

Mell

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Planning Ahead

April

- 5 Easter
- 6 Mell Pastor's Prayer, 8:00 AM, MBO
- 7 Mell Encouraging/Strengthening Team, Noon, 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
- 22 Mell Evangelism/Missions, Noon, MBO
- 25 Memorial Day (Mell Office Closed)
- 21 Mell Administrative Team, Noon, MBO

June

- 2 Mell Encouraging/Strengthening Team, Noon, MBO
- 8 Mell Pastor's Prayer, 8:00 AM, MBO
- 7-10 SBC Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL
- 13 Kiwanis Fish Derby for Kids
- 18 Mell Evangelism/Missions, Noon, MBO
- 21 Father's Day
- 25 Mell Executive Committee, 7 PM, MBO
- 27-7/4 Mell Mexico Mission Trip



Reaching the World



Church Members

Church members give back to God a percentage of their income. This is traditionally called a tithe and represents 10 percent of what God has provided.



Local Churches

Churches receive tithes and offerings from church members and commit a percentage of undesignated receipts for missions and ministries beyond the church walls.



State Missions and Ministries

Messengers from local congregations vote to retain a specific percentage for state missions and ministries and forward the balance to the SBC. State missions and ministries can include evangelism, church planting, children's homes, Christian higher education, compassion ministries, disaster relief, church health, age group ministries, and missions education.



Southern Baptist Missions and Ministries

The SBC compiles the gifts forwarded from state conventions for missions and ministries across the United States and around the world. Southern Baptist missions and ministries include North American and international missions, theological education, ethics and religious liberty, and general operating expenses.

The Financial Fuel for Reaching Every Person in Every Town, Every City, Every State, and Every Nation.



The Cooperative Program is Southern Baptist churches working together to reach "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the World." It represents a unified plan of giving through which cooperating Southern Baptist churches give a percentage of their undesignated receipts in support of their respective state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention missions and ministries.

Every year churches prayerfully decide how much of their undesignated gifts will be committed to reaching people in Georgia and around the world through The Cooperative Program. This amount is then forwarded to your Georgia Baptist Mission Board.

The Georgia Baptist Mission Board maintains 60% of the CP giving from Georgia Baptist churches to focus on ministry and missions in the state. The other 40% is passed on to the SBC Executive Committee for distribution to Southern Baptist entities and seminaries to further Kingdom work in the United States and around the world.

The Mell Baptist Association was established in 1887 and exists to encourage churches, strengthen churches, and partner with churches to reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

AM Thoughts

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! Any way you examine it, the Mell Missions Fair/Banquet was a success! I want to thank Victory Baptist Church, its pastor, staff, and volunteers for a job well done in hosting this event. The facility, the greeters, the kitchen volunteers, and the food were all fantastic. Thank you, thank you Victory! My best estimate is that we had about 120 who attended from eleven of our churches with 9 pastors being present. Thank you to our own Mell volunteers who manned tables for Santa's Helpers, Toys for Tots Toy Distribution Food and Prayer ministry, Mell Food Pantry, J.A.K.E.S. Day ministry, Kiwanins Kids Fish Derby ministry, Mexico Mission Trip, Ramp Builders, and Rogersville Mission Trip.

Thanks also to the community ministries who had representatives: Baptist Campus Ministry, Bro. Charlie's Rescue Center, Called to Care, Camp Chula, Celebrate Recovery, LIFEhouse Parenting Center & Clinic, Oasis Recovery Community, The Bridge of Tiftarea (House of Hope), Tift Area Homeless Coalition. And a special thanks to Major Daniel Garnett for an inspiring, challenging message about being on mission with God. To God be the glory!

Our Mell Ramp Builders were the hands and feet of Jesus again on March 21 as they built an almost 40 foot ramp for a needy person. Thanks to the eleven men and women mostly from Brookfield Baptist Church for a job well done. This is the fourth ramp this year that has been built and we have a waiting list. These men and women who are a part of Ramp Builders volunteer their skills and their time to minister in the name of Jesus. We do not charge the homeowner anything. Your church's contributions make it possible for us to purchase the materials for these projects. Thank you!

Please pray for the Rogersville Mission Team going to Rogersville, Tennessee, April 11-17, 2026. Please see the back of the Prayer Update for a Prayer Guide for this team. Thank you in advance for your praying.

Please make your plans now to attend the Tifton National Day of Prayer Service, on Thursday, May 7, at 7 pm at the Veteran's Park Amphitheater (downtown Tifton).

