

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.

September 2020

- 7 Labor Day – Bowen Office closed
- 11 Patriot Day
- 13 Grandparent’s Day
- 14 Pastor’s Praise, Worship, & Fellowship – 10:30 AM, Bowen Center
- 14 SWGBBI Fall Semester Begins
- 22 First day of autumn

October 2020

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

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. Spring Creek–Rev. Brian Hatchett
  - B. Springfield–Rev. Robert Johns, INT.
  - C. Union–Dr. Calvin Arnold
  - D. West Bainbridge – Rev. Lynn Massey
- 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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September 2020

Southwest Georgia Baptist Bible Institute  
Fall 2020

Class #1

**Time:** Mondays, 7-8:30PM  
**Instructor:** Rev. Tim VanLandingham  
**Book:** *Experiencing the Presence of God: Teachings from the Book of Hebrews* by A.W. Tozer  
**Cost:** Tuition - \$45/Book - \$16 TOTAL \$61

This study in Hebrews will help believers better understand what it means to dwell in God’s presence. Regardless of the authorship of Hebrews, God is the author of our Salvation through the cross, burial, resurrection, and priesthood of Christ. Tozer notes that “True and absolute freedom is only found in the presence of God.”

Class #2

**Time:** Mondays, 8:30-10  
**Instructor:** Dr. Scott Norman  
**Book:** *Our Riches in Christ: Discovering the Believer’s Inheritance in Ephesians*  
**Cost:** Tuition - \$45/Book - \$15 TOTAL \$60

Ephesians sets forth what no other book of the New Testament describes in such detail: the nature of the body of Christ, which is the true Church. Ray Stedman guides us to see the liberating, transforming truths that produce lasting joy, unbounded peace, and radiant faith.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- ◆ Fall Classes Begin on Monday, September 14th.
- ◆ Registration for courses is made on the first night of class.
  - ◆ The books will be on-hand the first night.
  - ◆ Call the Bowen Office for more information.
- \*NOTE: Due to Covid, contact the Bowen Office for updates.

Due to Covid-19, the Southwest Georgia  
Sunday School & Small Groups Leader  
Training has been postponed.

Memory Verse of the Month  
Galatians 6:8

“For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.”

Director of Missions . . . . .

Dear Bowen Baptist Association and Friends Beyond:  
It is interesting how certain “catch-phrases” that we have read or heard over time can pop into our thoughts. In our days of constant information input, we are presented with advertisements sporting pithy bylines; movies and television shows which touch our emotions with clever ways of saying ordinary things; sermons, songs, and saints who have worded our faith walk in picturesque language; etc.  
One such phrase for me came from one of my seminary professors in New Orleans. Dr. Joe Cothen often reminded us to “Stay Fresh”. He wanted us “preacher boys” (as he so respectfully called us) to be so in tune with Christ that sermons would be fresh from our experience with the Master. Another professor assigned us a Bible-reading plan that corresponded with my preaching class in a perfect way.

Dr. Thiele required us to have a three-part reading plan. Part one: A Daily Devotional reading for inspiration. Part two: A Focused reading such as reading through a book of the Bible over a week’s time. And Part three: A Sermonizing reading where we focused on Scripture the Holy Spirit impressed upon us, which caused us to make notes for the purpose of creating a sermon. Those two professors knew that we preacher boys couldn’t proclaim the Word from a dry-walk in Christ. Not only did we have to read in those three ways, but we had to make notes from our readings and submit those for a grade. One old-timer said that what’s in the well comes up in the bucket.

Every time preachers step into the pulpit, or teachers teach, or music leaders lead, we are proclaiming what the Lord has dealt with us about days and weeks earlier. The challenge for us all is to Stay Fresh! Read. Study. Pray. Ask Christ for Wisdom and Discernment. That is what Paul wrote to a young preacher boy at the First Baptist Church of Ephesus: Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly diving the Word of Truth. (II Timothy 3:16)

Read earthly writings secondarily and read them through the eyes of Christ. Dr. Billy Graham always read the newspapers wherever in the world he preached revivals. He did so in order to use familiar happenings as illustrations in his messages that would connect the people with God’s Word.

Life is certainly busy and satan doesn’t want us in the Word, but in order for us to know Him, we must do all we can to spend time in His Word. The Bible is the Lord’s revelation of Himself to us. May we read when we are tired, read at work on break, read at school during recess, read in the waiting room, read on vacation, and read while the preacher/teacher is leading. May we Stay Fresh in the Word.

