

Mell

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PLANNING AHEAD

August 2

First Day of School
Tift County Schools

August 16

Pastors' Luncheon
First Baptist Church, Tifton

August 18

First Day of School
Tiftarea Academy

August 25

Administrative Team Meeting

September 5

Labor Day

September 13

Mell Association Strategy Session

September 20

Pastors' Luncheon
First Baptist Church, Tifton

September 22

Mell Executive Team Meeting

October 18

Pastors' Luncheon
First Baptist Church, Tifton

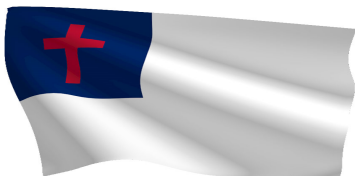
Train a child in
the way he should
go, and when he is
old he will not
turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6



And the king spoke unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; Children in whom was no blemish, but well favored, and skillful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

Daniel 1: 3-4



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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August 2016



Highlights

On behalf of the Mell Baptist Association I want to congratulate the following churches for receiving Certificates of Appreciation or Recognition from the Georgia Baptist Mission Board:

1) First Baptist Church of Tifton “as the church in the Mell Baptist Association with the highest number of baptisms per resident member during 2015” 2) Zion Hope Baptist Church “as the church in the Mell Baptist Association with the leading ratio of baptisms during 2015” 3) First Baptist Church of Tifton “as Mell Baptist Association’s largest contributor through the Cooperative Program for 2015” 4) New River Baptist Church “as Mell Baptist Association’s largest percentage contributor through the Cooperative Program for 2015” 5) Brighton Road Baptist Church “as Mell Baptist Association’s leading contributor per resident member through the Cooperative Program for 2015” 6) First Baptist Church of Tifton “as Mell Baptist Association’s largest contributor through the Mission Georgia Offering for 2015” 7) Liberty Baptist Church “as Mell Baptist Association’s leading contributor per resident member through the Mission Georgia Offering for 2015” 8) Salem Baptist Church was recognized as number 3 in the small category (50-100 average in Sunday School) for the Fastest Growing Georgia Baptist Sunday School/Small Group Churches (2012-2015 time period) .

I had the privilege of presenting most of these to the respective churches in person. These churches are to be commended for their commitment to evangelism, missions, and the study of God’s Word. Although these are being recognized, I want to thank all of our churches for their commitment to evangelism, missions, and discipleship. Keep up the good work!

Please make your plans for the Mell Strategy Session Tuesday, September 13, at 6:30 pm at Eastside Baptist Church. We would like the pastor and at least one person from each church/mission in the association to be present. We will be answering the following 2 questions: What is the purpose of the Mell Baptist Association? and What are the priorities of the Mell Baptist Association? This is an extremely important meeting! Please be praying now for God’s wisdom as we continue to seek God’s direction for the association.

There will also be a Mell Executive Committee meeting Thursday, September 22, at 7 pm. Place to be announced later. The Executive Committee is composed of the pastor and elected members from each church.

What a blessing it is for churches to work together to accomplish God’s will here in the Tifton area. He is at work! Do you have eyes to see?

Tom

Monthly Financials

June 2016

Budgeted Needs
\$9045.33

Income
\$9144.42

Expenditures
\$7124.33

Annual Church Report (ACR)

Churches in the Mell Association should select a member to update information to the Georgia Baptist Mission Board’s database beginning in early fall. **Training on how to accomplish this task will be conducted September 6th at 6 PM at the Mell Association office.** Please encourage your ACR representative to attend.

Employment Opportunity

Bi-Vocational Youth Director

Please send resume to:

Alapaha Baptist Church
Youth Director Search Committee

P.O. Box 47

Alapaha, GA 31622

No Phone Calls or Drop ins, Please.

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:

Mell Baptist Association

P.O. Box 1547

Tifton, GA 31793

Mell Baptist Association Strategy Session

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

6:30 PM

Eastside Baptist Church

1490 Kennedy Road

(Light refreshments provided)

Who should attend? Pastor and at least one leader from each church

Agenda: answering What is the purpose of the MBA? What are the priorities of the MBA?

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/>

Christian Index
<http://christianindex.org>

CELEBRATIONS

August

Birthdays

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
20	Rev. & Mrs. Mark Myers

Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

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

September

Birthdays

1	Pete Jones
2	Brad Baker
2	Cindy Evers
10	Kevin Harris
20	Susan Roe
25	Jimmy Parker

Anniversaries

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

Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

2	Kevin Harris	Oak Grove	2007
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Jakes' Day

September 24th

Paradise Public Fishing Area

Volunteers Needed

Contact: Steve Brown @ 229-339-0547

Food Pantry

2016

August	Eastside
September	Journey
October	Northside
November	Brighton Road
December	OPEN

Through June, the Food Pantry has served 104 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

There will not be a joint Brotherhood/WMU meeting
in August as previously scheduled.

2016 Annual Church Report (ACR) Training for ACR Contacts August 16, 2016 @ 6:00 PM Mell Association Office

BCM NEWS

It is hard to believe that by the time you get this letter we will be finalizing things to begin fall activities. August 1, we will begin with feeding the CAs Outreach and then our first meeting will be August 11th! I don't know if I will get much sleep these next few weeks, it is so exciting! I am anticipating that God will do great things this year! We had a young man get saved this past week and I truly believe that after years of struggling with this decision, he finally made it!

I have met some great freshmen who are interested in coming to BCM this fall! One young freshman I met has classes that begin each day at 11. He was so upset because he goes to work each day now at 6. He gets up at 5 to get ready and have at least a 30 minute quiet time before he goes to work! Did you hear that – this kid gets up at 5:30 to spend time with God! For an 18 year old that is unbelievable! Can you imagine the encouragement he will be to everyone next year!

Also, one of my boys who is serving in summer missions said this past week he believes God is calling him to full time ministry. I have had the pleasure of seeing this young man grow this past year and since he has started having a daily time with God I can honestly say, "He is not the same person!" He is still a work in progress but the Spirit is stirring in his heart!

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us," Ephesians 3:20 If he has done this in just the past few weeks, it will be unbelievable what He will do next year. Please pray for us as we finalize plans, seek wisdom, and as our summer missionaries return from their summers!

All that will happen, if you guys play a part in with your prayers, food, financial gifts, and support! We could not exist without you. I also have another associational request. We want our association to be a drop off for the Georgia Baptist backpack ministry. But, we need some help. At our associational meeting we want the Mell Association to bring their backpacks to be delivered to the Convention. But, we need a transfer truck trailer to store these backpacks and those that will be delivered from other Associations. If you know of one, we can borrow from October 23 to about November 10, please contact the office! (continued)

Also, if your church wants to reach out to the new students at ABAC, there will be Town and Gown on August 8, from 4-6. If you are interested, contact Bernice Hughes at bhughes@abac.edu. This is a great way to get the word out about your church.

In addition, if you are looking for something for your college students to do this fall, you may be interested in Confluence. This is a statewide meeting for college students September 23-25. For more information call me or search gabcm.org.

God Bless,
Penny

The Mell Baptist Association Annual Meeting

October 23rd at 6:00 PM.

**Dr. Emir Caner
President of Truett-McConnell University
will be the guest speaker.**

**Come enjoy an evening of worship,
fellowship and fun.**



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