

# **BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

## **PLANNING AHEAD**

**JUNE 18**

MELL EVANGELISM/MISSION TEAM

**JUNE 21**

FATHER'S DAY

**JUNE 23**

MELL ENCOURAGING/  
STRENGTHENING TEAM

**JULY 4**

INDEPENDENCE DAY

**JULY 9**

MELL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**JULY 16**

MELL EVANGELISM/MISSION TEAM

**JULY 19**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DAY

**JULY 23**

MELL ADMIN. TEAM

**JULY 28**

MELL ENCOURAGING/  
STRENGTHENING TEAM

**JULY 28**

MELL SENIOR ADULT LUNCH



## Calling All Seniors!

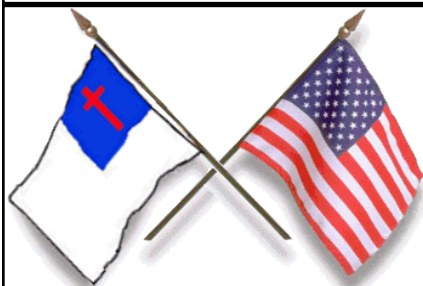
Mell Seniors Adult Luncheon

July 28, 2020

12:00 pm

Mt. Zion Baptist Church

No charge for the meal, please call the church to let them know how many will be attending.



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

Established 1887.

[www.mellbapt.com](http://www.mellbapt.com)

Check us out on Facebook

June, 2020

## AM THOUGHTS

In an email dated 1/22/18 from Thom Ranier (ThomRanier.com), he gave “*11 Eleven Specific Ways to Pray for Your Pastor.*” They are even more important today during this strange time than they were over two years ago!

1. Pray for wisdom for your pastor.
2. Pray for your pastor’s protection.
3. Pray for your pastor’s family.
4. Pray for your pastor to withstand the critics and bullies.
5. Pray against discouragement from compare son.
6. Pray against discouragement from members leaving.
7. Pray against discouragement from decline.
8. Pray against discouragement from disunity.
9. Pray for discernment for “yes” and “no.”
10. Pray for financial pressures.
11. Pray for gospel opportunities.

The Encouraging/Strengthening Team postponed our Mell Sunday School Leader Training scheduled for August 29 to next year—tentative date August 28, 2021. We would encourage you to participate in GoGeorgia this year online this year (August 28-29). More info to come soon from GBMB.

The Evangelism/Missions Team has also postponed our Mission Trip (June 22-27) to work with Of One Accord Ministries in Rogersville, Tennessee, until a later date.

I want to commend our pastors and church staff for the way they have adapted during the Coronavirus Pandemic. You and your leaders have adapted to online services, ways to minister in the midst of the pandemic, ways to keep in touch with one another, and now, as you regather in person, the adaptation to a new way of gathering for worship! You are to be commended. Keep your eyes on Jesus!

Thank you for the privilege you provide me to serve the Lord through being your Associational Missionary. Better days are ahead as we serve Him!!!

Tom

## Community News:

### A 7-DAY CORONAVIRUS PRAYER GUIDE



#### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pray for those who are sick, and their families, that the Lord would heal and comfort them.

#### PRAY FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Pray for those on the frontlines treating those who are sick, that the Lord would protect and strengthen them.



#### PRAY FOR THE VULNERABLE

Pray for those who are especially vulnerable to disease, that the sickness would pass over them and that they would rely on others for help.

#### PRAY FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

Pray for those who have lost work, that God would provide through their families and communities.



#### PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS

Pray for national and local government leaders, that they would have wisdom to do what is best for all.

#### PRAY FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Pray for students who are out of school, and their families, that the Lord would give them patience and discipline.



#### PRAY FOR CHURCHES

Pray for churches and ministry leaders, that they would know how to best show the love of Christ in this time.

"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives. Don't let your heart be troubled or fearful."

JOHN 14:27

LifeWay

### 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

### **June**

#### Birthdays

8	Charlene Fogarty	Unity
25	Greg Love	Crossview

#### Anniversaries

6	Rev/Mrs. John Hughes	FBC, Tifton
9	Rev/Mrs. William Fogarty	Unity

#### Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

1	Andy Ring	Salem
1	Mark Myers	FBC, Tifton
20	Fred Evers	Northside

### **July**

#### Birthdays

7	Mark Myers	FBC, Tifton
8	William Fogarty	Unity
15	Casey Kilgore	Northside
20	Glenn Ford	Calvary

#### Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

1	Jose Lopez	Vida Abundante
1	Wayne Roe	FBC, Tifton
3	Sam Jones	Northside
21	Carl Metzger	Lenox

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 2020

January	Liberty
February	FBC, Tifton
March	Zion Hope
April	Oak Grove
May	FRB, Ty Ty
June	Salem
July	Unity
August	Eastside
September	Liberty
October	Brookfield
November	Northside
December	Brighton Road

The Food Pantry served 6 households in April.

