

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.**

November 2020

- 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 2 **Pastor's Praise, Worship, & Fellowship – 10:30 AM. Bowen Center**
- 3 Election Day
- 9 **GBMB Annual Meeting - Ingleside Baptist Church, Macon, 1-6 PM**
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 26-27 **Thanksgiving Holiday – Bowen Center Closed**
- 30 **Backpacks due**

December 2020

- 5 **Deliver Backpacks to Ft. Gaines**
- 11 **Pastor & Wife Christmas Fellowship Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 7 PM**
- 21 First day of winter
- 24-31 **Christmas Holidays – Bowen Center Closed**

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. Bethany–Rev. Jamie McMillan, Int.
 - B. Bethel–Rev. Newton Cranford
 - C. Black Jack–Rev. Bill McCamon
 - D. Bride of Christ – Rev. Bernard Burke
7. Pastors and churches with Covid.

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Have a happy & Blessed Thanksgiving!

The Bowen office will close at noon on the 25th and will remain closed for the rest of the week.

The Bowen Informer

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November 2020

CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Bring your Back Packs to Bowen Association by Monday, November 30th

The Backpacks do not have to be stored in boxes; you can bring them as they are. Also, the Bowen Association will be responsible for putting the Christmas story in each backpack!

Refer to the "Ladies Corner" in this newsletter for more information on the back packs, or call the Bowen office!



**Shoe Boxes can be dropped off the week of November 16-21 at Emmanuel Baptist Church
2133 Dothan Road
Bainbridge, GA**

Memory Verse of the Month

1 Thessalonians 5:18

“In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

Director of Missions

Dear Bowen Baptist Association Family and Friends:

There is something that is amazingly comforting in the seasons we are entering, beginning this month. For many of us, we look forward to getting together with family and possibly friends to celebrate the holiday of “Thanksgiving”. If your family is like us, we look forward to turkey (fried or baked) with cornbread dressing (not that stuff in a bag with lots of grass in it :-)) , giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, greens, sweet potato souffle, rolls, tea, and pumpkin and pecan pie. Mmh! Mmh! Mmh! My mouth is watering right now.

Without a doubt, you have traditions and favorites as well. One year, however, we decided to try some alternative recipes and dishes, but they just didn’t muster up. Oh, they weren’t bad, just different.

I believe that the joy of the time transcends what we eat and who we do that with. The season is a comfort because it is a long-standing tradition, something we can depend on year after year.

Since early this year, however, there has been little to depend upon for comfort and stability in this world. The “C” word has changed all that for a while, and No! I will not say the word. We have missed various church worship opportunities, having mission trips, being able to stay with a loved one or even to visit someone in a hospital, and to visit our precious folks in nursing homes. We have missed being able to carry out weddings and funerals in the traditional ways. We have also missed being able to walk down a store aisle without having to follow arrows, eating in our favorite restaurants, and going to places where we would like to go.

Yet, by the Grace of our Lord, we continue on! We can do so with confidence because we know the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the Great Physician, the Righteous Judge, the Captain of our Salvation. Because of Christ’s work on the cross and at the empty tomb, we can understand what the world cannot: without Christ, I can do nothing.

You and I have an attitude of gratitude, not because we walk around saying to ourselves “I can do this. I can do this.” It is not a psychological thing, or even a choice of attitudes. Rather we walk around knowing that we have been brought near to Christ and that is all that matters. We are right with God! We are right with Him forever, and nothing can ever take that away. We recognize that all the earthly things are transient and cannot be depended upon. Only Christ is who matters. All the earthly things are just icing on the cake. I am thankful for them, but I do not require them to enjoy living.

Paul wrote “In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:18) During everything, in everything, and regardless of everything, I celebrate knowing Christ forever and I simply want to bless Him. I am thankful for my Salvation and whatever He gives me over and above is icing on the cake!

