

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PLANNING AHEAD

September 4
Single Adult Sunday

September 5
Labor Day

September 6
ACR Training Session #2
6:00 PM
Mell Association Office

September 13
Mell Association Strategy Session
6:30 PM
Eastside Baptist Church

September 20
Pastors' Luncheon
First Baptist Church, Tifton
Mike Everson, Speaker

September 22
Mell Executive Team Meeting
7:00 PM
Victory Baptist Church

October 18
Pastors' Luncheon
First Baptist Church, Tifton
Mel Blackaby, Speaker

October 23
Mell Baptist Association
Annual Meeting/5:00 PM
Northside Baptist Church

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

What is the purpose of the MBA?

What are the priorities of the MBA?

Georgia Baptist Children's Homes

Truck Loadings

Restoring Lives, Providing Food for their Body & Soul

Date: September 12—15, 2016

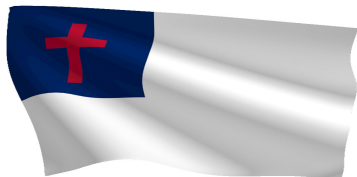
Bring your donations to the Mell Baptist Association Office

Collection Times: 8:30 A.M.—3:00 P.M. (Monday—Thursday)

The Mell Baptist Association is collecting:

Bags of Stove Top Dressing, Canned Tomatoes (all kinds), Shower Gel, Disinfectant Wipes, Bathroom Cleansers, and Gravy Mixes.

Gift Cards are always appreciated!



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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September 2016



Highlights

In an email from Thom Ranier (president, Lifeway) dated August 8, 2016, he gave a list of "Ten Things Pastors Would Love to Hear from Their Church Members." I thought they were worth listing for your consideration.

"I pray for you every day."

"I want to help your family any way I can."

"I want you to know specifically how God spoke to me through your sermon."

"I am ready and willing to take on that ministry task."

"I see my role as an encourager."

"I see my role as one who will confront the bullies and the perpetual critics in the church."

"I will make certain your family has an adequate income."

"I am available to babysit your kids."

"I will be in church with no excuses unless providentially hindered."

"I will never compare you to a previous pastor."

Have you ever said any of these to your pastor? Food for thought!

There will be a Mell Executive Committee meeting Thursday, September 22, at Victory Baptist Church at 7 PM. The Executive Committee is composed of each pastor and at least one elected member from each church. We will be considering some important issues at this meeting: Constitution & By-Laws, disposition of 4th Street property, calendar, officers, vacancies on the Admin Team, and so forth. Please make your plans to attend this important meeting.

Prior to this meeting we will have a Mell Strategy Session on Tuesday, September 13, at 6:30 PM at Eastside Baptist Church when we will answer two questions: What is the purpose of the Mell Baptist Association? and What are the priorities of the Mell Baptist Association? We are requesting that the pastor and at least one person from each church attend. We will be working in smaller groups and the large group to answer these questions. Refreshments will be provided if you do not have time for supper.

For your information the 4th Street van has been given to CrossView Baptist Church by their name being drawn from the three churches who requested receiving the van. We are working on getting the title in order to permit CrossView receiving the van.

The Admin Team has approved selling the Omega property (formerly used by the Hispanic church) with first refusal to the YMCA.

Vida Abundante is now using the 4th Street church building as well as the pastorium (for Sunday School space). They are very grateful for this additional needed space.

God is certainly at work here in the Mell Baptist Association! We praise Him for giving the Admin Team and me wisdom in dealing with the properties and vans that the association has taken possession of. As I told the Admin Team, my view is that the association needs only to be a conduit in terms of these kinds of assets. Lord, please help us to be good stewards of the resources you have given us!

Praise the Lord for the 76 from 9 churches who attended the Mell Senior Adult Luncheon and for FBC Ty Ty for the excellent way they hosted us. Our next Mell Senior Adult Luncheon will be Tuesday, November 1, at FBC Tifton. **Tom**

Monthly Financials

July 2016

Budgeted Needs
\$9045.33

Income
6447.53

Expenditures
6133.34

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.

