



# **BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

## **PLANNING AHEAD**

### **December 3**

Downtown Holiday Celebration Ministry  
5:00 PM—10:00PM  
Volunteers are Needed

### **December 4-11**

Week of Prayer for International Missions

### **December 6**

Mell Ministers/Wives Christmas Banquet  
Spring Hill Country Club  
6:30 PM

### **December 15**

Mell Admin Team  
4:30 PM

### **December 19—January 2**

Mell Office Closed

### **January 3**

Mell Office Reopens

### **January 16**

ML King Jr. Holiday  
Office Closed

### **January 17**

Mell Ministers Meeting  
First Baptist, Tifton  
Noon

### **January 22**

Sanctity of Life Sunday

### **January 23-24**

GBMB Evangelism Conference  
Warner Robins

### **January 26**

Mell Admin Team  
4:30 PM

### **January 31**

Mell Senior Adult Luncheon  
Location TBA

### **February 12**

Meill Ministers Meeting  
First Baptist, Tifton  
Noon

### **February 23**

Mell Executive Committee  
7:00 PM  
Location TBA

### **March 5-12**

Week of Prayer for North America Missions

### **March 12**

Daylight Savings Time Begins

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## LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING® 2016

## *the gospel resounds*

The Mell Baptist Association exists to Encourage the Pastors, Strengthen the Churches, and to Build the Kingdom, for the Glory of God. Established 1886.

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December 2016



## Highlights

The new Administrative Team had its first meeting October 27. We approved Mell Baptist Association becoming a co-sponsor of Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief Unit 3R (stationed in Rochelle) which means we will be promoting Disaster Relief Training and any trained in clean-up and recovery will be assigned to Unit 3R. We will also provide \$500 annually to share expenses of the unit. The Admin Team also approved the establishment of two teams to fulfill our Purpose and Priorities: Encouraging/Strengthening Team and Evangelism/Missions Team. Each team will be made up of three persons serving a three-year term with one rotating off each year. The Admin Team will be nominating members for each team, but with the teams beginning to function immediately after appointment with the members being approved subsequently at Annual Meeting. If you would like to serve on one of these teams or know of someone in your church that would be willing to serve, please provide their names to me or to the Moderator. Please be praying for the Admin Team as we form these new teams. The Admin Team will continue to look at other leadership positions that we might need to be able to fulfill our Purpose and Priorities. We are still waiting on bids for the remodeling of the office. The Admin Team also approve the Manual of Policies & Procedures. You may request a copy from the office. This will be a document that will be updated regularly as we move forward as an association.

We are in need of volunteers for the Mell Outreach at the Downtown Christmas Holiday Celebration December 3 from 5-10 PM. It would be great if five churches would adopt an hour to provide 5 or 6 volunteers. We will be passing our New Testaments and tracts and talk with people about the Lord. We may also be doing face painting for the children. Let the office or me know which hour your church would like to be responsible.

Please encourage your pastor and wife to attend the Mell Ministers/Wives Christmas Banquet, Tuesday, December 6, at 6:30 PM at Spring Hill Country Club at cost of \$10 per person with Christmas music provided by Ron & Claudia Henderson. Reservations required by emailing me or calling the office.

It is even more critical now for God's people to be praying for President-Elect Donald Trump, for his transition team, for wisdom as he selects his cabinet members, and for him to surround himself with Godly, wise men and women. Will we pray for him and the country as fervently as we prayed for the election? God is giving us an opportunity to be the people He saved us to be!

Will we respond as His people to please Him?

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## Volunteers Needed

The Mell Baptist Association will be participating in the **Hometown Holidays Christmas Celebration** on December 3rd from 5:00 PM until 10:00 PM. We will be handing out Bibles and tracts and sharing the message of Jesus Christ. If you or your church would like to send a group to help, please contact the Mell



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### Prayer Suggestions

- Pray for the flood victims and those who continue to minister to them through rebuild.
- Pray for the transition of Presidents and all that entails.
- Pray for the Ministry at the Downtown Holiday Christmas Celebration December 3.
- Pray for the AM and Admin Team that they will have God's wisdom.

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Churches wishing to inform the public of upcoming events, please forward the information about the event to our office via email or snail-mail so that it will arrive by the 20th of each month for inclusion in the newsletter.

[mellbapt@friendlycity.net](mailto:mellbapt@friendlycity.net).