Living With Christian Gratitude,

Tim VanLandingham
Associational Missionary



Tim VanLandingham

Please pray for the following churches without a pastor:

Antioch, Bethany,
Springfield, West Street

Send us your special events and announcements.

Deadline for the December Informer is November 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
November 2nd, 2020

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November 1– Christy Crisp
November 3– Terry Bell
November 16– Alice Jo Johns
November 18– Robert Crapps
November 18– Mitch Royals
November 27– Jesus Bocanegra
November 29– Stacy Glover
November 30– Kathy Bell

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

November 1
Tim & Jennifer Dean
November 9
Brian & Heather Hatchett
November 15
Hoyt & Cheryl Donley



November 11, 2020

ARNALDO

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” Romans 12:2

While my wife and I were going through the 14 day quarantine, the worst part of it was the attack that the enemy had on my mindset.

No matter how much you may want to think happy thoughts, one can fall prey to the bad thoughts that we are open to if we are not careful.

May we follow Paul’s advice and seek to fulfill God’s “good, acceptable and perfect will of God.”

He will give us a heavenly perspective. We will be blessed even in the midst of the storm.

Keeping our mind in Christ,
Arnaldo
Lev 19:33,34



The Bowen Association would like to congratulate Rev. Lynn Massey and his new wife, Grace, on their marriage. They were married on October 14 by Bro. Tim VanLandingham at West Bainbridge Baptist Church.

Ladies’ Corner

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

Christmas BackPacks for Children and Teens

Bowen Baptist has partnered with Bethel Association – Fort Gaines Baptist Distribution Date: Saturday December 5th - 11 AM to 1 PM - Fort Gaines Baptist Church Our Association will be helping with the distribution that day. If you would like to volunteer, contact Leanne Guest at 229-416-7802. If you would like to Share the Gospel with small groups on December 5th please let me know.

Bring your Back Packs to Bowen Association by Monday November 30th

- Do not have to be stored in boxes
- The Christmas Story will be added at the Association office
- 2 Ribbons for each Backpack

Gender	Age
Blue- Boy	Purple Ages 2-3
Pink- Girl	Yellow –Ages 4-7
	Green- Ages 8-10
	Red- Ages 11-14
	White- Ages 15-17

**Fort Gaines is in need of the following age groups and amounts.
Will you commit to these?**

Ages 2 to 3	20 girls
	20 boys
Ages 15 to 17	20 girls
	10 boys

Leanne Guest
Associational WMU Director

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

Antioch.....	\$1,350.00	Iron City	\$3,913.53
Attapulugus	\$1,350.00	Jakin	\$1,297.86
Bainbridge FBC	\$14,794.58	Lake Seminole.....	\$1,100.00
Bethany	\$1,658.25	Liberty	\$1,648.00
Bethel	\$1,500.00	Maranatha.....	\$2,425.00
Black Jack	\$594.00	Morningside	\$16,414.30
Bride of Christ.....	\$863.59	Mt. Olive	\$137.00
Brinson.....	\$3,904.47	Mt. Pleasant.....	\$1,627.37
Calvary.....	\$270.00	Mt. Zion.....	\$5,361.19
Climax.....	\$7,993.74	Notchaway.....	\$300.00
Colquitt FBC.....	\$13,633.49	Nueva Vida.....	\$28.10
County Line	\$450.00	Pine Forest.....	\$287.50
Cristo te Ama	\$235.95	Pine Grove.....	\$1,350.00
Donalsonville FBC.....	\$12,952.45	Rocky Ridge.....	\$2,451.39
Eldorendo.....	\$675.00	Salem Seminole.....	\$976.58
Faceville.....	\$5,637.18	Southwest	\$900.00
		Spring Creek.....	\$4,379.38
Fellowship.....	\$5,080.00	Springfield.....	\$3,853.54
Flat Creek.....	\$8,023.85	Union.....	\$2,637.04
Franklin	\$785.36	West Bainbridge	\$1,592.66
Grace	\$1,899.35	West Street.....	--
		TOTAL	\$136,331.70

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