

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.**

January 2022

- 3 Pastor's Praise & fellowship – 10:30 AM, Bowen office**
- 4 Soft Re-Opening of Alpha Pregnancy Center**
- 13 Benefit Fish Fry for Alpha – 11AM-1PM, Alpha Pregnancy Center**
- 13 Ladies Meeting – 6:30 PM, Spring Creek**
- 20-22 Pastor's Wives Retreat**
- 23 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**
- 27 Executive Committee Meeting – 7PM, Bowen Center**
- 28 Bowen Office Closed**

February 2022

- 3 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!!****

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 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. Eldorado–Rev. Mitch Royals
 - B. Faceville–Dr. Ernie Jones
 - C. Fellowship–Rev. Marty Anderson
 - D. Flat Creek–Rev. Cory Thomas

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*EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 27TH AT 7 PM*

*****THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT
THE BOWEN OFFICE*****

The Bowen Informer

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January 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ALPHA PREGNANCY CENTER

❖ January 4, 2022 – Alpha Pregnancy Center Soft Re-Opening – For the month of January, the center will be open one day a week, on Tuesdays, from 10 AM to 4 PM.

❖ January 13, 2022 – Benefit Fish Fry for Alpha – CSS Chattahoochee and Jack Cowart will be sponsoring a fish fry to raise money for APC. It will be from 11AM to 1PM in the front parking area of the center. Alpha will also be offering tours of the center. The menu will be: fried boneless whitefish and perch, hush puppies, cole slaw, fries, and a slice of homemade pound cake. The cost is \$8 per plate. Iced cokes will be \$1. We will do preorders by having people call the Bowen Office by noon on the 12th.

****We do need 5 or 6 volunteers to help with this project!!****

❖ The Baby Bottle Campaign will take place the entire month of February. Drop by the Bowen Office and pick up baby bottles. This is our biggest fund raiser for Alpha Pregnancy Center, and our churches have always shown up and shown out!

WE THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HELPING SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY!!!

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday- January 23rd



Memory Verse of the Month
Psalm 51:11-13

“Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.”

Bro. Tim’s Tidbits

Dear Bowen Baptist Pastors, Church Families, and Friends:

Happy New Year to each and every one! The old year is gone and a new one has begun. If you didn’t know that, you must be living under a rock! Everywhere we turn at this time every year, we are reminded of the new year in some way. People are constantly talking about “New Year’s Resolutions” and what they are going to do differently this year. We speak almost as if there is something magical about the change of the calendar.

It has been noted that the number one new year’s resolution is to lose weight. Gym companies bank on well-meaning intentions because they know that they will make good money on our resolution. The scenario goes thusly: In January, people invest in memberships and services which after February will all too quickly be forgotten. The money is spent, but not redeemed. It is a financial boon to the gym industry but is a bust to the spender.

Does this mean that I shouldn’t make new year resolutions? No. We just need to look at things, including time, through Jesus’ eyes...through the eyes of His Word.

Let’s consider this. People use the trite phrase “Time heals all wounds” and for some reason, we tend to believe that. May I offer, however, that time heals absolutely nothing! On the contrary, time is simply a space that Christ has provided where He does His work of Grace in us. It is a time when He disciplines, disciples, sanctifies, and molds us into His image. This “image-change” brings about conviction of wrong, brings about forgiveness, and results in restoration.

For the believer like most of the people who read things such as this, that means that we must choose to experience Christ’s Grace. He freely offers it, and we did receive His saving Grace at Salvation. Unfortunately, we do not choose to accept His Grace as much after salvation. Due to this, relationships are broken, ministries are hurt, and Christ’s witness in us is marred. May we choose to let Christ make us like Him. May we beg Him to restore the joy of our salvation. May we beg forgiveness from others where we have offended. It doesn’t just happen over time. We must initiate it.

For the unbeliever who might be reading this, please note this. You might resolve to “fix” things in your life, but you will not fix your life. Oh, you might make good on your promise to lose 100 pounds, but what good is that if you are an enemy of Christ? Resolve to beg Christ’s forgiveness of your sins, then ask Him to be Lord of your life. Then, go tell the Church and follow in Scriptural Joy.

In conclusion, how about a Christ-worthy Resolution? “Lord, renew my walk with you and make me more like You!!” Failure comes when we do things of our own will. Strength and Blessing come when we seek Christ. Make us like you, Lord!

