



## Planning Ahead

### October

- 7 Mell Encouraging/Strengthening Team, Noon, MBO
- 13 Mell Pastor's Prayer, 8:00 AM, MBO
- 16 Mell Evangelism/Missions, Noon, MBO
- 19 Mell Annual Meeting, 5 PM, Brookfield
- 21 Mell Minister's Luncheon, Noon, MBO

### November

- 2 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 3 Mell Pastor's Prayer, 8:00 AM, MBO
- 4 Mell Encouraging/Strengthening Team, Noon, MBO
- 10-11 GBMB Annual Meeting, FBC Atlanta
- 11 Election Day
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 13 Mell Evangelism/Missions, Noon, MBO
- 18 Mell Minister's Luncheon, Noon, MBO
- 20 Mell Administrative Team, Noon, MBO
- 27 Thanksgiving Day, Mell Office Closed
- 30-12/7 Week of prayer for International Missions

### December

- 1-7 Week of prayer for International Missions
- 2 Mell Encouraging/Strengthening Team, Noon, MBO
- 4 Mell Evangelism/Missions, Noon, MBO
- Mell Pastor/Wife Christmas Banquet, 6:30 PM, TBA
- 8 Mell Pastor's Prayer, 8:00 AM, MBO
- 19 Santa's Helpers/Toys for Tots Ministry
- 18 Mell Administrative Team, Noon, MBO
- 22-1/4 Christmas Holiday (Mell Office Closed)



## Annual Meeting

**Sunday, October 19, 2025**

**Brookfield Baptist Church**

**2454 Hwy 82 E, Brookfield 31727**

|                |                            |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| <b>4:30 pm</b> | <b>Registration Begins</b> |
| <b>5:00 pm</b> | <b>Business Session</b>    |
| <b>6:00 pm</b> | <b>Worship</b>             |

**Rev. Bruce Gordon, Pastor, Antioch Baptist Church, Sylvester, will be preaching at the Worship Session. (Bruce is a bi-vocational pastor!)**

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 Brookfield Baptist Church.

**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 2025

# AM Thoughts

Well, GLORY!!!! Praise the Lord! Anyway you look at it, the Mell Tent Revival was a success! It has come and gone. We have been planning this event since December of last year. Ashley Roig, Chairman of the Evangelism/Missions Team and pastor of Salem BC, shared his desire to see a tent revival in Tifton. The Team wholeheartedly endorsed the concept and began planning. The Evangelism/Missions Team asked the Encouraging/Strengthening Team to meet with them since prayer and training would be necessary for a successful event. The two teams began meeting in January of this year and met monthly until the present. The date of September 19-21, 2025 was chosen. Thanks to Glenn Ford, Van Lindsey, and Ashley Roig (chairman Evan/Mis) and Brad Baker and Jason Loggins (chairman of Encr/Strng) for their hard work planning this event. I am a member of both teams.

The Teams selected Stacy Phillips (pastor of Northside BC), John Smith (pastor of FBC Ty Ty), and Tim Williams (evangelist) to preach Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights respectively. Steve Davis (pastor of Brookfield BC) was asked to lead the music. We began to work on the different groups of volunteers that we would need—Counselors, Greeters, Parking, Security, and Ushers. The date of August 16 was selected to do training for evangelism and counseling. The Encr/Strng Team had already decided to have an evangelism training in 2025, and Steve Foster (GBMB Evangelism) was asked to lead this training. There were 47 present from 12 churches at Calvary BC and 31 committed to counsel. It was also decided to have a combined choir practice on September 9 at Brookfield BC with 62 from 14 churches present. The volunteer training was held at Eastside BC with 43 present from about 12 churches.

The total amount of contributions for the Tent Revival was \$44,525 from 16 churches (Alapaha, Brookfield, Brushy Creek, Calvary, Eastside, Enigma, FBC Chula, FBC Tifton, FBC Ty Ty, Lakeview, Lenox, Mt. Zion, Northside, Salem, The Road, Zion Hope) and 11 businesses or organizations (Central Jewelry, Curtis Packing Company, Georgia Baptist Mission Board, Howard Center, Intrepid Building Systems, Southeastern Carts, Structure by Chris Brooks, Tifton Peanut Company, Veazey White CPAs & Business Advisors). Again, praise the Lord! Expenses that we know of so far are \$43,993.82 which includes one expense for which we have not received an invoice. The total amount of the Love Offering for the three nights was \$7,439.60. This will be divided and love offerings given to the three preachers, the music leader, musicians, and one other who helped us from the fairgrounds. To God be the glory for the generosity of God's people!

