

Mell

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



Planning Ahead

February

- 4 Mell Encouraging/Strengthening Team, Noon, MBO
- 8 Racial Reconciliation Sunday
- 9 Mell Pastor's Prayer, 8:00 AM, MBO
- 16 President's Day
- 17 Mell Minister's Luncheon, Noon, MBO
- 19 Mell Evangelism/Missions, Noon, MBO
- 23-24 GBMB Evangelism Conference, Central, Warner Robins
- 26 Mell Executive Committee, 7:00 PM, MBO

March

- 1-8 Week of prayer for North American Missions
- 3 Mell Encouraging/Strengthening Team, Noon, MBO
- 5 Mell Missions Fair/Banquet
- 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 9 Mell Pastor's Prayer, 8:00 AM, MBO
- 17 Mell Minister's Meeting, Noon, MBO
- 19 Mell Evangelism/Missions, Noon, MBO
- 26 Mell Administrative Team, Noon, MBO

April

- 5 Easter
- 7 Mell Encouraging/Strengthening Team, Noon, MBO
- 11-17 Mell Mission Trip - Rogersville, TN
- 13 Mell Pastor's Prayer, 8:00 AM, MBO
- 14 Mell Minister's Luncheon, Noon, MBO
- 16 Mell Evangelism/Missions, Noon, MBO
- 22 Administrative Professionals Day
- 23 Mell Administrative Team, Noon, MBO

Missions Fair/Banquet

Thursday, March 5, 2026

6-8 pm Reservations Required thocutt@gmail.com or call 229-386-0865 by February 26

Victory Baptist Church

3917 US Hwy 319 South

Booths with information about mission ministries through the Mell Baptist Association and other local mission opportunities. You will be able to talk with a representative from each of the ministries.

Special Speaker: Major Daniel Garnett, North American Mission Board appointed Chaplain, U. S. Army



This is for everyone interested in missions—young and old and in between! Come find out what mission opportunities are available to you and hear a challenge from the Chaplain.

Acts 1:8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."



Mell Ministries

Food Distribution at Toys for Tots
J.A.K.E.S. Day
Kiwanians Fish Day
Mell Food Pantry
Mexico Missions Trip
Ramp Builders
Rogersville Mission Trip

Other Local Mission Opportunities

Baptist Campus Ministry
Bro. Charlie's Rescue Mission
Called to Care
Camp Chula
Celebrate Recovery
Hope Dealers
LIFEhouse Ministries
Oasis Recovery Community Org
Tents to Tables
The Bridge of Tiftarea
Tift Area Homeless Coalition

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

February 2026

AM Thoughts

We praise the Lord for the ministry that the Mell Baptist Association had at the Santa's Helpers/Toys for Tots Toy Distribution on December 19 at the American Legion Fairgrounds. This is a drive-thru event. The Mell Association purchased 330 boxes of food and frozen ham logs from Second Harvest. We were able to give away 312 boxes of food and hams. As those in their cars come to our location at the fairgrounds, we place a box of food and ham in each car, give the people in the car a Christmas Gospel Tract, and have prayer with those in the car. We had eighteen volunteers from eight of our Mell churches (Brookfield, Calvary, Eastside, Enigma, First Baptist Tifton, First Baptist Ty Ty, Pine Grove, and Salem) and one non Mell church. Your church's contributions to the Mell Baptist Association make it possible for us to purchase food for this ministry. Thank you to all the volunteers and the generosity of our churches.

The Mell Ramp Builders built a 14-foot ramp for a lady that uses a walker and wheelchair on January 10. There were eleven men who showed up from two of our churches (Brookfield and Salem). We were finished in two hours! PTL! Again your church's contributions make it possible for us to purchase the material for the ramps. Thank you! The Ramp Builders hope to build one ramp per month in 2026.

Great news! As you know Mell Baptist Association is all about evangelism and missions (see above). The Encouraging/Strengthening decided that their emphasis for 2026 would be missions. To that end it was decided to plan a missions fair/banquet to highlight missions, especially local missions. See the front of the newsletter for information about the Mell Missions Fair/Banquet. It will be Thursday, March 5 (during the Week of Prayer for North American Missions), from 6-8 pm at Victory Baptist Church. A meal will be provided, but reservations are required. We will have displays and representatives from the Mell ministries as well as many of the local ministries that need volunteers. We will have a special guest to speak for us: Major Daniel Garnett, Chaplain, U. S. Army, who is an appointed chaplain of the North American Mission Board. We want all of our church people to attend and see the many opportunities we have locally to be on mission with God. Make your plans now to attend.

I am grateful to be your Associational Missionary. On April one I will have been serving you as Interim or full-time Associational Missionary for ten years (one year as interim and 9 as full-time). Thank you for the privilege you have given me to serve the Lord through the association and to serve you. For anything good that has happened give God the glory!

Tom

Georgia Baptist Mission Board

For more information on events visit:
<https://gbcevangalismconferences.com/>



THOMASVILLE

Sunday, Mar 1, 2026 5:00 PM -

Monday, Mar 2, 2026 1:30 PM

First Baptist Church of Thomasville

210 N Broad St

Thomasville, GA 31792

CELEBRATIONS!