In the Matchless Name of Jesus,

*Brother*

Tim VanLandingham



The Spark Conference 2020 will cover everything that would have been taught at the Southwest Georgia Sunday School & Small Groups Leader training, plus more! The Bowen Association has access to this content for one year, and we would like to share it with our churches. **This training material, which includes over 50 different sessions, is for pastors, lay leaders, discipleship leaders, children’s leaders, student pastors, worship leaders, Sunday school directors/teachers, mission’s coordinators, and anyone involved in ministry and equipping!** Our churches will have free, unlimited access to all of this content. If you are interested or for more information, call the Bowen Association office.

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

Send us your special events and announcements.  
Deadline for the October Informer is September 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  
September 7th, 2020  
There will also be a fellowship time via Zoom at 7 PM.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
September 10– Pat Dean  
September 16– Chad Cooper  
September 21– Calvin Arnold

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**  
September 13  
Robert & Mamie Crapps  
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**The Bowen Office will be closed Monday, September 7, for Labor Day.**

ARNALDO

“There He told them, ‘Pray that you will not give in to temptation.’” Luke 23:40. NLT

Thank God for the privilege of prayer. Prayer is talking with God. We can talk with Him at any time and anywhere. He loves to hear His children involve Him in their decisions (Matthew 6:33) and seek Him (Jeremiah 3:33). God loves to talk with His children.

One of the biggest needs we have of God is when we face temptations. Satan is always trying to trip up God’s children with clever ways to tempt us. Jesus warns us to PRAY so we don’t fall while we are here on earth.

He gives us the strength to not heed Satan’s offers and maintain the holy life that Jesus leads us into. Especially if you have stopped going to church, you are a prime candidate to fall into temptation.

Jesus, gives us strength to resist the temptation that Satan brings to us. May your Spirit lead is away from the tempter and towards the guidance He gives us. Amen.

Praying for guidance,  
Arnaldo  
Lev. 19:33,34

**The Bowen Association would like to welcome the following new staff members at our churches:**  
**Dr. Henry Cannington, intentional interim pastor at Antioch Baptist Church, Jeremiah Adams, youth/ children’s pastor at Morningside Baptist Church, & Bobby Brooks, youth pastor at Fellowship Baptist Church.**

Ladies’ Corner

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



The Bowen Association WILL BE collecting backpacks this year, 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.**

Leanne Guest  
Associational WMU Director

**Bowen Baptist Association, Inc.**  
**Schedule of General Receipts**  
**For seven months ending July 31, 2020**

Antioch.....	\$1,350.00	Iron City .....	\$3,156.69
Attapulcus .....	\$1,050.00	Jakin .....	\$1,012.53
Bainbridge FBC .....	\$12,184.85	Lake Seminole.....	\$900.00
Bethany .....	\$1,401.50	Liberty .....	\$1,324.00
Bethel .....	\$1,200.00	Maranatha.....	\$2,425.00
Black Jack .....	\$462.00	Morningside .....	\$12,390.52
Bride of Christ.....	\$418.25	Mt. Olive .....	\$137.00
Brinson.....	\$3,036.81	Mt. Pleasant.....	\$1,180.10
Calvary.....	\$210.00	Mt. Zion.....	\$3,121.95
Climax.....	\$6,555.39	Notchaway.....	\$300.00
Colquitt FBC.....	\$11,661.36	Nueva Vida.....	\$20.00
County Line .....	\$450.00	Pine Forest.....	\$257.50
Cristo te Ama .....	\$200.00	Pine Grove.....	\$1,050.00
Donalsonville FBC.....	\$10,945.37	Rocky Ridge.....	\$1,822.07
Eldorado.....	\$675.00	Salem Seminole.....	\$772.06
Faceville.....	\$5,637.18	Southwest .....	\$800.00
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Fellowship.....	\$4,080.00	Springfield .....	\$3,090.44
Flat Creek.....	\$5,606.27	Union.....	\$1,977.78
Franklin .....	\$589.56	West Bainbridge .....	\$1,244.36
Grace .....	\$1,613.60	West Street.....	--
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**The above amount includes receipts for Bowen Baptist Association general fund and Cristo Te Ama General Fund.**