

Mell

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PLANNING AHEAD

February 11
Racial Reconciliation Sunday

February 14
Valentine's Day

February 20
Mell Minister's Meeting
Noon

March 1
Admin Team
Noon

March 4-11
Week of Prayer
North American Missions

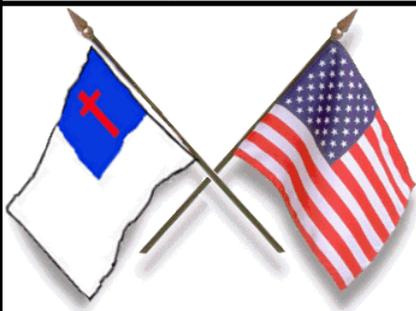
March 11
Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 15
Mell Evangelism/Mission Team
Noon

March 20
Mell Minister's Meeting
Noon

March 25
Palm Sunday

March 30
Good Friday



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February 2018

AM THOUGHTS

Congratulations to the following churches! This information is based on the ACRs submitted by our churches and covers last church year 2016-17. These are the top five in these categories.

Average Worship Attendance

1. FB Tifton	927
2. Northside	527
3. Journey	482
4. Salem	195
5. FB Ty Ty	188

Total Baptisms

1. Journey	41
2. Northside	28
3. Lenox	19
4. Brookfield	14
5. Omega	12

Ratio of Baptisms to Resident Membership

1. Journey	9.7/1
2. Lenox	15/1
3. Omega	19/1
4. CrossView	23/1
5. Brookfield	28/1
Association	50/1

Giving to Association

1. FB Tifton	\$19,600
2. Northside	\$13,666
3. Mt. Zion	\$8,713
4. FB Ty Ty	\$8,500
5. Eastside	\$6,720

Would you please pray for me as I go with a team to minister at the Pyeongchang 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea? We will be leave on February 15 and return on February 27. There are seven of us going (all but one from Georgia). I have worked with three of these in three previous Olympics. Please pray for safety, health, and opportunities to share the Gospel. Also, please pray for Martha while I am gone. The tools we use to witness are trading pins, balloon animals, and tissue lowers. We particularly use a trading pin that is a story pin. It has the different colors so that we can share the Gospel story using it. The story pin will also have a small sheet with it explaining in the Korean language the plan of salvation. **TOM**

Secret Keeper Girl Masterpiece Tour

Thursday, February 15
6:30-9:00 pm
Northside Baptist Church



Community News:

Alapaha Baptist Church is proud to announce that Brother Darryl McHan, his wife, Jamie, and their three children, Jaxson, Brooke and Cody, have accepted the call to our church starting January, 2018.

Brookfield Baptist Church is searching for a full-time pastor. If interested, please send resume to the Chairman of the Pastor Search Committee, Sammy Mason, 759 Bowen Road, Tifton, Georgia 31794 or call him at :
(229) 388-8286 for more information.

Lifehouse Ministries still needs your help to get ready to move into their new location. Work days are:
Feb. 3rd
Feb. 10th.
Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Santa's Helpers handed out 460 Bibles and aided 241 families (639 children) so that they could have a more enjoyable Christmas.

Victory Baptist Church is in the process of acquiring a new church secretary. If you or someone you know is interested in this position please send resume to: Victory Baptist P O Box 7551 Tifton, Georgia 31793

Week of Prayer for our North American Missions: March 4 through March 11, 2018.

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	Allision Tucker	Liberty
16	Bill Hughes	First, Tifton
21	Genie Love	Crossview
23	Andy Ring	Salem

Anniversaries

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

9	Greg Love	Crossview
18	William Fogarty	Unity
19	Dan Edison	Victory

March

Birthdays

Anniversaries

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

2	Jose Lopez	Vida Abundante
2	Steve Tucker	Liberty
4	Bill Hughes	First, Tifton

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.

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Our mailing address is:

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Food Pantry 2018

February	First, Tifton
March	Zion Hope
April	
May	Oak Grove
June	Unity
July	
August	
September	
October	New River
November	
December	

The Food Pantry for the year of 2017: we served 240 households for an average of 20 households per month

2018

CHURCH FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE & GIVING SEMINAR

This event is designed for both church staff and lay leaders who work with church finances to stay current with financial issues as they relate specifically to churches, as well as topics related to church giving.

Workshops Offered:

Is it Taxable if our Church Pays for...?
Housing Allowance Dos and Don'ts
Federal Payroll Reporting for Church Staff
The Forgotten Formula for Funding Church Ministry
Constitution/By-Laws; Policies and Procedures
High Giving Churches: Latest Research and New Insights and Tools You Can Use Now

Cost: \$10 per person • \$15 walk up registration
All online registration will close 3 days prior to the event. All registrations after online registration closes will be considered walk up and will pay \$15 per person.

March 22, Bainbridge, GA
Liberty Baptist Church, 2909 Vada Rd., Bainbridge, GA 39817
Host Association - Bowen, 6-9 pm
Click here to register. E-mail dsharitt@gabaptist.org with questions.



PyeongChang 2018



Please keep Brother Tom and other members of his team in your prayers as they minister and share the gospel in South Korea.





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Winter Suppers

- Jan 29 Crossview
- Feb 5 Brookfield
- Feb 12 BCM
- Feb 19 First Baptist Tifton
- Feb 26 Lenox
- Mar 5 Enigma
- Mar 12 BCM
- Mar 26 Eastside
- Apr 2 Northside
- Apr 9 Zion Hope
- Apr 16 New River
- Apr 23 BCM

BCM NEWS

The semester has started and it is already crazy! We are studying the Sermon on the Mount and it has been interesting. We studied the section on Adultery and it was amazing to hear some of the comments. Several who were church goers did not know that premarital sex and living together counted as adultery. I sometimes marvel at the ignorance of Christians! In just talking about this it is easy to see how the culture of today has influenced our young people. Tonight we are talking about the passage by Jesus on Divorce. I can't wait to see what they think about a lifetime commitment in a culture where you turn and run when things get heated. Please pray for hearts this semester that they will listen to the Word of God and believe it over the culture of today. We will be hitting on some hard issues.

Just before school started we had summer mission selections and seven students were selected to serve as summer missionaries. Four will go overseas, one will serve in Georgia, one will serve New Orleans, and one will be doing disaster relief in Dallas, TX. Please pray for them as they prepare and travel this summer.

We have a lot planned this semester and we need your prayers. We could not survive without you.

Penny

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS Jumpstart
 February 15, 2018
 Sherwood Baptist Church, Albany
 7:00-8:30 PM
 Free Event/No Registration Required

Regional VBS Clinic

March 10, 2018
 Sherwood Baptist Church, Albany
 Early Bird Registration—February 5, 2018—\$15
 Regular Registration—February 23, 2018—\$20
 Late/At the Door Registration—\$25
 Register online: gabaptist.org/kids

Monthly Financials

(December 2017)

Budget Needs:	\$9,726.11
Funds Received	\$6,285.82
Expenses:	\$14,684.77
2017 YTD Contributions	\$99,145.57
2017 YTD Expenses	\$106,284.87
2017 YTD Budget	\$116,714.33