

Mell **BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

PLANNING AHEAD

JUNE 5
PASTOR'S PRAYER TIME

JUNE 6
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM

JUNE 13-14
SBC ANNUAL MEETING, NEW ORLEANS

JUNE 15
EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

JUNE 18
FATHER'S DAY

JUNE 20
MINISTERS' LUNCHEON

JUNE 22
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

JULY 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY
(MELL OFFICE CLOSED)

JULY 8-15
MELL MISSION TRIP, ICHMUL, MEXICO

JULY 10
PASTOR'S PRAYER TIME

JULY 11
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM

JULY 20
EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

JULY 27
ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

AUGUST 1
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM

AUGUST 14
PASTOR'S PRAYER TIME

AUGUST 15
MINISTERS' LUNCHEON

AUGUST 17
EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

AUGUST 24
ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



Mell Executive Committee Meeting

7 PM, Thursday, June 22, 2023

Mell Baptist Association Office

817 Central Avenue, Tifton, GA 31794

(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.

Anyone is welcome to attend!

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

June 2023

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AM Thoughts

On April 18, 2022, Karl Vaters wrote in his blog "10 Good Reasons to Go to Church:"

1. To Obey God's Commands To Gather
2. To Re-Focus On God In Worship
3. To Connect With A Local Body
4. To Serve The Body Of Christ
5. To Learn and Grow In Faith
6. To Regulate My Life Rhythms
7. To Practice Sabbath
8. To Stay Grounded Spiritually
9. To De-individualize My Faith
10. To Honor the Persecuted Church

I would not consider this list exhaustive, but these are good reasons! What reasons would you add?

I want to encourage you to consider participating in the Mell Mission Trip to Clarkston, Georgia, September 8-10, 2023. We will be working with Send Relief, NAMB, ministering to the refugees in Clarkston. Clarkston is the most diverse square mile in the U.S. It will be a great cross-cultural experience—great preparation to go on a mission trip overseas. The cost is only \$150 which is all inclusive. We have reserved places for 10 people. The deadline for payment is July 8. Let me know if you would like to go.

We would like to start our Mell Senior Adult Luncheons again. We would normally have them on the last Tuesday of January, April, July, and October. If your church would like to host the Mell Senior Adult Luncheon this year on July 25 or October 24, or any of the ones in 2024, please let me know.

Some of you know that the Administrative Team approved \$8,000 to build a carport (concrete slab and metal structure) behind the office to protect the Mell Van and the Mell Event Trailer. Because we are in the historical district, we had to get approval from the Historical Preservation Commission for this project before we could get a permit. Ken Harper (Brookfield) and I met with the Commission and they only approved us building a wooden carport (concrete slab and wooden structure with shingle roof). I will be asking the Administrative Team for more money for this project as wood is more expensive than metal.

Please be praying for the SBC Annual Meeting in New Orleans June 13-14 and the related entities meetings. Significant issues will be discussed and voted on—Sexual Abuse Task Force recommendations, disfellowshipping churches with women pastors, and other issues. Pray for unity and a Christ honoring meeting.

Thank you for the privilege you have given me to serve the Lord as your Associational Missionary. I count it a privilege and blessing! We are better together!

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 resume to: libertytifton@gmail.com

Eastside Baptist Church is currently seeking to fill positions of Church Secretary and Youth Minister (Part-Time). Please email resume to norris.keith62@gmail.com or contact Pastor Keith Norris at (407) 463-3828.

Father's Day Blessings

*The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face shine on you
... and give you peace.*

- Numbers 6:24-26

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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P.O. Box 1547

Tifton, GA 31793

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

FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN,
TO THE PLACE WHERE IT SETS, THE
NAME OF THE LORD IS TO BE
PRAISED.

- PSALM 113:3

CELEBRATION

JULY Birthdays

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| 7 | Rev. Mark Myers | FB Tifton |
| 19 | Mrs. Marsha Metzger | FB Lenox |
| 20 | Rev. Glenn Ford | Calvary |
| 27 | Mrs. Emily Miller | FB Tifton |

Anniversaries

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|----|------------------------|-----------|
| 11 | Marcia & Michael Staub | FB Tifton |
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Church Anniversaries for Pastors/Staff

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| 1 | Rev. Jose Lopez (2018) | FB Tifton |
| 21 | Rev Carl Metzger (2019) | FB Lenox |

AUGUST Birthdays

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| 13 | TJ Mauldin | FB Tifton |
| 25 | Nancy Hughes | FB Tifton |

Anniversaries

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|----|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 3 | Rev. & Mrs. Steve Davis | Brookfield |
| 7 | Rev. & Mrs. Darryl McHan | Alapaha |
| 13 | Rev. & Mrs. Tom Hocutt | Mell Baptist Assoc |
| 21 | Rev. & Mrs. Mark Myers | FB Tifton |

Church Anniversaries for Pastors/Staff

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| 1 | Rev. John W Werner (2017) | Lake View |
| 15 | Rev. Kiet Le (2008) | FB Tifton |

USEFUL LINKS:

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| 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 2023

The Food Pantry Served 40 individuals/families in May!

