	TOTAL	\$32,114.37
The above amount includes receipts for Bowen Baptist Association general fund and Cristo Te Ama General Fund.			