

Mell

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Planning Ahead

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)
- 30 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

July

- 4 Independence Day
- 7 Mell Encouraging/Strengthening Team, Noon, MBO
- 13 Mell Pastor's Prayer, 8:00 AM, MBO
- 16 Mell Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO
- 24 Mell Administrative Team, Noon, MBO

August

- 4 Mell Encouraging/Strengthening Team, Noon, MBO
- 14 Mell Pastor's Prayer, 8:00 AM, MBO
- 15 Mell Minister's Luncheon, Noon, MBO
- 17 Mell Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO
- 24 Mell Administrative Team, Noon, MBO

Tifton National Day of Prayer Service

Date: Thursday, May 7, 2026

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Jack Stone Veteran's Park Amphitheater Downtown Tifton

GLORIFY GOD
AMONG THE NATIONS



SEEKING HIM
IN ALL GENERATIONS
1 CHRONICLES 16:24 NASB
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

75TH

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

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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

As of April 1, 2026, I have been your Interim or Full-Time Associational Missionary for 10 years. The Administrative Team was very gracious and generous to recognize this milestone with kind words and a generous monetary gift. It has certainly been my pleasure to be a part of the Mell Baptist Association. I know that I am biased, but we have a great association. Not many associations these days have 100% participation in financial contributions from all of our churches and definitely not 100% participation in submitting their Annual Church Profiles. Thank you for permitting me to serve the Lord through the Mell Baptist Association. We are "Better Together!"

I hope that you saw my Facebook posts on the Mell Mission Trip to Rogersville, Tennessee. It was a great trip. We accomplished more than we expected to and at least two sides of Ms. Reba's house looked almost new with the pressure washing and two new porches. This team worked extremely diligently and hard to accomplish what we did. This was one of the best teams I have ever led—hard-working, cooperative, flexible, and spiritual. Great qualities for a mission team. Thank you Danny Davila, Becky Davis, Steve Davis, Sonya Lindsey, Van Lindsey, Ben Martin, Kelsey Murray, Blake Stephenson, April Wilson. There were seven from Brookfield BC, one from FBC Ty Ty, and one from Enigma BC. As our shirts said on the back we are better together. Make your plans now to go with us likely in April of 2027.

As most of you know I am the Chairman of the Tift Area Homeless Coalition. We held a Dental Clinic for the homeless Thursday and Friday (April 23-24) using the Dental Unit from the Georgia Mobile Health Ministry. This was not my first time taking advantage of this wonderful tool to minister to people—we used the dental unit when I served in Albany for the fair workers. Three workers came with the unit: Marcia McCart, John Paul Hasick, and Nell McCoy. We had dental workers (dentists, dental assistants, and dental hygienists) from South Georgia Dental Partners and Tiftarea Dental Associates. There were many who contributed to making this event possible: Danny Hoover at Diversified Enterprises, Mell Baptist Association, United Way of Southwest Georgia, Williams Hotel Group, M. Jay Hall and Leila Dollison (snacks and water), and volunteers from TAHC—Morgan Cato-Smith, Renee Cannady, and Tom Hocutt. Although we did not see as many patients as we would have liked to, we made every effort to provide this service to the homeless. Many thanks to all who made it a reality and thanks to the Mell Baptist Association for permitting me to be a part of the Tift Area Homeless Coalition.

Tom

Georgia Baptist Mission Board

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



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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.



Disaster Relief Introduction: Sandersville, GA

(For First Time Attendees/Recertification/Cross Training)

Aug 7, 2026 - Aug 8, 2026

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 2, 2026



**MEN'S SUMMIT
Series**
GEORGIA BAPTIST

Stronger Together Conference
Warner Robins | Aug 22, 2026

CELEBRATIONS!

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 for Pastors/Staff

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

Wedding Anniversaries

4	Rev & Mrs. Matt Howell	FBC Tifton
23	Rev. & Mrs. John Falotico	Enigma

July

Birthdays

3	Mrs. Sylvia Culpepper	Eldorado
7	Rev. Mark Myers	FBC Tifton
18	Mrs. Patricia Smith	Omega
20	Rev. Glenn Ford	Calvary
20	Rev. Danny Culpepper	Eldorado
27	Mrs. Emily Miller	FBC Tifton
29	Mrs. Cindy Pittman	New Bethel

Church Anniversaries for Pastors/Staff

1	Rev. Jose Lopez (2004)	Vida Abundante
1	Rev. John Falotico (2020)	Enigma
9	Rev. Jim Constable (2023)	Victory

Wedding Anniversaries

13	Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Horton	Mell
20	Rev. & Mrs. Jason Loggins	Chula

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.

