

Mell

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Planning Ahead

November

- 2 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 3 Mell Pastor's Prayer, 8:00 AM, MBO
- 4 Mell Encouraging/Strengthening Team, Noon, MBO
- 4 Election Day
- 10-11 GBMB Annual Meeting, FBC Atlanta
- 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
- 4 Mell Pastor/Wife Christmas Banquet, 6:30 PM, TBA
- 8 Mell Pastor's Prayer, 8:00 AM, MBO
- 18 Mell Administrative Team, Noon, MBO
- 19 Santa's Helpers/Toys for Tots Ministry
- 22-1/4 Christmas Holiday (Mell Office Closed)

January

- 4 Sanctity of Life Sunday
- 5 Mell Office Reopens
- 6 Mell Encouraging/Strengthening Team, Noon, MBO
- 12 Mell Pastor's Prayer, 8:00 AM, MBO
- 15 Mell Evangelism/Missions, Noon, MBO
- 19 ML King, Jr Day (Mell Office Closed)
- 20 Mell Minister's Luncheon, Noon, MBO
- 22 Mell Administrative Team, Noon, MBO

Celebrating God's work in 2024

As reported by IMB missionaries and partners



144,969
new Christ followers

68,628
baptisms around
the world

1,609,869
people who heard
the gospel



932,259
views of digital gospel
content in multiple
languages

282,692
individuals disciplined globally

84,430
national believers trained in
leadership and evangelism



41,623
national believers trained to send
missionaries cross-culturally

542,986
people served by human
needs projects

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INTERNATIONAL
MISSION BOARD

Week of Prayer for International Missions November 30-December 7, 2025

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal: \$220 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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Established 1887

November-December 2025

AM Thoughts

I continue to hear about results from our Mell Tent Revival. I have heard of two churches that have baptized someone who made a profession of faith at the Tent Revival. I heard from a pastor that a young man felt called to preach at the Tent Revival and let the pastor know. I heard from another pastor that a couple of people in his church had a positive change in attitude about serving through the church. I continue also to hear folks in churches I visit, and in the community, say what a blessing the Tent Revival was to them.

We had a Tent Revival Volunteer Banquet to express our appreciation to the volunteers who served so well during the Tent Revival. There were about 40 who attended! We were so blessed by volunteers from at least 19 of our churches who served. Praise the Lord! Thank you volunteers!

God was present at our 139th Annual Meeting of the Mell Baptist Association. We met at Brookfield Baptist Church. The pastor, the staff, and church volunteers served us well. Steve Davis, pastor of Brookfield Baptist Church and outgoing Moderator, led us well at this Annual Meeting. He has served well as Moderator for two years plus. Thanks Steve! The church was almost full! There were 65 messengers who registered from seventeen of our churches and 61 guests who registered from 12 of our churches. There were seventeen pastors present. In the Business Session we heard a report of the way God has blessed the association financially. We approved a new slate of officers and team members. Matt Strevel, pastor of The Road Church, will serve as Moderator, and Keith Norris, pastor of Eastside Baptist Church, will serve as Vice Moderator. We approved a budget for 2026 of \$124,351. That means we need to receive \$10,362.58 in contributions per month. So far this year we have averaged \$10,118.55 per month. This will mean our churches need to give more per month next year for us to be able to meet budget. We know that God will provide.

The Worship Time was wonderful! Becky Davis, Music Director at Brookfield, did a great job planning the music and leading. We heard great testimonies from the Rogersville and Mexico Mission Trips. They both challenged the people present to consider going next year. Rev. Bruce Gordon, pastor of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Sylvester, brought a challenging message based on 2 Timothy 4:1-8 about "Finishing Well." He used passages from Acts about Paul as an example of one who finishes well.

Thanks to all who attended. It is great to be together as one body! We are better together!

We will again have our ministry in connection with Santa's Helpers/Toys for Tots Toy Distribution at the American Legion Fairgrounds on Friday, December 19. We will distribute food boxes (and, hopefully, a meat), give out Gospel tracts, and pray for the people in each car (normally about 260). We will need volunteers to help us. Another opportunity to share the Gospel locally!

