

# Mell

## BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

### PLANNING AHEAD

**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 24**  
ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY

**APRIL 25**  
ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

**MAY 2**  
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

**MAY 5**  
SENIOR ADULT SUNDAY

**MAY 7**  
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM

**MAY 12**  
MOTHER'S DAY

**MAY 13**  
PASTOR'S PRAYER TIME

**MAY 14**  
EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

**MAY 16**  
ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

**MAY 19**  
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY

**MAY 21**  
MINISTER'S LUNCHEON

**MAY 27**  
MEMORIAL DAY (MELL OFFICE CLOSED)



Children's  
Home Day

A special offering that helps children and families in need.



[www.GeorgiaChildren.org](http://www.GeorgiaChildren.org)    



During the month of May, Mell Baptist Association will be collecting gift cards for the Baptist Children's Home instead of collecting physical items. Please gather the gift cards from your church and bring to the Mell office by June 3rd.



**Right now, there are tens of thousands of children across Georgia who are living in broken homes.** They're facing struggles such as abuse or neglect that are causing them to feel worthless, helpless, and traumatized. They want to be in a loving family, but their current home life is harmful and not what's best for them. In some cases, too, we have the unique opportunity to minister to a family unit of a mother and her children who come to us from a variety of circumstances, sometimes including domestic abuse.

**At Georgia Baptist Children's Homes, we provide a safe place for such children and families in need, where they are well-cared for, where they can continue their education, and where they can just be kids.** With our dedicated team members, each child works through a plan of care specifically made for them that addresses their needs and sets goals for them to work towards. During their time with us, they also have opportunities to hear about Christ Jesus and learn that they are a beloved child of God.

**Through our care, thousands of children have found healing from their pasts and gone on to achieve countless successes** such as graduating college, starting families, joining churches, launching businesses, serving in communities, and so much more.

With your support, we can change lives forever.



**Together, we can give more kids hope and a home**  
[www.GeorgiaChildren.org](http://www.GeorgiaChildren.org)

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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April 2024

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## AM Thoughts

Better together! I am convinced this should be the rallying cry for our churches in the Mell Baptist Association. This was demonstrated Saturday, March 16, when 10 volunteers from five churches (Brookfield, Calvary, Eastside, Lenox, Oak Grove) came together to build a 34 foot ramp and repair a porch for a family in one of our churches. This came about because a pastor called and wanted to know if we could build a ramp for one of the church's members who needed one. Thanks to the generosity of all of our churches, we have funds designated for Home Repair (including ramps). This was also a demonstration of the men of these churches being the hands and feet of Jesus! To God be the Glory!

I just wanted to remind you of what Jesus said in Acts 1:8, "and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." (NASB) We want to be an Acts 1:8 association and we are working to be that. The Mell Baptist Association has ministry in our Jerusalem (J.A.K.E.S Day, Kiwanians Fish Derby, Santa's Helpers/Toys for Tots, Home Repair Ministry, and Food Pantry). We have ministry in our area (Children's Home Collection, churches ministering in the State of Georgia). We have ministry outside of Georgia (Mission Trip to Rogersville, churches giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, and churches ministering in other parts of U. S.). We have ministry to the uttermost (churches giving through the Cooperative Program to support missionaries, churches giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and our Mell Mission Trip to Mexico). Praise the Lord for all of this! I pray and hope that your church will be an Acts 1:8 church! To God be the Glory!

Just a reminder, 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 can see more information on the back of the Prayer Update.

On August 22, 2024, your Encouraging/Strengthening Team is sponsoring a Pastor/Deacon Training led by Rev Bryan Alexander. It will be at First Baptist Church Chula from 6-8:00 pm. A meal will be provided. Pastors and deacons, please put this on your calendar. Registration will be required. I have heard many great remarks from Rev. Alexander's training. Don't miss this! Church members, encourage your pastor and deacons to attend.

Congratulations to Vicky Bosse on her first year anniversary (February 27) as our Administrative Assistant. She is doing a great job and is of great value to the association!

I have celebrated my seventh year as your full-time Associational Missionary and one prior year as interim. It is amazing how time flies. I am blessed by your willingness to let me serve and by the abundance of blessings from the Lord! I enjoy what I am doing and hope to continue to serve as the Lord leads. Thank you for the privilege to be your Associational Missionary. I pray God leads us to be all He wants us to be as an association. Will you join me in that prayer? Thanks!

## 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.

### **Our mailing address is:**

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## SPARK Conference

sponsored by the Georgia Baptist Mission Board

Sunday, August 18, 2024

Wynnbrook Baptist Church, Columbus, GA

[thesparkconference.com](http://thesparkconference.com)

A total church equipping conference!





