

Ladies' Corner

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways: then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

This has been Ken's life verse!! Our country is in a terrible mess. This is the only answer to its problems!! In fact, this is the answer to any problem you may have in your life!!

You don't have a problem that God can't solve. Many times we get frustrated and upset in situations, when, if we would just remember to turn it over to God, it would save us from a lot of stress!

Ladies, remember to put our Inspirational meeting on your calendar for Feb. 21st at Donalsonville First Baptist at 6:30.

We will be meeting with the men this time and the meal will be provided!!

We had to make a change this year due to circumstances from "MICHAEL".

Brenda Cloud
Associational WMU/Ladies Ministry

February 2019

- 4 **Pastor's Praise, Worship & Fellowship – 10:30 AM, Bowen Center**
- 4 Associational Missionaries Workshop - 5 PM Georgia Baptist Conference Center, Toccoa
- 16 State RA-Challengers Racer Derby – 2:30 PM Camp Kaleo
- 18 55+ Swap Shop Tour – 10:00-12 noon, Schomburg Baptist Church, Columbus
- 18 55+ Swap Shop Tour – 6-8 PM First Baptist Church Moultrie
- 21 **Associational Men's Ministry Meeting & Associational WMU/Ladies Spring Inspirational Meeting – 6:30 PM, Donalsonville FBC**
- 26 Pastor's Day at the Capitol – 10-2 PM The Empire Room, Atlanta
- 28-2 SELAH – Pinnacle Retreat Center

March 2019

- 4 **Pastor's Praise, Worship & Fellowship – 10:30 AM, Bowen Center**
- 10 Daylight Savings Time begins
- 17 Church Planting Emphasis Sunday Emphasis

BOWEN ASSOCIATION PRAYER LIST:

1. Baptist Collegiate Ministries – Bradley Crews, Director
 - A. Funds needed and food for students
 - B. Pray for students during summer break
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. "My 85" Ministry – Susan Lanier
7. Churches this month:
 - A. Attapulugus – Rev. Jerry Bishop
 - B. Bainbridge FBC – Rev. Chris Humphries
 - C. Bethany – Rev. Ron McCaskill, Interim
 - D. Bethel – Rev. Newton Cranford

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Pastor's Day at the Capitol

- Learn why religious liberty should matter to pastors and your responsibility.
- They will also discuss current legislation that is important to Georgia Baptists.
- Lunch will be provided.



Tuesday, February 26, 2019 • 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The Empire Room, Sloppy Floyd Building, 200 Piedmont Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30334

The Bowen Informer

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February 2019

COMBINED ASSOCIATIONAL MEN'S MINISTRY & ASSOCIATIONAL WMU/LADIES MEETING



February 21, 2019, 6:30 PM
First Baptist Church DONALSONVILLE



ALPHA PREGNANCY CENTER

ALBANY-DAWSON-DONALSONVILLE

Baby Bottle Campaign • February 1 – 28, 2019

***Pick-up Bottles at Bowen Office • *Return them week of March 4th**

Director of Missions

Dear Co-laborers in Christ,
We praise the Lord for his continued blessings on Southwest Georgia. We are still seeing a lot of clean up going on, and there are still a lot of people who need help. At the time of writing this, we still have churches and personal homes that are awaiting repairs. Please be in prayer for all of these that are still in some form of disability from the storm.

I am so grateful for all the teams that have been coming in to help us, as well as the others that will be coming soon. Please pray for these teams as they come in; pray that they will have safety and God’s protection on them as they work. Also, pray that these teams will be able to be a witness to the lost as they reach out to help them in their distress.

The Lord continues to bless our ministry outreach here in Southwest Georgia. The Alpha Pregnancy Center is back in full operation as of the first part of January after being closed for a few weeks. We are having to have some repairs to the building as a result of the storm. The sign is being replaced that was blown down. Please pray for this ministry; pray that many will come to Christ through this outreach. Also, please pray for volunteers to give a couple of hours a week in serving in this ministry! If interested, please call the Bowen office.

We congratulate Rocky Ridge on calling a new pastor, Bro. John Crisp and his wife Christie. We welcome them to Bowen Association. Please continue to pray for those churches that do not have a pastor.

It is such a joy to see souls come to Christ. Brenda and I rejoice in the 37 souls we saw come to Christ this past year in the services we were in. We have been serving the Lord together for 52 years, and we are excited by the prospects of the future. As many of you know, I had a small physical problem right after the storm. (Dehydration was the major culprit.) But, after several tests, including a nuclear stress test, EKG, & an echo cardiogram, the doctor informed me that I have nothing wrong with my heart. Praise the Lord for His goodness. So, please keep praying for Brenda and me as we continue to serve the Lord here with you in SOWEGA.

I hope you all realize what a privilege it is to serve our Lord. Anything you do in your church is a privilege, not a problem. When serving the Lord becomes a duty, your heart may be getting cold toward the Lord. It is a delight to awaken each day knowing we get to do something for our Lord. Praise his Holy Name for allowing us the opportunity of doing something for Him. Psalms 100:2a, “Serve the Lord with gladness...”

