

Mell **BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

PLANNING AHEAD

MAY 3
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM

MAY 5
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

MAY 8
MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 9
PASTOR'S PRAYER TIME

MAY 12
PRACTICAL SHEPHERDING GROUP

MAY 17
MELL MINISTERS' MEETING

MAY 19
MELL EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

MAY 26
MELL ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

MAY 30
MEMORIAL DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)

JUNE 7
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM

JUNE 13
PASTOR'S PRAYER TIME

JUNE 14-15
SBC ANNUAL MEETING
ANAHEIM CA

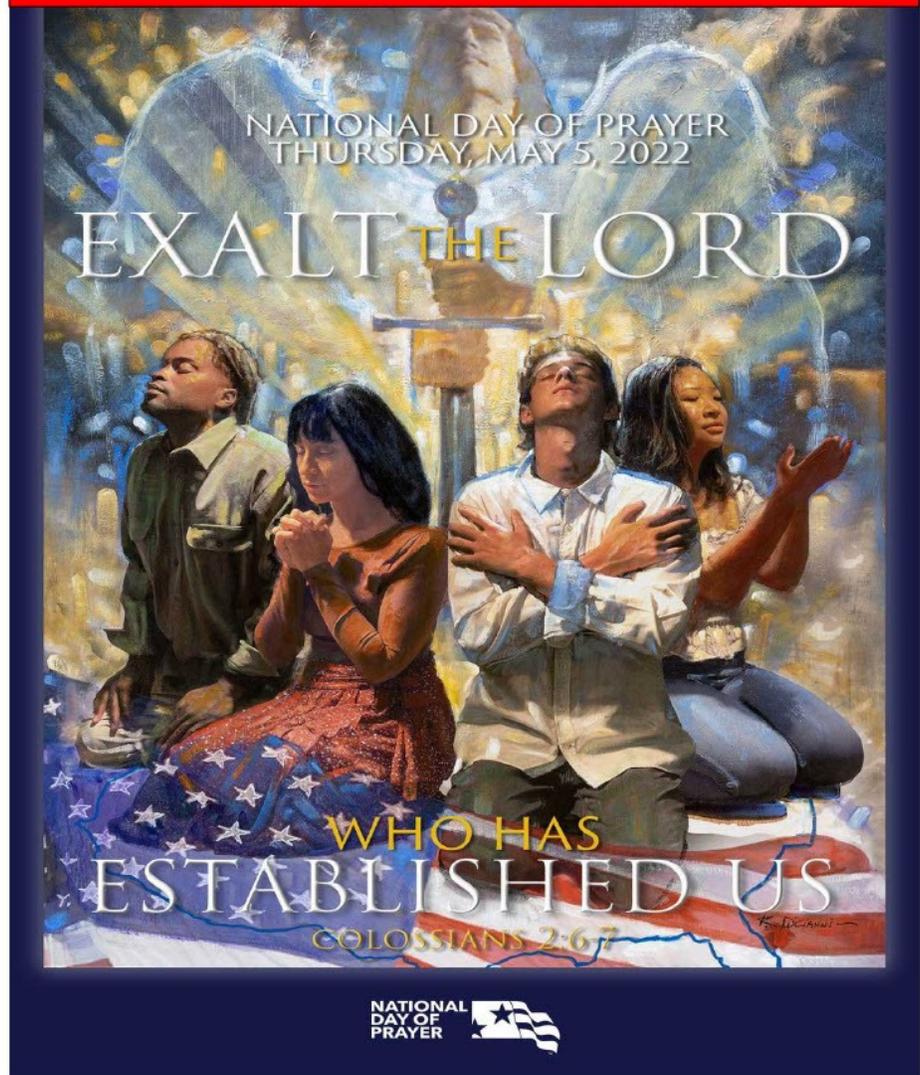
JUNE 16
MELL EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

JUNE 18-25
MELL MEXICO MISSION TRIP

JUNE 19
FATHER'S DAY

JUNE 30
MELL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tifton National Day of Prayer
12:10-12:50 pm, Thursday, May 5, 2022
Veteran's Park Amphitheater



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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May 2022

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AM THOUGHTS

Report of Mell Mission Trip to Rogersville, Tennessee, to work with Of One Accord Ministries March 28-April 2, 2022. Twenty adults and youth from six of our churches (Brookfield, Brushy Creek, FBC Tifton, Lakeview, Lenox, and Liberty) traveled Monday (March 28) to Ridgeview Baptist Church, Church Hill, TN, where we lodged for the week. This is a wonderful facility with places to sleep, a great kitchen, a youth room, and a basketball court. It was a 30 minute or hour drive to our places of work. After breakfast we headed out to our places of assignment. One team went to near Sneadville (an hour drive) to repair a mobile home. This team repaired floor joists, rotted entry, put up insulation in ceiling in half of the mobile home, put up luan on ceiling in the half which was insulated, and put-up paneling on one wall. Another team headed to near Rogersville (a half hour drive) to build a handicap ramp. This team finished their project in three days and then built a small porch and steps at the mobile home. The rest of us headed to Shepherd's Center which is the central place for Of One Accord Ministry. At the center some helped with getting food ready for distribution, some helped sort things that had been donated to the center (mostly clothes), some rearranged displays to make them more attractive. In the afternoon this team provided a mini-VBS at an apartment complex. The first day we only had 3 children, but the next day twelve, and then 20 the next two days! We had one mother to make a profession of faith on Thursday. She needs your prayers!

