

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PLANNING AHEAD

February 12

Mell Ministers Meeting
First Baptist, Tifton
Noon

February 23

Mell Executive Committee
7:00 PM
Lakeview Baptist Church
Lenox, GA

February 23

Church Financial Compliance
&
Giving Seminar
Byne Memorial Baptist Church
Albany
6:00 PM—9:00 PM
Cost: \$10 Per Person

March 5-12

Week of Prayer for North America Missions

March 11

Vacation Bible School Clinic
First Baptist Church, Moultrie
7:30 AM—12:30 PM

March 12

Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 21

Mell Ministers Meeting
First Baptist Tifton
Noon

March 23

Mell Administrative Team
4:30 PM
Mell Office

SOUTH GEORGIA TORNADO UPDATE:

Please be in prayer for all those who were affected by this weekend's tornadoes, especially those in Adel and Albany.

Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief is in contact with County officials in these areas. The County officials have asked us to postpone clean-up efforts for a few days. We will deploy units according to normal call-out procedures as soon as we are allowed to do so.

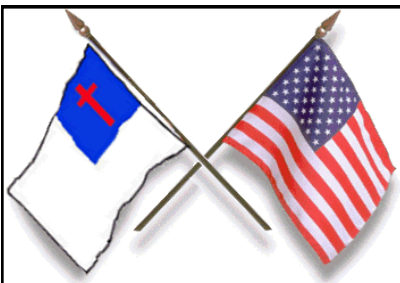
PLEASE DO NOT SELF-DEPLOY

At this time the best way to help is:

- 1. Pray for those affected by the tornado and those responding.**
- 2. Monetary Donations which can be made on the Donations tab of our website - gbcdisasterrelief.org**

Please do not collect any tangible items at this time. If and when we are made aware of any specific needs, we will update Facebook and our website.

Updates will posted on our Facebook page and the Updates tab or our website - gbcdisasterrelief.org as they become available.



The Mell Baptist Association exists to Encourage Churches, Strengthen Churches, and Partner with Churches to Reach People with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Established 1886.

www.mellbapt.com



February 2017

Highlights

Congratulations to the following churches! This information is based on the Annual Church Reports (ACR) submitted to GBMB for 2015-16.

Baptisms

1. Journey 38
2. Northside 33
3. FB Tifton 21
4. Brookfield 18
5. Liberty 14

Total number of baptisms for the association was 193! PTL!

Baptisms to Resident Members

1. Journey 9/1
2. Vida 13/1
3. Liberty 14/1
4. New Bethel 16/1
5. Brookfield 17/1

Cooperative Program

1. FB Tifton \$201,905
2. Northside \$147,827
3. FB Ty Ty \$41,416
4. Eastside \$35,071
5. Mt. Zion \$32,201

Top % to Cooperative Program

1. Lakeview 10.7%
2. Eastside 10.3%
3. FB Ty Ty 10.1%
4. New River 10%
5. Northside 9.9%

These churches are to be commended for their commitment to evangelism here and around the world! Praise the Lord for all of our churches who faithfully proclaim the Gospel and give through the Cooperative Program.

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WELCOME

The Mell Baptist Association welcomes two new pastors; **Rev. Steve Davis**, Zion Hope and **Rev. Keith Noris**, Eastside. Please pray for these pastors and their families.

Prayer Suggestions

-Pray for the churches without pastors: Alapaha, Brighton Road, Eldorado, Lakeview, New River, and Omega.

-Pray for the victims of the recent tornados and those assisting them.

-Pray for the President and all government officials.

-Pray for the AM and Admin Team that they will have God's wisdom.

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.

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>

CELEBRATIONS

February

Birthdays

5	Allison Tucker	Liberty
16	Bill Hughes	First Baptist, Tifton
23	Andy Ring	Salem

Anniversaries

13	Rev. & Mrs. Fred Evers
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Pastor//Staff Anniversaries

9	Greg Love	CrossView
19	Dan Eidson	Victory

March

Birthdays

Anniversaries

14	Rev. & Mrs. Andy Ring
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Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

2	Steve Tucker	Liberty
4	Bill Hughes	First Baptist, Tifton

Church Financial Compliance & Giving Seminar

**Keys to Best Practices in Church Compliance
and Giving in the Church.**

February 23rd, 6:00—9:00 PM

Byne Memorial Baptist, Albany

**2832 Ledo Road
Cost: \$10 Per Person**

**Registration and Info:
gabaptist.org/churchadministration**

Food Pantry 2017

February	First Tifton
March	Oak Grove
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	Eastside
September	Brookfield
October	
November	
December	

During 2016, the Food Pantry served 224 households in need.



Fun for Seniors

Senior Adult Luncheon

Noon

Tuesday, April 25, 2017
Salem Baptist Church

Cost: \$8 Per Person
Call Salem for Reservations:
229-528-4512

*In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and
the Word was God. He was in the
beginning with God. All things
were made through him, and
without him was not any thing
made that was made. In him was
life, and the life was the light of
men. The light shines in the
darkness, and the darkness has not
overcome it.*

John 1: 1-5



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Vacation Bible School Clinic

March 11
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BCM NEWS

They say it takes 7 times for someone to hear something before it finally sinks in and people act on what they heard. I believe that! We have gone over in Discipleship training, on Monday nights, Thursday nights, and on our mission trips how to share your faith. I have talked with many of you over time about how students just don't seem to know how to share their faith and you have prayed for us. Well, it is beginning to sink in. We just started back to school a week ago, and two students have talked about how they have sat down with friends and shared the gospel and the people they talked with seemed very interested. The two students are D and S and they seem so close. The thing holding them back is that they just can't seem to get past the part that Jesus would be their substitute and that they don't have to work and be good enough to get to heaven. It is hard for them to understand that good works don't get you to heaven but it is repentance and acceptance of Christ and what He did on the cross. Grace and faith are so hard for them to understand. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will move their hearts and they will understand and accept salvation.

Over the mission trip at Christmas we worked in town with different ministries but our biggest effort was to teach the students how to share their faith. We spent Saturday morning at Walmart teaching them to just talk to people and find some common ground with them. This is hard for young people who live in a texting society. On Saturday afternoon we talked about sharing your faith and came up with a three question survey that ended with asking the person if they wanted to hear the surveyor's testimony and the gospel. They were sent out all over town to spread the good news. Well, one team went to Zaxbys and while there a group of ball players from Valdosta entered. One of our young men asked one of the players if he had time for the survey and the guy said yes. So he proceeded to share. By the time he finished and shared his testimony the whole team had gathered around him and were listening to his testimony. After he shared he asked if he could pray for the team and right there in the middle of Zaxbys the whole team, coach and all, bowed their heads and prayed. It was amazing. God is moving in our student's hearts. Please pray that as these students hear their peers share about what God is doing and the desire to share will catch on like wildfire! **Penny**

Winter Suppers

January 9	BCM
January 23	Brighton Road
January 30	CrossView
February 6	Brookfield
February 13	Victory
February 20	Lenox
February 27	Oak Grove
March 6	Enigma
March 13	Spring Break
March 20	FBC Tifton
March 27	Zion Hope
April 3	Northside
April 10	New River
April 17	CrossView
April 28	BCM

Baptist Collegiate Ministries
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Monthly Financials

(December 2016)

Budget Needs:	\$9045.33
Funds Received	\$10,110.12
Expenses:	\$2605.31