

# Mell

## BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

### PLANNING AHEAD

FEBRUARY 1  
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING  
TEAM

FEBRUARY 10  
PRACTICAL SHEPHERDING GROUP

FEBRUARY 13  
RACIAL RECONCILIATION SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 14  
PASTOR'S PRAYER TIME

FEBRUARY 15  
MELL MINISTERS' LUNCHEON

FEBRUARY 17  
MELL EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

FEBRUARY 21  
PRESIDENT'S DAY

FEBRUARY 24  
MELL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 26  
MELL HOME REPAIR DAY

MARCH 1  
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING  
TEAM

MARCH 7-13  
WEEK OF PRAYER NA MISSIONS

MARCH 13  
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

MARCH 14  
PASTOR'S PRAYER TIME

MARCH 15  
MELL MINISTERS' LUNCHEON

MARCH 17  
MELL EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

MARCH 24  
MELL ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

MARCH 26  
MISSION TRIP COLUMBUS GA

MARCH 28-APRIL 2  
MISSION TRIP ROGERSVILLE TN



Week of Prayer f

## Mell Executive Committee Meeting

7 PM, Thursday, February 24, 2022

Mell Baptist Association

817 Central Ave North, Tifton

*(From the Mell Baptist Association Constitution & By-Laws)*

Section 2. Membership. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the pastor and one lay member from each church elected by the church annually, the officers set forth in Article V Section 1 above, and such other members as the **Manual** shall prescribe.

Section 3. Meetings. The Executive Committee shall meet as often as necessary at such times and places as outlined in the Manual, but no less than two (2) time annually. Meetings may be called by the moderator or associate moderator as need arises.

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

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February 2022

## AM THOUGHTS

God is at work in our midst! Let me give you a few examples. As a result of men going on the Rogersville, Tennessee Mission Trip last year and repairing the homes of the poor there, some of them said, "Why can't we do the same thing in the Tifton area?" Your Evangelism/Missions Team took that to heart and with the help of Melissa Hughes, a county commissioner, who gave us a list of those who needed repairs to their homes, we started a quarterly Home Repair Ministry. On December 4 thirteen men representing six churches (Brookfield, Calvary, FBC Tifton, Lakeview, Lenox, The Road) built a ramp and replaced a bathroom floor in one house and at another house widened a bedroom door opening and installed a new larger door to accommodate the owner who was coming home in a wheelchair. Your church's contributions made it possible for us to provide all the materials for these repairs. Praise the Lord! We are planning another Home Repair Ministry Day Saturday, February 26. If you or your church would like to contribute funds for the materials, please send or bring by the office. Make any checks out to Mell Baptist Association with Home Repair Ministry in the memo. Thanks for your willingness to give.

Another way that God worked was through our ministry in connection with Santa's Helpers/Toys for Tots Toy Distribution December 16. These pastors were present: Steve Davis, Glenn Ford, John Hughes, Jay Kimbro, Jose Lopez, and Keith Norris. We also had a layman, Mike Barber, to help us. The distribution was a drive through event again this year. These pastors prayed with the people in every car and gave them a Gospel Christmas tract. There were at least two professions of faith! PTL! The association also gave every car at least one box of food that we purchased from Second Harvest (300 boxes) and baked goods given to us by Second Harvest. Again, your contributions to the association made it possible for us to give these food boxes to those who came to get toys. Thanks for your faithfulness in giving.

As some of you know the Encouraging/Strengthening Team started a monthly Pastor's Prayer Time. Last year there was an average of five attending. This team also began a monthly Practical Shepherding Group for pastors reading 10 books and discussing the different aspects of being a good shepherd. Twelve pastors or staff signed up for this and we have averaged nine since beginning last September. The participants have expressed regularly how much this monthly time together means to them! Again, your contributions to the association subsidized greatly the cost of the 10 books and guide!

Financially, God has been at work (as you have seen). We ended 2021 with total contributions to the budget from our churches and individuals of \$110,385.03 which was \$4,459.03 over budget needs. Our expenses for the year were \$90,060.13 (mainly because we did not have an Administrative Assistant for 9 months). I am grateful to say that all 29 of our churches contributed this past year! Not every association can say that. Thank you again for your faithfulness in giving to the association! To God be the glory!

