

Mell

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Planning Ahead

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
- 10 Mell Pastor's Prayer, 8:00 AM, MBO
- 18 Mell Minister's Luncheon, Noon, MBO
- 20 Mell Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO
- 27 Mell Administrative Team, Noon, MBO

September

- 1 Mell Encouraging/Strengthening Team, Noon, MBO
- 7 Labor Day (Mell Office Closed)
- 14 Mell Pastor's Prayer, 8:00 AM, MBO
- 15 Mell Minister's Luncheon, Noon, MBO
- 17 Mell Evangelism/Missions, Noon, MBO
- 24 Mell Administrative Team, Noon, MBO
- 26 J.A.K.E.S Day Ministry

October

- 6 Mell Encouraging/Strengthening Team, Noon, MBO
- 12 Mell Pastor's Prayer, 8:00 AM, MBO
- 15 Mell Evangelism/Missions, Noon, MBO
- 18 Mell Annual Meeting, 5 PM, TBA
- 20 Mell Minister's Luncheon, Noon, MBO



Mell Executive Committee Meeting

7 PM, Thursday, June 25, 2026

Mell Baptist Association Office

817 Central Avenue, Tifton, GA 31794

(From the Mell Baptist Association Constitution & By-Laws)

Section 2. Membership.

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the pastor and one lay member from each church elected by the church annually, the officers set forth in Article V Section 1 above, and such other members as the Manual shall prescribe.

Section 3. Meetings.

The Executive Committee shall meet as often as necessary at such times and places as outlined in the Manual, but no less than two (2) times annually.

Meetings may be called by the moderator or associate moderator as need arises.

Anyone is welcome to attend!

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

God continues to work in the Mell Baptist Association! Praise Him! I get to see how He is using our church's ministry through the Food Pantry to bless people every week. Different churches have provided the food and the volunteers to make sure we have ten bins of food each Tuesday. In January 36 individual/families received food, February 40, March 41, and April 36. That is an average of 38 per month. Thank you to our churches who faithfully work to make this happen. Thanks also to Kristie who has prayer with those who are lined up at 9 am each Tuesday. We have new people every month.

God is working through our Ramp Builders. Four ramps have already been built this year! What a blessing to the homeowners who need this service! We have a waiting list. We need more volunteers and more financial resources. Let me know if you would like to be a part of this ministry.

God will work in the upcoming Kiwanians Kids Fish Derby at Paradise Lake on June 13. We need volunteers to help with this ministry from 8 am to 1 pm. We distribute bottles of water and Gospel tracts. We have Bibles available for distribution. We set up a tent and have bottles of cold water available at the tent (along with Bibles and tracts). We also take the water to where they are fishing. The bottles of water have our logo as well as two Bible verses about Jesus. This would be a great opportunity for a youth group to attend. This is a great opportunity to meet people and share the Gospel. Steve Davis will be heading this ministry this year as Martha and I will be in Richmond to attend the internment of our daughter-in-law's ashes. Please let me know if you can help Steve.

Please pray for the Southern Baptist Convention's Annual Meeting June 10-13 in Orlando. Some important issues will be discussed. Pray for peaceful and orderly business sessions and for God's will to be done.

Mark your calendar for attending the Mell Baptist Association Annual Meeting Sunday, October 18, 2026, at Lakeview Baptist Church. We will conduct our associational business at 5 pm and then have a great time of worship at 6 pm. Special music will be provided by Three 4 One and Rev. Chris Reynolds, Pastor Wellness GBMB, will be preaching. We will also have testimonies from our mission trips. Please pray for the Mell Mexico Mission Team (see the Prayer Guideline on the back of the Prayer Update). The team will be leaving June 27 and returning July 4. Eight are going, all from CrossView Baptist Church. Pray that God will use them mightily!

Tom

Georgia Baptist Mission Board

For more information on events visit:

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



REGISTER TODAY
SALT & LIGHT
Your Role in the Public Square

Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2026
Time: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM; lunch included
Location: Morningside Baptist Church
Address: 2604 Bemiss Rd, Valdosta, GA 31602
Association: Valdosta Baptist Association



Disaster Relief Introduction: Sandersville, GA
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Aug 7, 2026 - Aug 8, 2026
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 2, 2026

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Location:
First Baptist Church, Tifton GA
404 Love Avenue
Tifton, GA 31794

CELEBRATIONS!

