

Mell

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PLANNING AHEAD

August 4
Tift County Public Schools Start

August 9
Language Missions Day

August 13
Joint WMU & Men's Ministry
Mt. Zion Baptist Church

August 14 & 15
Revitalization Training
New River Baptist Church
GBC Sponsored

August 20
Tiftarea Academy Classes Start

August 22
Growing Groups Conference
Sherwood Baptist Church
GBC Sponsored

August 28, 29 & 30
Marriage Conference
Northside Baptist Church

September 17
Executive Committee Meeting
Mell Baptist Association

October 3
Contagious Youth Rally
Journey Church

October 25
Mell Baptist Annual Meeting
Northside Baptist Church



Gen 1:20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl *that* may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

Gen 1:21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that *it was good*.

KJV

The Mell Baptist Association, Inc., exists to "Encourage the Pators," "Strengthen the Churches," and to "Build the Kingdom," for the Glory of God.
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Highlights

Jason Jones, Associational Missionary

I have had a couple of conversations in the past few weeks regarding what it means to be Southern Baptist (**SB**). What would you answer if you were asked to justify why you are a **SB**? Were you born that way, and that's good enough for you? Was it the church that you came to know Christ in? Was it the church that three, four, or five generations of your family has gone to, and it just happens to be **SB**? Do you even realize that **SBs** are a denomination rather than a geographic reference of certain Baptists?

Some may say, "I am a Christian, and I follow Christ, my allegiance is to him." Others may say that they are non-denominational, and don't have much of a preference to denomination as so long as it meets the needs that they have. Some say they "don't believe" in denominations, and are not any particular one. Some bounce from denomination to denomination casually. If you are reading this, you probably attend one of our **SB** churches, and I want to give you the best reasons that I have for being **SB**.

1) Doctrine: The Baptist Faith and Message is a document that specifies what we as **SBs** believe. It gives liberty where certain tenets have broader interpretations on less significant matters, but it is clear on non-negotiables of our orthodoxy. It also lays out positions on practical and cultural issues we face today as a group of churches standing united. It captures the Baptist distinctives that separate us from other denominations, such as: biblical authority, religious liberty, regenerate church membership, believer's baptism, the priesthood of the believer/sole competency, eternal security, congregational polity, and autonomy of the local church; the final one being a key to voluntary participation with the other churches in the local, state, and national arenas.

2) Missions: We have over 9,000 missionaries all over the planet. We have a great method of doing missions with the Cooperative Program and local associations. We have competent mission boards (IMB and NAMB) for reaching the nations, both of which have excellent strategies for winning people and discipling them. We have state resources such as regional missionaries, collegiate ministries, camps and conference centers, as well as many others. We have the best way to get congregations and individuals involved in making disciples here and globally.

3) Training and resources: We have access to spectacular training events and resources, like the van and trailer, here at the Mell. We bring in outside trainers to help congregations. Many of those speakers are GBC missionaries who do this training at GBC's expense, free of charge to all our churches. Nationally, through the Southern Baptist convention, at the state conference level, and through local associations, training opportunities in the form of conferences, conventions, research, etc. are provided to help (cont)

strengthen the body. The seminaries also provide training and missions programs to get pastors, staff, and missionaries on the field.

4) Community: Community is the buzzword today among the church as it tries to connect the New Testament with the culture around it. The idea of a soldier going into battle all by himself is crazy, but when he teams up with 20,000 other men, a mighty army is formed. Being SB means that we are in this together with those of like faith. There may be some differences or small variances among us, but we band together to serve and reach together. Whether you think of the 43,000 churches in the nation, or the 3,400 in Georgia, or the 26 of the Mell Association, we care for one another, and share a common goal under a common banner.

That's why I am a Southern Baptist, and grateful to God that he has designed such a powerful weapon for himself and for the Kingdom of God.

Brother Jason



NORTHSIDE BAPTIST MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

God on Marriage and Family

August 28 & 29

\$10 Per Couple

For more details or to register, visit

www.nbctifton.org

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 Convention

<https://gabaptist.org/>

Mell Baptist Association

<http://mellbapt.com/>

CELEBRATIONS

August

Birthdays

- 7 Nira Hall
- 8 Les Gilbert
- 17 Frances Eidson
- 20 Leslie Broome
- 21 Brian Broome
- 22 Faye Cadwell
- 22 Tammy Slaven
- 25 Nancy Hughes
- 27 Wayne Roe

Wedding Anniversaries

- 3 Rev. & Mrs. Michael Slaven
- 4 Rev. & Mrs. Wayne Roe
- 12 Rev. & Mrs. Bob Cauthen
- 12 Rev. & Mrs. Jason Jones
- 20 Rev. & Mrs. Mark Myers

Church Anniversaries

- 5 Shane Ashley/Lenox 2012
- 10 Chad Hall/Chula 2009
- 26 Brad Baker/Pine Grove 2012
- 31 Larry Layfield/Mt. Zion 1986