## CELEBRATION

### APRIL Birthdays

- |    |                     |            |
|----|---------------------|------------|
| 4  | Rev. Allen Mullis   | Omega      |
| 19 | Mrs. Taylor Mauldin | FBC Tifton |
| 23 | Rev. Ashley Roig    | Salem      |

### Anniversaries

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|--|--------------------------|----------|
| 2  | Rev./Mrs. Matt Strevel   | The Road |
| <b><u>Church Anniversaries for Pastors/Staff</u></b> |                          |          |
| 1  | Rev. Tom Hocutt (2017)   | Mell     |
| 10   | Rev. Matt Strevel (2016) | The Road |
| 23   | Rev. Glenn Ford (1998)   | Calvary  |

### MAY Birthdays

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

### Anniversaries

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| 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  | Eastside   |
| 30   | Rev./Mrs. Barry Cook    | FBC Tifton |
| <b><u>Church Anniversaries for Pastors/Staff</u></b> |                         |            |
| 30   | Rev. Ashley Roig (2021) | Salem      |

## USEFUL LINKS:

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

## Food Pantry 2024

**The Food Pantry Served 41 individuals/families in February!**

## Schedule for 2024

April	<i>Lakeview</i>	August	<i>FBC Chula</i>
May	<i>Salem</i>	September	<i>FBC Ty Ty</i>
June	<i>New River</i>	October	<i>Brookfield</i>
July	<i>Eastside</i>	November	<i>Northside</i>
	December	<i>Brighton Road</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 *Crystal Evans Hurst*



# The Convention is coming! Save the date!

2024 SBC ANNUAL MEETING  
**INDIANAPOLIS** 2024  
AND PASTORS' CONFERENCE



INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER  
JUNE 9-12, 2024



### ABAC BCM NEWS

ABAC's spring break was March 18-22, and we spent the first half of the week serving at Camp Pinnacle, a Georgia Baptist Camp in Clayton, Georgia. ABAC BCM students worked hard to help get the camp ready for summer camps and other ministry events happening onsite at Pinnacle. This was our second year serving at Camp Pinnacle for the ABAC BCM spring break mission trip.

This summer, we will have 3 summer missionaries from ABAC BCM serving through SendMeNow (Georgia Baptist Summer Missions):  
Whitney Perryman, serving at Camp Chula, FBC Chula  
Jonathan Lang, serving at Camp Chula, FBC Chula  
And David Dickens, serving in Arizona and at Camp Chula, FBC Chula

Additionally, we have 1 student (anonymous) serving with Nehemiah Teams (International Mission Board), and 1 student (Isaac Stephenson) serving in New York City with GenSend (North American Mission Board). Please be in prayer for each of our ABAC BCM summer missionaries leading up to their mission placements. We are so proud of each of them and their commitment to spreading the gospel of Christ here at home, to other parts of the US, and globally.

One last thing to lift up in prayer for the ABAC BCM - during the months of March and April, BCM students are praying and considering their desire to serve in a leadership capacity at the ABAC BCM for the next school year, 2024-25. Will you please lift up our ABAC BCM student leaders specifically in the coming weeks?

Thank you for your continued prayer support of our ABAC BCM ministry! We are reaching college students together for His Glory. And we know the future of our churches will be positively impacted by these ABAC BCM students as they graduate and move into our Baptist churches near and far. It is an exciting time to be a part of what God is doing with students here at ABAC! Thank you for ALL you do for us.

Because He Lives,  
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### SPRING 2024 MEAL SCHEDULE

Apr 1      **Eastside Baptist**  
Apr 8      **Zion Hope Baptist**  
Apr 15     **Brookfield Baptist**  
Apr 22     **BCM Cookout:**  
              **BCM & Lenox Baptist**

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**  
**ABAC 595**  
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### Mell Monthly Financial

February 2024

Funds Received:	\$ 10,333.61
Actual Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 7,869.79
Budget Needs:	\$ 9,803.83

## **MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE**

Volume 8, Number 3 April 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 Lenox Baptist Church (no pastor), Liberty Baptist Church (Steve Tucker, pastor), and Mount Zion Baptist Church (Aaron Frasier, pastor).
3. Pray for the churches without pastors: CrossView, Lakeview, Lenox, and Omega.
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 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: Jonathan Howe, Interim CEO of the Executive Committee; and Burt Barber, SBC President.
6. Pray for the SBC Annual Meeting June 10-12 in Indianapolis.
7. Pray for those affected by the numerous natural disasters 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 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, for the peace of Jerusalem, for the hostages and their families, and pray for the people of Gaza.
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.
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 the 10 volunteers from four churches who built a ramp on March 16.