Schedule for 2023

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| June | <i>New River</i> | September | <i>FBC Ty Ty</i> |
| July | <i>Eastside</i> | October | <i>Brookfield</i> |
| August | <i>FBC Chula</i> | November | <i>Northside</i> |
| | December | <i>Brighton Rd</i> | |

Please let the office know ASAP if there is a problem with this schedule.

**SBC Annual Meeting
June 13-14**



NEW ORLEANS

Serving the Lord

Serving others



A TOTAL CHURCH EQUIPPING CONFERENCE

We've assembled a diverse team of practitioners prepared to give you best practices in their field of expertise.

Who is this for?

- Volunteers
- Lay leaders
- Staff
- Women's ministry leaders
- Children & students ministry workers
- Men's ministry leaders
- Pastors

Breakouts cover most ministry areas in your church!

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DON'T MISS THIS AMAZING PRACTICAL EVENT!

- 1 FBC Moultrie August 12
- 2 Pleasant Grove Baptist, Ellijay August 13
- 3 Roopville Rd Baptist August 19
- 4 Beech Haven, Athens August 26*
- 5 First Sandersville August 27
- 6 FBC Statesboro September 16

*Athens location accommodates deaf attendees, and includes breakouts related to deaf ministry

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Georgia Baptist Mission Board



BCM NEWS

We are so very grateful for your continued involvement in ministry to the ABAC campus. Summer is a little slow around ABAC, but we are diligently getting ready for the Fall semester: getting organized for small groups, Monday night BCM meetings and Thursday night BCM Bible Studies, 2023-24 mission trip planning, and I (Ree) am working on meeting more of the ABAC & UGA Tifton faculty while their schedules are a little less hectic in the summer months. Another project happening this summer is getting ready for the incoming Freshmen that show up on ABAC's campus in August. These incoming Freshmen will most likely attend one of the orientation sessions this summer, and we have a few BCM students who are orientation leaders for these incoming freshmen. We are excited to meet the incoming ABAC freshmen and welcome the returning ABAC students back to campus soon.

If your church has a graduated high school senior - or multiple graduated high school seniors - planning to attend ABAC during Fall semester 2023, would you please email their contact information to one of the email addresses listed at the bottom of this article? We would love a chance to meet up with them once this summer if possible and to also personally invite them to a BCM weekly meeting the very first week of the Fall semester. Please include the student's first name, last name, email address, & cell phone number in the email.

Again, thank you so much for your continued support of our ministry to the ABAC campus in Tifton.

Because He lives,

Ree

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ABAC BCM

Prayer Request

Pray this month for incoming ABAC freshmen. Please lift them up as they are attending orientation this summer. Pray for the life stage change many freshmen navigate as they leave home in some cases and move away for college. Pray that this fall will be a season the Lord can bring them to Himself if they do not already know Him, and please pray for the freshmen who are already believers that their college years would be a time they grow more toward Christ and become more like Jesus.

Please let me know if you would like to serve a meal for the coming Fall semester. We are thankful for your hard work! We could not do this without you!

Baptist Collegiate Ministries

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Ree Reinhardt

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Mell Monthly Financial

April 2023

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| Funds Received: | \$ 8,988.09 |
| Actual Budgeted Expenses: | \$ 8,437.87 |
| Budget Needs: | \$ 9,645.53 |

MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

Volume 7, Number 6, June 2023

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, FB Chula, and Victory.
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, Vicky Bosse.
10. Pray for the Baptist Collegiate Ministry at ABAC and Ree Reinhardt, BCM Director.
11. Pray for the Mell Executive Committee meeting Thursday, June 22.
12. Pray for the Mell Mission Trip to Ichmul, Mexico, July 8-15, 2023.

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 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: Willie McLaurin, Interim CEO of the Executive Committee; and Burt Barber, SBC President.
6. Pray for the Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention June 13-14 and related meetings in New Orleans.
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.
9. Pray for the people of Turkey and Syria affected by the earthquakes.

ANSWERS TO PRAYER

1. Praise the Lord for First Baptist Church Chula calling Jason Loggins as pastor.
2. Praise the Lord the Historical Preservation Commission approved us building a wood carport in back for van and trailer.

MISSION TRIP TO CLARKSTON, GEORGIA

September 8-10, 2023

Cost: \$150 per person all inclusive

Working with SEND Relief (NAMB) ministering to refugees—a cross-cultural experience! Only 10 spots available!

(Clarkston is the most diverse square mile in the U.S.)

Payment due July 8

For more information thocutt@gmail.com