On Friday night we had a block party at the apartment complex. We rented a bounce house and slide for the children to enjoy. We had the children to share the verses that they had learned. A skit about the caterpillar turning into a butterfly including the Gospel, John Werner, pastor at Lakeview BC, presented a clear Biblical presentation of how to have a relationship with Jesus Christ. We provided hot dogs, chips, and cookies for everyone present. I estimate we had about 60 present including us! A great time was had by all!

We woke up early Saturday morning, packed, rearranged and cleaned our sleeping rooms, and left for the 9 hour drive back to Tifton tired, but satisfied that we had been faithful to serve and share the Gospel.

One of the highlights for me was hearing the members of our team share the things that they did at our debriefing times and what God was saying to them. I was blessed to be a part of this team; they were flexible, cooperative, looked for things to do, were hard working, and such a blessing to me! Many thanks to our cook, John Werner. He did an outstanding job and fed us too well! On our last night's debriefing, the team said that they want to go again next year! To God be the glory!

I hope that you will attend the Tifton National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 5, from 12:10-12:50 pm at the Veteran's Park Amphitheater. We will have a color guard from the high school ROTC; singing of the National Anthem by Susan Roe; prayers for local, state, and national governments; schools; businesses; medical workers; farmers; and Ukraine. We will close by singing "God Bless America" and a prayer. This is sponsored this year by the Tift Area Ministerial Association! Come and bring a friend!

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 to:
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 email to:
omegabaptistchurch@dmediacombb.net

-Bethel Baptist Church is looking for a full-time Minister of Students who will lead, coordinate, plan and promote the student ministry with emphasis of reaching students for Christ and training them to service him. Under the direction of the pastor, youth committee, the Minister of Students will assist in the outreach, growth, leadership and discipleship of the church. The Minister of Students shall be a person who reveals, by life, a true conversion experience and has the education/experience for the various duties of the position. This person shall be a family unit, husband/wife team. Such person should be: Ordained / Licensed / Layman / male or female who is married to person of opposite sex.

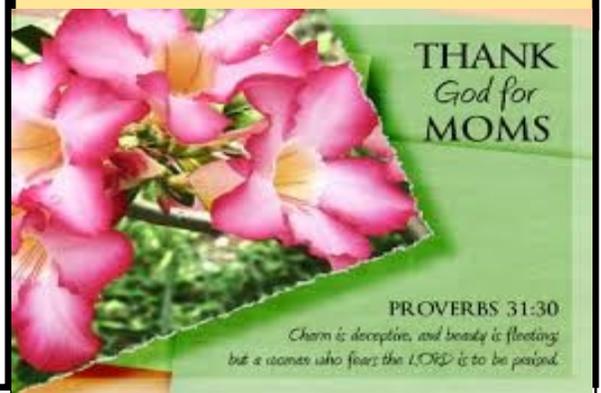
Please email your resume to:
pastorrexjohnson@gmail.com

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:

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CELEBRATIONS

MAY

Birthdays

7	Melissa Phillips	Northside
9	Jose Lopez	Vida Abundante
13	Martha Hocutt	Mell Baptist Association
22	Mary Jo Mullis	Omega
29	Tina Kimbro	Victory

Anniversaries

11	Rev/Mrs. Greg Love	CrossView
14	Rev/Mrs. Kenny Miller	FB Tifton
23	Rev/Mrs. Jose Lopez	Vida Abundante
27	Rev/Mrs. Aaron Frasier	Mt. Zion
27	Rev/Mrs. Keith Norris	Eastside
30	Rev/Mrs. Barry Cook	FB Tifton

JUNE

Birthdays

8	Charlene Fogarty	Unity
10	Carrie Strevel	The Road
20	Angie Norris	Eastside
25	Greg Love	CrossView

Anniversaries

6	Rev/Mrs. John Hughes	FB Tifton
9	Rev/Mrs. William Fogarty	Unity
26	Rev/Mrs. Benji Rowland	Journey

Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

1	Mark Myers (2008)	FB Tifton
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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

Food Pantry 2022

The Food Pantry Served 13 Families in March

Schedule for 2022

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

May	Salem
June	New River
July	FBC Chula
August	Eastside
September	FBC Ty Ty
October	Brookfield
November	Northside
December	Brighton Road

