

Mell **BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

Praying for and giving to Mission Georgia in September!

PLANNING AHEAD

SEPTEMBER 5
LABOR DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)

SEPTEMBER 6
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM

SEPTEMBER 8
PRACTICAL SHEPHERDING MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12
PASTOR'S PRAYER TIME

SEPTEMBER 15
EVANGELISM /MISSION TEAM

SEPTEMBER 17
CHILDREN'S MISSIONS DAY (WMU)

SEPTEMBER 20
MINISTERS' LUNCHEON

SEPTEMBER 22
ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

OCTOBER 4
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM

OCTOBER 10
PASTOR'S PRAYER TIME

OCTOBER 16
ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 18
MINISTERS' LUNCHEON

OCTOBER 20
EVANGELISM /MISSION TEAM

OCTOBER 27
ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

 **MISSION
GEORGIA**

ISSUES WE FOCUS ON:

Foster Care & Adoption

Human Trafficking

Childhood Literacy

Pre & Post Natal Care

Refugees & Internationals



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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September 2022

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AM Thoughts

I hope that you and your church are promoting prayer for and giving to Mission Georgia in September. This used to be the Week of Prayer for State Missions but is now Mission Georgia. See the front of the newsletter for more information on the emphases.

Annual Church Reports (ACRs) are due to be completed by September 16. Please remind your clerk or whoever is responsible for completing this form and the due date. The suggested church year is September 2021 through August 2022. The form has been shortened this year. Please make sure that the Leadership Form and the Additional Church Information pages are completed. The Additional Church Information Form will need to be mailed or delivered to the Mell Office. Every church is expected to complete the ACR to be counted as a part of the Mell Baptist Association, Georgia Baptist Mission Board, and the Southern Baptist Convention. This is the only way to be recognized as members of these entities. The ACR can be completed online for a hard copy delivered to the Mell Office (and we will enter the information online). We pull reports from the completed forms for the Book of Reports that is given to messengers at the Annual Meeting. Thank those who are diligent to gather the information and complete the forms! You are greatly appreciated!

The Mell Baptist Association Annual Meeting will be Sunday, October 16, 2022, at First Baptist Church of Ty Ty. We ask that those who have Sunday night services transfer their evening service to the Annual Meeting gathering. Registration will begin at 4 pm. There will be a miniconcert at 4:30 pm by Rev. Eric Gonzales. He is a part of the group Three for One and a former minister of music at churches. He will also be leading our worship in music at the Worship Session. There will be a Business Session at 5:00 pm where we will elect officers, leaders, and teams; review our financial reports; consider the 2023 Budget; and approve the Book of Reports. In the Worship Session we will hear testimonies from our two mission trips (Rogersville and Mexico) and Rev. Thomas Hammond, Executive Director of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board will be preaching. Make sure that your church elects its messengers and gets the list to our office so that they will have proper credentials to vote. Everyone is welcome to attend all the sessions! See you then!

If you haven't driven by or been to the Mell Office lately, you will notice that the building is now white in color. We have new insulated vinyl siding and soffit (finally—only a year and half late)! It looks great! We also have a new ramp and steps at the side door thanks to the men of Brookfield Baptist Church. They did a fantastic job! These also look great and will be serviceable for years to come. The insulated vinyl siding will make a difference in our utility bills from now on. Thanks to you and your church's contributions to the association, we were able to make these upgrades to our building!

Please continue to pray for Penny Chesnut's complete recovery. As of this writing, she is now out of the hospital but still has a long recovery. The reports for the beginning of BCM activities for this year are all positive. See Penny's article on the last page of this newsletter. PTL!

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@mediacombb.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:
pastorexjohnson@gmail.com

First Baptist Church Donalsonville is looking for a full-time Associate Pastor of Music & Worship. He will provide pastoral leadership to our music and worship ministries, and to the church at large. A more detailed job description is available upon request. All interested candidates should send resumes to michael.wingertsahn@fbcdonalsonville.com or mailed to P.O. Box 81 Donalsonville, Ga 39845. For questions contact the church office at 229-524-2166.