I want to introduce you to our new Administrative Assistant, Tish Rogers! Praise the Lord! She is very well qualified for this position and has had a good beginning for her first few weeks. I hope that you get the opportunity to meet her soon. Welcome Tish!!!

You may be hearing soon about a new challenge/opportunity for the association and our churches and church members. This opportunity is in the initial planning stage, so I am not at liberty to reveal it this month. Keep your eyes and ears open to how you can help participate in this opportunity!

**Tom**

## CHURCH NEWS

**Liberty Baptist Church** is seeking a bi-vocational Minister of Music. Must be able to read and teach music, and, preferably, be able to play an instrument. Salary is negotiable.

Contact Pastor Steve Tucker,  
(229) 450-4553 or email  
libertytifton@gmail.com

**Omega Baptist Church** is looking for a part-time Music Leader. This is a paid position.

Contact Pastor Allen Mullis (229-848-1888) or by email omegabaptist-

2022 EVANGELISM CONFERENCES

UNTIL  
ALL  
HEAR

IN 2022, WE ARE GOING REGIONAL!

FEB 27-28  
Central Regions

MARCH 6-7  
Southern Regions

MARCH 13-14  
Northern Regions

Churches wishing to inform the public of upcoming events, please send the information about the event to our office by the 20th in order for it to be included in the newsletter.

**Our mailing address is:**

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

[mellbapt@friendlycity.net](mailto:mellbapt@friendlycity.net). Or call (229) 386-0865

## Mell Home Repair Ministry

**Saturday, February 26**

**We need men or women willing to replace steps, build a ramp, weatherproof a back door, replace posts supporting a small porch roof.**

Email [thocutt@gmail.com](mailto:thocutt@gmail.com)

for more info or to register.

## CELEBRATIONS

### February

#### Birthdays

|    |                 |           |
|----|-----------------|-----------|
| 5  | Allision Tucker | Liberty   |
| 21 | Jeanne Love     | Crossview |
| 22 | Stacy Phillips  | Northside |
| 23 | Andy Ring       | Salem     |

#### Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

|    |                 |           |
|----|-----------------|-----------|
| 9  | Greg Love       | Crossview |
| 18 | William Fogarty | Unity     |

### March

#### Birthdays

|    |              |            |
|----|--------------|------------|
| 1  | Rodney Owens | FBC, Ty Ty |
| 15 | Lynn Owens   | FBC, Ty Ty |

#### Anniversaries

|    |                    |       |
|----|--------------------|-------|
| 14 | Rev/Mrs. Andy Ring | Salem |
|----|--------------------|-------|

#### Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

|   |              |         |
|---|--------------|---------|
| 2 | Steve Tucker | Liberty |
|---|--------------|---------|

## USEFUL LINKS:

Southern Baptist  
Convention  
<http://www.sbc.net/>

Georgia Baptist Mission Board  
<https://gabaptist.org/>

North American Mission Board  
<http://www.namb.net/>

Mell Baptist Association  
<http://mellbapt.com/>

International Mission Board  
<http://www.imb.org/>

Christian Index  
<http://christianindex.org>

# JHMC

JOHNNY HUNT MEN'S CONFERENCE



# HUNTED

FEBRUARY 4 & 5, 2022 Register Online: [johnnyhuntmensconference.com](http://johnnyhuntmensconference.com)