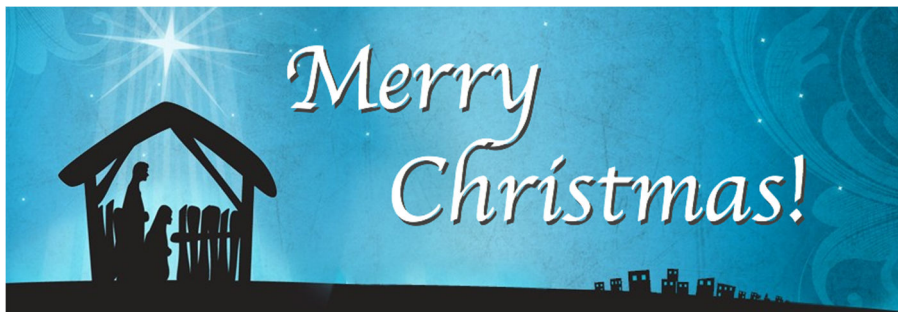
### Our mailing address is:

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### Useful Links:

- Southern Baptist Convention  
<http://www.sbc.net/>
- North American Mission Board  
<http://www.namb.net/>
- International Mission Board  
<http://www.imb.org/>
- Georgia Baptist Mission Board  
<https://gabaptist.org/>
- Mell Baptist Association  
<http://mellbapt.com/>
- Christian Index  
<http://christianindex.org>



Isa 9:6 *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

## **CELEBRATIONS**

### **DECEMBER**

#### **Birthdays**

14	Stacy Ring	Salem
21	Steve Tucker	Liberty
23	Nerily Lopez	Vida Abundante

#### **Pastor/Staff Anniversaries**

28	Les Gilbert	New River
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### **JANUARY**

#### **Birthdays**

2	Dana Hughes	First Baptist, Tifton
15	John Hughes	First Baptist, Tifton
18	Dan Eidson	Victory

#### **Anniversaries**

6	Rev. & Mrs. Bill Hughes
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#### **Pastor/Staff Anniversaries**

3	Benji Rowland	Journey
4	Brian Broome	Northside

#### **Food Pantry 2016/2017**

December	Lakeview
January	Liberty

Through October, the Food Pantry has served 192 families in need.

**If your church wishes to help with the food pantry, please call the office and reserve your month.  
229-386-0865**

## **ONE STARRY NIGHT**

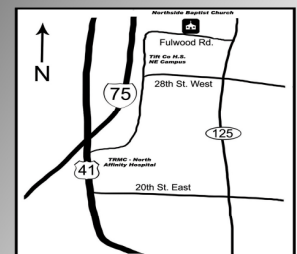
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### **NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Dec. 9, 10, & 11**  
**6:00pm - 8:30pm**

Now with 2 tours  
Less wait time

Hear the pounding of the blacksmith hammer, the braying of donkeys, and the shouts of fishermen selling their catch. Enter the gates of Bethlehem. Follow the shepherds to the newborn babe lying in a manger. Let the wonder of the season warm you in that star-lit stable.



[nbctifton.org](http://nbctifton.org) for more info

### **Zion Hope Baptist Church 353 Zion Hope Road, Tifton**

#### ***Mini-Revival***

**December 4—7**

**Services begin at 7:00 PM**

***Guest Speaker: Randy Mullinax***

#### **CHURCH FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE & GIVING SEMINAR**

Keys to Best Practices in Church Compliance & Giving in the Church

**Byne Memorial Baptist Church  
Albany, GA**

**February 23, 2017**

**To Register, Visit:**

[gabaptist.org/churchadministration](http://gabaptist.org/churchadministration)



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**Vacation Bible School Jumpstart**  
**January 24**  
**7:00 PM—8:30 PM**  
**First Baptist Church, Moultrie**

***(More Details To Follow)***

**Vacation Bible School Clinic**  
**March 11**  
**First Baptist Church, Moultrie**

### **BCM NEWS**

This year is almost over and it could not have been so successful without your prayers, financial support, great food, and encouragement. We love you guys and every student that has been touched by this ministry, you played a part in reaching them!

I talked with two students recently who came to me because they sensed they were straying in their relationship with God. Whether they were saved or not, I really don't know, but they were perfect examples of how undisciplined this generation is. They have a hard time understanding the consequences of sin and think they can have a relationship with God on their terms and not His terms. I cannot tell you the number of students I have who suffer because of their ignorance. I fuss at them all the time about "ignorance is no excuse" – it is failure to take the time to read their Bibles! So many students in school today are spoon fed and have little idea how to read something and then apply it to their life. I can't tell you the number of students I have who suffer needlessly because they fail to read their Bibles and some who do read have no idea how to apply what it says to their lives! It is heart breaking to see this happen. Please pray for them as we keep striving to teach students the necessity of having a daily time alone with God. Those that have caught on to this have a changed life!

On a more positive note, I have 7 students who applied for summer missions through BCM. We also had a fund raiser and raised over 1,000.00. That is awesome because most of that money came from our students!

Finals will be the week after Thanksgiving and many are struggling. I ask you to please pray for them to have wisdom (James 1:5) and recall from what they learned. Also, pray for them to have peace during this stressful time. We are also preparing for our local mission trip which will focus on ministries in Tifton and will also focus on discipleship during our morning quiet times.

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### **Monthly Financials** **(October)**

Budget Needs:	\$9045.31
Funds Received	\$7904.08
Expenses:	\$5506.34