#### **CHURCH NEWS**

**Bethel** – We are looking to hire a piano player. If interested. Call Bro. Newton Cranford at (229) 400-3224.

Mt. Pleasant – We are in need of a pianist & a music leader. If you are interested, please contact the church at (229) 246-0362 and leave a message.

We invite you to listen to our radio broadcast on 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 8 – 9:30 a.m. We are looking for volunteers to help with this ministry. If your church would like to support a local mission project, we would greatly appreciate any donations of non-perishable food items. For more information, call Dana Boyd at (229) 254-1788.

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"But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 5:8

## February 2022

- Associational Music Leaders/Ministers Luncheon 11AM, Bowen Office
- 7 Pastor's Praise & Fellowship 10:30 AM, Bowen office
- 8-19 Mission Trip to Mbale, Uganda
- 24 Men's Meeting 6:30 PM, FBC Bainbridge
- \*\*The Baby Bottle campaign will run the entire month of February!!\*\*

## March 2022

- 6-7 Evangelism Conference Tifton, GA
- 7 Pastor's Praise & Fellowship 10:30AM, Bowen Office
- 8 Baby Bottles Due back to Bowen Association
- 12 VBS Training Thomasville
- 13 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 26 CrossOver907.com More Info. To Come

## BOWEN ASSOCIATION PRAYER LIST:

- 1. Baptist Collegiate Ministries Bradley Crews, Director
- A. Funds needed and food for studentsB. Pray for students as they return to
- B. Pray for students as they return to school
- 2. Alpha Pregnancy Center Karren Green, Director
- A. Volunteers in training at this time
- B. Pray for clinic reopening Tuesday, January 4, 2022
- 3. Cristo te Ama Arnaldo González, Pastor
- A. Pray for spiritual growth and souls to be saved
- 4. New Life–Jesus Bocanegra, Pastor
  - A. Pray for spiritual growth and souls to be saved
- 5. Pray for Uganda Mission Trip, February 8-19, 2022
- 6. Churches this month:
- A. Franklin-Rev. Gwan Garrison
- B. Grace Community– Rev. ConradSalter
- C. Iron City- Rev. David Williams
- D. Jakin-Rev. Byron Dekle

## The Bowen Informer

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February 2022



Albany-Dawson-Donalsonville-Sylvester

### Baby Bottle Campaign February 1 - 28, 2019

You have an opportunity to help support the Alpha Pregnancy Center. Our Baby Bottle Campaign will be February 1 – 28. A representative from each church will need to come by the Bowen Center and pick up the bottles. Your church is responsible for promoting this campaign and collecting the money that will go toward the pregnancy center. Please make checks payable to Bowen Baptist Association for Alpha, or to Alpha Pregnancy Center. If the bottle is filled before the deadline, just empty the contents into another container and start over with the same bottle. All bottles and funds are to be turned into the Bowen Center the week of March 8.

The Alpha Center of SWGA is a major ministry outreach to our tri-state area. This non-profit, volunteer center is open to women who may or may not be pregnant and who are making critical, life changing decisions. This center is open to all women regardless of age, race, religion, or marital status and provides a chance to share the Gospel with them at an important time in their lives.

We appreciate your prayers and support!



Alpha Pregnancy Center Leaders

From Left to Right – Mary Anna Chapman (Administrative Assistcant), Karren Green (Registered Nurse), and Jujuan Bowen (Director).

#### Memory Verse of the Month Romans 8:38-39

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor tings present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

#### **Bro.** Tim's Tidbits . . . . . .

Dear Bowen Baptist Friends in Christ:

When we have choices to make, what system of values do we use to define what is important to us? Is it to look out for number one, or is it to look out for the One who is Number One...Christ? It cannot be both.

Let me tell you a story about an evangelist who began ministry when he was about twenty-four years old. He, along with several other evangelists, visited many towns in his time. They were personally taught by Jesus Christ, then carried His message into the world they knew. Sadly, one by one, those evangelists surrendered their lives because they preached the Gospel of Christ and the world hated them. Finally,only one evangelist was left: John.

Throughout his years, John faithfully preached Jesus Christ. He discipled many believers around the area of Ephesus. When he was about ninety-five years old, his arrest was ordered by Roman Emperor Titus Flavius Domitianus for speaking against the gods of the Roman pantheon. Some believe that Domitian tried to boil John in oil, but he survived and escaped. When arrested, John was exiled to a penal colony on the island of Patmos for a year and a half. After Domitian died in 96 AD, John was released and went back to Ephesus to preach.

Now folks, no one who is ninety-five deserves such punishment. Domitian thought that John would simply give up and die; but he didn't! He actually thrived in captivity.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, he wrote seven letters to the churches around Ephesus during that imprisonment to encourage and spurn them in the Faith. He penned the Revelation God gave Him to encourage the churches during Christian persecution. He relayed God's promise that He would one day wrap-up man's evil and execute judgment on the heathen. He reminded the Faithful that they would one day be in heaven with Christ. Simply put, Revelation is God's reminder that He is Sovereign and will fulfill His promise to the Church.

You see, John chose to value Christ and serve Him above all. John's life-specialty was living the Gospel. Everything in his life flowed from that value. Though he would suffer cursings, threats on his life, and confinement to a rock prison as a very old man, he never left Christ. Even in discomforts, he chose to encourage fellow believers. Amazing! Now, what about you and me?