September

Birthdays

- 1 Pete Jones
- 2 Brad Baker
- 2 Cindy Evers
- 8 Elizabeth Vazquez
- 15 Dillard Ensley
- 20 Jason Jones
- 20 Kevin Harris
- 20 Susan Roe
- 25 Jimmy Parker

Wedding Anniversaries

- 4 Rev. & Mrs. Don Harris
- 21 Rev. & Mrs. Kevin Kilgore

Church Anniversaries

- 2 Kevin Harris/Oak Grove 2012

Food Pantry

2015

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| August | Eastside |
| September | TyTy |
| October | Oak Grove |
| November | Northside |
| December | OPEN |

"I AM"

Revelation 1:8 begins with the name of God; I Am. This is the same name He told Moses to give to the people of Israel in Exodus 3: 14.

(KJV) *Exodus 3: 14 - And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.*

Why is this important? Look at the last part of verse 8: "which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty." God, speaking of his eternal existence reminds us that He is still the same God today as He was in Biblical times, and He will be the same God into the eternal future.

In America today, it is becoming more and more evident that antichrists (anyone who is against Christ) are gaining momentum in their effort to separate this nation from God. It seems those who are screaming loudest about tolerance scream even louder when opposition to their views are offered. Case in point; Christians are told they should respect "alternative" lifestyle choices. However, when a Christian's lifestyle choice opposes their choices, it is the Christian who is called a bigot or some other derogatory label.

The media "Op-Ed" writers, Hollywood celebrities, politicians, and other persons of note can espouse their belief that Christians should "enter the 21st Century" and leave the archaic beliefs of the Bible behind. As Christians, however, it is important for us to realize that just because society's beliefs and opinions evolve over time, God has not, is not now, nor will He or his Word ever change

Lester Potts

Announcement

Tutoring Children & Youth (TCY) Workshop

Fitzgerald, GA (Ben Hill County)

(Training for a church or associational outreach ministry to help children academically while demonstrating and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with them and their families.)

DATES:

Saturday, August 22, 2015, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm; &

Saturday, August 29, 2015, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm.

(Must attend all hours of instruction for North American Mission Board certification.)

LOCATION:

Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church
501 East Pine Street
Fitzgerald, GA 31750

COST:

\$35.00 *(Which includes Workshop Manual; snacks; and lunch both days)*

Please make check payable to: "Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church"

Please note on the memo line of the check: "TCY Workshop"

CONTACT PERSON:

Connie Sexton - 229.423.4544 / jcga@windstream.net

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Friday, August 14, 2015

Paulette DeHart, Georgia Baptist Literacy Missions Consultant

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"How can a young person live a clean life? By carefully reading the map of Your Word."

- Psalm 119:9 (The Message)



Men's Ministry

*August 13th
WMU/Men's Ministries
joint meeting
Mt. Zion Baptist*

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BCM NEWS

I can't believe the summer is drawing to an end! Many of the summer missionaries are returning and have so many stories about how they saw God work in their lives and the lives of others. Many had opportunities to plant seeds and water souls and some had the blessed opportunity to see a soul come to Christ!! One girl said that she knows beyond a shadow of a doubt that God is real!! "I was able to speak and share with people with a boldness that was definitely not me! I know this summer God worked in and through me! It was exciting to see Him work", she said. Please pray with me that these students will not leave their boldness to share on the mission field but will take with them to the campus this fall!

I have had the opportunity to work all the new student orientations and as I looked at the students, God put a burden in my heart for them. It seems as if each year the students seem to care less about the things of God and more about the things of this world. Just in talking with a few it seems as if many have a lack of purpose and direction in their lives. Many are coming searching for answers to questions they are not even sure they are asking – they desperately need to know the hope found in Christ! Please pray they will find someone who will share with them the love of Christ. Sometimes it seems overwhelming and discouraging to think about the magnitude of needs on this campus. Pray for us to have wisdom, boldness, and discernment to speak truth to those students God puts in our path to reach! As I think about the new year, I am encouraged by Joshua 1:9. (Continued)

I do have some things I wish you would pray for us. We need a male vocal for our band. We need students who are willing to make the sacrifice to work with our small groups. We need to pray that BCM leaders will remember their commitment to Christ and not get easily distracted by the college life. Please pray that God will continue to grow our love for Him and His Word and from that an overflow of love for the students on our campus!

We could not serve on this campus if it were not for the wonderful people in the Mell Association! We do appreciate all you do, have done, and will do in the future. It takes all of us to reach this campus! Thanks!

Penny Chestnut
Baptist Collegiate Ministries

BCM Meal List 2015

FALL SUPPER LIST

AUG 31	Crossview
SEP 14	First Baptist Church of Tifton
SEP 21	Northside
SEP 28	New River
OCT 5	First Baptist Church of Chula
OCT 12	BCM
OCT 19	Fall Break
OCT 26	Crossview
NOV 2	Calvary
NOV 9	Mt. Zion
NOV 16	TyTy
NOV 23	BCM