Mell Home Repair Ministry

Saturday, May 14, 2022

**We know that we will be building a
handicap ramp.**

**The other project(s) are yet to be
determined.**

**If you are interested in helping, please
email Tom thocutt@gmail.com**

*Wishing you a peaceful
and blessed
Memorial Day*

THIS IS HOW WE KNOW WHAT LOVE IS:
JESUS CHRIST LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US.
AND WE OUGHT TO LAY DOWN
OUR LIVES FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

1 JOHN 3:16



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BCM NEWS

This year is ending on a great note! The student I asked you to pray for last month GOT SAVED! She came one night after BCM and said she was ready, she had been thinking it over and realized Christ was the only way! After we talked she prayed a beautiful prayer telling God about how she wanted to no longer rule her life but wanted Him to rule. We are meeting once a week to talk about things and at our last meeting she realized that prayer was just her talking to God like she talked to her friends! We talked about how much God wants to hear from His children and He wants a relationship with them, much like a parent and child! We are also talking about the need to study the Word of God and finding a church to connect to. It is amazing to see the difference in her, her whole countenance is different. Please pray for her as she leaves for the summer, pray that we will be able to continue meeting on zoom.

This year several students have been saved and we have a very young group of Christians. It has been like watching a bunch of toddlers sometimes as they stumble and fall in their walk and see God minister to them and pick them up. It is easy to follow Christ when students are surrounded by encouragers but it will be hard when they return home to their friends and family. Many do not have any Christian support at home. Pray they will be able to find a good church to connect with and continue to grow! Also, we have 12 students who will be serving in some type of missions activities this summer! Many are stepping out of their comfort zones and need lots of prayer. Please pray they will be able to find time daily to spend time with God seeking wisdom to deal with what will come their way that day and that they will be able to see the opportunities to minister to others. It will be hard for many of them who are working jam packed days! Pray they will have a love for the people God will put in their paths, many will most likely have some people who will be difficult to deal with. Also, pray for their health because many are working where the days will be long and tiring!

By the time the next letter comes out I will be retired and I want to take some time to thank you precious people for all you have done for me and BCM over the years! I think Mell Baptist is the best association in the state!! You have cooked, prayed, financially supported us, and been a great form of encouragement over the years! I don't know who will take over but interviews are happening and hopefully we will know soon. I hope to be able to still volunteer to disciple and help out where I can. These students and this association are like family and you can't walk away from family!

Thank you for making these years in BCM the best years of my life!

Penny

Please Pray for the June 18-25 Mell Mexico Mission Trip

1. Praise the Lord for the 14 from two churches who will participate.
2. The logistics of getting 14 people to and from the airport in Atlanta.
3. The health and safety of our team.
4. The spiritual preparation for our team.
5. The logistics of getting 14 people and our luggage from the airport to Ichmul.
6. The preparation that needs to be done in Ichmul for us to have a successful mission trip.
7. The leaders of Mission House Ichmul.
8. The medical clinics that will be held.
9. The visitations that will be conducted.
10. The teaching of Experiencing God to the leaders there.
11. The receptiveness of the Gospel when it is presented.
12. Opportunities to share the Gospel.

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Mell Monthly Financial

March 2022

Funds Received:	\$ 7,963.98
Actual Expenses:	\$ 10,088.05
Budget Needs:	\$ 9,360.41

MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

Volume 6, Number 4, May 2022

Urgent Prayer Needs

1. Pray for a spirit of prayer to sweep through our churches that would usher in true repentance and real 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 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: Alapaha, Eldorado, and Salem.
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 our teams: Encouraging/Strengthening, Evangelism/Missions, and Administrative.
9. Pray for the Mell Baptist Association Associational Missionary, Tom Hocutt, and Administrative Assistant, Elizabeth Davis.
10. Pray for the Baptist Campus Ministry at ABAC, Penny Chesnut as she leads, and her replacement.
11. Pray for the Mell Mission Trip to Ichmul, Mexico (June 18-25).

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 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).
3. Pray for our national government leaders.
4. Pray for the North American Mission Board, its president (Kevin Ezell), staff, and its missionaries.
5. Pray for the Southern Baptist Convention; Interim CEO, Willie McLaurin, of the Executive Committee; and Ed Litton, SBC President.
6. Pray for the Southern Baptist Convention's Annual Meeting June 12-15, 2022, in Anaheim, California.
7. Pray for the revival of God's people and the spiritual awakening of our nation and the world.
8. 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 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.
8. Pray for the cessation of hostilities in Ukraine, the Ukrainian refugees, and the believers in Ukraine.

ANSWERS TO PRAYER

1. Praise the Lord for a great mission trip to Rogersville, Tennessee, the twenty from six churches who went, and the profession of faith of a mother of two of the children who attended the mini-VBS.
2. Praise the Lord for Him sending us a new Administrative Assistant, Elizabeth Davis, so quickly!