

# Mell

## BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

### PLANNING AHEAD

#### APRIL

- 1-5 MELL MISSION TRIP, ROGERSVILLE, TN
- 8 ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM, NOON, MBO
- 14 PASTOR'S PRAYER, 8:00 AM, MBO
- 15 MINISTER'S LUNCHEON, NOON, MBO
- 17 EVANGELISM/MISSIONS, NOON, MBO
- 20 EASTER
- 23 ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY
- 24 MELL ADMIN TEAM, NOON, MBO

#### MAY


- 1 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
- 4 SR. ADULT SUNDAY
- 6 ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM, NOON, MBO
- 11 MOTHER'S DAY
- 12 PASTOR'S PRAYER, 8:00 AM, MBO
- 15 EVANGELISM/MISSIONS, NOON, MBO
- 20 MINISTER'S MEETING, NOON, MBO
- 22 ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM, NOON, MBO
- 26 MEMORIAL DAY, (MELL OFFICE CLOSED)

#### JUNE

- 3 ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM, NOON, MBO
- 9 PASTOR'S PRAYER, 8:00 AM, MBO
- 10 MINISTER'S MEETING, NOON, MBO
- 10-11 SBC ANNUAL MEETING; DALLAS, TX
- 12 EVANGELISM/MISSIONS, NOON, MBO
- 14 KIWANIS FISH DERBY FOR KIDS MINISTRY
- 14-21 MELL MEXICO MISSION TRIP
- 15 FATHER'S DAY
- 26 MELL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 7 PM, MBO

#### JULY

- 1 ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM, NOON, MBO
- 3 MELL OFFICE CLOSED, INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 14 PASTOR'S PRAYER, 8:00 AM, MBO
- 17 EVANGELISM/MISSIONS, NOON, MBO
- 24 ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM, NOON, MBO



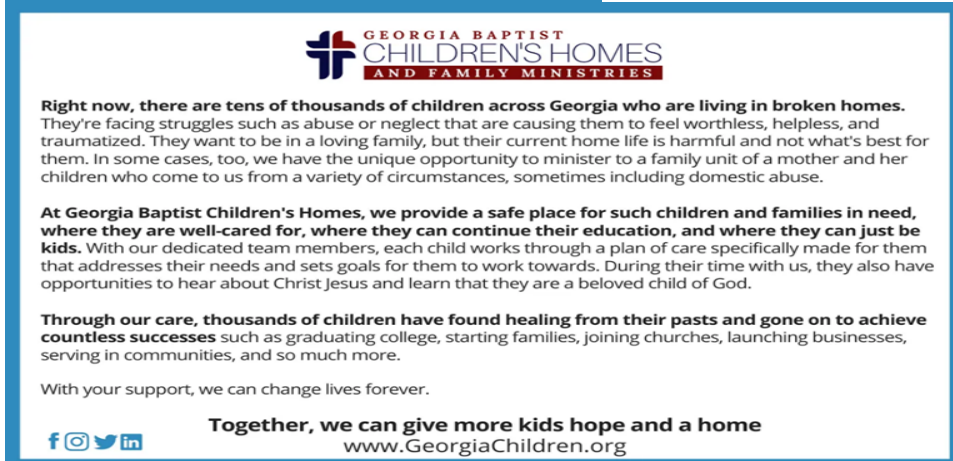
Children's Home Day

A special offering that helps children and families in need.

GEORGIA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

[www.GeorgiaChildren.org](http://www.GeorgiaChildren.org) f i t l n

In place of collecting physical items for the Baptist Children's Home, the Mell Baptist Association will be collecting gift cards during the month of May. Please collect your cards from your church and bring them to the Mell Office by May 29.



GEORGIA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

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

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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

April 2025

## AM Thoughts

Please begin now to pray for the Mell Tent Revival September 19-21, 2025. Here is a Prayer Guide:

1. Pray that the Lord would lead in all the logistics of planning and carrying out this endeavor.
2. Pray for the Encouraging/Strengthening and Evangelism/Missions Teams as they continue to plan.
3. Pray for the preachers as they prepare their messages: Stacy Phillips, John Smith, Tim Williams.
4. Pray for Steve Davis as he prepares the music and recruits a combined choir for the Tent Revival.
5. Pray that God would provide the financial needs of this event (\$30,000) by July 31.
6. Pray for volunteers for counselors, parking, ushers, greeters, prayer team, and choir.
7. Pray that we will be able to have ample publicity so that many hear about it.
8. Pray for Christians to invite their lost family, friends, and acquaintances.
9. Pray for those who will give testimonies.
10. Pray for preparation and wisdom for the counselors.
11. Pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit each of the three nights.
12. Pray for conviction of sin among believers and need of a Savior for others.
13. Pray for this effort to make a significant difference in our city, county and area for the glory of the Lord.