In Revelation 1:9-10, he wrote "I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the Word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,"

Now, if you and I personalized those verses for ourselves, what would that say about us? "I \_\_\_\_\_ (insert your name), who also am your brother/sister, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in distress that is called \_\_\_\_\_ (sickness, death, covid, financial hurt, relationship hurt)....", would you be able to say that you were in the Spirit on the Lord's Day? It is amazing how many excuses we have for putting Christ in a low-priority mode. May we choose to commit ourselves to corporate worship and servanthood as did Christ and as do all who say Jesus has saved us from sin.

Have you allowed anything to separate you from Christ? Then do what Christ did with Peter's disobedience. Tell that separating sin to "Get behind me, satan! Love Him with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength and prove out that love by Christ-honoring choices.

In the Matchless Name of Christ,

Timothy C. VanLandingham Associational Missionary

## Please pray for the following churches without a pastor:

Calvary, FBC Colquitt, Mt. Pleasant and West Street

Send us your special events and announcements.

Deadline for the March

Deadline for the March Informer is February 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

### Pastor's Praise, Worship, & Fellowship

First Monday of every month
10:30 AM at Bowen Center
The next fellowship is on
February 7, 2022

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

February 2 – Michelle Bell February 2 – Joy Burrell February 3 – Yashira Bocanegra February 3 – Rusty Bradley February 10 – Jim McIntosh February 13 – Holly Thomas February 19 – Brenda Bradley February 25 – Cory Thomas

Please be in prayer for the mission trip to Mbale, Uganda on February 8-19. Our Associational Missionary Tim VanLandingham, Associational Missions Coordinator Terry Bell, Pastor of Spring Creek Brian Hatchett, and Sarah Smith will all be going on this trip. Thank you to the churches and individuals who donated needed items for the team to take with them!

#### **ARNALDO**

Happy New Year (2022) to all our friends in the Bowen Baptist Association!

The year has started off with a bang!

Lulú and I were borh diagnosed with COVID to start the year. We haven't been able to meet in Sanctuary, but pastor Jesus Bocanegera was able to fill in for us last Sunday.

Thank God for a man from the same mission being called by God to have a ministry locally and be able to fill in.

We ask you to continue to pray for missions and churches to be able to continue to serve Jesus whether there are 2 or 200.

Look forward to serving together this year and next.

Love you because He first loved us,

Arnaldo Lev. 19:34,34

### **Men's Ministry**

The pandemic caused all sorts of problems for our churches when it first began in March of 2020, quiet frankly it was a nightmare to navigate through. Unfortunately, Pandemic 101 was not taught seminary, I think our pastors and churches did a tremendous job dealing with such unknowns.

I said all that to say this, Brotherhood will restart at First Baptist Church in Bainbridge on February 27th at 6:30. Please make plans to bring the men of your church and enjoy a time of food, fellowship and preaching. You will not want to miss this night of excitement as God has blessed us in so many ways. Let us come and worship Him and His faithfulness as we gather by His grace and sing His praises.

We will congregate in the FBC fellowship hall and move to the sanctuary after supper. Thank you for allowing me to serve this association as your Brotherhood director. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 229-400-3184.

God Bless, Pastor Ernie Jones, Faceville Baptist Church



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Focus on WMU-February 14-February 20

#### RELENTLESS

#### WMU EMPHASIS FOR 2020-22

As we make disciples of Jesus who live on mission, we will be relentless in

living authentic faith in Christ seeking God in prayer giving sacrificially witnessing to others

#### **WATCHWORD:**

But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved (Heb. 10:39 NIV).

Leanne Guest Associational WMU Director

# Bowen Baptist Association, Inc. Schedule of General Receipts For twele months ending December 31, 2021

Antioch	\$2,287.00	Iron City	\$4,470.17
Attapulgus	\$1,800.00	Jakin	\$1,511.09
Bainbridge FBC		Lake Seminole	\$1,100.00
Bethany	\$1,268.75	Liberty	\$1,236.00
Bethel	\$1,950.00	Maranatha	\$2,425.00
Black Jack	\$792.00	Morningside	\$21,091.36
Bride of Christ	\$1,714.24	Mt. Olive	\$1,655.74
Brinson	\$5,205.96	Mt. Pleasant	\$2,109.89
Calvary		Mt. Zion	
limax	\$9,138.74	Notchaway	\$1,000.00
Colquitt FBC	\$18,049.96	Nueva Vida	\$28.00
County Line	\$600.00	Pine Forest	\$287.50
Cristo te Ama	\$702.00	Pine Grove	\$1,650.00
Oonalsonville FBC	\$18,224.58	Rocky Ridge	\$3,192.78
Eldorendo	\$1,068.00	Salem Seminole	\$1,298.86
aceville	\$9,739.20	Southwest	\$1,200.00
		Spring Creek	\$4,180.07
ellowship		Springfield	
lat Creek	\$9,928.82	Union	\$2,550.18
ranklin	\$557.19	West Bainbridge	\$2,091.57
Grace	\$2,463.47	West Street	
		TOTAL	\$175,980.66

The above amount includes receipts for Bowen Baptist Association general fund and Cristo Te Ama General Fund.