

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PLANNING AHEAD

JULY 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY
(MELL OFFICE CLOSED)

JULY 12
THRIVE ROUNDTABLE

JULY 17
MELL MINISTERS' MEETING

JULY 19
MELL EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

JULY 24
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM

JULY 24
MELL SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

JULY 26
MELL ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

AUGUST 9
THRIVE ROUNDTABLE

AUGUST 16
MELL EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

AUGUST 21
MELL MINISTERS' MEETING

AUGUST 23
MELL ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

AUGUST 28
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM



LITERACY MISSIONS: South Georgia Mini-Conference

Saturday, July 21 at First Baptist Church of Tifton

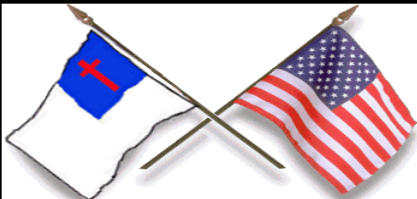
Go online to Register before July 6

<http://www.arborbaptist.org/#/forms/literacy-missions>

Schedule and List of Presenters on the webpage

Or call Donna Milner at 229-457-5612

Sharing Jesus with Georgia through Literacy Missions!



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July 2018

AM THOUGHTS

Good news: the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association representative, Rod Barnett, is working on a date for the next step in, hopefully, planning a Will Graham Festival in Tifton in 2020. This next step will be to invite more pastors and business leaders to this meeting. Please continue to pray about this possibility.

On May 24 the Mell Executive Committee met at the Mell Office. There were 15 attending representing nine of our churches. We received reports about what God is doing through our finances, through the Encouraging/Strengthening Team, through the Evangelism/Missions Team, as well as through the WMU. There were no business items! Every pastor/church should have received minutes of this meeting.

I want to make you aware of a Citywide Prayer Service each month. The next one will be July 12 at 7 pm at First Assembly of God. A Group of six pastors and churches have been gathering together monthly to pray for revival since the beginning of the year. I have begun attending these prayer service and invite you to also. Keith Norris and Eastside Baptist Church are a part of this group. Let's gather as a community of believers and pray for revival!

GO Georgia (a training event for every aspect of church work) will be held again. This year it will be August 17-18 at Mabel White Baptist Church, Macon. This is the same event held last year at FBC Tifton. It is excellent training for all leaders in your church. More info at gogeorgia.net.

If you are a Pastor, Sunday School Director, SS teacher, or any other SS leader, (and are unable to attend GO Georgia), Mell Baptist Association will have a Sunday School Leaders Training on Saturday, September 8, from 8:30 am to noon at FBC Tifton. We are partnering with the Groups and Spiritual Formations Ministry of Georgia Baptist Mission Board for this event, and thus, there will be no cost. However, you do need to register by calling 386-0865 or emailing thocutt@gmail.com.

The Mell Evangelism/Missions Team is requesting our churches to contribute financially to provide Weekend Food Bags for 180 children who have been identified as having a food deficiency in four different schools in the Decatur, Georgia, area. This food is given to those children on Fridays before the close of school for them to have something to eat during the weekend. This was a project that our mission team worked on with Tapestry Church in April. We would love to be able to provide over 3,100 food bags that would be enough for the first semester next year. With your church's, group within a church, or individual's contributions, we will purchase the items in bulk for the food bags, assemble the food bags (great youth group project), and then deliver them to Tapestry Church before school starts (our goal). Each food bag costs approximately \$2.50. So, any contribution would be helpful. Please make checks out to Mell Baptist Association. The deadline for receiving the money so the items can be purchased and packed is August 10. Your pastor, WMU Director, and Brotherhood/Men's Ministry Leader should have received a flyer about this project. Our Team hopes you will participate in this worthwhile mission project! Thanks in advance for your participation.

Praise the Lord for the fourteen churches who are participating in our monthly THRIVE Roundtables to learn how their churches can be revitalized and thrive.

Please pray for our churches without pastors: Brookfield, Eldorado, Mt. Zion, New Bethel, New River, Oak Grove, Pine Grove and Victory. Please pray for the Pastor Search Teams in these churches who are seeking the man God has chosen to lead them into the future.

