

Mell

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PLANNING AHEAD

JUNE 4
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM

JUNE 10
PASTOR'S PRAYER TIME

JUNE 11
EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

JUNE 11-12
SBC ANNUAL MEETING, INDIANAPOLIS

JUNE 12-19
MELL MISSION TRIP, ICHMUL, MX

JUNE 16
FATHER'S DAY

JULY 2
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM

JULY 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY
(MELL OFFICE CLOSED)

JULY 8
PASTOR'S PRAYER TIME

JULY 9
EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

JULY 11
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

JULY 25
ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

AUGUST 6
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM

AUGUST 12
PASTOR'S PRAYER TIME

AUGUST 13
EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

AUGUST 20
MINISTERS' LUNCHEON

AUGUST 22
ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

AUGUST 22
PASTOR/DEACON TRAINING



God's Work ~ Our Hands

Mell Executive Committee Meeting

7 PM, Thursday, July 11, 2024

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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June 2024

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AM Thoughts

I recently shared with the ministers at our monthly Ministers' Luncheon on the subject of "Who am I in Christ?" I had heard the following on a radio program while traveling, I am who I AM says I am! What a great thought! We listed some of the things the Scripture says about who we are in Christ—saved, redeemed, holy, sanctified, sealed with the Holy Spirit, light, salt, heirs and joint-heirs with Christ, in Christ, raised to new life, new creations in Christ, seated with Christ in the heavenlies, ambassadors for Christ, soldiers, His workmanship, fellow laborers, righteousness of Christ, and many others. The question becomes, are we living out what He says we are? "I am who I AM says I am!"

Please pray for the Southern Baptist Convention's Annual Meeting June 9-12 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Pray for safety for those traveling. Pray for unity. Pray for the election of a new President. Pray for God's will to be done.

Please pray for our Mexico Mission Trip June 12-19 (see the back of the Prayer Update for a Prayer Guide). Seven of us from two churches (Brookfield and CrossView) will be going. We will be working with another mission team in Chickenzanot the first day of ministry helping them in their ministry there. We will then work with the church in Ichmul and San Francisco. I will be preaching at Ichmul on Sunday. We will have mini-Bible school with the children at Ichmul and San Francisco. We will also be teaching the men and women who bring their children about discipleship in San Francisco. Pray that we will be used of God to accomplish all He intends for us to accomplish.

We would normally have our Mell Executive Committee meeting in June, but because of scheduling conflicts, it will be July 11 instead. Make sure your pastor and your church's elected member know about this meeting (see the front of the Newsletter for more details).

On a personal note, after a bone marrow biopsy, Martha has been diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma. That is the bad news, but the good news is that it is at a stage where there is no need for treatment. She will be monitored every three months to see if there is any change in the myeloma. She is doing well with no significant symptoms and continues to carry on her daily life with a positive attitude and trust in the Lord. Please pray for her and that the myeloma will not increase. Would you also pray for me and my sister and her husband as I help them make a major move here? Thank you for your prayers!

Thank you for the privilege of serving the Lord through the Mell Baptist Association as your Associational Missionary. He is at work in many of our churches! To God be the glory! God is good! He is good all the time!

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.

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.

Omega Baptist Church is accepting resumes through August 30th for Bi-Vocational Pastor. Please send to Omega Baptist Church % Pastor Search Comm. P.O.Box 368 Omega Ga. 31775 Or send online to andyhornbuckle@yahoo.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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Happy Father's Day

The LORD
bless you and keep you;
The LORD
make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
The LORD
turn his face toward you
and give you peace.
~ Numbers 6:24-26



CELEBRATION

JUNE Birthdays

10	Mrs. Carrie Strevel	The Road
20	Mrs. Angie Norris	Eastside
23	Rev. Jim Culpepper-Interim	Lenox

Anniversaries

6	Rev/Mrs. John Hughes	FB Tifton
23	Rev/Mrs. John Falotico	Enigma
26	Rev/Mrs. Benji Rowland	Journey
27	Rev/Mrs. Mike Patillo	Oak Grove

Church Anniversaries for Pastors/Staff

1	Rev. Mark Myers (2008)	FB Tifton
4	Rev. Jason Loggins (2023)	FB Chula

JULY Birthdays

7	Rev. Mark Myers	FB Tifton
20	Rev. Glenn Ford	Calvary
27	Mrs. Emily Miller	FB Tifton

Anniversaries

11	Marsha and Michael Staub	FB Tifton
20	Rev./Mrs. Jason Loggins	FB Chula

Church Anniversaries for Pastors/Staff

2	Rev. Jose Lopez (2004)	Vida Abundante
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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 2024

The Food Pantry Served 48 individuals/families in April!