The attendance at the Tent Revival increased each night from almost 700 on Friday night to almost 900 on Sunday night. The choir the first night had 81 and kept almost that number throughout the other nights. Steve Davis did an excellent job leading the music. The music was uplifting and led us to worship. The three testimonies were powerful and the prayer team was faithful to pray each night. The preaching was excellent! Stacy, John, and Tim presented the Gospel plainly and with power and the anointing of God's Holy Spirit. There were a number of people at the altar each of the nights, especially Sunday night. Our counselors counselled three Friday night with one profession of faith, Saturday night there were eleven counseled with four professions of faith, and Sunday night fifteen were counseled with eight professions of faith. A total of 13 professions of faith for the three nights! Praise the Lord and to God be the glory!

Tom



**203rd Georgia Baptist Convention  
Annual Meeting at First Baptist Atlanta**  
Join us for the 2025 GBC Annual Meeting November 9-11, hosted by First Baptist Church Atlanta.

Join us for dynamic worship and inspiring sermons which will delve into the theme of "Everyone, Everywhere."

Included this year is the fall Evangelism Conference, with keynotes, lunch and learns, and relevant breakouts to motivate and equip your church to reach your community more effectively with the gospel!

Enjoy relevant gatherings and valuable networking opportunities as we celebrate together all God is doing in our state and around the world through Georgia Baptists.



# CELEBRATIONS!

## October

### Birthdays

|    |                    |            |
|----|--------------------|------------|
| 3  | Mrs. Allyson Cook  | FBC Tifton |
| 10 | Mrs. Bambi Loggins | FBC Chula  |
| 15 | Mrs. Brandi Smith  | FBC Ty Ty  |
| 23 | Rev. Mike Patillo  | Oak Grove  |
| 28 | Rev. John Falotico | Enigma     |
| 31 | Mr. Michael Staub  | FBC Tifton |

### Church Anniversaries for Pastors/Staff

|    |                            |            |
|----|----------------------------|------------|
| 2  | Rev. TJ Mauldin (2013)     | FBC Tifton |
| 5  | Rev. Matt Howell (2018)    | FBC Tifton |
| 10 | Rev. Stacy Phillips (2021) | Northside  |
| 23 | Rev. Barry Cook (2017)     | FBC Tifton |

### Wedding Anniversaries

|    |                           |              |
|----|---------------------------|--------------|
| 14 | Rev. & Mrs. Jimmy Parker  | Brushy Creek |
| 26 | Rev. & Mrs. Jim Constable | Victory      |

## November

### Birthdays

|    |                 |               |
|----|-----------------|---------------|
| 12 | Rev. Kiet Le    | FBC Tifton    |
| 23 | Rev. Sam Harden | Brighton Road |

### Church Anniversaries for Pastors/Staff

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

### Wedding Anniversaries

|   |                          |  |
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| 6 | Rev. & Mrs. Steve Tucker |  |
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## December

### Birthdays

|    |                   |                |
|----|-------------------|----------------|
| 10 | Rev. Keith Norris | Eastside       |
| 11 | Mr. Barry Cook    | FBC Tifton     |
| 13 | Rev. Rodney Peavy | LakeView       |
| 14 | Mrs. Amy Marchant | New River      |
| 15 | Rev. Matt Strevel | The Road       |
| 21 | Rev. Steve Tucker | Liberty        |
| 23 | Mrs. Nerily Lopez | Vida Abundante |
| 30 | Mrs. Sarah Howell | FBC Tifton     |

### Church Anniversaries for Pastors/Staff

|    |                             |           |
|----|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 1  | Rev. Alan Gotthardt (2024)  | Journey   |
| 15 | Rev. Danny Culpepper (2021) | Eldorado  |
| 19 | Rev. Brandon Martin (2021)  | Northside |

### Wedding Anniversaries

|    |                             |           |
|----|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 11 | Rev. & Mrs. Danny Culpepper | Eldorado  |
| 14 | Rev. & Mrs. Brandon Martin  | Northside |

## USEFUL LINKS:

Southern Baptist Convention  
[www.sbc.net](http://www.sbc.net)

North American Mission Board  
[www.namb.net](http://www.namb.net)

International Mission Board  
[www.imb.org](http://www.imb.org)

Georgia Baptist Mission Board  
[www.gabaptist.org](http://www.gabaptist.org)

Mell Baptist Association  
[www.mellbapt.com](http://www.mellbapt.com)

Christian Index  
[www.christianindex.org](http://www.christianindex.org)

## 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).

*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:  
Mell Baptist Association  
P.O. Box 1547 Tifton, GA 31793  
[mellbapt@friendlycity.net](mailto:mellbapt@friendlycity.net) or call (229)386-0865

## FOOD PANTRY 2025

|          |           |           |            |
|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| January  | 36 Served | July      | 50 Served  |
| February | 34 Served | August    | 39 Served  |
| March    | 35 Served | September | FBC Ty Ty  |
| April    | 48 Served | October   | Brookfield |
| May      | 38 Served | November  | Northside  |
| June     | 30 Served | December  | Mt. Zion   |

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



## Operation Christmas Child 2025

Collection Week: November 17-24

Order free materials at [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org)

Help collect shoeboxes from our area so that children and their families can experience God's love and salvation in Christ!

