

CHURCH NEWS

Spring Creek – We are currently seeking a bi-vocational youth minister. For more information, please call Bro. Brian Hatchett at (229) 726-6254.

Mt. Pleasant – Rev. Scott Norman – 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.**

January 2021

- 1 New Year’s Day – Bowen Office Closed
- 4 Pastor’s Praise, Worship, & Fellowship – 10:30 AM, Bowen Center
- 14 Ladies Meeting – Eldorado, 6:30 PM
- 17 Sanctity of Life Sunday
- 21-23 Pastor’s Wives retreat – Peachtree City
- 28 Executive Committee Meeting – 7 PM, New Fountainhead Church

February 2021

- 1 Pastor’s Praise, Worship, & Fellowship – 10:30 AM, Bowen Center
- 1 Baby Bottle Campaign through end of the month
- 12-13 D-Now
- 15 President’s Day

BOWEN ASSOCIATION PRAYER LIST:

- 1. Baptist Collegiate Ministries – Bradley Crews, Director
 - A. Funds needed and food for students
 - B. Pray for students as they return to school
- 2. Alpha Pregnancy Center – Karren Green, Director
 - A. Volunteers to help staff the clinic - URGENT
 - B. Pray for clients to be receptive.
- 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. Bride of Christ – Bernard Burke, Pastor
 - A. Pray for spiritual growth and souls to be saved.
- 6. Churches this month:
 - A. Brinson–Rev. Robert Crapps
 - B. Calvary–Rev. Jerry Bishop
 - C. Climax–Rev. Steve Poppell
 - D. Colquitt 1st –Rev. Chad Cooper
- 7. Pastors and churches with Covid.

The Bowen Informer

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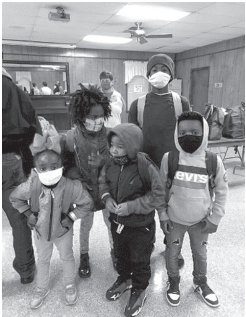
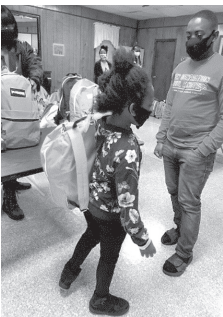
Baby Bottle Campaign
February 1 – 28, 2021

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 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 4.

The Alpha Center if 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.

Thank you, Bowen Association, for your support of the backpack ministry! We delivered 349 backpacks to Ft. Gaines!



Associational Ladies Meeting
Thursday, January 14, 2021
6:30 PM, Eldorado Baptist Church
there will be no meal

THE BOWEN INFORMER
P.O. Box 551
Bainbridge, GA 39818
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Memory Verse of the Month
Philippians 3:13-14

“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

Director of Missions

Dear Bowen Baptist Pastors, Churches, and Friends:

The puns about the year 2020 have abounded. Here are two of my favorites:
Someone said: “I do really feel bad for the Class of 2020. People say your Senior Year flies. I just didn’t realize it would ‘ZOOM’!

Post: “The year 2020 is going to be filled with so many puns about perfect vision.”
R.: “I can just see it now.”
R: “I saw that Punchline coming.”
R: “Eye also saw it coming.”
R: “Yeah, thanks to your 20/20 vision.”

I am certain that the year 2020 will go down in the history books, and could actually be a history book all by itself. However, let’s note something about the word “history”. Let’s break up the word. Every year of this mortal journey is much more than a list of events that happen. It is actually “His Story”, the story of Christ’s walk and work with man through the annals of time.

For you and me as believers bound for heaven, history is our walk with Christ through the events of the world until we get to heaven. For the unbeliever, life is a walk through those same events, but without Christ or hope. For the believer, the tasks, trials, and triumphs of life are momentary matters in which we joy in Christ because our eyes are on Him. For the unbeliever, those tasks, trials, and triumphs are just things one has to live through for some temporal reason. Oh, the work we have before us to reach those sad souls!!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, may we even more fervently keep our eyes on Christ our bridegroom and behold His saving power. Let’s face it, stuff is going to happen. It always has, but may that “stuff” not turn our eyes downward. Corrie Ten Boom once said “If you look at the world, you’ll be distressed. If you look within, you’ll be depressed. If you look at God you’ll be at rest.”

Jesus said “Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28) Take a look at the Memory Verse for January, 2020 and see how the Apostle Paul notes what our focus should be.

