

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.**

October 2020

- 5 **Pastor’s Praise, Worship, & Fellowship – 10:30 AM, Bowen Center**
- 11 Pastor Appreciation Sunday
- 22 **Executive Committee Meeting – 7 PM, New Fountainhead Church**

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
- 11 Veteran’s Day
- 26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday – 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. West Street–Vacant
 - B. Antioch–Dr. Henry Cannington, Int.
 - C. Attapulgus–Rev. Harold Burrell
 - D. Bainbridge 1st – **Rev. Chris Humphries**
- 7. Pastor’s and churches with Covid.

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- ❖ Bainbridge Life Chain will be the First Sunday in October from 2-3 PM
- ❖ Tallahassee Highway (US 27 South) in front of First Port City Bank
- ❖ For more information, call Rev. Marty Brock at (229) 220-2275

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October 2020

CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS



The Bowen Association **WILL BE** collecting backpacks, and we need help from all of our churches! The Christmas backpacks program for 2020 will be a little different this year.

Here are some key points:

- ⦿ Churches will NOT register their own backpacks. We will be partnering with a ministry site in Georgia this year, so **the Bowen Association will take care of registration.**
- ⦿ We will need to know **exactly** how many backpacks each church has.
- ⦿ The Bowen Association will be responsible for putting the Christmas Story in each backpack.
- ⦿ Packing the backpacks (toys, clothing, school supplies, etc.) will be the same as previous years; for more information on how to pack a backpack, please go to gabaptist.org/backpacks then click on resources.
- ⦿ **If your church would like, the Bowen Association can order the backpacks for you. We can get them for \$3.25 per backpack. If your church is interested in this, please call the Bowen Office!**
- ⦿ Backpacks must be brought to the Bowen Association office no later than December 2, 2020.

For more information on the Christmas Backpacks, go to gabaptist.org/backpacks or call the Bowen Association.



Sunday, October 11,
is
Pastor Appreciation Sunday!

Memory Verse of the Month

Psalm 34:8

“O taste and see that the LORD is Good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.”

Director of Missions

Dear Bowen Pastors, Churches, and Friends:

crow about (something) 1. Literally, to squawk, as of a rooster. What is that rooster crowing about now? It’s not even daylight yet! 2. By extension, to brag or boast about something. You know, no one likes it when you go around crowing about your successes in business. (https://idioms.thefreedictionary.com/crow+about)

It has been a blessing for Brenda and me to have been called to serve as your Associational Missionary for these last six months. Stepping into this ministry role from the pastorate has been such a joy because of the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His Grace through you. I simply need to crow about the good things that have been at work in these months.

Unfortunately, due to continuing covid-19 concerns, our Annual Meeting Committee and I have had to cancel our October meeting. We will still have our Executive Committee Meeting (which is smaller) at New Fountainhead as planned. So, let me list some blessings I just want to crow about. Consider these as an “Unofficial Fall Meeting AM’s Report”:

- 1) We celebrate our Pastors and Staffs leading us through the coronavirus pandemic. Each has gone the extra mile to carry on the Gospel. Some have even suffered with the virus themselves. It is Pastor Appreciation Month, so treat your Pastor to something special and encourage him.
- 2) Our churches’ stewardship has actually grown during this pandemic, and giving to the Association has grown as well. And to think, we wondered how churches would “survive” financially without being in the building!
- 3) We were able to provide for the Georgia Baptist Children’s Home during the annual truck-loading and had a wonderful turnout.
- 4) Our “retooled” Blairsville mission trip was well-supported and touched many lives for Christ. We saw a family get right with Christ during that time.
- 5) We have been entrusted with the former New Fountainhead Independent Baptist Church building and property and will use it for the ministry which Christ shows us.
- 6) Mrs. Jajuan Bowen has written a grant request to the Georgia Baptist Health Care Foundation to assist with much-needed upgrades in parking, grounds, and building repair. I have spoken with Dr. J. Robert White, the Foundation’s CEO, and look forward to provisions that we pray will come there.
- 7) The Southwest Georgia Baptist Bible Institute, Fall Semester began on September 14th. I have the privilege of teaching Hebrews, and Dr. Scott Norman is joyfully teaching Ephesians.
- 8) In response to two Hurricane Laura (Louisiana) supply truckloadings , our churches provided graciously for those relief efforts. Those have been delivered and appreciated.
- 9) Closely related to #8 is a gracious gift from John J. Sanfilippo & Sons of a pallet (1,600 lbs.) of peanut butter for Louisiana relief. Bro. Chris Thomas of Chris Thomas Trucking in Donalsonville has delivered the pallet and other supplies to Louisiana Disaster Relief in Lafayette, LA.

In conclusion, let’s celebrate the great things that God is doing among us. Let’s remember and recite the words of the psalmist: O taste and see that the LORD is Good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him. (Psalm 34:8) It is good to be a Christian, a Bowen Baptist, a Georgia Baptist, and a Southern Baptist!