Tom

Georgia Baptist Mission Board

For more information on events visit:

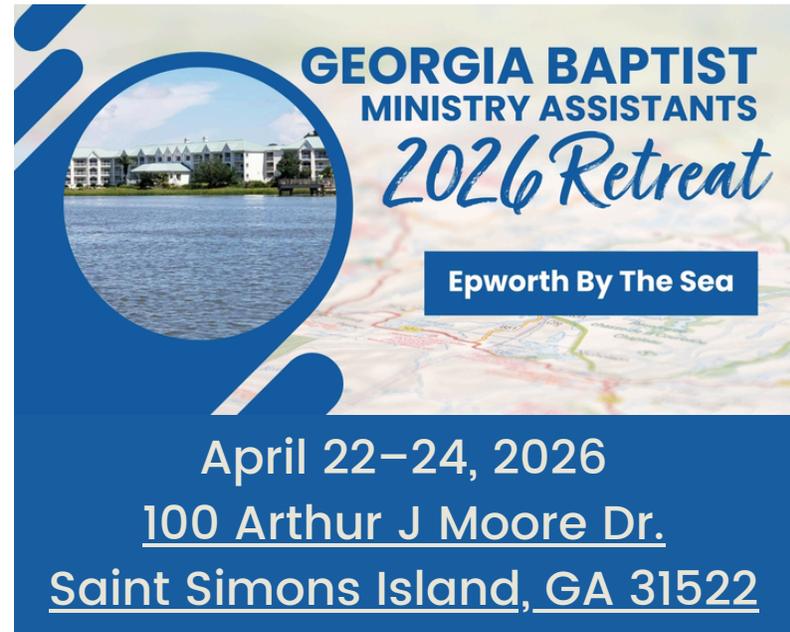
<https://gabapt.org/events/>



WORLD CUP 2026 IS COMING TO GEORGIA

The world's largest sporting event comes to North America—and Atlanta is a host city.

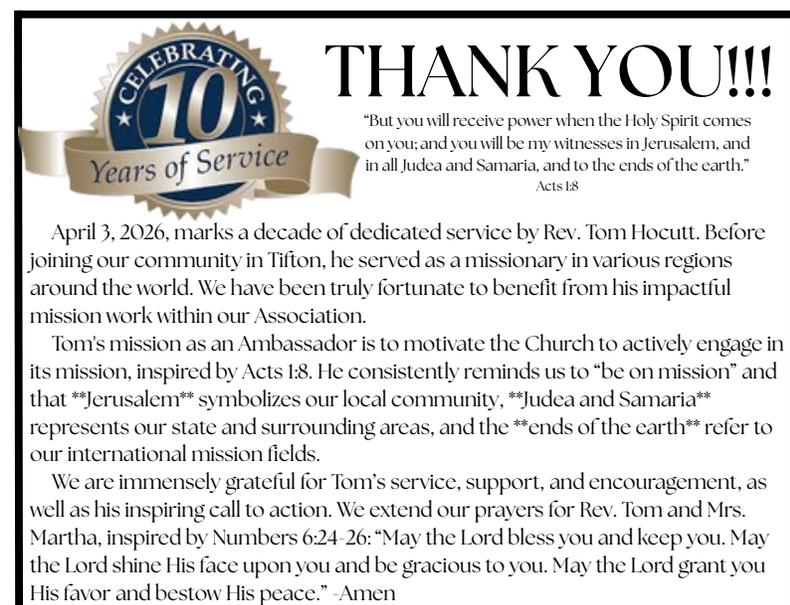
That means:
Nations and cultures gathering in our communities.
Natural opportunities for connection and conversation.
Open doors the church may not see again in our lifetime
God is bringing the nations to us.



GEORGIA BAPTIST MINISTRY ASSISTANTS
2026 Retreat

Epworth By The Sea

April 22–24, 2026
100 Arthur J Moore Dr.
Saint Simons Island, GA 31522



THANK YOU!!!

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
Acts 1:8

April 3, 2026, marks a decade of dedicated service by Rev. Tom Hocutt. Before joining our community in Tifton, he served as a missionary in various regions around the world. We have been truly fortunate to benefit from his impactful mission work within our Association.

Tom's mission as an Ambassador is to motivate the Church to actively engage in its mission, inspired by Acts 1:8. He consistently reminds us to "be on mission" and that ****Jerusalem**** symbolizes our local community, ****Judea and Samaria**** represents our state and surrounding areas, and the ****ends of the earth**** refer to our international mission fields.

We are immensely grateful for Tom's service, support, and encouragement, as well as his inspiring call to action. We extend our prayers for Rev. Tom and Mrs. Martha, inspired by Numbers 6:24-26: "May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord shine His face upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord grant you His favor and bestow His peace." -Amen

CELEBRATIONS!