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!

November

Birthdays

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

Church Anniversaries for Pastors/Staff

8	Rev. Jimmy Parker (2006)	Brushy Creek
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Wedding Anniversaries

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

January

Birthdays

3	Rev. John Smith	FBC Ty Ty
11	Rev. Clark Harden	Brighten Rd
18	Rev. Steve Davis	Brookfield
19	Mrs. Jean Mallard	Pine Grove
20	Mrs. Zalana Roig	Salem

Church Anniversaries for Pastors/Staff

1	Rev. Keith Norris (2017)	Eastside
8	Rev. Steve Davis (2018)	Brookfield
20	Rev. Aaron Frasier (2019)	Mt. Zion

Wedding Anniversaries

20	Rev. & Mrs. Gerald Mallard	Pine Grove
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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@vbc-tifton.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:
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USEFUL LINKS:

Southern Baptist Convention
www.sbc.net

Georgia Baptist Mission Board
www.gabaptist.org

North American Mission Board
www.namb.net

Mell Baptist Association
www.mellbapt.com

International Mission Board
www.imb.org

Christian Index
www.christianindex.org

FOOD PANTRY 2025

January	36 Served	July	50 Served
February	34 Served	August	39 Served
March	35 Served	September	53 Served
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

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

ABAC BCM had our first evangelistic outreach event to the ABAC campus on Wednesday, October 22. A group of our BCM students were able to conduct spiritual surveys with ABAC students on campus, introducing the topic of Jesus and salvation and offering to pray with students. Our evangelism/outreach team leader Jacob Wingard trained and led our BCM students to share their faith weekly on Thursday nights leading up to the survey event. There will be more opportunities for us to reach out to the ABAC campus! Please pray our students will “be prepared in season and out of season” (2 Tim 4:2) to share about their faith in Jesus.

Coming up in the BCM calendar is our annual Christmas mission trip. Our BCM students stay in Tifton for a few days following the end of finals and serve primarily with Toys for Tots. Our mission trip is also spent helping with various Christmas needs at the foster care ministry Called to Care, Inc., and helping with other needs that arise that week. This is one of our favorite BCM events of the year, and we are all looking forward to an opportunity to celebrate Christmas in service and missions.

We are grateful for our Mell Baptist churches. Thank you for helping us to reach the campus of ABAC: faculty, staff and students!

*Because He Lives.
Ree Reinhardt*

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ABAC BCM Meal Schedule

Nov	3	New River	Dec	1	BCM
	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:	\$	9,423.62
Actual Budgeted Expenses:	\$	14,734.58
Budget Needs:	\$	10,134.57

MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE
Volume 9, Number 10 November-December 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 Iglesia Vida Abundante (Jose Lopez, Pastor), Journey Church (Alan Gotthardt, Pastor), and Lakeview Baptist Church (Rodney Peavy, 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.

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 the Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting November 9-11 at FBC Atlanta.
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.

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 especially in China, Nigeria, and Syria.
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 a great Annual Meeting on October 19 with 65 messengers from 17 churches and 61 guests! Great time of business, worship in song, preaching of the Word, and fellowship!

MELL MISSION TRIP TO ROGERSVILLE, TENNESSEE

April 11-17, 2026 (Sat-Fri)

Approximate Cost: \$200 per person

Purpose: to work with Of One Accord Ministries ministering to the poor of Appalachia through these possible ministries: a medical clinic, mini-VBS, clothes closet ministry, food distribution ministry, home repair, and/or a block party.

Deadline for Deposit of \$100: February 12, 2026, Remainder due: March 19, 2026

Mell Mission Trip to Ichmul, Mexico

June 27-July 4, 2026 (Sat-Sat)

Approximate Cost: \$1,900 per person (includes flight cost, transportation, lodging, and meals) This price is subject to change depending on airline tickets.

Deposit of \$800 due February 26, 2026.

Remainder due April 23, 2026.

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, please call 229-733-8911 or email thocutt@gmail.com