TOM

Community News:

Sunday School Leadership Training

Saturday, September 8, 2018
First Baptist Church Tifton

Registration begins at 8:30
General Sessions began at 9:00 with
Breakout Sessions beginning at 9:30

There is no cost, but, please register by
Thursday, September 6, by emailing:
thocutt@gmail.com or calling (229) 386-0869



Calling All Seniors!

Senior Adult Luncheon
Tuesday, July 24, Noon

First Baptist Church Ty Ty

No charge for meal, but please call the church to
let them know you are coming 382-6247

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

July

Birthdays

7	Mark Myers	Tifton, First
8	William Fogarty	Unity
14	Jim Donovan	Tifton, First
15	Casey Kilgore	Northside
20	Glenn Ford	Calvary

Anniversaries

Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

1	Jose Lopez	Vida Abundante
2	Wayne Roe	Tifton, First

August

Birthdays

20	Leslie Broome	Northside
21	Brian Broome	Northside
25	Nancy Hughes	Tifton, First
27	Wayne Roe	Tifton, First

Anniversaries

3	Rev/Mrs. Steve Davis	Zion Hope
4	Rev/Mrs. Wayne Roe	Tifton, First
7	Rev/Mrs. Darryl McHan	Alapaha
20	Rev/Mrs. Mark Myers	Tifton, First

Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

1	John W. Werner	Lake View
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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.

Our mailing address is:

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Food Pantry 2018

January	
February	First, Tifton
March	Zion Hope
April	
May	Oak Grove
June	Unity
July	First, Chula
August	Eastside
September	Ty Ty
October	New River
November	Northside
December	Brookfield

The Food Pantry served 12 households in May.

If your church would like to sponsor the Food Pantry for a month in 2019, give us a call at 229-386-0865 and let us know which month you would like to have.



CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Thank YOU, Georgia Baptists!

Thanks for your tremendous response to **Christmas Backpacks** (formerly known as Backpacks of Hope) in 2017. Last year, Georgia Baptists provided 38,241 backpacks to children and teens in Appalachia and Southwest Georgia! Georgia continues to be a leader in state donations. Your support makes Christmas Backpacks possible.

2017 RECAP

— 38,241 —

Backpacks were delivered to children in Appalachia and Southwest Georgia

2018 GOAL

— 40,000 —

Christmas backpacks for Appalachia and Southwest Georgia

Christmas Backpacks once again reflects an additional emphasis in Southwest Georgia, as well as Appalachia. **Our goal for 2018 is 40,000 backpacks.** To help promote the Christmas Backpacks project in your church or association, down-loadable materials are available under the “**Resources**” tab on our website at <https://gabaptist.org/backpacks>. A promotional video is also available under the “**Resources**” tab on the website.



re:GENERATION

RESTORE // RENEW // REFOCUS

August 17-18, 2018

Turning Point at Mabel White Baptist Church

1415 Bass Road

Macon, Georgia 31210



BCM NEWS

Summer BCM is a much smaller group but I love it! There is more intimacy in the group and the students will share on a deeper level. We have been talking these last few weeks about hearing the voice of God. It really is hard for this generation because life is so loud. They can't seem to even be able to sit still—they must constantly be on the go. If you have a young adult, you know what I am talking about. These lessons have talked about what it means to “Be still and know that He is God”. I have one student who is trying to actually put away the worries of the day and focus on God! She does it at 5am! This girl does not have class till later in the day! She will send a text most days after her quiet time and tell me what she has learned! It is evident in how her attitude has changed! Please pray that others will catch on and begin to take not just moments that they can snatch during the day, but take extended time each day to be alone with God and soak in what His Word has to say!

The BCM leaders are reading a devotion book this summer on dying to self. It is a difficult book and it deals with “in your face” issues! I talked with one of the leaders, who is serving this summer as a summer missionary, about her devotion life and she said this book has made her see life in a different frame of mind. She said she never realized how much she put God on the back burner of her life! She said she was seeking first the things that pleased her and made her life more comfortable than seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness! Can you imagine how it will change this young lady's life if this concept will burn in her mind and she will continue to apply it to her life when she comes off the mission field! Please pray that when she comes home and “life” is back to normal, she won't slip back to the “same old, same old” but will be different! Pray also that her newfound commitment to Christ will be contagious!