Central Drop Off Location: Eastside Baptist  
For more information or if you would like to volunteer, call Richard Gaines at 229-326-9213.





## Baptist Collegiate Ministry

### *BCM Mission*

We're advancing the gospel on every campus in Georgia by making disciples of students who become life-long disciple makers.

College and university campuses are the most accessible mission field in our backyard! The men and women who will be leading our state and our nation in 10-20 years are in college classrooms today. Together we can share the gospel with the future leaders of business, technology, education, agriculture, government, and beyond.

Through partnership with our local churches, pastors, associational missionaries, campus faculty, and students, we build our Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) team. These teams are trained and mobilized to reach college students for Christ.

### *Pray for BCMs Statewide*

Our full-time, part time, and volunteer leaders of Baptist Collegiate Ministry are dependent on the prayers of our churches as they share the gospel, disciple, and mobilize students throughout the state. Join us in praying for the 500,000 students on the 87 college and university campuses in Georgia and the Baptist Collegiate Ministry leaders who are ministering to them today.

*Because He Lives.  
Ree Reinhardt*

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### ABAC BCM Meal Schedule

|     |    |                     |     |   |     |
|-----|----|---------------------|-----|---|-----|
| Oct | 6  | Eastside            | Dec | 1 | BCM |
|     | 13 | Fall Break (no BCM) |     |   |     |
|     | 20 | Mt. Zion            |     |   |     |
|     | 27 | BCM                 |     |   |     |
| Nov | 3  | New River           |     |   |     |
|     | 10 | Bennett & Friends   |     |   |     |
|     | 17 | Inaha Baptist       |     |   |     |
|     | 24 | Friendsgiving/BCM   |     |   |     |

Contact us ASAP to provide food and/or serve meals to college students during the 2025/2026 school year!  
Fall semester resumes August 18, 2025

We are thankful for your faithful support!  
We could not do this without you!

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### Mell Monthly Financial

August 2025

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Funds Received:           | \$ 7,757.43  |
| Actual Budgeted Expenses: | \$ 8,403.45  |
| Budget Needs:             | \$ 10,134.57 |

## MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

Volume 9, Number 9

October 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 First Baptist Church Chula (Jason Loggins, Pastor), First Baptist Church Tifton (T. J. Mauldin, Pastor), and First Baptist Church Ty Ty (John Smith, Pastor).
3. Pray for the churches without pastors: 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 Kristie Horton, Administrative Assistant.
10. Pray for the Baptist Collegiate Ministry at ABAC and Ree Reinhardt, BCM Director.
11. Pray for the Mell Annual Meeting October 19 at Brookfield BC and Bruce Gordon as he preaches.

### **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), Jason Jones (Pastor Wellness), Chandler Wright (Music and Worship), 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.

### **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, for the peace of Jerusalem, for the hostages and their families, and pray for the people of Gaza.
5. Pray for protection for our armed forces in Iraq, Syria, and around the globe.
6. Pray for the situation in Iran.
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 what He did in our lives and the lives of those who made decisions at the Mell Tent Revival.
2. Praise the Lord for the over 100 volunteers and choir members who made the Tent Revival a success. Thank you!

**139<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.  
October 19, 2025  
Brookfield Baptist Church  
2454 Hwy 82 East, Brookfield**

4:30 PM      Registration of Messengers and Visitors

**BUSINESS SESSION**

**Only those duly elected messengers from member churches with an official name badge  
may vote on business items.**

5:00 PM

|                                   |                |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Call to Order                     | Steve Davis    |
| Welcome and Prayer                | Steve Davis    |
| Organization of the 139th Session | Kristie Horton |
| Mell Financial Report             | Tom Hocutt     |
| 2026 Proposed MBA Budget          |                |
| Officers, Leaders, and Teams      |                |
| IMB Video                         |                |
| Adoption of Book of Reports       | Tom Hocutt     |

**WORSHIP**

6:00 PM

|                                     |                |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Praise and Worship                  | Becky Davis    |
| Welcome and Prayer                  | Steve Davis    |
| Rogersville Mission Trip Testimony  |                |
| Praise and Worship                  | Becky Davis    |
| Mexico Mission Trip Testimony       |                |
| Prayer for Our Churches and Pastors | Tom Hocutt     |
| Introduction of Speaker             | Tom Hocutt     |
| Offering                            | Tom Hocutt     |
| Testimony in Song                   | Combined Choir |
| Message                             | Bruce Gordon   |
| Invitation and Response             |                |
| Adjournment and Closing Prayer      | Matt Strevel   |

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!**