

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PLANNING AHEAD

OCTOBER 3
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM

OCTOBER 9
PASTOR'S PRAYER TIME

OCTOBER 15
MELL ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 17
MINISTER'S LUNCHEON

OCTOBER 19
EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

OCTOBER 24
SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

NOVEMBER 5
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

NOVEMBER 6
PASTOR'S PRAYER TIME

NOVEMBER 7
MINISTER'S LUNCHEON

NOVEMBER 9
EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

NOVEMBER 12-14
GBMB ANNUAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 16
ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

NOVEMBER 23
THANKSGIVING
(MELL OFFICE CLOSED)

NOVEMBER 30
MELL PASTOR/WIFE CHRISTMAS BANQUET

DECEMBER 3-9
WEEK OF PRAYER-INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

DECEMBER 5
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM

DECEMBER 7
EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

DECEMBER 11
PASTOR'S PRAYER TIME

DECEMBER 14
ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

DECEMBER 20-JANUARY 2
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
(MELL OFFICE CLOSED)



Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 15, 2023

CrossView Baptist Church
320 West 20th Street, Tifton

4:30 pm	Registration Begins
5:00 pm	Business Session
6:00 pm	Worship

Rev. Steve Foster, Evangelism Consultant for SW Georgia, Georgia Baptist Mission Board, will be preaching at the Worship Session.

Churches, please elect your messengers and send the list to the Mell Office so that we can make messenger badges for them.
Please transfer your evening service to CrossView BC!

Everyone is Welcome!

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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October 2023

AM Thoughts

I found this article in Baptist Press online posted October 12, 2021, written by my good friend Rev. John Paul Hassick, Associational Mission Strategist for the Grady County Baptist Association. I thought it was worth sharing with you all.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month and with all the assigned themes and designations to other months and special days, I pray we do not miss or overlook the significance of this month. I do not want to give you a gift suggestion list but rather some ways in which church and congregation can benefit your pastor and his family all year long.

Is there anything that enhances a pastor's ministry more than the total support from his wife and family? Is there anything that increases the pastor's family support more than constant encouragement from the pew?

The way to a pastor's heart is through his wife and family. When a church encourages and supports the pastor's wife and family, it reflects positively in his total ministry.

There is no other occupation or calling where a family is more "on-stage," "in a glass house," or "front and center" than in ministry.

This is not an impossible hill to climb as long as there is support and encouragement from the pews. It can, however, become a heavy millstone for a pastor when that church family support is absent.

Thank God for those people in the pew who have God-given sensitivity for their pastor and family. May their tribe forever increase!

Such people who encourage the pastor's wife and family remember the "little things."

- They remember to protect the pastor's time with his wife and family.*
- They remember to pray for each member of the pastor's family.*
- They remember birthdays.*
- They remember to help with the personal needs which are easily overlooked.*
- They remember to provide free babysitting for the pastor and his wife.*
- They remember with pie, cake, barbecue or an occasional invitation for a meal in their home.*
- They remember to affirm each member of the family.*
- They remember that the pastor's family is human too.*
- They remember that the pastor's family needs to feel accepted, loved, understood, and appreciated.*

Encouraging your pastor and his family this month and every month would be one of the best ministries you could perform for Jesus. "When you did to these ... you were doing it to Me," (Matthew 25:40) could mean the pastor's family, too.

Some suggestions of tangible ways to show your appreciation: a thank you note, a gift card, child care for his small children so that the couple can have a date night (also provide gift card or money for meal), asking him for specific prayer requests, children's Sunday School classes write notes of appreciation to the pastor, a gift basket of his favorite snacks, and so forth. Be creative, just show him that he is appreciated and not just in October!

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

Victory Baptist Church is seeking a Minister of Music as well as a pianist. Must be able to read and teach music. Salary is negotiable. Leave message at church 229-382-2211 or email resume to jamie@vbctifton.org.

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

Shine!