Schedule for 2024

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>Mt Zion</i>		

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

Register now!

SPARK

CONFERENCE

www.thesparkconference.com/2024

SPARK CONFERENCE 2024 - Columbus, GA

Date: Sunday, August 18, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM - 8:15 PM

Location: Wynnbrook Baptist Church

Address: 500 River Knoll Way, Columbus, GA 31904-2985

Schedule:

04:00 PM - Doors open/Registration

04:30 PM - Keynote Speaker (Dr. Scott Sullivan)

05:30 PM - Light supper

06:15 PM - Breakout #1

07:15 PM - Breakout #2

08:15 PM - Dismiss

2024 SBC ANNUAL MEETING

INDIANAPOLIS

2024
AND PASTORS' CONFERENCE

INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER

JUNE 9-12, 2024



BCM NEWS

Please continue praying for our 5 summer missionaries:

Whitney Perryman, serving at Camp Chula, FBC Chula

Jonathan Lang, serving at Camp Chula, FBC Chula

David Dickens, serving in Arizona & Camp Chula, FBC Chula

1 student (anonymous) serving with Nehemiah Teams
(International Mission Board)|

Isaac Stephenson serving in New York City with GenSend
(North American Mission Board)

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.

During the summer months, many BCM students are working in their hometowns, serving in internships for class credit, attending required summer classes in their degree programs, working here in the area, and serving in various camps and ministries. In the meantime, myself and the ABAC BCM Advisory Council are working to prepare for the Fall 2024 semester and beyond. Recently, I read something a respected college ministry leader wrote about the summers in campus ministry. "The best falls are built in the summer." Just like in the game of football, our planning and praying and dreaming in the summer months will help us to have an impactful fall with new and returning students at the ABAC BCM. So that is what we are doing at the ABAC BCM currently. We are finishing up paperwork and reports from the spring 2024 semester, and already planning, preparing, and praying for the fall 2024 semester. We want Jesus in the center of all of it! Please pray with us His name will become known throughout the ABAC campus during the 2024-25 school year, and please pray we will "tee up" for the fall well during these summer months.

We have a prayer walk guide for the ABAC campus which we created this year. If you would like a copy of that, please reach out to me at my contact info listed below. The prayer walk guide is a guided prayer experience to cover the campus in prayer: specific academic areas, campus housing, athletes, staff/faculty/administration, etc. I know the summer months are very hot, so please know you can also have a "prayer drive-by" using this guide...staying climate-controlled and staying away from the gnats.

If you know of a high school graduate who is either transferring to ABAC or is coming to ABAC for the very first time, please feel free to give them my info (listed below) and/or send their info to me. I'd love to take out a group of incoming, new ABAC students this summer to show them the BCM and get acquainted.

Because He Lives,

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ABAC BCM

Prayer Requests

Please pray for incoming ABAC freshmen. 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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Mell Monthly Financial

April 2024

Funds Received:	\$ 11,629.69
Actual Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 8,727.24
Budget Needs:	\$ 9,803.84

MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

Volume 8, Number 5 June 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 Oak Grove Baptist Church (Mike Patillo, pastor), Omega Baptist Church (no pastor), and Pine Grove Baptist Church (Gerald Mallard, 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: Jeff Iorg 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 (see back of this sheet).
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.

Prayer Guide for the Mell Mission Trip to Ichmul, Mexico June 12-19, 2024

1. Please pray for good spiritual preparation for the team.
2. Please pray for safety and flight travel connections going to Tallahassee (2 hour drive), to Atlanta to Merida to Ichmul (2 hour drive) and return.
3. Please pray for the health and safety of each of the members of this team: Sarah Bennett, Hannah Dorsey, Rosemary Hightower, Tom Hocutt, Tonya Irwin, Travis Irwin, Wyatt Irwin.
4. Please pray for safety as we travel to our places of service within the Yucatan Peninsula.
5. Please pray for divine appointments.
6. Please pray for Eli Castillo the other workers and volunteers at Mission House Ichmul.
7. Please pray for good sleep for the team members.
8. Please pray for the church planters and churches for which we will be working.
9. Please pray for the members to have good personal times of devotion.
10. Please pray for flexibility for all of us and a positive attitude.
11. Please pray that we will accomplish all that God wants us to accomplish this week.