**Churches should select messengers
and submit their names to the Mell
office NLT Sep 30.**

Prayer Suggestions

- 1) Pray for the flood victims and Disaster Relief volunteers as they minister.
- 2) Pray for the upcoming national election in November for God's will to be done.
- 3) Pray for the ministry of Jake's Day.
- 4) Pray for the Mell Strategy Session, September 13
- 5) Pray for the Mell Executive Committee Meeting, September 22.
- 6) Pray for the Mell Annual Meeting, October 23, and Dr. Emir Caner as he preaches.
- 7) Pray for the AM and Admin Team that they will have God's wisdom.

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.

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Our mailing address is:

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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/>

Christian Index
<http://christianindex.org>

CELEBRATIONS

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays

1 Pete Jones
 2 Brad Baker
 2 Cindy Evers
 20 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

OCTOBER

Birthdays

8 Britni Rowland

Anniversaries

3 Rev. & Mrs. Pete Jones
 8 Rev. & Mrs. Jim Donovan
 14 Rev. & Mrs. Jimmy Parker
 21 Rev. & Mrs. Gary Cadwell

Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

24 John Hughes First Tifton 2005

Jakes' Day

September 24th

Paradise Public Fishing Area

Volunteers Needed

Contact: Steve Brown @ 229-339-0547

Food Pantry

2016

September	Journey
October	Northside
November	Brighton Road
December	OPEN

Through July, the Food Pantry has served 120 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

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 Opportunity

The Christian Women's Job Corp (CWJC) is needing men to paint their facility. Paint will be provided. Brushes, roller, and pans will be needed on painting day. Contact Martine Hill at 229-396-5990 for more information.

Annual Church Report (ACR)

For those unable to attend the August session, there will be Training for ACR Contacts September 6, 2016 @ 6:00 PM at the Mell Association Office

BCM NEWS

This has been a whirlwind of activity these past two weeks. We had freshmen move in, town and gown, weekend activity, and our first two meetings. But, God has blessed and all the work and preparation has been worth it all. We have had over 100 to 140 at both meetings. Please pray we will be able to listen to God and teach what He wants us to teach this semester. Our biggest aim is to teach students how to study the Word and to dig into it for life's questions. Our goal is for Mondays teach them how to take characters from the Bible and learn how to apply their experiences to our lives. Also, on Thursdays we are studying Timothy and what God had to say to him. We are pushing them to seek answers in the Word of God.

Already I am seeing the brokenness of so many students God has sent our way. Last Sunday afternoon I spent several hours with about 6 different students dealing with issues they are facing and many of them were things that we out of their control. They are dealing with such things as messed up families, abuse, guy/girl relationships, and different forms of addiction. That night I went to bed just broken over the sin in this world and the effect it has on so many innocent people. Each year I have been here it just seems as if their issues are more and more serious and more and more people have hard issues to deal with. Please pray for me as I seek God's wisdom in helping these precious students.

I do have a wonderful story to share from one of our summer missionaries. You may want this young lady to come to your church and share. She spent the summer on a river boat in the Philippines. She witnessed to the people in the villages. She and her team were run out of one village by government officials. She also has shared the story of an elderly lady who accepted Christ when she heard his story. This lady was blind and said, "I cannot believe I am just now hearing about this Jesus. All my life I knew someone was out there and I did not know who and have been praying to the trees because I did not know who to pray to." Does that not break your

heart? So many of us know Christ and are not willing to go and share with those who do not know. Lindsay was in a hard place to share, but for us what are we doing about our neighbors, our coworkers, our community, and our family? Are we willing to share with these who are in our face? This is State Missions mouth where we need to think about Georgia missions. In this state alone we have seven million lost people out of ten million people. What are we doing to reach out here? What are you doing to share the gospel with your world?

**God Bless,
Penny**

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Mell Baptist Association Executive Committee Meeting

**September 22, 2016 7:00 PM
Victory Baptist Church**

The Executive Committee consists of pastors from each church in the association and at least one church member.