Our contact information 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 2026

January	36 Served	July	Eastside
February	40 Served	August	FBC Chula
March	41 Served	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.

RAMP BUILDERS

Our ramp builders ministry has grown and we want to keep you in the know.

The Mell Baptist Association builds handicap ramps for those in need for those in the Tift area at no cost to the homeowner. We have a team of volunteers who give their skills, tools, and time to build these ramps. The Association provides the materials.

We currently have a waiting list!

If you would like to contribute to cover the cost of materials or volunteer contact the office for more information.



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BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

My Mell Baptist friends, we are in the short rows of the spring 2026 semester at ABAC BCM. Our final event this semester is Monday night, May 4. We will be hearing from our seniors that night individually on parting words they have for us as they approach graduation.

The 2025-26 school year has been a great one for ABAC BCM. We have completed 2 mission trips: our Christmas mission trip in December 2025 with 40 students attending and our Spring Break mission trip in March 2026 with 17 students attending. Our students have worshipped weekly at our Monday night meetings and dove into the word in their small groups this year. We have helped local churches and ministries in some of their ministry needs this year; places like Inaha Baptist Church, Called to Care, Inc., Toys for Tots, the Mell Baptist Association Food Bank, etc. Our students have done 4 evangelical outreaches to their campus in the form of on-campus, in-person spiritual surveys and the Wild Game Dinner hosted at the BCM in March. We took 63 students to our fall retreat, Confluence, in September 2026, and we also took 48 students to our spring retreat with FBC Brunswick and other college and young adult ministries at Epworth by the Sea. These two retreats are both events where we saw students accept Christ as their Lord & Savior, decide to take a next step of faith by actively participating in discipleship at either BCM or their local church (or both!), and some students even accept a call to ministry. Thank you for praying for us, providing meals on Monday nights, and contributing/supporting our ministry needs this year! The Lord has moved, and we loved every minute of it!

Continue to pray for our student leadership team that 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 Camp Chula, Winshape, Crosspoint Camp, Fuge, M-Fuge, Connect Camps, Student Life Camps, etc!

On a personal note from me (Ree), it is sad for me to write that I am resigning from my position as ABAC BCM Campus Minister. Because of the growing needs of both my ministries - ABAC BCM and Called to Care, Inc. - I have had to make the very difficult decision to end my time as Campus Minister at BCM on May 31, 2026. Please continue to pray for the ABAC BCM, the students at ABAC, and the person that will be hired to take my place. A fall meal schedule will be posted starting next month for Monday night meals during Fall 2026, and a contact person's information will be included as well.

Because He Lives.
 Ree Reinhardt

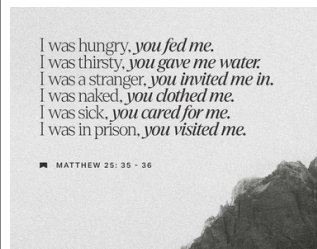
ABAC BCM Meal Schedule

Have a great
 summer!

First day back is
 August 18, 2026!

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:	\$ 9,249.22
Actual Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 9,028.58
Budget Needs:	\$ 10,362.57

MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

Volume 10, Number 5

May 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 Vietnamese Mission (Kiet Le, Pastor), Zion Hope Baptist Church (Brad Baker, Pastor), and Alapaha Baptist Church (Scott King, 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 rain!

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 a great Mell Mission Trip to Rogersville, TN, and the ten from 3 churches who went.

Prayer Guide for the Mell Mission Trip to Ichmul, Mexico June 27-July 4, 2026

1. Please pray for good spiritual preparation for the team.
2. Please pray for safety and flight travel connections going to Tallahassee (2-hour drive) to Miami to Merida to Ichmul (2-hour drive) and return.
3. Please pray for the health and safety of each of the members of this team: Austin Ball, Dustin Day, Kieana Flores, Levi Irwin, Tonya Irwin, Travis Irwin, Mari Tillery, Jamie Whittington.
4. Please pray for safety for the team as they travel to and from their assigned village.
5. Please pray for divine appointments to share the Gospel.
6. Please pray for Eli Castillo and the other workers and volunteers at Mission House Ichmul.
7. Please pray for good sleep for the team members.
8. Please pray for the pastor and church at the assigned village where the team will be serving.
9. Please pray for the members to have good personal times of devotion.
10. Please pray for flexibility for all of the team and a positive attitude.
11. Please pray that the team will accomplish all that God wants accomplished this week.