February

Birthdays

5	Mrs. Allision Tucker	Liberty
6	Mrs. Kristie Horton	Mell
7	Rev. Jason Loggins	FBC Chula
7	Mrs. Ashley Gotthardt	Journey
14	Mrs. Suzanne Meyers	FBC Tifton
17	Mrs. Beverly Peavy	Lakeview
22	Rev. Stacy Phillips	Northside

Wedding Anniversaries

17	Rev. & Mrs. Ashley Roig	Salem
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March

Birthdays

3	Mrs. Adrienne Fraiser	Mt. Zion
8	Mr. Brandon Martin	Northside
13	Rev. Aaron Fraiser	Mt. Zion
16	Rev. Kenny Miller	FBC Tifton
23	Mrs. Marcia Staub	FBC Tifton
30	Rev. Alan Gotthardt	Journey

Church Anniversaries for Pastors/Staff

2	Rev. Steve Tucker (2008)	Liberty
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Wedding Anniversaries

17	Rev. & Mrs. Bobby Pittman	New Bethel
19	Rev. & Mrs. TJ Mauldin	FBC Tifton

April

Birthdays

13	Mrs. Amy Jones	Crossview
19	Mrs. Taylor Mauldin	FBC Tifton
20	Rev. Gerald Mallard	Pine Grove
23	Rev. Ashley Roig	Salem

Church Anniversaries for Pastors/Staff

1	Rev. Tom Hocutt (2016)	Mell
9	Rev. John Smith III (2023)	FBC Ty Ty
10	Rev. Matt Strevel (2016)	The Road
16	Rev. Brad Baker (2023)	Zion Hope
27	Rev. Brian Jones (2025)	Crossview

Wedding Anniversaries

2	Rev. & Mrs. Matt Strevel	The Road
18	Rev. & Mrs. Michael Marchant	New River

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@vbtifton.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

469 people were served in 2025!

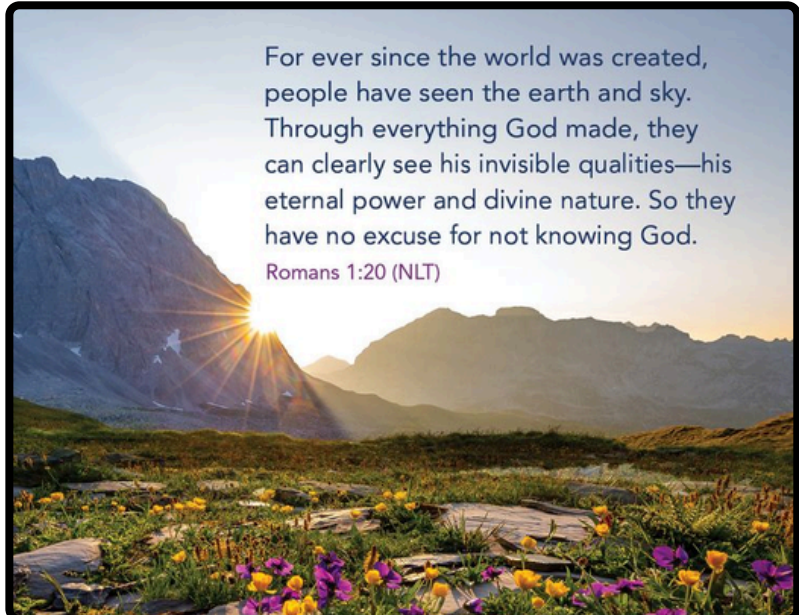
FOOD PANTRY 2026

January	Liberty	July	Eastside
February	FBC Tifton	August	FBC Chula
March	Victory/Calvary	September	FBC Ty Ty
April	Lakeview	October	Brookfield
May	Salem	November	Northside
June	New River	December	Mt. Zion

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

For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

Romans 1:20 (NLT)





BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

Happy 2026, Mell Baptist Association! I pray your holidays was restful and focused on Christ. Our ABAC students returned for the spring 2026 semester on Tuesday, January 13 and are already deep into their classes and extracurriculars.

Our Christmas Mission Trip that took place just following finals at ABAC was our largest attended on record! We had 37 students stay in Tifton for a few days before their Christmas holiday to serve at Toys for Tots, help with some ministry needs in surrounding counties at Called to Care, Inc., and minister to some local individuals and families who needed help in their yards at their homes. Our mission team also went caroling two nights with Inaha Baptist Church in and around Turner County.

We have more mission opportunities coming up this spring with our Spring Break Mission Trip in March and One Day Fun Day, a foster care ministry event in April. And our students are good at finding other 1-day service opportunities too, so we will be adding to that list as the weather warms up for outdoor events.

The ABAC BCM continues to meet Monday nights and Thursday nights. Mondays we meet at 6pm with a meal followed by worship and a message. Thursday nights we meet at 6:30p with guy/girl Bible Study (guys meet in the back of the building and girls meet in the front of the building). We have some meal needs on Monday nights. If you are able to help us feed this college kids on one of the Monday nights listed below as "BCM" please send me a text or give me a call. The number of people fluctuates each week, but we plan for anywhere between 80 to 120 college students weekly. (However, that number is significantly lower late in the spring semester, as things wind down for the summer.)

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

Feb	2	Northside	16	BCM
	9	Calvary	23	Spring Break
	16	Brookfield	30	Eastside
	23	FBC Tifton		
Mar	2	BCM	Apr 6	Zion Hope
	9	FBC Ty Ty	13	BCM
			20	BCM
			27	BCM

Contact us ASAP to provide food and/or serve meals to college students during the school year!

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

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Mell Monthly Financial December 2025

Funds Received:	\$ 7,216.77
Actual Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 8,457.68
Budget Needs:	\$ 10,134.73

MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

Volume 10, Number 2

February 2026

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 New Bethel Baptist Church (Bobby Pittman, Pastor), New River Baptist Church (Michael Marchant, Pastor), and Northside Baptist Church (Stacy Phillips, 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 Steven Wright (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 that God's will be done.
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 eleven men from two churches (Brookfield, Salem) who built a ramp on January 10.

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