



Mell

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PLANNING AHEAD

October 18

Mell Ministers' Meeting
First Baptist Church, Tifton
Mel Blackaby, Speaker

October 23

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

October 27

Mell Admin Team Meeting
4:30 PM Mell Office

November 1

Mell Senior Adult Rally
12:00 Noon
First Baptist, Tifton

November 6

Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 14-15

GBMB Annual Meeting
Savannah, GA

November 17

Mell Admin Team Meeting
4:30 PM Mell Office

November 24

Thanksgiving
Mell Office Closed

December 3

Downtown Holiday Celebration Ministry
5:00 PM—10:00PM
Volunteers are Needed

MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

October 23rd, 5:00 PM.

at

Northside Baptist Church

4605 Murray Avenue

Tifton, GA

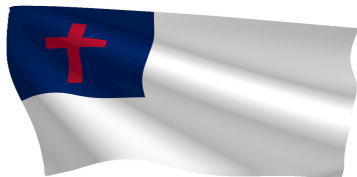
DR. EMIR CANER

PRESIDENT OF TRUETT-McCONNELL UNIVERSITY

will be the guest speaker.

Come enjoy an evening of worship, fellowship and fun.

MESSENGERS should arrive and register beginning at 4:30 PM. The business portion of the meeting will commence at 5:00 PM.



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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October 2016



Highlights

Praise the Lord for what He did at our Mell Strategy Session! We were blessed with 22 who registered representing 13 of our churches. I was definitely pleased with the participation of every one. Here is what we agreed upon:

The Mell Baptist Association exists to encourage churches, to strengthen churches, and to partner with churches to reach people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Priorities

Priority 1: To encourage churches toward health and unity.

Priority 2: To strengthen churches to make disciples.

Priority 3: To partner with churches to reach people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

These will now go to the Executive Committee and Annual Meeting for consideration.

The Mell Baptist Association is Sunday, October 23, at 5 PM at Northside Baptist Church. We are requesting that you transfer your evening service to Northside that night. We will have a brief time of business and then a time of worship with Dr. Emir Caner, President of Truett-McConnell University preaching. You will not want to miss hearing him. It will be exciting as we gather together from various churches to worship the Lord and conduct His business. Please make sure that your church elects messengers to the Annual Meeting and let Lester know who they are soon so that we can have appropriate name badges for them. I believe that we are having a combined choir again. It is going to be good! Don't miss it.

If all goes as expected at the Executive Committee meeting, there will be several business items presented at Annual Meeting: consideration of CrossView Baptist Church as a full-fledged member of the association; consideration of deeding of 4th Street property to FBC Tifton for Vida Abundante's use; changes to the Constitution; presentation of 2017 Budget; presentation of 2016-17 Calendar of; consideration of Purpose and Priorities; presentation of officers and Admin Team members. It will be important for the messengers to be attentive to these issues.

The Admin Team has approved us having an outreach at the Holiday Christmas Celebration downtown on December 3. We have rented a space for us to be able to distribute Bibles and tracts, possible face painting (if we have volunteers who can do this) and balloon animals. The purpose will be to share the Gospel with people who are willing to listen. Let the office know if you would like to participate with us.

The Church Systems Workshop was held September 19 at CrossView Baptist Church with nine present representing four of our churches. The comments heard were all positive for the presentation and content. Jay Vineyard did a great job presenting the truths of Church Systems. Special thanks to CrossView for hosting this event.

Let's keep our focus upon the Lord, and He will continue to guide us! See you at Annual Meeting October 23! **Tom**

First Baptist Church of Chula is a Southern Baptist church who's seeking a full time Pastor with a minimum of four years of ministry experience in a pastoral position and who holds a Seminary Degree. The ideal candidate should be an effective communicator and leader with a well developed vision for the future of our church. First Baptist Church of Chula has a membership of 317 and is located in South Georgia. Interested candidates should email resume to:

pastor@chulafirstbaptist.org

or they can mail resume to:

First Baptist Church of Chula
Attention: Pastor Search Committee
PO BOX 58
Chula, GA 31733

Prayer Suggestions

-Pray for the flood victims and Disaster Relief volunteers as they continue to minister.

-Pray for the upcoming national election in November for God's will to be done.

-Pray for the Ministry at the Downtown Holiday Christmas Celebration December 3.

