

# **BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

## PLANNING AHEAD

**MARCH 3-10**  
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH  
AMERICAN MISSIONS

**MARCH 4**  
PASTOR'S PRAYER TIME

**MARCH 5**  
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM

**MARCH 10**  
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

**MARCH 10-11**  
GBMB EVANGELISM CONFERENCE  
NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

**MARCH 12**  
EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

**MARCH 19**  
MINISTERS' LUNCHEON

**MARCH 21**  
ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

**MARCH 25-30**  
MELL MISSION TRIP ROGERSVILLE TN

**MARCH 31**  
EASTER

**APRIL 2**  
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM

**APRIL 8**  
PASTOR'S PRAYER TIME

**APRIL 9**  
EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

**APRIL 16**  
MINISTERS' LUNCHEON

**APRIL 21**  
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM SUNDAY

**APRIL 23**  
SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

**APRIL 25**  
ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

**March 3-10, 2024**

**Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**  
**Goal-\$75 million**



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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## AM Thoughts

Praise the Lord, we had one of the largest attended Mell Executive Committee meetings on Thursday, February 22, since I have been your Associational Missionary. Twenty-eight people attended representing 16 of our churches. Of the twenty-eight, 13 were pastors. The following churches were represented Brookfield, Brushy Creek, Calvary, CrossView, Enigma, FBC Chula, FBC Tifton, FBC Ty Ty, Lenox, Liberty, Mt. Zion, Omega, Salem, The Road, Victory, Zion Hope. The Annual Meeting Minutes from October 15, 2023 were approved as printed. The Financial Report was reviewed. We had a great month of January with over \$16,000 in income from 20 of our churches. Expenses were under budget. The budget calls for us to receive \$9,803.84 per month. We heard reports from the Associational Missionary, the Administrative Team, the Encouraging/Strengthening Team, the Evangelism/Missions Team, and the ABAC BCM. God continues to work through our teams and ministries. For your information, the Executive Committee affirmed the actions of the Administrative Team to adopt a Conflict-of-Interest Policy, a Child Protection Policy, and apply for our own 501c3. The Associational Missionary is working on getting the process of applying for the 501c3 started.

We have sixteen going on the Mell Mission Trip to Rogersville, TN, March 25-30, 2024, where we will be working with Of One Accord Ministry, Sheldon Livesay, Director. The following churches have volunteers going: Brookfield, Enigma, Friendship Bible Church, Lenox, Liberty. We will again be staying at Ridgeview Baptist Church in Church Hill, TN. Of One Accord Ministry works with the poor of Appalachia with all kinds of ministries: thrift store, food distribution, backpack give-a-ways, home repair, and more. We will be doing home repair and working at the center (thrift store and food distribution). We would ask that you pray for us as we prepare to go as well as daily while we are there. See the back of the Prayer Update for a prayer guide.

For your information, the Tift Area Homeless Coalition has been formed and incorporated in the State of Georgia. We are in the process of applying for our 501c3. Our vision is to live in a community where housing vulnerability is rare, brief, and non-recurring. Our purpose: The Tift Area Homeless Coalition exists to connect those who are housing-vulnerable with the support necessary to become self-sufficient and find a permanent home. We plan to have a facility that will house 50 men, women, and families with a full program to assist the homeless to move to having a job and a stable place to live. We also will have a day center for the homeless to come for meals, showers, washing clothes, and use of a computer. In my short time in Tifton (8 years), I have not seen this kind of cooperation before, and others have said the same. We have representatives from entities like the Tift Area Ministerial Association, City of Tifton, Tift County Commissioners, Tift Regional Medical Center, The Bridge (House of Hope), Bro. Charles Rescue Center, Salvation Army, Hope Dealers, Tents to Tables, United Way, Georgia Power, Williams Hotel Group, and City of Tifton Tourism Board. Please pray for this great undertaking. We will not be able to see it come to pass without God's help. Pray for a building to be donated and the funds needed. Pray for me as I am the President of the Directors of this Coalition.

