

Mell BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Planning Ahead

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
- 8 Mell Pastor's Prayer, 8:00 AM, MBO
- 9 Mell Evangelism/Missions, Noon, MBO
- 11-17 Mell Mission Trip - Rogersville, TN
- 21 Mell Minister's Luncheon, Noon, MBO
- 22 Administrative Professionals Day
- 23 Mell Administrative Team, Noon, MBO

May

- 3 Senior Adult Sunday
- 5 Mell Encouraging/Strengthening Team, Noon, MBO
- 7 National Day of Prayer
- 10 Mother's Day
- 11 Mell Pastor's Prayer, 8:00 AM, MBO
- 19 Mell Minister's Luncheon, Noon, MBO
- 21 Mell Evangelism/Missions, Noon, MBO
- 25 Memorial Day (Mell Office Closed)
- 28 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

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Established 1887

March 2026

AM Thoughts

The Mell Ramp Builders built a 26-foot handicap ramp on February 14. There were eleven men who served from four of our churches (Brookfield, Calvary, Enigma, and Salem). Your church's contributions make it possible for us to purchase the material for these ramps. Thank you, thank you! The Ramp Builders hope to build one ramp per month in 2026.

The Mell Missions Fair/Banquet is Thursday, March 5, 2026, from 6-8 pm at Victory Baptist Church. This is during the Week of Prayer for North American Missions. 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. (See front of newsletter for who will be represented.) There will be 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.

Please don't forget to be praying March 1-8, 2026 during the Week of Prayer for North American Missions and give generously to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. NAMB church planters and missionaries are counting on you.

Please begin to pray for the Mell Mission Trip to Rogersville, Tennessee, April 11-17, 2026. We likely will have about 12 going on this trip from at least three of our churches.

Please also pray that the Lord directs those He wants to go on the Mell Mission Trip to Ichmul, Mexico, June 27-July 4, 2026.

As you all are aware there is a culture war happening in our country. It really is a spiritual battle between good and evil. We must do battle in prayer! Will you please commit to praying daily for revival in our country. We desperately need a move of God in our families and churches! Also pray for Godly people to run for elected offices. Pray for our elected officials locally, in Georgia, and on the national level.

Even though we were down in contributions to the Mell Budget in 2025, our churches provided almost \$40,000 for the Tent Revival. God has been so good to us! The Mell Association continues to minister in so many ways. We know that God will provide. Thank you and your church for your faithfulness in giving!

"Bless the LORD, O my soul: And all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Psalm 103:1-2

Tom

Georgia Baptist Mission Board

For more information on events visit:

<https://gabapt.org/events/>



\$15

IRON & FIRE

A MEN'S STEAK NIGHT

Sunday | March 15 | 6 PM

LIMITED SEATING

Come and join us for a night of fellowship and worship at First Baptist Brunswick. Men of all ages are welcome! The cost will be \$15 per person. Limited Seating.

The doors will open at 5:00PM, Dinner is served at 6:00PM

Please RSVP by visiting the web page to register or calling the church office at 912-265-4150. Please pay via your online registration.



