

Mell

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Planning Ahead

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
- 20 Mell Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO
- 25 Mell Minister's Luncheon, 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, Lakeview
- 20 Mell Minister's Luncheon, Noon, MBO

November

- 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 3 Mell Encouraging/Strengthening Team, Noon, MBO
- 3 Election Day
- 9 Mell Pastor's Prayer, 8:00 AM, MBO
- 10 Mell Minister's Luncheon, Noon, MBO
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 12 Mell Evangelism/Missions, Noon, MBO
- 19 Mell Administrative Team, Noon, MBO
- 26 Thanksgiving (Mell Office Closed)



Mell Baptist Association Prayer Walking Our Schools

Saturday, August 1, 2026, at 9 AM

Everyone Invited to Participate!

Please choose a school near your church or one that your church members children/grandchildren attend. There may be others praying there also. Join them or pray separately.

Please let Tom Hocutt (thocutt@gmail.com) know what school you prayer walked, how many were with you, and your church name.

Suggested Prayer Guide:

Pray that children be able to learn the things they need to learn.

Pray for protection from weapons, alcohol, sexual activity, hate, envy, jealousy, greed, and selfishness.

Pray for the parents of the children who attend these schools.

Pray for their homes, that God will remove violence and replace it with His Love and that the Holy Spirit will dwell there.

Pray for the administrators and teachers to experience God's leadership as they teach and discipline.

Pray that God will protect them.

Pray for the lunchroom workers, custodians, and other school staff.

Pray for teachers and students who are unbelievers, that they might come to know the Lord.

Pray for protection on the playgrounds, as young people gather there.

Pray for the school bus driver and their precious cargo. There is a great need for intercession in this area.

Pray for protection from evil for the school and everyone there.

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

A great big thank you to Steve Davis, pastor of Brookfield Baptist Church, for filling in for me as the leader of our ministry at the Kiwanis Kids Fish Day, June 13. Martha and I were in Richmond, VA, with our entire family to inter our daughter-in-law's ashes at the University of Richmond Chapel. We had a sad, but great time with all of us being together for the first time since 2019. Thank you also to the eight volunteers from Brookfield for their willingness to serve. They distributed 576 bottles of water, 5 small New Testaments, and 5 Gospel tracts. This is an annual event for the association to be the hands and feet of Jesus. To God be the glory!

The Mell Executive Committee will meet Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 7 pm at the Mell Office. The Executive Committee is composed of the pastor and one elected member of each church. Anyone may attend the meeting. We will review finances and the ministries of the association.

The date for us to Prayer Walk our local schools is Saturday, August 1. This is the Saturday before Tift County Schools start. Please see the front of the newsletter for more information. If you need a prayer guide, ask me for one. Let's make an effort to Prayer Walk all Tift County Schools, Berrien County Schools, Tiftarea Academy, and any other schools you would like to prayer walk. It would be great if our churches would adopt one or more schools to Prayer Walk and then pray for that school(s) throughout the year. Please let me know what school and how many from your church participated in the Prayer Walk.

There will be another opportunity for you to volunteer on Saturday, September 26, 2026, at J.A.K.E.S. Day at Paradise Lakes. We will need many volunteers as we give out water, give out popcorn and sno cones, and man the inflatables. It takes a good number of volunteers for us to be able to put up and man the inflatables (2), pop the popcorn, make the sno cones, and distribute the water. We are normally there from 7:30 am until about 2 pm. This is a great opportunity for youth groups to minister. Please let me know if you are willing to assist us.

The Mell Baptist Association Annual Meeting is around the corner. It will be Sunday, October 18, 2026, at Lakeview Baptist Church. The business session will be at 5 pm and the worship session at 6 pm. Please make plans to be present, have your church elect your Messengers and get that list to the office in a timely fashion prior to the meeting. Everyone is invited to attend the business session although only duly elected messengers can vote. At the worship time, we will have testimonies of our two mission trips, music by Three 4 One, and a message from Chris Reynolds (GBMB Pastor Wellness). If your church needs flyers, let me know. It is going to be good!

Tom

Georgia Baptist Foundation

CHURCH FINANCIAL CONFERENCE INTENSIVE

Lead with Confidence!

