

Mell BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PLANNING AHEAD

JULY 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY
OFFICE CLOSED

JULY 5
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM

JULY 7
MELL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

JULY 11
PASTOR PRAYER TIME

JULY 14
PRACTICAL SHEPHERDING

JULY 21
EVANGELISM/MISSION TEAM

JULY 26
MEL SENIOR ADULT LUNCH

JULY 28
ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

JULY 30
PRAYER WALKING SCHOOLS

AUGUST 2
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM

AUGUST 8
PASTOR'S PRAYER TIME

AUGUST 16
MELL MINISTERS' MEETING

AUGUST 18
EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

AUGUST 25
MELL ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

SEPTEMBER 5
LABOR DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)

SEPTEMBER 6
MEL ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM

SEPTEMBER 12
PASTOR PRAYER TIME



Week of Prayer for

Mell Executive Committee Meeting

7 PM, Thursday, July 7, 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) times annually. Meetings may be called by the moderator or associate moderator as need arises.

5, 2021

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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Established 1887

July 2022

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AM Thoughts

WOW! What a great mission trip to Ichmul, Mexico. We went through an organization called Misison House International which has a mission house (a place for teams to stay). Despite power outages which meant no air conditioning and water (especially hot water) plus a lot of rain, God worked through our Mell Mission Team to accomplish His purpose. There were 13 of us from Brookfield Baptist Church (3) and CrossView Baptist Church (9). Steve Davis, pastor of Brookfield Baptist Church, was going, but was exposed to Covid a couple of days before leaving, but it was providential that he remain to minister after the death of the 3 year old girl in his church. I am always amazed and thankful for the team that God puts together! This was a fantastic team—cooperative, flexible, and talented! To God be the glory!

For the first time we had a medical team made up of a physician's assistant, nurse, and an emergency medical person. They did physicals for children in three grades in one school. On the day I helped them, they saw 19 teenagers. They did home health visits almost every day. Overall they saw approximately 60 patients in four days meeting the physical needs, but ministering spiritually. The nurse was able for the first time to share a Gospel presentation to one lady and that lady accepted Christ as her Savior. PTL!

We had different teams to do ESL in three classes in two schools. What a great way to encourage these students to understand and speak more English as well as our team having a positive Christian influence upon them.

Vacation Bible School was held Sunday-Wednesday with a high of 75 children plus some mothers. All of us helped out in one form or another, but our ladies including two teachers did a fantastic job of preparing the lessons, a craft, and games. Our teenagers were a great help with VBS. In fact, even on Thursday, when we had not planned to have VBS about a dozen kids showed up! Our team adapted and provided games for them. This number of children was the largest that the church in Ichmul had had in 5 or 6 years! To God be the glory!

Greg Love, pastor of CrossView, and I led 7-10 (depending on the day) leaders or potential leaders there in going through Experiencing God. We took copies of the Experiencing God workbook in Spanish for them to use. It was obvious that this study was timely for them. Some were discouraged and needed to understand that God was at work all the time and they needed to join him. In fact, after the second day, the pastor of the Ichmul church (also the director of Mission House) told me he was going to preach on the six steps in the process of Experiencing God! It was obvious that this study had a great impact on those who attended. We also provided them the videos and other materials in Spanish for them to use to go through it as it was designed. We only did an overview for them. Just to let you know, that your giving to the association provided the above materials for these pastors and leaders in Ichmul. Please pray that they will be faithful to go through the study and then lead others through this study.

Just a few days before the trip, we learned that Eli and a pastor in Peto wanted Greg and me to do a two day conference for pastors and leaders in Peto. The first day Greg did an overview of Experiencing God and the second day Greg and I did a dialogue on the five purposes of the church (worship, ministry, discipleship, evangelism, and equipping) based on the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. Although the attendance was not what was expected, we tried to be faithful to do what God wanted us to do. Please pray for the pastors to get a vision for ministry outside the walls of the church and for unity of the churches in Peto.