April

Birthdays

13	Mrs. Amy Jones	Crossview
19	Mrs. Taylor Mauldin	FBC Tifton
23	Rev. Ashley Roig	Salem

Church Anniversaries for Pastors/Staff

3	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

Wedding Anniversaries

14	Rev. & Mrs. Kenny Miller	FBC Tifton
23	Rev. & Mrs. Jose Lopez	Vida Abundante
27	Rev. & Mrs. Keith Norris	Northside
27	Rev. & Mrs. Aaron Fraiser	Mt. Zion
30	Rev. & Mrs. Barry Cook	FBC Tifton
30	Rev. & Mrs. Brad Baker	Zion Hope
30	Rev. & Mrs. Kiet Le	FBC Tifton
30	Rev. & Mrs. Tim Harris	Lenox

June

Birthdays

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

Church Anniversaries for Pastors/Staff

1	Rev. Mark Myers (2008)	FBC Tifton
1	Rev. Rodney Peavy (2025)	Lakeview
4	Rev. Jason Loggins (2023)	Chula
27	Rev. Danny Culpepper (2021)	Eldorado

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.

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.

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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 2026

January	36 Served	July	Eastside
February	40 Served	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.

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BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

Hello from the ABAC BCM's Spring Break Mission Trip in Americus & Friendship, Georgia! We are currently serving at Friendship Camp, a camp location that is a ministry of the Friendship Baptist Association, and runs summer camps for children and retreat style events for all other ages. Some of the jobs we are doing at Friendship Camp are: light landscaping and yard clean up, helping with their annual pool power-washing and interior pool clean up, re-painting lines on the basketball court, and re-staining the dock. Our ABAC BCM students love to be outdoors, and this type of work is right up their alley! Our spring break mission trip also includes helping the BCM at Georgia Southwestern (GSW) in some of their weekly outreach and events. Monday morning, four of our ABAC BCM students worked with the GSW BCM Campus Minister, Adam Shuttles, and some of his GSW BCM students to hand out donuts on campus at GSW, inviting college students to their weekly worship event. We also had a group serve at an Americus nursing home with some GSW BCM students, leading a small devotion and helping lead worship with the residents in the nursing home.

Another mission event we will be a part of takes place in April. One Day Fun Day, a foster care ministry event for children and teenagers in foster care in South Georgia, will take place. Our BCM students get a chance to pour into the lives of these children and teenagers.

Continue to pray for our student leadership team is forming for the 2026-27 school year. We will announce our leaders for next year in a summer newsletter.

We have two ABAC BCM students attending SendMeNow (Georgia Baptist summer missions) during summer 2026: Nathan Paulk is a sophomore at ABAC, and he will be serving in Montana this summer. Harley Dutton is a freshman at ABAC, and she will be serving in Houston this summer. We also have a BCM student headed to serve at Sudbury Baptist Church in Massachusetts for the summer, Sam Parrish. There are too many to mention here who will be serving as church interns, VBS volunteers, youth camp volunteers, and camp counselors at ministries like Winshape, Crosspoint Camp, Fuge, M-Fuge, Connect Camps, Student Life Camps, etc!

We do still have a month of classes left at ABAC, and God can still move in a college student's heart during this time. Pray with us that He will prompt college students at ABAC and draw them to Himself.

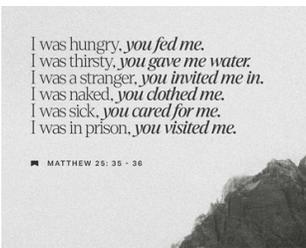
Because He Lives.
 Ree Reinhardt

ABAC BCM Meal Schedule

April		May	
6	Zion Hope	2	FBC Tifton
13	New River	9	BCM- Wild Game Dinner
20	Isabella Baptist	16	Ty Ty Baptist
27	Inaha Baptist	23	Spring Break
		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

February 2026

Funds Received:	\$ 11,475.57
Actual Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 8,822.68
Budget Needs:	\$ 10,362.57

MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

Volume 10, Number 4 April 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 Salem Baptist Church (Ashley Roig, Pastor), The Road Church (Matt Strevel, Pastor), and Victory Baptist Church (Jim Constable, Pastor).
3. Pray for the churches without pastors: Lenox and Pine Grove.
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 Rogersville Mission Trip April 11-17, 2026 (See back of Prayer Update)

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 and women from Brookfield who built a ramp on March 21.

MELL MISSION TRIP TO ROGERSVILLE, TENNESSEE

April 11-17, 2025 (Sat-Fri)

Prayer Guide

- a. Pray for the Rogersville Mission Team Members: Danny Davila, Becky Davis, Steve Davis, Tom Hocutt, Sonya Lindsey, Van Lindsey, Ben Martin, Kelsey Murray, Kim Ray, Blake Stevenson, April Watson
- b. Pray for safety traveling to and from Rogersville as well as travel to the work projects.
- c. Pray for safety for those working on repairing houses or building ramps.
- d. Pray for those who will work at the center (thrift store and food distribution).
- e. Pray for God to arrange spiritual encounters for us.
- f. Pray that we would be flexible, flexible, flexible!
- g. Pray for East Rogersville Baptist Church who is hosting us.
- h. Pray for Sheldon Livesay and Of One Accord Ministries.
- i. Pray for Annette Arms, Of One Accord Ministries, who is our project manager.