

Mell

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PLANNING AHEAD

July 4

Independence Day

July 17

Baptist Heritage Day

July 19

Mell Pastor Luncheon
FBC Tifton

July 26

Mell Association
Senior Adult Luncheon
Noon—Until
First Baptist of TyTy

August 2

First Day of School
Tift County Schools

August 18

First Day of School
Tiftarea Academy



Blessed is
the nation
whose God
is the LORD.

Psalm 33:12

**Do not let anyone claim tribute of
American patriotism if they even
attempt to remove religion from
politics.**

George Washington's farewell address



The Mell Baptist Association exists to Encourage the Pastors, Strengthen the Churches, and to Build the Kingdom, for the Glory of God. Established 1886.

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July 2016

Highlights

The Mell Baptist Association expresses appreciation to Chad Hall, our moderator, for his service to the association. He has resigned this position and is relocating to pastor a church in north Georgia. We pray God's blessings on him and his family as they begin a new phase of their lives. We also want to thank him for the leadership he has provided as Associate Moderator and Moderator of the Mell Baptist Association. Thank you, Chad, for a job well done! You will be missed!

God is at work in the Mell Baptist Association! 15 Mell pastors met May 24 for a meal and a special time of prayer for the association. A couple of pastors told me that this was the most pastors they have seen together in a long time! This was a great time of fellowship and prayer with these special servants of the Lord. We will continue having monthly Ministers' Meetings for inspiration, encouragement, and/or training.

If you are a senior adult, please make your plans to attend the Mell Senior Adult Meeting, Tuesday, July 26, at noon at First Baptist Church Ty Ty. Cost for the meal will be \$8 per person. There will be good food, fellowship, music, games, and a Biblical challenge. Reservations are required: please call FBC Ty Ty, 382-6247, by July 22. Please encourage the senior adults in your church to attend. We are grateful for FBC Ty Ty hosting this event. We hope that we will have them maybe once a quarter.

The Admin Team will continue its discussion of the use of the 4th Street property. We have encountered some issues with the pastorium there. The family living there has been requested to find another place to live and they have signed a contract on another location. Vida Abundante seems to be prospering in that location which is a "God thing." Discussions are ongoing with FBC Tifton and Vida (their sponsor) about the future use of the property. The Admin Team will likely be presenting, in the near future, a recommendation concerning this property.

The Admin Team is also discussing what to do with the property owned by the association in Omega (former location of the Hispanic church). The doublewide mobile home that was used by the former pastor has been sold. The mobile chapel has been moved to a mobile home sales lot for possible sale, but discussions continue on possible use of this unit. Please be praying about these important decisions that the Admin Team will need to make. Pray that we will know God's will in the proper use of these assets.

Pastors and Staff don't forget the Church Systems Training that will be held September 19 led by Jay Vineyard. See elsewhere in this newsletter for more details.

Thank you again for permitting me to serve the Lord and you through the Mell Baptist Association.

Tom

Annual Church Report (ACR)

Churches in the Mell Association should select a member to update information to the Georgia Baptist Mission Board's (formerly known as Georgia Baptist Convention) database beginning in early fall. Training on how to accomplish this task will be conducted in late August or early September. The person selected should be able to use a computer. Please let me know the name and contact information of your representative.

The Mell Baptist Association is praying for volunteers to fill the following positions:

**WMU Director
RA Director
Vacation Bible School Leader
Sunday School Leader
Discipleship Training Leader**

If you are interested in serving in one of these areas, call the office at 229-386-0865

Churches wishing to inform the public of upcoming events, please forward the information about the event to our office via email or snail-mail so that it will arrive by the 20th of each month for inclusion in the newsletter.

mellbapt@friendlycity.net.

Our mailing address is:

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If you or someone you know wants the Mell Newsletter mailed to them each month, please fill out the information below and mail it to:

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Useful Links:

Southern Baptist Convention
<http://www.sbc.net/>

North American Mission Board
<http://www.namb.net/>

International Mission Board
<http://www.imb.org/>

Georgia Baptist Mission Board
<https://gabaptist.org/>

Mell Baptist Association
<http://mellbapt.com/>

CELEBRATIONS

July

Birthdays

7	Mark Myers
8	W.E. Fogarty
14	Jim Donovan
15	Casey Kilgore
18	Misty Harris
20	Glenn Ford

Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

1	Jose Lopez	Viva Abundante	2004
1	Wayne Roe	First Tifton	1996
21	Don Harris	New Bethel	2013

August

Birthdays

7	Nira Hall
17	Frances Eidson
20	Leslie Broome
21	Brian Broome
22	Faye Cadwell
23	Susie Harris
25	Nancy Hughes
27	Wayne Roe

Anniversaries

4	Rev. & Mrs. Wayne Roe
12	Rev. & Mrs. Jason Jones
20	Rev. & Mrs. Mark Myers

Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

10	Brad Baker	Pine Grove	2012
31	Larry Layfield	Mt Zion	1986

Employment Opportunity:

Bi-Vocational Youth Director.