REGISTRATION OPEN

Georgia Baptist Women

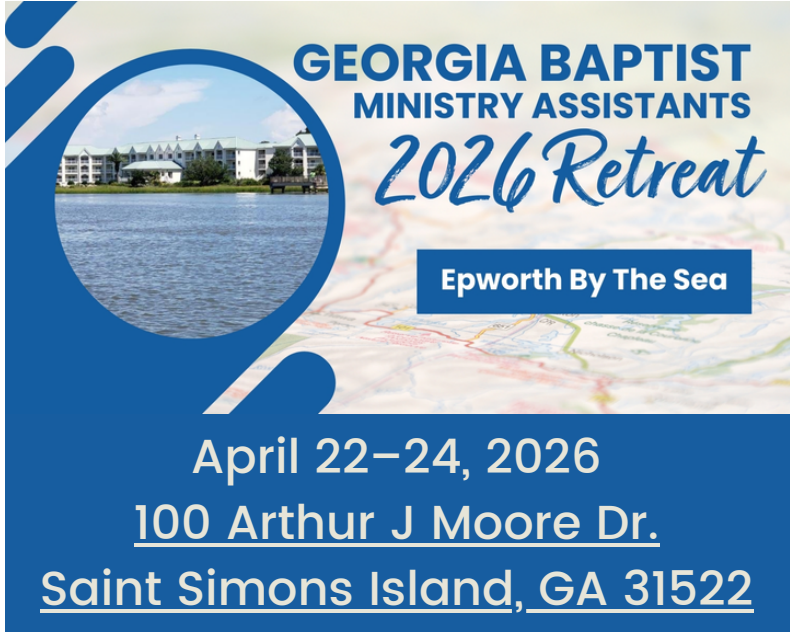
Spring Event

April 18

First Baptist Church | Jonesboro

Courtney Veasey
Brunch Ministries, Founder

Barbara Palacios
Miss Universe 1995, Author
International Speaker



GEORGIA BAPTIST

MINISTRY ASSISTANTS

2026 Retreat

Epworth By The Sea

April 22-24, 2026

100 Arthur J Moore Dr.

Saint Simons Island, GA 31522

CELEBRATIONS!

March

Birthdays

3	Mrs. Adrienne Fraiser	Mt. Zion
4	Rev. Terry Smith	Omega
8	Rev. Brandon Martin	Northside
13	Rev. Aaron Fraiser	Mt. Zion
16	Rev. Kenny Miller	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
23	Rev. Glenn Ford (1998)	Calvary
27	Rev. Brian Jones (2025)	Crossview

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
10	Rev. Brian Jones	CrossView
13	Mrs. Martha Hocutt	Mell Baptist
17	Rev. Daniel Hardy	Northside
23	Rev. Jim Constable	Victory
31	Mrs. Donna King	Alapaha

Church Anniversaries

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

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.

First Baptist Chula is seeking a currently looking for a part-time youth minister. Resumes may be mailed to 30 Academy Dr. Chula, GA 31733 or emailed to Pastor Jason Loggins at jason@fbcchula.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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or call (229)386-0865

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 2026

January	36 Served	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.

Annie
Armstrong
Easter
Offering

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

March 1-8, 2026



BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

Thank you for praying for our Winter Retreat that took place Feb 20-22 at Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons Island, Georgia. The ABAC BCM as well as five other BCMs and college ministries met together for the weekend. We took 49 students to our winter retreat. We had one salvation on this trip, and he was a student who signed up to attend at the very last minute - the night before the retreat! We also had a group of students spend some of their free time Saturday going out in groups to evangelize at one of the big box stores in Brunswick.

Our Spring Break Mission Trip will be Mar 20-24. Our BCM students love to do hands-on mission service, and we are ready to do our annual spring break mission trip this year.

Also happening this spring is our spring evangelistic outreach event planned in March, the Wildgame Dinner, Monday, March 8. Our students will be making dinner with game meat they provided during hunting season. Inaha Baptist Church in Sycamore is helping us to fill in with some food items as well. We do have a need side dishes that night, so if you are available to drop off a side dish or a dessert, we will put it to use that night. This is our spring evangelistic outreach event to the campus, so we are putting a lot of time and effort into planning.

Thank you for your continued support of the ABAC BCM. Truly, this work cannot be done without YOU the local churches and YOU the individual reading this newsletter.

*Because He Lives.
Ree Reinhardt*

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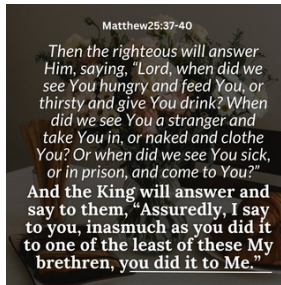
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ABAC BCM Meal Schedule

<u>March</u>		<u>April</u>	
2	FBC Tifton	6	Zion Hope
9	BCM- Wild Game Dinner	13	New River
16	Ty Ty Baptist	20	Isabella Baptist
23	Spring Break	27	Inaha Baptist
30	Eastside		

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

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



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Mell Monthly Financial

January 2026

Funds Received:	\$ 20,878.74
Actual Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 13,307.42
Budget Needs:	\$ 10,362.57

MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

Volume 10, Number 3

March 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 Oak Grove Baptist Church (Mike Patillo, Pastor), Omega Baptist Church (Terry Smith, Pastor), and Pine Grove Baptist Church (Gerald Mallary, 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 four churches (Brookfield, Calvary, Enigma, Salem) who built a ramp on February 14.

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