*"Let your light
so shine before men,
that they may see your
good works and glorify
your Father
in heaven"*



Matthew 5:16

CELEBRATION

NOVEMBER

Birthdays

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| 12 | Kiet Lee | FB Tifton |
| 13 | Rev. Benji Rowland | Journey |
| 30 | Edna Ruth Gilbert | New River |

Anniversaries

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| 6 | Rev. & Mrs. Steve Tucker | Liberty |
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Church Anniversaries for Pastors/Staff

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| 8 | Rev. Jimmy Parker (2006) | Brushy Creek |
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DECEMBER

Birthdays

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| 10 | Rev. Keith Norris | Eastside |
| 11 | Rev. Barry Cook | FB Tifton |
| 15 | Rev. Matt Strevel | The Road |
| 21 | Rev. Steve Tucker | Liberty |
| 23 | Nerily Lopez | Vida Abundante |

Anniversaries

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| 18 | Rev. & Mrs Allen Mullis | Omega |
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Church Anniversaries for Pastors/Staff

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| 28 | Les Gilbert (2002) | New River |
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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 2023

**The Food Pantry Served 51 individuals/families
in August!**

Schedule for 2023

October *Brookfield*
November *Northside*

December *Brighton Rd*

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

Small Town Church

SUMMIT

October 23, 23 **Bethel Baptist**
5:30-8:30p **Church,**
Special Guest: **Omega, GA**



**Harris
Malcom**

Pastors/Staff
and Spouse
\$15 Per Couple
includes Meal

Register by October 19th:
(229) 435-6171
hwunch@mallary.org
or scan the QR Code below
to pay with a credit or debit card



MALLARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting

Calling Out
THE CALLED

NOVEMBER 12-14, 2023
CHURCH ON MAIN | SNELLVILLE, GA



BCM NEWS

The fall semester continues at ABAC, and the BCM is meeting weekly with ABAC students. Our Monday night BCM Meetings continue to see new faces each week, ABAC students who are just now getting a chance to try out the BCM. We also have many returning ABAC students each Monday night as well. Our trash ministry - you read that correct...we have a "trash ministry" on campus - is a group of BCM students who go out each Monday night after BCM meeting & go door-to-door at on campus housing offering to take out the residents' trash and pray with the student before going to the next dorm/apartment. This outreach to the ABAC campus is extremely unique...I've never heard of another outreach ministry like this one on a campus. But it is extremely creative as it gets the current BCM students engaging and offering to pray with other college students who are not attending BCM.

We've just returned from the Georgia Baptist Collegiate Conference in McDonough, Georgia - Confluence. This was a weekend-long event with worship services, breakout sessions, and BCM campus meetings as well as games and free time and leadership training for our BCM Officers. As you can probably imagine, this was an extremely reviving and refreshing experience in the middle of a busy semester for our 46 BCM students who attended. Confluence is one of our students' favorite events of the year, and we are excited to see how God uses what each BCM student learned & how they will implement sharing their faith on campus.

Because He Lives,

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ABAC BCM

FALL 2023 MEAL SCHEDULE

OCT 2- **FBC Tifton**

OCT 9- **Mt Zion Baptist**

OCT 16-**ABAC Fall Break (no BCM activities)**

OCT 23-**Calvary Baptist**

OCT 30-**BCM Fall Festival**

NOV 6- **New River**

NOV 13-**CrossView**

NOV 20-**BCM**

NOV 27-**Zion Hope**

If anyone wishes to take a "BCM" slot, please let us know. Also, please let us know if you need to make any changes. THANK YOU for all your hard work! We could not do this without you!

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Mell Monthly Financial

August 2023

Funds Received:	\$ 7,451.52
Actual Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 8,507.46
Budget Needs:	\$ 9,945.39

MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

Volume 7, Number 10 October 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 Brushy Creek Baptist Church (Jimmy Parker, pastor), Calvary Baptist Church (Glenn Ford, pastor), and CrossView Baptist Church (no pastor).
3. Pray for the churches without pastors: Alapaha, CrossView, Lakeview, Lenox, 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 Annual Meeting October 15 at CrossView BC, Steve Foster (GBMB) preaching.
12. Pray for the Mell Senior Adult Luncheon October 24 at Lenox Baptist Church.

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 GBMB Annual Meeting November 12-14 at Church on Main, Snellville
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: Jonathan Howe, Interim CEO of the Executive Committee; and Burt Barber, SBC President.
7. Pray for those affected by floods, fires, and hurricanes here in the U.S.
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.

World

1. Pray for the International Mission Board--its president (Paul Chitwood), staff, and missionaries.
2. Pray for the 2 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 that the carport (for the Mell Van and Event Trailer) is completed and paid for.



Calling All Seniors!

MELL SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

Noon, Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Lenox Baptist Church

271 W. Central Ave., Lenox

**No cost for the meal, but please let them know you are
coming by calling
(229-546-4881)**

Deadline for Reservations is October 10!