

Mell

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PLANNING AHEAD

AUGUST 9
THRIVE ROUNDTABLE

AUGUST 10
TIFTAREA ACADEMY FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

AUGUST 13
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AUGUST 16
MELL EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

AUGUST 21
MELL MINISTERS' MEETING

AUGUST 23
MELL ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

AUGUST 28
MELL ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM

SEPTEMBER 3
LABOR DAY (MELL OFFICE CLOSED)

SEPTEMBER 13
THRIVE ROUNDTABLE

SEPTEMBER 18
MELL MINISTERS' MEETING

SEPTEMBER 20
MELL EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

SEPTEMBER 25
MELL ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM

SEPTEMBER 27
MELL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

"GEORGIA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES" "Truck Loadings"

"A New Day, A New Start, and A New Life through Jesus"

Date: September 10-13, 2018

Bring your Donation To:
Mell Baptist Association Office

Collect: September 10-13, 2018

Monday-Thurs 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

The Mell Baptist Association is collecting: 100% Fruit Juice, Salad Dressing, Mayo, Trash Bags, and Laundry Detergent. Gift Cards are always appreciated!



2018- Will you partner with us and pray for our residents and direct care staff as they start their journey here with us!

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

August 2018



AM THOUGHTS

Here is a great mission project for your church! 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 provide enough bags 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 schools 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 is August 10 so the items can be purchased and packed. 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.

The Citywide Prayer Service for revival will be August 16 at 7 pm at First Church of the Nazarene. 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!

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association representative, Rod Barnett, will be here August 21st to meet with me to discuss conducting a Will Graham Festival in Tifton in 2020. Please continue to pray about this possibility.

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 to noon at FBC Tifton. We are partnering with the Groups and Spiritual Formations Ministry of Georgia Baptist Mission Board for the 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 Baptist Association has had a ministry of giving out water at Jake's Day for many years. Our Evangelism/Missions Team wants to make this more evangelistic; so we are planning on not only passing out bottles of water, but engaging people in spiritual conversations. We are also going to take the Mell Event Trailer there to provide the bounce houses, popcorn, and snow cones. We will need more volunteers this year to man the bounce houses, popcorn, and snow cones. Please let us know at the office if you can give a couple of hours on Saturday, September 22, to show forth Jesus at Jake's Day. We will need volunteers from 8 am to 3 pm.

Please pray for our churches without pastors: Brookfield, Eldorado, Mt. Zion, New River, Oak 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. Praise the Lord for New Bethel BC calling Bobby Pittman as pastor, and Pine Grove Baptist Church calling Gerald Mallard as pastor.

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 on cost, but, please register by
Thursday, September 6, by emailing:
thocutt@gmail.com or calling (229) 386-0869

Divorce Care

First Baptist Church Family Life Center
John Patten-Facilitator
Session, August 22nd at 6:00 pm
Sessions Start September 5th thru November 14th at 6:00 pm
Sessions are open to the Community. Child care will be provided. Class is to offer care for those having experienced divorce. For additional information contact John Patten at 229-300-3182

Grief Share

First Baptist Church Family Life Center
John Patten-Facilitator
Session Thursday August 23rd at 4:00 pm
Meetings start Thursday, September 6th thru November 15th at 4:00 pm
Sessions are open to the Community for those experiencing significant loss. For additional information contact John Patten at 22-300-3182

TRUCKLOADING FOR THE GEORGIA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

September 10-13, 2018
Mell Baptist Association
817 N. Central Ave.
Tifton, Georgia 3174

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

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	Lakeview
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September

Birthdays

1	Pete Jones	Enigma
2	Cindy Evers	Northside
19	Courtney Devereaux	Ty Ty, First
20	Susan Roe	Tifton, First
25	Jimmy Parker	Brushy Creek

Anniversaries

14	Rev/Mrs. John Werner	Lakeview
21	Rev/Mrs. Kevin Kilgore	Northside

Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

10	Allen Mullis	Omega
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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:

Mell Baptist Association
P.O. Box 1547
Tifton, GA 31793

mellbapt@friendlycity.net Or call (229) 386-0865

Food Pantry 2018

July	First, Chula
August	Eastside
September	Ty Ty
October	New River
November	Northside
December	Brookfield

Food Pantry 2019

- January
- February
- March
- April
- May
- June

The Food Pantry served 16 households in June.

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.



August 17-18, 2018

Turning Point at Mabel White Baptist Church

1415 Bass Road

Macon, Georgia 31210

GEORGIA BAPTIST MISSION BOARD

**Make plans to join us for
KIDS IN THE WORD 2018
XTREME EVENT**

Our Kids in the Word XTREME EVENT is an opportunity to connect Kids to God's Word. This is a one-day event for 1st-6th grade kids and their leaders. It will include tracks for younger kids, older kids, and leaders.