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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Tifton, GA 31793

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

Annual Church Reports

The Annual Church Reports have been distributed with instructions how to complete them online or hard copy. The deadline for them to be completed is September 16 for us to be able to include the information in the Annual Book of Reports. The church year suggested is September 2021-August 2022.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays

10	Rev. Tom Hocutt	MBA
11	Hope Falotico	Enigma
20	Susan Roe	FB Tifton
25	Rev. Jimmy Parker	Brushy Creek
28	Rev. Cory Hand	Zion Hope

Anniversaries

14	Rev/Mrs. John Werner	Lakeview
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Church Anniversaries

10	Rev. Allen Mullis	Omega
14	Rev. Kenny Miller	FB Tifton
30	Marcia Staub	FB Tifton

OCTOBER

Birthdays

3	Allyson Cook	FB Tifton
8	Britni Rowland	Journey
19	Leigh Ann Werner	Lakeview
28	Rev. John Falotico	Enigma

Anniversaries

19	Rev/Mrs. Jimmy Parker	Brushy Creek
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Church Anniversaries

2	Rev. T. J. Mauldin	FB Tifton
10	Rev. Stacy Phillips	Northside
23	Rev. Barry Cook	FB Tifton
24	Rev. John Hughes	FB Tifton

HELP WANTED!

The Mell Baptist Association is seeking a person to fill the responsibilities of the Administrative Assistant. This is a part-time position (16 hours per week). The pay is \$15 per hour. Responsibilities include effective use of QuickBooks, MS Outlook, MS Publisher, MS Word, and MS Access. This person needs people skills to relate to the public. This person will act as Clerk and Treasurer of the Association taking minutes of meetings and taking care of the finances of the association. Our office hours are Monday-Thursday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Would prefer the Administrative Assistant work 8 am to noon (4 hours) the four days a week, but that is flexible. For more information contact Tom Hocutt at thocutt@gmail.com or call 229-733-8911 .

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 26 in July!

Schedule for 2022

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

September	FBC Ty Ty
October	Brookfield
November	Northside
December	Brighton Road



GIFT CARD DRIVE

Instead of gathering products for the Children's Homes, we will be gathering Walmart Gift Cards. These are extremely helpful to the Children's Homes in purchasing the things they need. Each church can collect these cards and bring them to Annual Meeting on October 16. We will see that they get to the appropriate place.



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BCM NEWS

We don't always know what God is doing, but He knows and is always in control. *TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING, IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM AND HE WILL DIRECT YOUR PATH.* This past month, I have been in the hospital with an abscess in my back and suffering from a blood infection. If ever there was a bad time to get sick it is now! For one of the few times in all my years as BCM Director, I have been out of commission during the first few weeks of school.

But God has brought people out of the woodwork to help make the first week of school a huge success! Church groups have stepped in and put together 600 Welcome BCM bags for freshmen, cooked twice for the RAs, cleaned the yard, helped with the first meeting, and volunteered to cook for the next few meetings. The students have stepped up and this has been one of the most successful years in a long time. Last Monday over 100 people attended our first meeting and the program touched hearts. I am still in the hospital and will be out of commission for a while and people have continued to sign up to help!

As I have said before, I am blessed to be a part of an organization like ours! Please pray for our students as they fill in the gap and cover the meetings and take care of the day-to-day activities until I can get back. Also, pray we will lead this group of new students in a way that is pleasing to God!

Please pray for me as I have to control myself and take the time to do what I need to do to get better. I am missing my students and chomping at the bit to get back in action. God is in control, and this may be one of the best years ever! Thank all of you for all your assistance!

Penny

FALL SUPPER LIST 2022

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| 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 | |
| OCT. 17 – FALL BREAK | |
| OCT. 24 – Eastside | |
| OCT. 31 – Fall Festival | |

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Mell Monthly Financial

July 2022

Funds Received:	\$8,268.67
Actual Budgeted Expenses:	\$6,734.77
Budget Needs:	\$9,360.41

MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

Volume 6, Number 8, September 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 Victory Baptist Church (Jay Kimbro, pastor), Vietnamese Mission (Kiet Le, pastor), and Zion Hope Baptist Church (Cory Hand, 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 a new Administrative Assistant.
10. Pray for the Baptist Collegiate Ministry at ABAC, Penny Chesnut (especially her recovery) as she continues to lead, and her replacement who will begin in January!

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 staff, 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 Steve Foster (Evangelism).
3. Pray for the Missions Georgia emphasis in September and the offering that will be given.
4. Pray for our national government leaders.
5. Pray for the North American Mission Board, its president (Kevin Ezell), staff, and its missionaries.
6. Pray for the Southern Baptist Convention; Interim CEO, Willie McLaurin, of the Executive Committee; and Burt Barber, SBC President.
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, those ministering to the refugees, and the believers in Ukraine.

ANSWERS TO PRAYER

1. Praise the Lord for Brookfield Baptist Church men who rebuilt the ramp and steps at the Mell Office!