In May we will be receiving gift cards for the Baptist Children's Homes. Please make your plans now to have your church participate in this. This will be in place of the product drive for the Children's Homes that we have done in the past. You will be seeing more information about this in the future.

Tom

## CHURCH NEWS

**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](mailto:jamie@vbctifton.org).

**First Baptist Church Chula** is seeking a part-time Director of Music. Position will develop and lead the music ministry of the church in a manner consistent with the mission, values, and theology of the church. Interested candidates should submit their resume and 10 minute video displaying musical talents and skills to [jason@fbcchula.com](mailto:jason@fbcchula.com).

**Brookfield Baptist Church**, Brookfield, GA is searching for a bi-vocational Director of Music. Prefer music degree and/or musical experience. Please send resume to P.O. Box 85, Brookfield, GA 31727 or email to [brookfieldbaptistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:brookfieldbaptistchurch@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.

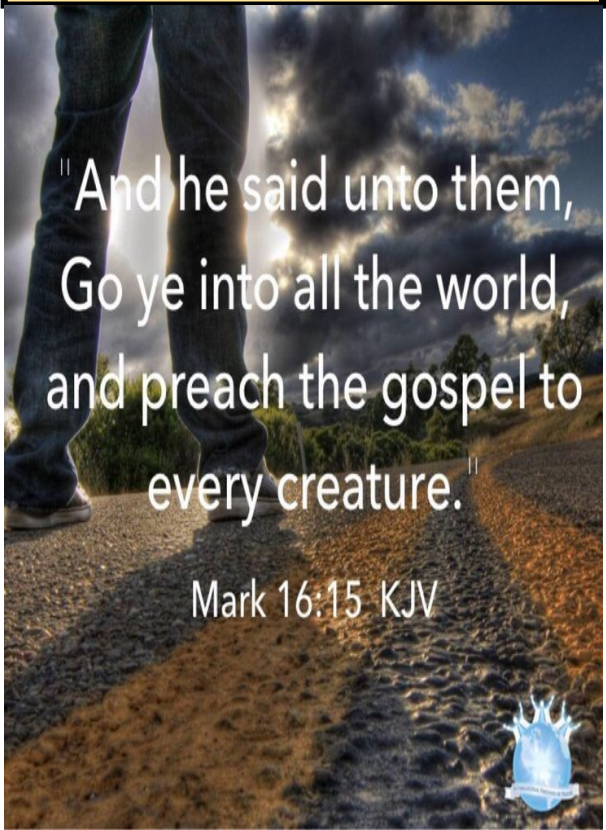
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"And he said unto them,  
Go ye into all the world,  
and preach the gospel to  
every creature."

Mark 16:15 KJV





## CELEBRATION

### MARCH

#### Birthdays

3	Mrs. Adrienne Frasier	Mt. Zion
13	Rev. Aaron Frasier	Mt. Zion
16	Rev. Kenny Miller	FBC Tifton
23	Mrs. Marcia Staub	FBC Tifton

#### Anniversaries

19	Rev./Mrs. TJ Mauldin	FBC Tifton
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#### Church Anniversaries for Pastors/Staff

2	Rev. Steve Tucker (2008)	Liberty
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### APRIL

#### Birthdays

4	Rev. Allen Mullis	Omega
9	Mrs. Taylor Mauldin	FBC Tifton
23	Rev. Ashley Roig	Salem

#### Anniversaries

2	Rev./Mrs. Matt Strevel	The Road
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#### Church Anniversaries for Pastors/Staff

1	Rev. Tom Hocutt (2017)	Mell
10	Rev. Matt Strevel (2016)	The Road
23	Rev. Glenn Ford (1998)	Calvary

### MAY

#### Birthdays

7	Mrs. Melissa Phillips	Northside
9	Rev. Jose Lopez	Vida Abundante
13	Mrs. Martha Hocutt	Mell
22	Mrs. Mary Joe Mullis	Omega