Kids will have a fun day spending time in God's word as they work on memorizing books of the Bible and scripture verses through interactive games and activities

Tracks will include:

Books of the Bible, Bible Verses, Bible study. Games/Recreation, Ministry/Services

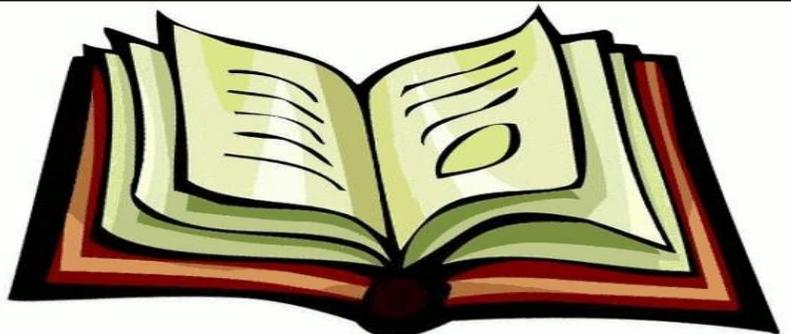
Leadership options will include:

Connecting Kids to the Bible. Creative ideas for Teaching Bible Skills, Going Deeper with Bible Drill

\$25 registration fee includes event, lunch and t-shirt (**Must register by 9/4 to receive a t-shirt**), \$30 at the door (does not include t-shirt). Note:; Additional \$5 fee for XL and XXL shirts.

Join us at one of three locations: September 15—FBC, Douglasville
September 22—FBC, Douglas
September 22—FBC, Hartwell

To register go to: gabaptist.org and click on KIDS IN THE WORD 2018





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BCM NEWS

The summer is flying by and there is still so much to do! We have redone the floors in two rooms, built and painted a new wall, and tried to clean up around the building shrubs. It has been a lot of work. Now we are finishing up the last touches on our 700 Welcome Bags for the new freshmen. It has definitely been a busy summer. We have even managed to have BCM each Monday night.

The groups this summer for Mondays have been small but it has been nice to be able to have good discussion groups. I want to urge you to make sure your youth, kids, and grandkids that are going off to college get involved in a good Christian group. The other day we were discussing wisdom in friendships and one young man stated that in his earlier college years he was surrounded by a wild group of friends and that is the way he acted. But, this past year, he has developed friendships with some strong Christians and he is a different person. He was saved when he was young and looking back he could not believe how much he slipped in his walk with Christ when he first entered college. The college experience today is filled with lots of temptations. I would say that by the end of the first day on campus most students would have been asked to attend a "true" college party. It is very important that they meet up with some Christians in the first few days.

BCM will be trying to get our presence known on campus. We put welcome bags in each freshman's room, we work with Move In Day, Town and Gown Club Day, pass out waters and help students find their classes on the first day of class, and will be helping with Welcome Days Volunteer Service Day. Please pray for us as we try to connect with the new students in an effort to share the love of Christ. We are challenging those working Move In to have a "God Appointment". This is where each student will be asked to invite 2 students they meet during Move In to meet them on Tuesday somewhere on campus. The BCMers are to show them where their classes are and then just get to know them. After they have gotten to know each of the new students the BCMers will introduce themselves by sharing their testimony. Hopefully, they will build a relationship and who knows maybe someone will eventually accept Christ. Please pray for us as we go forward in these endeavors.

Also, if you wish to meet the new students with info about your church, ABAC is having Town and Gown on Monday the 13th from 4-6 in the Meadows. This is an opportunity to sponsor a booth, give away whatever information you wish and just meet the new students. Businesses, churches, clubs, and non-profits will be there. If you are interested, just contact Bernice Hughes at 229-391-5129.

Please pray for us as we finalize our plans for fall. Thank you for all you do!

Penny

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!

**Baptist Collegiate Ministries
 Club Advisor
 Penny Chesnut
 ABAC 595
 2802 Moore Highway
 Tifton, GA 31793-2601**

Mell Monthly Financial

(June, 2018)

Budget Needs:	\$9,718.06
Funds Received	\$8,828.41
Expenses:	\$5,449.53

MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

Volume 2, Number 7, August 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 First Baptist Church Ty Ty (Rodney Owens, pastor), Journey Church (Benji Rowland, pastor), and Lakeview Baptist Church (John Werner, pastor).
3. Pray for the churches without pastors: Brookfield, Eldorado, Lenox, Mt. Zion, New River, Oak 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 healthier.
12. Pray for Mell's Sunday School Leader Training September 8.
13. Pray for Mell's Jake's Day Ministry September 22. Volunteers are needed!

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; Augie Boto, Acting CEO of the Executive Committee; and J. D. Grear, 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.

ANSWERS TO PRAYER

1. Praise the Lord for New Bethel Baptist Church calling Bobby Pittman as pastor.
2. Praise the Lord for Pine Grove Baptist Church calling Gerald Mallard as pastor.