### Food Pantry 2021

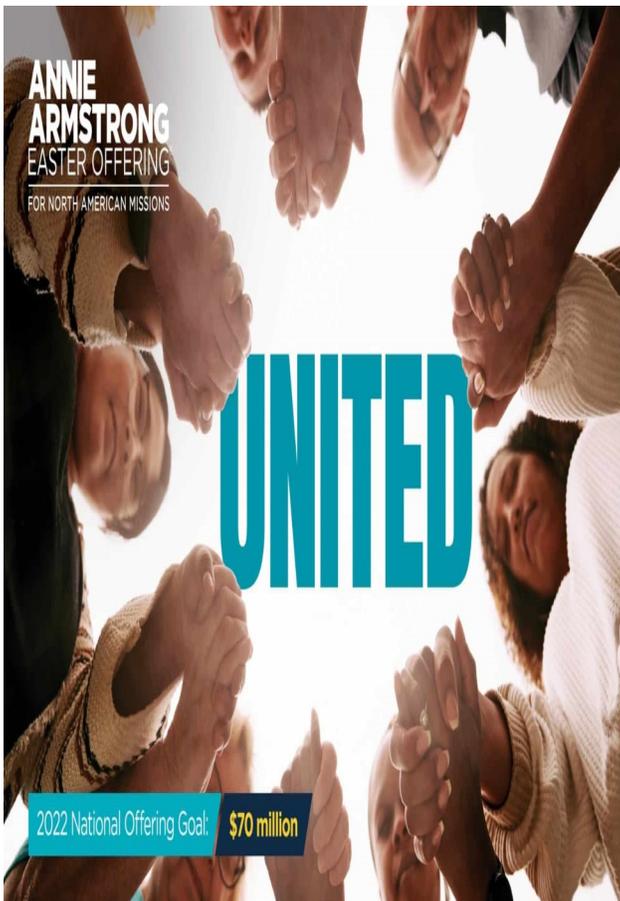
The Food Pantry Served 146 Families in 2021

### Schedule for 2022

Let the office know if there is a problem with this schedule.

|           |               |
|-----------|---------------|
| February  | FBC Tifton    |
| March     | Zion Hope     |
| April     | Oak Grove     |
| May       | Salem         |
| June      | New River     |
| July      | FBC Chula     |
| August    | Eastside      |
| September | FBC Ty Ty     |
| October   | Brookfield    |
| November  | Northside     |
| December  | Brighton Road |

We are in need of empty grocery bags.





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### BCM News

It is hard to believe it is the new year and we have already been in class a week and a half. We have had a big prayer and bonfire night and our first Bible study. The fellowship and spirit has been sweet! Thursday night you could just sense the peace and presence of God! I am excited to see what God is going to do.

We had a freshman share about how the first week of school God placed her next to someone in class who does not know God. She said, "I just felt God wanted me to reach out to this girl and before I knew it, we were at lunch together."

She said she was able to share about Christ and the girl was open and commented about how she had never had a conversation like that about religion. Please pray for this friendship that it will grow, and this young lady will come to know Christ! Our girl was so excited to just see God work in such a simple way. She said she was just going about her business and God just took over! The way she shared about it at our meeting was contagious in making others want to share!

Small groups are beginning to meet and not all the students in them are saved. One of the guy's groups has a room mate that is lost but cooks each week for the Bible study group. He will cook for them and then go into his room during the meeting and then afterwards resurface to clean up. Pray that one day he will feel comfortable enough to stay for the meeting and will open his heart to Christ!!

On Mondays we will be sharing the Sermon on the Mount and on Thursdays we are doing a video series on not letting Satan get a foothold in your life. There is so much meat and richness of the Word in these messages so please pray people will be open to God's leading and letting Him work on their hearts!

There has been a lot of growth. One of our freshman, from last semester who is a fairly young Christian, started reading his Bible and is so desiring to share and get involved in his church!

He spoke to someone in the church about "helping out with the kids" and called over the break telling me how he was getting materials together so he will know what he is teaching. He did this on his own, not knowing they already had the teaching materials! It just blessed my heart to see a big old boy excited about teaching little kids! Who knows what God will do with him! Please pray that his enthusiasm in his walk with Christ will continue!

This semester has the "makings" of a great term! Please pray that we will continue to listen to the Spirit's leading and follow Him!

Thank you for your willingness to pray and help. I am including the list for Spring suppers, if you desire to fix a meal and are not on the list let me know and if you are on the list and can't let me know! I will try to get you a number when it gets closer to your date. Covid is still an issue here, so I will pick it up if you want me to.

