

**BETHLEHEM-PINE BARREN ASSOCIATIONS <> WE ARE GREAT COMMISSION BAPTISTS  
OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER <> STEVE DUNN, AMS <> (251-282-7132)**

*Beloved Bethlehem & Pine Barren,*

I had fever Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, and immediately thought I was infected with Covid-19. I got tested that very day and was pronounced negative. The following Monday, the 14<sup>th</sup>, still with fever, I retested and was negative the second time. The doctor treated me for a spider bite. For those three days between my first and second test I prayed for the people whom I had been in contact. I questioned if I had been careful with the pandemic precautions. I am grateful I did not have Covid-19 and even more grateful I did not cause anyone else to get it. Now, the value of wearing a mask, watching social distance, and washing my hands has certainly increased. My prayers go out to those who have had Covid-19 and lost love ones to it.

On Sunday evening, October 11, 4:00 PM at Enon Baptist (Pine Barren), we will meet for the Pine Barren Annual Meeting. The following Sunday, October 18, we will meet for the Bethlehem Annual Meeting, 4:00 PM at First Baptist Frisco City. We ask that we all wear a mask (*except when speaking from podium*). There will be hand sanitizer available and trust you to social distance.

The main items of business this year in each association are to vote to accept the recommendations of the nominating committees for the 2021 leaders, the 2021 budgets, and elect officers. I will give a short 2020 report, thank those for their service this year, and outline our theme for 2021...***Great Prayer for the Great Commission*** based on *Matthew 9:36-38*. We will then sing a hymn, have a special solo in each annual meeting. Keith Gambill, pastor of Enon(PB), will preach the sermon for Pine Barren and Matt Brown, pastor of Poplar Springs, will preach the sermon for Bethlehem. We will not have the traditional fellowship meal.

Both Bethlehem and Pine Barren association churches continue to faithfully carry out The Great Commission amidst the pandemic. Please call me if I can help in any way...***Steve***