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. Gail 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

August

Birthdays

2	Rev. Brad Baker	Zion Hope
3	Mrs. Sherri Contable	Victory
11	Rev. Michael Marchant	New River
13	Rev. TJ Mauldin	FBC Tifton
28	Rev. Scott King	Alapaha
30	Mrs. Natalie Martin	Northside

Church Anniversaries for Pastors/Staff

2	Rev. Terry Smith (2023)	Omega
12	Mrs. Kristie Horton (Admin Assist 2024)	Mell
15	Rev. Kiet Le(2008)	FBC Tifton

Wedding Anniversaries

13	Rev. & Mrs. Tom Hocutt	Mell
20	Rev. & Mrs. Mark Myers	FBC Tifton
23	Rev. & Mrs. Clark Harden	Brighton Road

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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or call (229)386-0865

USEFUL LINKS:

Southern Baptist Convention
www.sbc.net

North American Mission Board
www.namb.net

International Mission Board
www.imb.org

Georgia Baptist Mission Board
www.gabaptist.org

Mell Baptist Association
www.mellbapt.com

Christian Index
www.christianindex.org

FOOD PANTRY

January	36 Served	July	Eastside
February	40 Served	August	FBC Chula
March	41 Served	September	FBC Ty Ty
April	36 Served	October	Brookfield
May	37 Served	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!

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

As you already know, our ABAC BCM happenings during fall and spring semesters each year heavily depend on our student leadership team. In April, myself (Ree) and some members of the ABAC BCM Advisory Council interviewed and placed our student leadership team for the 2026-27 academic year. Here is the list of our student leaders. Please be in prayer for each of them as they are working on their ministry areas even during the summer months in order to be prepared for August.

Jacob Wingard, ABAC BCM President

BCM Officers & Leadership Team: Connor Hunt, Sam Parrish, Andrew Hildreth, Gabby Zalinsky, Kenzlea Candelaria, Adam Greene, Maylee Barnes, Nathan Paulk, Wyatt Thompson, Harley Dutton, Brittany Fountain, Loralye Irwin, Raina Grosvenor, Noah Foley, Andrew LaFontaine, Ashley Crawford, Alida Jones, Jacob Womack, Aniya Askin, Ellie Funk, JT Fowler, Luke Johnson, Annabel Wilson

Remember our ABAC BCM students serving in summer missions over the next few months. We have two ABAC BCM students attending SendMeNow (Georgia Baptist summer missions) during summer 2026: Nathan Paulk will be serving in Montana. Harley Dutton will be serving in Houston. 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, Camp Crosspoint, Fuge, M-Fuge, Centri-Kid, Connect Camps, Student Life Camps, etc!

As I wrote last month to you, my last day as campus minister of the ABAC BCM is scheduled to be May 31. It has truly been an honor to serve and lead the ABAC BCM over the past three and a half years. My job has only been possible because of the involvement of you - our Mell Baptist churches & church members. Our BCM attendance is strong because you are praying, and God is moving. Please continue! Pray for the incoming campus minister. Pray for the fall launch as that is of great importance in the life of a college student & a campus ministry. We are not yet sure who will be replacing me, so pray for the individuals at the Georgia Baptist Mission Board who are conducting the search and interviewing potential individuals for this position. I am excited to meet the new campus minister when he or she is hired, and I have no doubt God will continue to draw college students to Himself through our ABAC BCM. I am so incredibly grateful for our partnership these last years in taking the gospel to our local college campus. Thank you, Mell Baptists!

*Because He Lives.
 Ree Reinhardt*

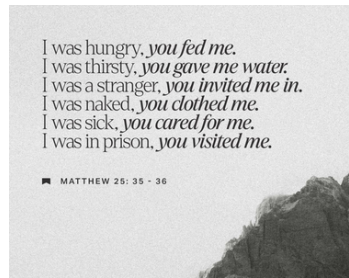
ABAC BCM Meal Schedule

August	17	BCM	November	2	BCM
	24	Zion Hope		9	BCM
	31	Northside		16	BCM
September	7	Labor Day		23	Friendsgiving /BCM Students
	14	FBC Tifton		30	BCM
	21	FBC Chula			
October	5	Mt. Zion			
	19	New River			
	26	Calvary			

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

April 2026

Funds Received:	\$	12,185.60
Actual Budgeted Expenses:	\$	9,539.94
Budget Needs:	\$	10,362.57

MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

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June 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 Brighton Road Baptist Church (Clark Harden, Pastor), Brookfield Baptist Church (Steve Davis, Pastor), and Brushy Creek Baptist Church (Jimmy Parker, 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 Mell Mexico Mission Team going to Ichmul, Mexico, June 27-July 4, 2026

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 God's faithfulness to answer prayer.

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.