In the Matchless Name of Christ,



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 November Informer is October 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 October 5th, 2020

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 8– Steve Poppell
October 18– Hoyt Donley
October 24– Ernie Jones
October 26– David Roland
October 30– Stanley Phillips
October 31– Terri Jones

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

October 24
Chad & Dia Cooper

There will be no fall meeting this year due to Covid.

Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 22nd, 2020

New Fountainhead Church, 7 PM

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Churches, please do not forget to fill out and submit your annual church profiles. You should have received a copy in the mail, but if you did not, please call the Bowen office and we will get one to you. You can submit it online yourself or mail it back to the Bowen office for the ministry assistant to submit for you.

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!

These profiles help us gain information about our association, as well as contact information for leaders in our churches. PLEASE HAVE THE ACP’S SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 14, 2020. THANK YOU!!

ARNALDO

“And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him.

But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.” Leviticus 19:33-34

Since I have been writing for the Informer this verse has been my theme as I have worked as the Pastor of the Cristo Te Ama church. It’s been 24 years since we started trying to establish a Hispanic church. We have seen many people in the Bainbridge area that do not speak English, and we have been able to spread the Gospel to many of the population. The honor and glory belong to our Lord Jesus who has still been able to forgive men’s sins and save their souls, even though it was in Spanish.

God has been faithful to bring the folks from other parts of the world to us in Bainbridge. We are grateful for the support of our Bowen Baptist Association in providing the resources and assistance in the ministry. No one man can ever accomplish this task alone.

As we continue to serve God in our area, we are facing difficulties, especially because of the Corona Virus. Please continue to pray for the church so that God will lead us through this time in which the church is being challenged, and also that we will find ways to continue to reach out to those around us that need Jesus.

Thank you for being faithful in your churches in continuing to preach the Word of God in a manner that men may be able to hear and believe.

Preaching to and loving people,
Arnaldo
Lev 19:33,34

Ladies’ Corner

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

Wholehearted Personal Faith
September 2020 Edition of Missions Mosaic by Linda Clark

For an item’s value to stand the test of time, the item must be authentic, not fake. That is true even outside the antique arena. Just as there are criteria for determining if an item has the qualities that make it a valued article, our spiritual lives need to match specific criteria to qualify as authentic. Genuine faith is expressed in many ways, and it is our mandate to live according to God’s principles. We must be “all in” as we study God’s Word and apply those principles to the way we speak and behave.

If we try to develop our own process for becoming authentic believers, then we will fail every time. Our standard for authentic living is Jesus and only Jesus. Paul tells us in Ephesians 4:22-24 to “put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self.” The authenticating process can be a painful one when we become vulnerable and God begins to transform our lives. We must remember that God acted first before we even responded to His love. Our response should be to commit to following Jesus every day. Living an authentic faith in Christ requires that our beliefs shape every aspect of our lives. In other words, we must live what we say we believe. When we commit to live a biblical lifestyle, we cannot “give the devil a foothold”. Our speech, attitudes, and behavior are testaments to that decision. Our culture today demands authenticity from leaders. Unfortunately, too many leaders see no reason to exhibit integrity or live biblically authentic lives. What about you? Is the treasured porcelain vase of your faith valuable? Is it authentic or an imitation? We as Christian leaders must ask these kinds of questions about our lives. Do others see Christ in our lives? Do we exhibit authentic faith as we relate to and work with people in our spheres of influence?

Leanne Guest
Associational WMU Director

Bowen Baptist Association, Inc.
Schedule of General Receipts
For eight months ending August 31, 2020

Antioch.....	\$1,350.00	Iron City	\$3,437.65
Attapulcus	\$1,200.00	Jakin	\$1,152.36
Bainbridge FBC	\$13,153.05	Lake Seminole.....	\$1,000.00
Bethany	\$1,401.50	Liberty	\$1,469.00
Bethel	\$1,350.00	Maranatha.....	\$2,425.00
Black Jack	\$528.00	Morningside	\$14,096.19
Bride of Christ.....	\$863.59	Mt. Olive	\$137.00
Brinson.....	\$3,470.64	Mt. Pleasant.....	\$1,344.92
Calvary.....	\$240.00	Mt. Zion.....	\$4,696.83
Climax.....	\$6,555.39	Notchaway.....	\$300.00
Colquitt FBC	\$12,658.02	Nueva Vida.....	\$24.35
County Line	\$450.00	Pine Forest.....	\$387.50
Cristo te Ama	\$202.55	Pine Grove.....	\$1,200.00
Donalsonville FBC.....	\$11,805.78	Rocky Ridge.....	\$2,081.39
Eldorado.....	\$675.00	Salem Seminole	\$872.57
Faceville.....	\$5,637.18	Southwest	\$900.00
.....		Spring Creek.....	\$3,927.39
Fellowship.....	\$4,580.00	Springfield	\$3,326.20
Flat Creek.....	\$6,412.13	Union	\$1,977.78
Franklin	\$589.56	West Bainbridge	\$1,418.09
Grace	\$1,714.47	West Street.....	--
.....		TOTAL	\$120,911.08

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