### SPRING SUPPER CALENDER 2022

- February 14 Lenox
- Feb. 7 BCM because this will be our Valentine night
- Feb. 21 Brookfield
- February 28 Crossview
- March 7 Northside
- March 14 Ty Ty
- March 21 SPRING BREAK
- March 28 Zion Hope
- April 4 Eastside
- April 11 Crossview
- April 18 ??
- April 25 Last BCM and BCM will cookout

**Baptist Collegiate Ministries  
Club Advisor  
Penny Chesnut  
ABAC 595  
2802 Moore Highway  
Tifton, GA 31793-2601  
229-848-0755**

### Mell Monthly Financial

December (2021)

Funds Received: \$9,128.73  
Budget Expenses: \$8,182.01  
Budget Needs: \$8,827.23

## MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

Volume 6, Number 1, February 2022

### Urgent Prayer Needs

1. Pray for a spirit of prayer to sweep through our churches that would usher in true repentance and revival.
2. Continue to pray for churches to keep safe as they continue to meet in person and wisdom as they consider opening other church activities.

### 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 Eastside Baptist Church (Keith Norris, pastor), Eldorado Baptist Church (no pastor), and Enigma Baptist Church (John Falotico, pastor).
3. Pray for the churches without pastors: Alapaha and Eldorado.
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 our teams: Encouraging/Strengthening, Evangelism/Missions, and Administrative.
9. Pray for the Mell Baptist Association Associational Missionary, Tom Hocutt, and Administrative Assistant, Tish Rogers.
10. Pray for the Baptist Campus Ministry at ABAC and Penny Chesnut as she leads.
11. Pray for the Mell Home Repair Ministry that will take place Saturday, February 26.
12. Pray for the Mell Mission Trips to take place in 2022: Columbus, Rogersville, TN, and Ichmul, Mexico.

### State and U.S.

1. Pray for our state government officials.
2. Pray for the Georgia Baptist Mission Board: its Executive Director (Thomas Hammond), its ministries, and our for our GBMB Southwest Regional Consultants: Samuel Ayala (Missions), Ovidia Cabrera (Hispanic Ministry) Lee Hill (Worship & Music), Tim Kilgore (Next Gen), Chris Reynolds (Pastor Wellness), Ray Sullivan (Discipleship), and Tim Williams (Evangelism).
4. Pray for the GBMB Southern Evangelism Conference at FBC Tifton March 6-7.
5. Pray for our national government leaders.
6. Pray for the North American Mission Board, its president (Kevin Ezell), staff, and its missionaries.
7. Pray for the Southern Baptist Convention; Search for a CEO of the Executive Committee; and Ed Litton, SBC President.
8. Pray for the revival of God's people and the spiritual awakening of our nation and the world.
9. Pray for the protection and support of our law enforcement, fire fighters, and EMS personnel.
10. Pray for the Week of Prayer (March 6-13) for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

### 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 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 especially the believers in Afghanistan.

### ANSWERS TO PRAYER

1. Praise the Lord for Tish Rogers becoming our Administrative Assistant!
2. Praise the Lord for the 13 men from six of our churches who participated in our first Mell Home Repair Ministry Dec 4.
3. Praise the Lord we were able to pray with over 250 people in cars picking up toys for their children at the Santa's Helpers/Toys for Tots Distribution December 16 as well as giving out 300 boxes of food to them!

# **MELL MISSION TRIP TO ROGERSVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**March 28-April 2, 2022 (Monday through Saturday-Spring Break)**

**Approximate Cost: \$200 per person**

Purpose: to work with Of One Accord Ministries ministering through a medical clinic, mini VBS, clothes closet ministry, food distribution ministry, home repair, and block party.

Deadline for Deposit of \$100: January 31, 2022

Remainder due: March 1, 2022

## **Mell Mission Trip to Ichmul, Mexico**

**June 18-25, 2022**

**Approximate Cost: \$1,600 per person (includes flight cost, transportation, lodging, and meals)**

**Deposit of \$500 due March 1, 2022.**

**Remainder due May 18, 2022.**

**Purpose: To assist in planting a church—may include prayer walking, food distribution, VBS, Gospel visitation, block party, sports camp, medical and dental ministries, etc.**

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