-Pray for the Mell Annual Meeting October 23 and Dr. Emir Caner as he preaches.

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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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

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

NOVEMBER

Birthdays

4 Gary Cadwell Brookfield

13 Benji Rowland Journey

15 Kevin Kilgore Northside

20 Sandy Donovan First Tifton

21 Don Harris New Bethel

24 Larry Layfield Mt. Zion

Anniversaries

6 Rev. & Mrs. Steve Tucker

22 Rev. & Mrs. Brian Broome

Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

8 Jimmy Parker Brushy Creek

Mell Baptist Association **Senior Adult Rally**

November 1, 2016

Noon—Until

First Baptist Church, Tifton

Cost: \$8.00 per person

Fun, Fellowship, Food, Song & Worship

Please RSVP by October 25th

Food Pantry

2016

October	Northside
November	Brighton Road
December	OPEN

Through August, the Food Pantry has served 145 families in need.

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

Luke 1:37 "Faith does not make things easy, it makes them possible."

In January of 2015 a meeting was held at the CWJC Training Center with an attendance of 12-15 people, some unknown to the other. So what common element brought this group of individuals together? It was the concern and compassion for our community, namely "homeless women and children". Faith made it possible; through the efforts of this group, Family Promise was organized with this mission: *"To help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response."* Now in 2016, again faith has made it possible, Tiftarea House of Hope has been organized with this mission: *"Tiftarea House of Hope exists to provide a safe and nurturing environment for homeless women and women with children in need of temporary and transitional shelter"*.

Tiftarea House of Hope expects to be open in January or February of 2017, to house women who are willing to work towards ending their homelessness and ensure the basic needs of shelter, food, clothing and education. We will connect them with resources in our area to bridge the gap between homelessness/hopelessness to sustainability/hope. Some women may be homeless because they choose to be, but most often they have no choice. It could be due the loss of job or hours that have been cut or the result of a divorce or separation that reduces the family income. If there are children involved they too are homeless, experiencing an even greater impact on their physical and emotional health.

Christian Women's Job Corps along with other organization in this area will partner with Tiftarea House of Hope to ensure that women and children who are homeless will have an option to sleep in a bed and have a warm meal, rather than sleep in a car, or on someone's porch and even worse in an unsafe and unhealthy environment.

Please pray for the homeless women and children in our area and for faith to continue to make it possible and make a difference in their lives.

Thank You, Martine J Hill

BCM Meals Fall Schedule

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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Election Day

November 8, 2016

Pray for God's guidance when choosing whom to vote for.

Exodus 18:21

"Furthermore, you shall select out of all the people able men who fear God, men of truth, those who hate dishonest gain; and you shall place these over them as leaders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties and of tens.

BCM NEWS

This has been another month filled with activities. We will begin small groups this week and next so please pray for those. This is where we will have accountability and students will learn disciple making skills.

This past weekend we had several girls attend a Beth Moore simulcast at the BCM. Beth hit on what so many students struggle with. She talked about how the body of Christ is like the instruments of a symphony. Each person has an instrument to play and when you find your instrument in the body you need to toot that horn and learn to play it well. You don't need to toot someone else's horn and you don't need to play more than one horn. The way she described the instruments, it hit this generation "upside the head". Many try to be someone they are not instead of being who God has called them to be. Also, many are constantly overinvolved and trying to do everything and end up doing little well. They overcommit and end up not fulfilling any commitments. For many of them if they tell me they will do something, I don't believe it till I see the "whites of their eyes" at the event. Many overcommit, but some are so scared of commitment that they are unable to make a commitment to anything. You ask them to do something and they won't commit for fear that they won't be able to accomplish it or they are waiting to see if there is a better offer. These views will affect our churches and definitely our BCM. We are really going to hit on these topics in the next few weeks and we need your prayers. If they would learn this aspect at this age, think what great GA and RA grow to be they would be, what great Sunday school teachers, or other church leaders they would grow to be.

During the next month we will attend BCM state Convention and students will be making plans and praying about summer missions. Pray for us as we begin small groups and plan summer missions, and our Christmas mission trip.

**God Bless,
Penny**

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Monthly Financials

Budget Needs:	\$9045.31
Funds Received	\$8978.29
Expenses:	\$9520.75