I am convinced God is going to use this event mightily! We have had a couple of churches to contribute to the Mell Tent Fund. We had to make a downpayment of half of the amount to rent the tent, chairs, stage, sound, lights, and tent sides. We have not received enough contributions as yet to cover that cost (it had to come out of our Undesignated Savings). Please consider giving and encouraging your church to contribute to the Mell Tent Fund. Thank you!

We will again be collecting Walmart gift cards for the Baptist Children's Home in Baxley during May. This takes the place of the traditional Truck Loading (bringing of supplies and or food). The cards makes it possible for the Children's Home personnel to purchase what is needed as needed. Please begin to promote this in your churches. Please bring the cards no later than May 29.

We have another opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus and give water to those attending the Kiwanians Kids Fish Derby Saturday, June 14, 2025, at Paradise Lake. We will need volunteers to set up the tent, table for Bibles and tracts, and give out bottles of water to those attending beginning at 8 am. If you would like to participate, please let me know [thocutt@gmail.com](mailto:thocutt@gmail.com). Thanks!

The first of April marks my ninth year serving as your Associational Missionary (one year as part-time interim and eight years as full-time Associational Missionary). I praise the Lord for the privilege you have given me to serve the Lord, the pastors, and churches of the Mell Baptist Association. I know that I am prejudiced, but I think that we have a great association. God is doing some great things through the association. We are touching lives in Rogersville, Tennessee, and the area of Ichmul, Mexico, as well as right here in the Tifton area. WE ARE BETTER AND STRONGER TOGETHER!

Tom

## CHURCH NEWS

**Omega Baptist Church** is accepting resumes for a Bi-vocational Pastor. Please send to Omega Baptist Church c/o Pastor Search Committee. P.O. Box 368 Omega, GA 31775 or email to [andyhornbuckle@yahoo.com](mailto: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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## Southern Baptist Convention

June 10-11, 2025



He is not here,  
He is risen!





# CELEBRATIONS

## April

### Birthdays

2 Rev. Mike DeLoach	Lenox
13 Mrs. Molly Jones	Northside
19 Mrs. Taylor Mauldin	FB Tifton
20 Rev. Gerald Mallard	Pine Grove
23 Rev. Ashley Roig	Salem

### Church Anniversaries for Pastors/Staff

1 Rev. Tom Hocutt (2016)	Mell Baptist
9 Rev. John Smith III (2023)	FB Ty Ty
10 Rev. Matt Strevel (2016)	The Road
16 Rev. Brad Baker (2023)	Zion Hope
23 Rev. Glenn Ford (1998)	Calvary

### Wedding Anniversaries

2 Rev. & Mrs. Matt Strevel	The Road
6 Rev. & Mrs. Scott King	Alapaha
18 Rev. & Mrs. Michael Marchant	New River

## May

### Birthdays

7 Mrs. Melissa Phillips	Northside
9 Rev. Jose Lopez	Vida Abundante
13 Mrs. Martha Hocutt	Mell Baptist Asso.
17 Rev. Daniel Hardy	Northside
23 Rev. Jim Constable	Victory
31 Mrs. Donna King	Alapaha

### Church Anniversaries for Pastors/Staff

15 Rev. Michael Marchant (2016)	New River
26 Rev. Bobby Pittman (2018)	New Bethel
30 Rev. Ashley Roig (2021)	Salem

### Wedding Anniversaries

14 Rev. & Mrs. Kenny Miller	FBC Tifton
23 Rev. & Mrs. Jose Lopez	Vida Abundante
27 Rev. & Mrs. Aaron Frasier	Mt. Zion
27 Rev. & Mrs. Keith Norris	Eastside
30 Rev. & Mrs. Barry Cook	FBC Tifton
30 Rev. & Mrs. Brad Baker	Zion Hope

## June

### Birthdays

10 Mrs. Carrie Strevel	The Road
20 Mrs. Angie Norris	Eastside
27 Mrs. Brandy Baker	Zion Hope
28 Mr. Matt Howell	FBC Tifton

### Church Anniversaries for Pastors/Staff

4 Rev. Jason Loggins (2023)	FBC Chula
27 Rev. Danny Culpepper (2021)	Eldorado

## USEFUL LINKS:

Southern Baptist Convention <a href="http://www.sbc.net/">http://www.sbc.net/</a>	<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>
Georgia Baptist Mission Board	