#### Anniversaries

14	Rev./Mrs. Kenny Miller	FBC Tifton
23	Rev./Mrs. Jose Lopez	FBC Tifton
27	Rev./Mrs. Aaron Frasier	Mt. Zion
27	Rev./Mrs. Keith Norris	Northside
30	Rev./Mrs. Barry Cook	FBC Tifton

#### Church Anniversaries for Pastors/Staff

30	Rev. Ashley Roig	Salem
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### USEFUL LINKS:

Southern Baptist Convention <a href="http://www.sbc.net/">http://www.sbc.net/</a>	Georgia Baptist Mission Board <a href="https://gabaptist.org/">https://gabaptist.org/</a>
North American Mission Board <a href="http://www.namb.net/">http://www.namb.net/</a>	Mell Baptist Association <a href="http://mellbapt.com/">http://mellbapt.com/</a>
International Mission Board <a href="http://www.imb.org/">http://www.imb.org/</a>	Christian Index <a href="http://christianindex.org">http://christianindex.org</a>

### Food Pantry 2024

The Food Pantry Served 47 individuals/families in January!

### Schedule for 2024

March	<i>Zion Hope/Calvary</i>	August	<i>FBC Chula</i>
April	<i>Lakeview</i>	September	<i>FBC Ty Ty</i>
May	<i>Salem</i>	October	<i>Brookfield</i>
June	<i>New River</i>	November	<i>Northside</i>
July	<i>Eastside</i>	December	<i>Mt. Zion</i>

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

## Georgia Baptist Women's SPRING EVENT

Saturday, April 27, 2024 at First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

Featuring *Christel Evans Hurst*



*Called to*  
**WITNESS**

## 2024 EVANGELISM CONFERENCES

### **NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, MARCH 10-11**

4605 Murray Ave  
Tifton, GA 31794

**Sunday, March 10th**

5pm-8pm

**Monday, March 11th**

8:30am-1:30pm

Registration: [https://  
gbcevangalismconferences.com/  
#register](https://gbcevangalismconferences.com/#register)



### BCM NEWS

This past month, our evangelism/outreach team held a spiritual survey day on campus. This was about a 4-hour time period that our BCM students set up a table in the center of campus and offered other ABAC students a small gift if they would stop for a few minutes at the table and answer some questions about their opinions on spiritual matters. The spiritual surveys are a way for our students to engage in gospel conversations with their peers. We will have another day for this outreach event in March. Our outreach/evangelism team is well-equipped to share the gospel and their personal testimonies with their peers, so we are excited for another day to share on campus.

This summer, we will have 3 summer missionaries from ABAC BCM serving through SendMeNow (Georgia Baptist Summer Missions), 1 student serving with Nehemiah Teams (International Mission Board), and 1 student serving with GenSend (North American Mission Board). We will share their respective locations next month, so you can be in prayer for each of our ABAC BCM summer missionaries leading up to their mission placements.

There are 2 Friday/Saturday seminars we are doing at the BCM on topics that we have determined are pressing issues with our BCM students. The first seminar is in March, and we will focus on godly dating relationships. The second will be in April and will focus on dealing with anxiety (trusting the Lord in all situations). These are two topics we know the Lord will teach and stretch our students to give over every aspect of their lives to Him.

Thank you for praying for and supporting our ABAC BCM ministry! We truly could not reach this campus without your prayer and support. We are reaching college students together for His Glory.

Because He Lives,

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### SPRING 2024 MEAL SCHEDULE

Mar 4 **CrossView Baptist**  
 Mar 11 **Ty Ty Baptist**  
 Mar 18 **Spring break (no BCM)**  
 Mar 25 **Lenox Baptist**  
 Apr 1 **Eastside Baptist**  
 Apr 8 **Zion Hope Baptist**  
 Apr 15 **Brookfield Baptist**  
 Apr 22 **BCM Cookout**

If anyone wishes to take a "BCM" slot for a meal, please contact me. If you need to make changes, please let me know. We are thankful for your hard work! We could not do this without you!