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 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 3, 2022

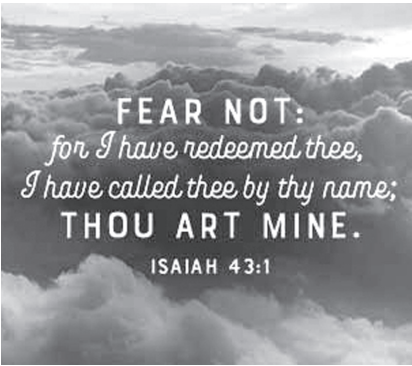
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 1 – John Crisp
January 11 – Lindsay Boyett

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

January 27
Mitch & Linda Royals

Don’t Forget!!
January 13th –
ladies meeting at
Antioch Baptist
Church, 7pm
Bring your
favorite salad!!



ARNALDO

“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.” Luke 2:13,14.

I have been “raised in church” as the saying goes. I remember celebrating the Christmas Holiday since forever.

A few years ago, there was a worldly shift to say “HAPPY HOLIDAYS” instead of Merry Christmas. The attempt to keep Jesus out of the picture.

But I have encountered a similar attempt among the Hispanic community. Christians are prohibited from celebrating a “pagan” holiday called “Christmas”.

Luke tells us that the “heavenly host” rejoiced at the announcement of Christs’ birth. In the NLT it says the “armies of heaven” were moved to celebrate the good news. I guess it’s just another ploy of the world to minimize who Jesus is and what He came to do: “Seek and find the lost.”

I rejoice that God promised a Savior back in the garden of Eden and kept it. Even had to use the poor and unlikely people that we would have thought (a young virgin: a carpenter; shepherds in the fields: star gazers etc...). But the great news that a Savior was born reaches to 2021. As long as we are here, we need to Rejoice with the Angels.

MERRY CHRISTMAS...FELIZ NAVIDAD!

Arnaldo
Lev 19:33,34

Ladies’ Corner

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



Ladies Quarterly Meeting
Thursday January 13th, 2022- 6:30 PM
Antioch Baptist Church, 2030 Antioch Church Road, Climax

Bring Your Favorite Salad

Featuring
Lauren Sullens, Georgia Baptist WMU President

A Heart Felt Thank You to all the Churches that Participated in the Backpack Mission Project for 2021.
225 Kids were presented with the Gospel and a Backpack on December 4th at First Baptist Church Fort Gaines.
Bowen Association delivered 397 Back Packs and 12 cases of school supplies
Start Planning for 2022 Now!

Leanne Guest
Associational WMU Director

Bowen Baptist Association, Inc.
Schedule of General Receipts
For eleven months ending November 30, 2021

Antioch.....	\$1,987.00	Iron City	\$4,094.57
Attapulcus.....	\$1,650.00	Jakin	\$1,395.17
Bainbridge FBC	\$18,226.98	Lake Seminole.....	\$1,100.00
Bethany	\$329.50	Liberty	\$1,236.00
Bethel	\$1,650.00	Maranatha.....	\$2,425.00
Black Jack.....	\$726.00	Morningside	\$19,169.22
Bride of Christ.....	\$1,570.63	Mt. Olive	\$1,364.24
Brinson.....	\$4,772.13	Mt. Pleasant.....	\$1,960.73
Calvary.....	\$300.00	Mt. Zion.....	\$5,809.16
Climax.....	\$9,138.74	Notchaway.....	\$1,000.00
Colquitt FBC.....	\$15,494.14	Nueva Vida.....	\$23.00
County Line	\$600.00	Pine Forest.....	\$287.50
Cristo te Ama	\$660.00	Pine Grove.....	\$1,650.00
Donalsonville FBC.....	\$16,265.05	Rocky Ridge.....	\$2,603.57
Eldorado.....	\$1,068.00	Salem Seminole.....	\$1,189.64
Faceville.....	\$9,445.20	Southwest	\$1,000.00
.....		Spring Creek.....	\$3,983.74
Fellowship.....	\$5,500.00	Springfield	\$4,570.46
Flat Creek.....	\$9,099.46	Union.....	\$1,977.78
Franklin	\$394.07	West Bainbridge	\$1,991.57
Grace	\$2,307.24	West Street.....	--
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The above amount includes receipts for Bowen Baptist Association general fund and Cristo Te Ama General Fund.