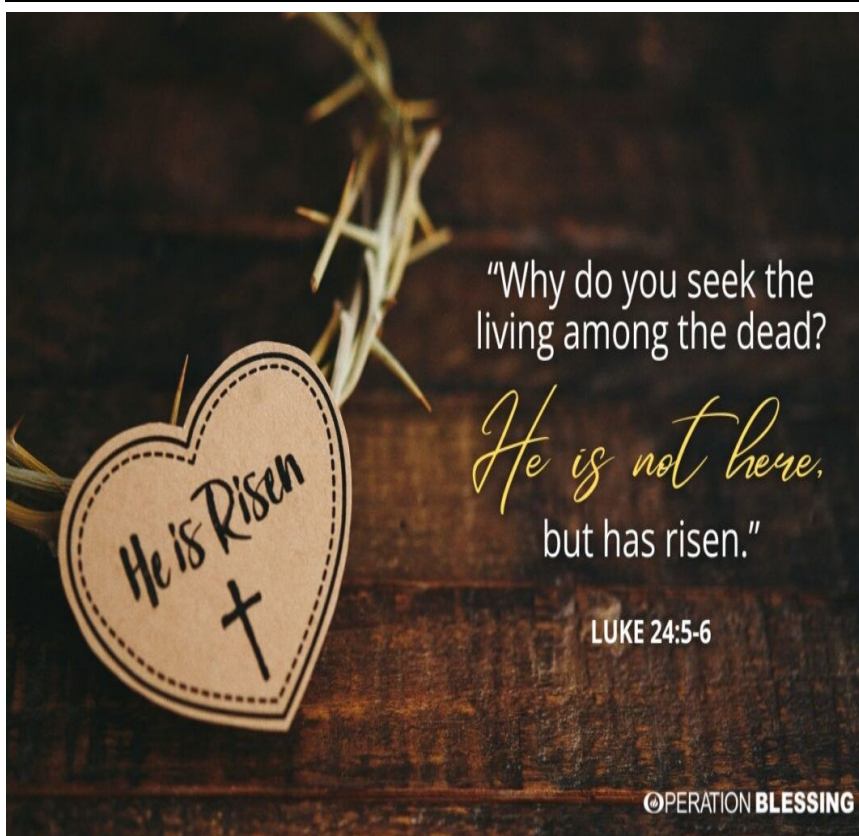
## Food Pantry 2025

The Food Pantry Served 34 individuals/families in February!

### Schedule for 2025

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>
August	<i>FBC Chula</i>		

Please let the office know ASAP if there is a problem with these schedules.





## BCM NEWS

Just this last week, ABAC's campus was enjoying spring break. A group from our ABAC BCM went to work at Friendship Camp in Ellaville, Georgia. We worked at Friendship Camp to help the camp prepare for their ministry this summer to grade school children. Some of our tasks were to paint a few areas on their campus, help to pour concrete in a parking lot there, deep clean some of the bathrooms in preparation for the summer, and cleaning out/organizing a couple of storage sheds housing bunkbeds and other large materials needed to run their camp ministry. As always, our ABAC BCM students worked hard to help Friendship Camp and served well on their spring break week.

Summer is approaching. Please be in prayer for our Send Me Now missionary, Noah Duncan, headed to Zona Camp in California for 2 weeks this summer. Please also pray for the missionaries coming into town for Camp Chula during July.

Please be in prayer with us for a need our BCM has, and if you are led please consider helping us meet this need we are experiencing. As you know because of our articles here in the MBA newsletter, one of the major things happening weekly at ABAC BCM is our Monday night worship event. Each Monday night preceding the worship time and the message for the evening, we feed the college students dinner at the BCM building. A lot of our associational churches help us on Monday nights by providing the meal in either the fall semester or the spring semester or both. It appears we will have about 10 empty Monday nights during the 2025-26 school year, and we are looking for some folks to help us feed the crowd on these open Monday nights. If you, your Sunday School class, your small group, your church, or your business would be interested in providing a Monday night meal to help us feed our ABAC college students, please contact me. My information is listed at the bottom of this article. And thank you to the many churches within the Mell Baptist Association who are currently providing for ABAC BCM to eat on a Monday night. We are grateful for your investment in ABAC BCM! A fall calendar of ABAC BCM meals will be posted in the May newsletter.

Because He Lives,  
Ree Reinhardt

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## ABAC BCM Spring 2025 Meal Schedule

<b>Apr</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Zion Hope</b>	<b>No meetings in the summer months!</b>
	<b>14</b>	<b>BCM</b>	
	<b>21</b>	<b>BCM</b>	
	<b>28</b>	<b>Inaha Baptist</b>	
			<b>See you in the FALL!</b>

**\*\*If anyone would like to take a date that is currently labeled "BCM", please let us know.\*\***

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

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## Mell Monthly Financial

February 2025

Funds Received:	\$	11,997.85
Actual Budgeted Expenses:	\$	7,742.16
Budget Needs:	\$	10,134.57

## MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

Volume 9, Number 3

April 2025

### 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 pray for our churches and pastors by 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 (Terry Smith, Interim Pastor).
3. Pray for the churches without pastors: 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 Kristie Horton, Administrative Assistant.
10. Pray for the Baptist Collegiate Ministry at ABAC and Ree Reinhardt, BCM Director.
11. Pray for the Mell Tent Revival September 19-21, 2025.

### 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 Clint Pressley, SBC President.
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.
10. Pray for the Mell Mission Trip to Rogersville, Tennessee, March 29-April 5, 2025.

### World

1. Pray for the Mell Mission Trip to Ichmul, Mexico, June 14-21, 2025.
2. Pray for the International Mission Board--its president (Paul Chitwood), staff, and missionaries.
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 CrossView Baptist Church calling Brian Jones as their pastor.