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**The Chamber & First National Bank are partnering to provide an educational seminar series for the community**

The Bainbridge-Decatur County Chamber of Commerce and First National Bank will offer the business community members and residents the opportunity to grow individually and professionally through a year-long program called the Business Builders Seminar Series.

“We understand that staff development training isn’t always convenient or affordable, so we have provided a cost-effective and time-sensitive solution to help the businesses here in Bainbridge remain a competitor in their field,” said Lauren Minor, Director of Communications for the Chamber of Commerce.

Each session is held during the last week of every month with two time slots available, an 8:30 a.m. class and a 12:00 p.m. class. The Chamber will provide breakfast or lunch for each attendee. The series is open to chamber members as well as the public for a small fee – members can attend for $10 and all others for $15. The first session, *How the New Tax Reform Impacts Your Business*, presented by Mauldin & Jenkins is set for January 30, 2018.

“Community banks have long been a primary source of credit for small businesses. Our relationships allow us the opportunity to hear the challenges our small businesses face every day. Our hope is to add value and show our commitment by tapping into our resources and partnering with the Chamber to provide opportunities to help our small businesses succeed,” said, Lorenda Smith, VP of Retail and Marketing for First National Bank.

For additional information or questions regarding the Business Builders Seminar Series, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at (229) 246-4774 or visit [www.bainbridgegachamber.com](http://www.bainbridgegachamber.com).

***About the Bainbridge-Decatur County Chamber of Commerce***

*The mission of the Bainbridge-Decatur County Chamber of Commerce is to strengthen business, foster economic growth, and improve the quality of life for all. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we invite you to become a member of the Bainbridge-Decatur County Chamber of Commerce. As a member, you will be joining a team of businesses and individuals that share a commitment to Decatur County and the future of our community. We are committed to helping you and your organization succeed.*

***About First National Bank***

*First National Bank is a local, independent community bank with approximately $160 million in assets headquartered in Bainbridge, Georgia. It offers comprehensive financial services to consumer, business, and government customers. The current banking facilities include the main office located in Decatur County and an office located in Grady County. The Bank routinely posts news and other important information on its website.* [*www.fnbdc.com*](http://www.fnbdc.com)