This is just part of our Acts 1:8 strategy to be witnesses in our Jerusalem (local), Judea (Georgia), Samaria (North America), and to the uttermost (for us Mexico). Thank you for your support through prayer and your giving to the association. You are making a difference in people's lives!

As you will see in Penny's article on the back, we have a new BCM Director, but she will not be able to start until January and her name cannot be released yet. We are praising God that Penny is willing to fill in until the new person can come onboard as well as praising God that we have a new person for this ministry! Praise Him!

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

Victory Baptist Church will begin Divorce Care in June. Call 229-382-2211 for more details.

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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Mell Baptist Association

Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 16, 2022

FBC Ty Ty

4:30 pm-7:30 pm

Mini-concert, Business, Worship

CELEBRATION

JULY

Birthdays

7	Mark Myers	FB Tifton
8	William Fogarty	Unity
19	Marsha Metzger	Lenox FB
20	Glen Ford	Calvary
27	Emily Miller	FB Tifton

Anniversaries

8	Marcia and Michael Staub	FB Tifton
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Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

1	Jose Lopez (2004)	FB Tifton
7	Wayne Roe (1996)	FB Tifton
21	Carl Metzger (2019)	Lenox FB

AUGUST

Birthdays

7	Ashley Hand	Zion Hope
13	T J Mauldin	FB Tifton
25	Nancy Hughes	FB Tifton
27	Wayne Roe	FB Tifton

Anniversaries

3	Rev/Mrs. Steve Davis	Brookfield
4	Rev/Mrs. Wayne Roe	Tifton
7	Rev/Mrs. Darryl McHan	Alapaha
13	Rev/Mrs. Tom Hocutt	MBA
21	Rev/Mrs. Mark Myers	FB Tifton

Church Anniversaries

15	Kiet Lee (2008)	FB Tifton
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USEFUL LINKS:

Southern Baptist Convention http://www.sbc.net/	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
Georgia Baptist Mission Board	

Food Pantry 2022

The Food Pantry Served 14 in May

Schedule for 2022

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

July	FBC Chula
August	Eastside
September	FBC Ty Ty
October	Brookfield
November	Northside
December	Brighton Road



**Mell Prayer Walking Our Schools
Saturday, July 30, 2022, at 9 AM**

Everyone Invited to Participate!

Please choose a school near your church or one that your church members children/grandchildren attend .



Blessed is
the nation
whose God
is the LORD.

Psalms 33:12



BCM NEWS

Ya'll, I am like a South Georgia gnat! You just can't get rid of me. I retired on May 11th and was called back and asked to serve till January. There is someone in mind to take over but they can't be here till next semester -so you have to put up with me a little while longer! We have been busy cleaning out stuff from the building. Can you imagine what has been collected over all these years! We have also been busy getting ready for the fall. Please pray for our summer group as we prepare welcome bags, Bible studies, and outreach avenues for the fall. It is getting exciting as we prepare, but still have a long way to go to be ready. We have some great volunteers from the community who are helping and it has been a blessing!

We have 14 serving this summer and they need your prayers. I have talked with most of them and working in kids camp in the heat has been a struggle. Please pray for them to have wisdom and stamina to continue the rest of the summer. I have been able to visit with several when they worked in the area, and it has been interesting to see how God has used them. One is working in the Bronx of New York and desperately needs prayer for safety. I had the privilege of seeing some students work with kids in camp and it was a blessing to see our big football player leading a group of first graders - it was very evident to see how God was using this experience to create in him a shepherd's heart. Each week many are seeing souls come to Christ and it is changing them. Please pray that God will continue to fan the flame of this hunger to see people saved and will bring it back to campus! Your prayers have made a difference - I asked you to pray for our new Christians and some of them have returned home for the summer and they are trying to reach their family and friends with the gospel. Please continue to pray because friends and family are much harder to reach than strangers! Some of them are fighting overcoming their past when they reach out - people have a hard time accepting they have changed. One commented that she is seeing some headway with one of her siblings. They need prayer to not lose heart and give up!