Please send resume to:

Eastside Baptist Church

Youth Director Search Committee

P O Box 540

Tifton, GA 31793-0540

No Phone Calls or Drop ins, Please.

Food Pantry

2016

July	Crossview
August	Eastside
September	Journey
October	Northside
November	Brighton Road
December	OPEN

Through May, the Food Pantry has served 78 families in need.

Churches who wish to participate in stocking the Food Pantry, please let our office know.

Pastors & Staff

Have you ever wondered...

... Why churches behave (or misbehave) the way they do?

... What type of church system runs my church?

... Who does my church really belong to?

... What does leadership have to do with church growth?

... *if so, it's important to understand Church Systems and Growth Styles!*

What You Can Expect:

- Overview of Church Systems
- Necessary Leadership Styles of each Church System Type
- New insights to avoiding and resolving conflict
- Understanding why churches misbehave the way they do
- Identifying and relating to the dominant coalition
- Identifying subterranean pastors
- Moving beyond the St. John's syndrome

Monday, September 19

9:00 AM until Noon

320 West 20th Street

Tifton, Georgia

(Old Northside Site)

Led by Jay Vineyard

Reservations required by emailing thocutt@gmail.com

Or

Call 229-386-0865

No Cost!!!

BCM Meals Fall Schedule

AUGUST 29	Northside
SEPTEMBER 12	BCM
SEPTEMBER 19	Crossview
SEPTEMBER 26	FBC Tifton
OCTOBER 3	New River Baptist
OCTOBER 10	BCM
OCTOBER 17	Fall Break
OCTOBER 24	First Baptist Chula
OCTOBER 31	BCM
NOVEMBER 7	Mt. Zion Baptist
NOVEMBER 14	TyTy
NOVEMBER 21	Crossview



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Men's Ministry

If you would like to host one of the quarterly events during 2016, please contact this office.

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It has been suggested the Men's Ministry events be changed to two times yearly. What are your thoughts? Let us know.

BCM NEWS

May was so refreshing. It was nice to have some time to think, pray, and regroup a little. June has started out like a lion. Most of the long term summer missionaries have left for their destinations. The short term teams will be coming and going the rest of the summer. I have a team I am leading for two weeks. They will be working at Camp Chula in Chula leading a week long summer camp and then working Winshape community camp in Tifton. These will be some long tough days. We will begin training on the 10th and continue till the 25th. The purpose of this trip is to reach out to the community but also to teach these students skills they can use back home. They will learn how to plan, witness, and lead a summer camp. Think what great VBS Directors they could be! That is what BCM is about – training our future church leaders. I will have 11 girls living at my house for these two weeks – we desperately need your prayers!

As we look to the fall, I am burdened by the fact that students do not have a burden for the lost. You will not reach them, if you don't have a broken heart for them. Please pray for me as I pray for God to break my heart more and to show me how to lead students to see the brokenness of the lost and then have a desire to reach them. We are concentrating over the summer at meetings on loving the lost, watching your words, and how to witness. I am also working one on one with several. These who are here this summer will be the core of the next year and they can't lead others in reaching out if they don't have the heart to do it. This is a lot to teach in a short amount of time – please pray for God to burden hearts and make them receptive to the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for your prayers. They mean so much and make a huge difference!

God Bless,
Penny

A Message to all Churches in the Mell Baptist Association

Go ahead and put on your calendars, the annual meeting of the Mell Baptist Association will take place on

October 23rd at 6:00 PM.

(Details to Follow)

The Mell Baptist Association office hours for the month of July will be:

Monday—Thursday
8:00—Noon

The Associational Missionary will be available
Monday-Wednesday 9:30—3:30.

Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM) is sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention, however, we welcome everyone to join us. BCM is a great way to make friends, have fun, learn about Christ, and get involved at ABAC.



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