If your church would like to sponsor the Food Pantry for a month in 2020, give us a call at 229-386-0865 and let us know which month you would like to have.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



# SBC Advance

An online ministry update from around the SBC

June 2, 2020

2:00-4:00p CDT

#SBCAdvance

SBC Advance, a two-hour online event, is not designed to be a substitute for the annual meeting, but will provide ministry updates from and interviews with all SBC entity and auxiliary heads, as well as SBC President J.D. Grear. The event will be livestreamed at [SBCAdvance.com](http://SBCAdvance.com) starting at 3 p.m. EDT Tuesday, June 2, 2020.

"SBC Advance is about telling the story of what God is doing through our churches and the work we are doing together regionally, statewide, nationally and internationally," said SBC EC president and CEO Ronnie Floyd. "This online gathering will not just be informational, but inspirational for all Southern Baptists. It will also lead us to have a greater commitment and sharper focus on sharing the Good News of Jesus with the whole world. This online experience is for all Southern Baptist laypeople, pastors, church staff members, church leaders, denominational employees and missionaries here in America and across the world."

### **Mell Executive Committee Meeting**

**July 9, 2020**

**7:00 PM**

**Mell Baptist Association**

The Executive Committee is composed of the pastor and one lay member from each church elected by the church annually.

### **Mell Sunday School Leader Training**

**Has been postponed until 2021**



### BCM News

It is two months into this pandemic and God is making good out of a bad situation. Romans 8:28 tells us He can do this! During this time, we have had our weekly Monday meeting livestreaming and weekly Bible study on zoom. I have also been able to do more individual meetings. One of my freshmen I have been discipling for over 4 months has decided it is time for her to teach me. I learned what Paul was talking about when he said his joy was complete. The goal of discipleship is to teach someone and then they teach someone who later teaches someone. The process just keeps multiplying. She got so excited that now she wants to meet twice a week instead of just once and now is excited to go back in the fall and lead a group! Please pray that more students will get excited about discipleship and more will wish to lead others in the fall! One of the students meeting for discipleship is getting her brother to sit in the lessons. He is struggling and needs understanding of God's love for Him. Pray as we meet that He will realize the love of God and desire to follow Christ wholeheartly.

We have also selected new leadership for the fall and will be training this month. Please pray as we travel through these unknown circumstances in planning for the fall. Last month I talked about getting some used bikes we could fix up to give to International and needy students in the fall. We were able to collect 10 used bikes and 1 new one. Six of the bikes have been picked up to be fixed and we only have 4 left. We are hoping to have them all painted, and the brakes and chains fixed, so if anyone would love to fix one up, please let me know. A needy student in the fall, would love to have one of them.

Thank you for all you do!

Penny

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**FYI: All BCM meals will be canceled since school is canceled for the rest of the year.**

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### **Mell Monthly Financial** (April, 2020)

Funds Received:	\$6,135.00
Expenses:	\$7,841.49
Budget Needs:	\$9,776.00



## **MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE**

Volume 4, Number 5, June 2020

### **Urgent Prayer Needs**

1. Pray for a spirit of prayer to sweep through our churches that would usher in true repentance and revival.
2. Pray for those infected by the coronavirus and protection for those of us not infected so far.
3. Pray for the doctors, nurses, and other hospital staff at local hospitals treating those infected and other patients.
4. Pray for the families of those that have lost loved ones to Covid-19.
5. Pray for pastors and church leaders that they would have God's wisdom as they plan to reopen in person services.

### **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 Lakeview Baptist Church (John Werner, pastor), Lenox Baptist Church (Carl Metzger, pastor), and Liberty Baptist Church (Steve Tucker, pastor).
3. Pray for the churches without pastors: Eldorado, Enigma, New River, and Oak Grove (has called pastor, but not on field yet).
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 wisdom for BGEA, the Celebration Leadership Team, Bob & Kristin Hickling (Celebration Director), and Will Graham, as they work to reschedule the Tiftarea Celebration with Will Graham.

### **State**

1. Pray for our state government officials.
2. Pray for the Georgia Baptist Mission Board: its Executive Director (Thomas Hammond), its ministries, and staff.
3. Pray for our GBMB Southwest Regional Consultants: Samuel Ayala (Missions), P. J. Dunn (Discipleship), Chris Reynolds (Pastor Wellness), and Tim Williams (Evangelism).
4. Pray for the GoGeorgia training August 28-29.

### **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; Ronnie Floyd, 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 (Paul Chitwood), staff, and missionaries.
2. Pray for the 1.8 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 that the number of Covid-19 cases is not rising as it was.