Please keep praying for all of our ministry outreach efforts in SOWEGA.

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.

Southwest – Rev. Stanley Phillips – We are currently seeking a full time student pastor. If interested in being part of a growing church family with an active student ministry, send resume to: Student Pastor Search Team, 146 Riverchase Dr., Bainbridge, GA 39819. You can also email it to briandjohns@outlook.com with subject “Student Pastor Search Team”.

Springfield – Rev. Zeth Smith – We are seeking a part-time minister of music. Send resumes to Janice Evans, 3139 Fryer Rd., Jakin, GA 39861 or call her at 229-372-4554.

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 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

55+ Swap Shop Tour

“The 55+ Swap Shop Tour is designed with the Sr. Adult Leader in your church in mind. We will discuss the importance of good methods for a successful ministry to adults over 55. We will also share ideas with each other and learn what is working in this vital ministry of the church. Our speaker will be Benny Pate. You won’t want to miss this!”

Multiple dates & Locations throughout the month of February! For more information on cost, dates, and locations, go to <https://gabaptist.org/55plusswapshop/> Or call 1.800.746.4422 ext. 286.

The Ladies Spring Inspirational meeting has been rescheduled for February 21. It will be combined with the Associational Men’s Ministry meeting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 2– Michelle Bell
February 3– Yashira Bocanegra
February 10– Rev. Jim McIntosh
February 10– Rev. Bill McCamon
February 13– Holly Thomas
February 25– Rev. Cory Thomas



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

Men available for Pulpit Supply

Dr. Ken Cloud – 246-1871
Rev. Rickey Whitley – 352-493-3317
Rev. Carl Dunn - 883-9672
Dr. Scott Lord 246-9701, Cell 309-1994
Rev. Joel Hudgins – 220-0826
Dr. Jim Nalls – 850-539-6851; 850-510-7973
Rev. Tom Kennedy – 850-544-0281
Rev. Mitch Royals – 416-5347
Dr. Jim Hayes – 378-8346; 400-3986
Rev. Jack Cowart – 229-379-6714
Dr. Eldon Eckard - 246-5210; 248-7584

ARNALDO

“The person who knows my commandments and keeps them, that’s who loves me. And the person who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and make myself plain to him.” John 14:21 (MSG)

Well, at this writing, we are halfway thru the first month of the year. Do you remember your New Year’s resolution? Are you on course? Or have we already given up?

I asked our churches to make this their resolution for 2019: “Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.” Matthew 22:37 (KJV)

Loving God is something we HAVE TO DO. In this year, we need to make Him our priority. First, God; second, God; always, God. We prove this is so in our lives by obeying His words and commandments, and all else is secondary.

Are you putting Him first? On Sunday you will be in His house to hear His words and put them in practice the whole week.

I pray that our church people will do this throughout the year. Start by doing it today, then tomorrow, and each day after that. We have His directions. Will you follow them? If we truly love Him, we will.

Following what He has said will never defraud us.

Faithfully loving,

Arnaldo
Lev 19:33-34

Bowen Baptist Association, Inc.
Schedule of General Receipts
For twelve months ending December 31, 2018

Antioch.....	\$1,800.00	Iron City	\$3,488.84
Attapulgus.....	\$1,800.00	Jakin	\$1,964.17
Bainbridge FBC	\$18,378.37	Lake Seminole.....	\$1,200.00
Bethany	\$2,081.29	Liberty	\$2,627.00
Bethel	\$1,935.00	Maranatha.....	\$2,415.00
Black Jack	\$792.00	Morningside	\$20,717.20
Bride of Christ.....	\$1,132.98	Mt. Olive	\$460.88
Brinson.....	\$5,205.96	Mt. Pleasant.....	\$1,857.92
Calvary.....	\$360.00	Mt. Zion.....	\$4,956.47
Climax.....	\$10,682.31	Notchaway.....	\$500.00
Colquitt FBC.....	\$19,719.27	Nueva Vida.....	\$98.35
County Line	\$200.00	Pine Forest.....	\$575.00
Cristo te Ama	\$868.31	Pine Grove.....	\$1,800.00
Donalsonville FBC.....	\$14,648.19	Rocky Ridge.....	\$3,519.60
Eldorado	\$1,125.00	Salem Seminole.....	\$1,249.21
Faceville.....	\$8,608.48	Southwest	\$550.00
.....		Spring Creek.....	\$5,314.95
Fellowship.....	\$8,250.00	Springfield	\$5,608.66
Flat Creek.....	\$9,608.88	Union.....	\$2,685.00
Franklin.....	\$1,261.90	West Bainbridge	\$3,411.40
Grace	\$1,847.69	West Street.....	--
.....		TOTAL	\$175,305.28
The above amount includes receipts for Bowen Baptist Association general fund and Cristo Te Ama General Fund.			