This summer has been a small group, but God is truly working. Three of the guys are involved in a cohort that is together and on trips a lot this summer. Last week we talked about how to reach their classmates and how to have gospel conversations. They really love their classmates and desire to see them touched by the Lord. Please pray for them to have wisdom and eyes to see when God provides opportunities. Also, pray for hearts to be softened. It was amazing to look at their faces and see them realize that if their friends do not accept Christ, they will spend eternity in hell. It was as if you could just see God putting a fire in their hearts to reach out. They began to realize that if they don't reach out - who will? One of the young men is starting a small Bible study with some friends so please pray for him as he seeks to teach the truth to them.

This past month an International Student lived with my family as she waited to go to New Hampshire to teach in a tennis camp. It was strange how this came about - I really did not know her well at all, but she needed a place to stay so she came to our home. One night when we were talking, I asked her why she thought she was living with us and involved in BCM and Bible school this month. She came to the conclusion, that God wanted to remind her that she is a light in the darkness on campus and her mission field is her teammates. She hopes to reach out more to them in the fall. Please pray for her that she will find favor with her team and her coaches. Pray that God will provide her opportunities to serve her team and earn the right to be heard and that hearts will be receptive to the gospel.

Thanks!
Penny

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FALL SUPPER LIST 2022

AUG. 15 – BCM KICK OFF	OCT. 17 – FALL BREAK
AUG. 22- BCM	OCT. 24 – Eastside
AUG. 29 – BCM	OCT. 31 – Fall Festival
SEPT. 5 - Holiday	Nov. 7 - Calvary
SEPT. 12 - Northside	NOV. 14 – Mt. Zion
SEPT. 19 – FBC Chula	NOV. 21 – BCM Friendsgiving
SEPT. 26 - Crossview	NOV. 28 Crossview
OCT. 3– New River	Please let me know if you need to make changes. We are thankful for your hard work! We could not do this without you!
OCT. 10 – FBC Tifton	

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Mell Monthly Financial

May 2022

Funds Received: \$7,449.50
Actual Expenses: \$8,477.18
Budget Needs: \$9,360.41

MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

Volume 6, Number 6, July 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 Northside Baptist Church (Stacy Phillips, pastor), Oak Grove Baptist Church (Mike Patillo, pastor), and Omega Baptist Church (Allen Mullis, pastor).
3. Pray for the churches without pastors: Alapaha, Eldorado, FBC Chula, 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 Collegiate Ministry at ABAC, Penny Chesnut as she continues to lead, and her replacement!

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), 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 Burt Barber, SBC President.
6. Pray for the revival of God's people and the spiritual awakening of our nation and the world.
7. 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, those ministering to the refugees, and the believers in Ukraine.

ANSWERS TO PRAYER

1. Praise the Lord for the six volunteers who gave out approximately 260 bottles of water, 10 Gospel tracts, 6 New Testaments, and had some Gospel conversations at the Kiwanis' Kids Fish Rodeo June 11.



Mell Baptist Association Prayer Walking Our Schools
Saturday, July 30, 2022, at 9 AM
Everyone Invited to Participate

Please choose a school near your church or one that your church members children/ grandchildren attend. There may be others praying there also. Join them or pray separately. Please let Tom Hocutt (thocutt@gmail.com) know what school you prayer walked, how many were with with you, and your church name.



NEW! 2022

Spark is offering regional options this year!

Choose a date and location that works best for you!

Aug. 6 - Warner Robins, GA
Aug. 13 - Douglas, GA
Aug. 20 - Alpharetta, GA
Aug. 20 - Albany, GA
Aug. 25 - DIGITAL PREMIERE
Aug. 29 - Flowery Branch, GA

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