I want to urge everyone who can to please get involved with Disaster Relief efforts. You will never know when those skills you learn on these trips will come in handy. We are taking the skills we learned and retiling and painting parts of the building this summer. It is a wreck now, but will look great when it is finished! Because of your contributions, we are able to make these needed renovations! Thank you for all you do!

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FALL SUPPER LIST 2018

AUG. 20 - BCM
AUG. 27- BCM
SEPT. 10 - Northside
SEPT. 17 - CrossView
SEPT. 24-New River Baptist
OCT. 1 – First Baptist Church Tifton
OCT. 8 – Calvary Baptist
OCT. 15 – Fall Break
OCT. 22 – BCM
Oct. 29 – FBC Chula
NOV. 5– Mt. Zion Baptist
NOV. 12 - TY TY
NOV. 19- CrossView
NOV. 26 - BCM

Please let me know if you need to make changes. We are Thankful for your hard work!

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Mell Monthly Financial (May, 2018)

Budget Needs:	\$9,718.11
Funds Received	\$7,161.96
Expenses:	\$8,372.54

MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYR UPDATE

Volume 2, Number 6, July 2018

Urgent Prayer

1. Pray for a spirit of prayer to sweep through our churches that would usher in true repentance and revival.

Local

1. Pray for our Purpose to become a reality: “Mell Baptist Association exists to encourage churches, strengthen churches, and partner with churches to reach people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”
2. We are praying for our churches and pastors per an alphabetical list of churches. Pray this time for Enigma Baptist Church (Pete Jones, pastor), First Baptist Church Chula (Brian Allen, pastor), and First Baptist Church Tifton (Wayne Roe, pastor).
3. Pray for the churches without pastors: Brookfield, Eldorado, Mt. Zion, New Bethel, New River, Oak Grove, Pine Grove, and Victory.
4. Pray for our city and county officials in Tift, Cook, and Berrien Counties.
5. Pray for our schools, colleges, boards of education, superintendents, principals, teachers, and students.
6. Pray for the lost in your family and your circle of influence (work, school, recreation, neighborhood, etc.).
7. Pray for unity in the body of Christ in our association and surrounding area.
8. Pray for the monthly meetings of the Encouraging/Strengthening Team, Evangelism/Missions Team, and Administrative Team.
9. Pray for the Mell Baptist Association staff (Tom Hocutt and Charlene Fogarty).
10. Pray for the Baptist Campus Ministry at ABAC and Penny Chesnut as she leads.
11. Pray for the monthly THRIVE Roundtables that God would equip those attending to move their churches toward being more healthy.

State

1. Pray for our state government officials.
2. Pray for the Georgia Baptist Mission Board: its Executive Director (Robert White), its ministries, and other State Missionaries.
3. Pray for the Search Team Seeking a new Executive Director for the GBMB.

Nation

1. Pray for our national government leaders.
2. Pray for the North American Mission Board, its president (Kevin Ezell), staff, and its missionaries.
3. Pray for the Southern Baptist Convention; the Acting CEO of the Executive Committee; and J. D. Gear, SBC President.
4. Pray for the Revival of God’s people and the spiritual awakening of our nation and the world.
5. Pray for the protection and support of our law enforcement, fire fighters, and EMS personnel.

World

1. Pray for the International Mission Board—its president (David Platt), staff, and missionaries.
2. Pray for the 1.6 billion Muslims of the world that they would come to an understanding of who Jesus Christ is.
3. Pray for the Gospel of Christ to be shared to the unreached people groups in the world.
4. Pray for the protection of Israel, wisdom for Israel as they deal with their enemies, and for the peace of Jerusalem.
5. Pray for protection for our armed forces in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, and around the globe.
6. Pray that the people of Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, and North Korea would have stable governments and that they would have an opportunity to hear the Gospel and respond.
7. Pray for the persecuted Christians of the world.

ANSWER TO PRAYER

1. Praise the Lord for the fourteen churches who are represented at our THRIVE Roundtables.