You see, there have always been tough years for people throughout the millennia, and there will be more. However believers, once more, keep our eyes on the Prize; on Christ our King! Then the stuff of life will fade in its importance.

The Greek poet Menander, circa 300 B.C. said, “Time is the healer of all necessary evils.” Nowadays, folks often say it this way: “Time heals all wounds.” My friend, time heals nothing. It has no power. Time is simply a space for God’s grace. It is an avenue for God to work His Grace to cover our sins and our sorrows.

Let’s keep our eyes on Him, and may we each save at least one in 2021!

In the Matchless Name of Christ

Brother D

Tim VanLandingham

Please pray for the following
churches without a pastor:
Antioch, Springfield,
West Street

Send us your special events and
announcements.
Deadline for the February
Informer is January 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
January 4th, 2021

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
January 1– John Crisp
January 11– Scott Norman
January 11– Linda Boyett
January 26– Dia Cooper

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
January 27
Mitch & Linda Royal



**Sanctity of Life
Sunday
January 17, 2021**

**Executive Committee
Meeting
Thursday, January 28
New Foutainhead
Church, 7 PM**

ARNALDO

“And no man putteth new wine into old bottles: else the new wine doth burst the bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the bottles will be marred: but new wine must be put into new bottles.” Mark 2:22

As we enter this new year, we are still experiencing the old 2020 because it will take a while before we are over the effects of the pandemic

Spiritually we are going thru some things we never had before. Closing our churches isn’t something we have been used to. It has opened new opportunities of ministry (online churches), but it has affected many that dropped out because of closures. God willing they will come back not just to church but to God.

How did you finish last year in church? Were you still actively attending church services (Hebrews 10:35) or did you use the pandemic as an excuse to not go? Remember that the new wine had been poured upon call themselves “children of God” Job 1:12

Keep on going and growing and serving God’s house. Soon we will be going to our heavenly home with Jesus and praise forevermore.
Are you ready?
Ready, willing and able because of Him,

Arnaldo
Lev 19:33,34



Ladies’ Corner

**Every Woman. In Community. On Mission
Discover and Live Out YOUR Purpose Today**



*Associational Women’s Meeting
Thursday, January 14, 2021
6:30 PM
Eldorado Baptist Church
No Meal*

*2020 BackPack Update:
Delivered 351 Back Packs to Fort Gaines Baptist Church
13 Members of the Association Distributed the
Back Packs on December 5th
We will have a SlideShow of the Fort Gaines Back Pack
Day at our January Meeting.*



Leanne Guest
Associational WMU Director

**UGA Tifton Campus
Conference Center
February 5-7, 2021**

**Bowen Baptist Association, Inc.
Schedule of General Receipts
For eleven months ending November 30, 2020**

Antioch.....	\$1,800.00	Iron City	\$4,501.61
Attapulcus	\$1,650.00	Jakin	\$1,548.24
Bainbridge FBC	\$17,622.81	Lake Seminole.....	\$1,300.00
Bethany	\$1,772.75	Liberty	\$1,808.00
Bethel	\$1,650.00	Maranatha.....	\$2,425.00
Black Jack	\$726.00	Morningside	\$19,343.23
Bride of Christ.....	\$913.59	Mt. Olive	\$137.00
Brinson.....	\$4,772.13	Mt. Pleasant.....	\$1,804.97
Calvary.....	\$300.00	Mt. Zion.....	\$5,683.99
Climax.....	\$9,278.00	Notchaway.....	\$300.00
Colquitt FBC.....	\$16,516.83	Nueva Vida.....	\$32.00
County Line	\$600.00	Pine Forest.....	\$287.00
Cristo te Ama	\$284.00	Pine Grove.....	\$1,500.00
Donalsonville FBC.....	\$14,567.60	Rocky Ridge.....	\$2,451.39
Eldorado.....	\$675.00	Salem Seminole.....	\$1,173.53
Faceville.....	\$7,461.68	Southwest	\$1,200.00
.....	Spring Creek.....	\$4,970.11
Fellowship.....	\$5,580.00	Springfield	\$4,769.88
Flat Creek.....	\$8,829.02	Union.....	\$2,637.04
Franklin	\$785.36	West Bainbridge	\$1,935.62
Grace	\$2,155.16	West Street.....	--
.....	TOTAL	\$157,749.04

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