**Baptist Collegiate Ministries**  
**Club Advisor**  
**Ree Reinhardt**  
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### Mell Monthly Financial

January 2024

Funds Received:	\$ 16,876.00
Actual Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 9,670.02
Budget Needs:	\$ 9,803.84

## MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

Volume 8, Number 2 March 2024

### 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 by an alphabetical list of churches. Pray this time for Iglesia Vida Abundante (Jose Lopez, pastor), Journey Church (Benji Rowland, pastor), and Lakeview Baptist Church (Jerry Kennedy, interim pastor).
3. Pray for the churches without pastors: CrossView, Lakeview, and Lenox.
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.

### 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 Catalysts: Samuel Ayala (Missions), Ovidia Cabrera (Hispanic Ministry), Tim Kilgore (Next Gen), Jason Jones (Pastor Wellness), Ray Sullivan (Discipleship), and Steve Foster (Evangelism).
3. Pray for the GBMB Evangelism Conference March 10-11 at Northside BC, Tifton.
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 Week of Prayer for North American Missions March 3-10 and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.
7. Pray for the Southern Baptist Convention: Jonathan Howe, Interim CEO of the Executive Committee; and Burt Barber, SBC President.
8. Pray for those affected by the numerous natural disasters here in the U.S.
9. Pray for the revival of God's people and the spiritual awakening of our nation and the world.
10. Pray for the protection and support of our law enforcement, fire fighters, and EMS personnel.
11. Pray for the Rogersville Mission Trip March 25-30, 2024 (see back of Prayer Update).

### World

1. Pray for the International Mission Board--its president (Paul Chitwood), staff, and missionaries.
2. Pray for the Mell Mexico Mission Trip June 12-19, 2024.
3. Pray for the 2 billion Muslims of the world that they would come to an understanding of who Jesus Christ is.
4. Pray for the Gospel of Christ to be shared to the unreached people groups in the world.
5. Pray for the protection of Israel, wisdom for Israel as they deal with their enemies, and for the peace of Jerusalem.
6. Pray for protection for our armed forces in Iraq, Syria, and around the globe.
7. 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.
8. Pray for the persecuted Christians of the world especially the believers in Afghanistan.
9. 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 Jim Constable being called as pastor of Victory Baptist Church.
2. Praise the Lord for Andy Ring being called as Interim Pastor of CrossView Baptist Church.
3. Praise the Lord for Jerry Kennedy being called as Interim Pastor of Lakeview Baptist Church.

## **Prayer Guide for the Mell Mission Trip to Rogersville, Tennessee, March 25-30, 2024**

1. Pray for the Lord to provide a cook.
2. Pray for the health and safety of each of the members of this team: April Watson, Gene Roberts, Tom Hocutt, Van Lindsey, Carl Metzger, John Bob, Ezra Cook, David Frohlich, Jess Hortsman, Tim Huggins, Faith Kooy, Randy Ward, Sr., Steve Davis, Betty Davila, Danny Davila, Kelsey Murray.
3. Please pray for safety as we travel to and from Rogersville and while we are there.
4. Please pray for safety for the home repair teams as they work.
5. Please pray for divine appointments.
6. Please pray for Sheldon Livesay and the other workers and volunteers at Of One Accord Ministries.
7. Please pray for good sleep for the team members.
8. Please pray for Ridgeview Baptist Church staff and members (where we will be staying).
9. Please pray for the members to have good personal devotional times to prepare their hearts for the work each day.
10. Please pray that we will accomplish all that God wants us to accomplish this week.

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## **Mell Mission Trip to Ichmul, Mexico**

**June 12-19, 2024**

**Approximate Cost: \$1,800 per person (includes flight cost, transportation, lodging, and meals) This price is subject to change depending on the airline tickets.**

**Deposit of \$500 due February 29, 2024.**

**Remainder due April 11, 2024.**

**Purpose: To assist in planting a church—may include prayer walking, food distribution, VBS, Gospel visitation, block party, sports camp, medical and dental ministries, etc.**

**For more information on either trip, email [thocutt@gmail.com](mailto:thocutt@gmail.com) or call 733-8911.**