Join Georgia Baptist Foundation and Ministry Trust on August 20-21 or a dynamic two-day training designed specifically for church treasurers and financial secretaries. This practical, hands-on experience will equip you with the essential skills and knowledge you need to excel in your role. Our expert-led sessions cover crucial topics including:

Stewarding Foundations
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Financial Reporting
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Location:

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

Georgia Baptist Mission Board

For more information on events visit:

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



Date: Sunday, September 27, 2026

Time: 3:45 PM – 8:15 PM

Location: Crossroads Baptist Church

Address: 3001 Country Club Dr, Valdosta, GA 31602

Cost: Only \$15 per person

For: Lay Leaders, Children's Leaders, Women's Ministry Leaders, Men's Ministry Leaders, Missions Coordinators, Student Pastors, Worship Leaders, Sunday School Leaders, Small Group Leaders, Pastors... anyone involved in ministry and equipping.

Schedule:

03:45 PM – Doors open/Registration

04:30 PM – Worship and Message – Jimmy Scroggins

05:35 PM – Dinner and Meal & Learn

06:25 PM – Breakout #1

07:25 PM – Breakout #2

08:15 PM – Dismiss

CELEBRATIONS!

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

September

Birthdays

4	Rev. Bobby Pittman	New Bethel
9	Mrs. Lisa Patillo	Oak Grove
10	Rev. Tom Hocutt	Mell
11	Mrs. Hope Falotico	Enigma
25	Rev. Jimmy Parker	Brushy Creek

Church Anniversaries for Pastors/Staff

6	Rev. Mike Patillo (2020)	Oak Grove
19	Rev. Kenny Miller (2018)	FBC Tifton

Wedding Anniversaries

1	Rev & Mrs. Daniel Hardy	Northside
2	Rev. & Mrs. Alan Gotthardt	Journey
18	Rev & Mrs. John Smith	FBC Ty Ty
28	Rev & Mrs. Brian Jones	CrossView
29	Rev & Mrs. Mike Patillo	Oak Grove

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

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

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

Baptist Collegiate Ministry is the on-campus, cooperative ministry effort of Georgia Baptist churches to advance the gospel on every college and university campus in Georgia. BCM is Christ-led with a high view of Scripture. The five priorities of Georgia BCM are:

1. Evangelism
2. Discipleship
3. Missions
4. Local church involvement
5. Leadership development

Guided by these five priorities, each BCM in Georgia seeks to engage students at every stage of faith development. Through evangelism efforts such as gospel appointments and friendships, campus ministers and Christian students engage those who do not yet know Christ with the gospel. Students who are Christ followers are discipled through large-group worship, small discipleship groups, campus outreach events, local missions, mission trips, summer missions and leadership opportunities. Leadership development permeates every aspect of BCM ministry as students, shepherded by campus ministers, lead every aspect of the ministry.

Churches partner in a local area to establish and support BCM on the campuses in their community. In turn, BCM supports churches by helping students find, connect with and invest in local churches during their college years.

Additionally, students who are discipled through BCM ministry become mature believers who are qualified leaders and lifelong church servants. Georgia Baptist churches are filled with pastors, staff members and lay leaders who are living proof of the effective ministry of BCM on our campuses.

For 97 years, Georgia Baptists have made it a priority to engage college and university students with the gospel. Today our goal is to expand BCM to all 107 campuses in Georgia. Currently there are established BCMs on 42 campuses and BCMs at some level of development on 17 more campuses. There are 58 campuses in Georgia with no on-campus Baptist ministry.

ABAC BCM Meal Schedule

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

"BCM" dates are open. Contact us ASAP to provide food and/or serve meals to college students during the school year.

ABAC Campus Minister
 To be announced.

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

Mell Monthly Financial

May 2026

Funds Received:	\$ 8,312.69
Actual Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 8,647.94
Budget Needs:	\$ 10,362.57

MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

Volume 10, Number 7 July 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 Calvary Baptist Church (Glenn Ford, Pastor), CrossView Baptist Church (Brian Jones, Pastor), and Eastside Baptist Church (Keith Norris, 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 the selection of a new 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 the eight volunteers from Brookfield BC who shared Jesus at the Kiwanis Kids Fish Day on June 13. 576 bottles of water were distributed along with 5 pocket New Testaments and 5 Gospel tracts.

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 church at San Francisco where the team will be working. This church has gone through some difficulties recently.
9. Please pray for the team 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.