

# Mell

## BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

### PLANNING AHEAD

**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

**December 23—January 2**  
Mell Office Closed

**195th Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting**  
November 14-15, 2016 - Savannah, Georgia

"...striving together  
for the faith  
of the gospel..."  
Philippians 1:27

**UNITE**  
Georgia

Host: Calvary Baptist Temple



## MELL SENIOR ADULT RALLY

**12:00 Noon**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF TIFTON**

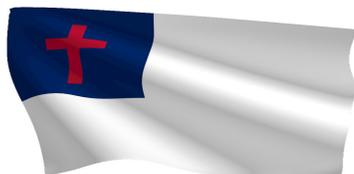
**FOOD, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP**

**NOVEMBER 1, 2016**

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING



In everything give thanks,  
for this *is the* will of God in  
Christ Jesus concerning  
you. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)



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 God from whom all blessings flow! That is how I feel about the 130<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Mell Baptist Association held October 23 at Northside Baptist Church. We praise the Lord for the 87 messengers who registered representing 21 churches and the 53 guests who registered. 17 pastors were present. There were many other guests who did not register. One estimate is that there were over 200 present. The business session was a blessing led ably by Steve Tucker, Moderator. Thanks to him for his leadership as well as to Lester Potts, Administrative Assistant and Clerk, for his work in preparing for the Annual Meeting.

For those not present, the Association in session approved the 2017 Budget and elected the following to serve:

Moderator	Steve Tucker (Liberty)
Associate Moderator	Rodney Owens (FBC Ty Ty)
Treasurer	Jim Donovan (FBC Tifton)
Clerk	Lester Potts (FBC Tifton)
Term Ends 2019	Rod Griffin (Mt. Zion), Andy Ring (Salem)
Term Ends 2018	Penny Chesnut (Northside), Glen Ford (Calvary)
Term Ends 2017	LaRae Moore (Northside), Ronnie Foster (Journey)

In other business, we accepted CrossView Baptist Church into the association with all the privileges and responsibilities of membership; approved the recommendation to give the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Property to FBC Tifton for use by Vida Abundante; adopted the Purpose (The Mell Baptist Association exists to encourage churches, strengthen churches, and to partner with churches to reach people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.) and Priorities (1. To encourage churches toward health and unity, 2. To strengthen churches to make disciples, and 3. To partner with churches to reach people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.); approved changes to the Constitution and By-Laws; and adopted the Book of Reports.

I want to express appreciation to Fred Evers, Pastor, and the staff and volunteers of Northside Baptist Church for the wonderful way they hosted the Annual Meeting. Thank you to Brian Broome and the Worship Team for the way they led us in worship through music. I believe God was glorified through our worship. We had good times of prayer for one another and for the pastors present. Praise the Lord for those present who gave an offering for Disaster Relief of \$2,272! The highlight of our time together was the powerful message from God's Word delivered by Dr. Emir Caner, president of Truett-McConnell University. What a challenge from the Book of Revelations to share the Gospel! Many pastors came to the altar to recommit themselves to the Lord! Thank you Dr. Caner for being used by the Lord.

Please pray for the Admin Team and me as we begin to flesh out how to fulfill the purpose and priorities that were approved.

I believe that the association is on the way to becoming what God desires for us to become! I am encouraged by the cooperation of our pastors and churches in moving forward. I hope that you are also encouraged. Let's keep looking to the Lord for wisdom and guidance!

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## Volunteers Needed

The Mell Baptist Association will be participating in the **Hometown Holidays Christmas Celebration** on December 3rd from 5:00 PM until 10:00 PM. We will be handing out Bibles and tracts and sharing the message of Jesus Christ. If you or your church would like to send a group to help, please contact the Mell



### 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 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.

[mellbapt@friendlycity.net](mailto:mellbapt@friendlycity.net)

### Our mailing address is:

Mell Baptist Association  
P.O. Box 1547  
Tifton, GA 31793

### 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

### 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
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### DECEMBER

#### Birthdays

14	Stacy Ring	Salem
21	Steve Tucker	Liberty
23	Nerily Lopez	Vida Abundante

#### Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

28	Les Gilbert	New River
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### Christian Women's Job Corps & Tiftarea House of Hope

As we continue to follow the Lord in the ministry, we see His hand at work around us. We are so THANKFUL He has given us a house that we can make a Home for homeless women and children. A local church has offered us the use of their parsonage for this purpose. What a great and powerful God we serve. Speaking to a church about this ministry and their unanimous vote to move forward with this wonderful and selfless partnership is an example of "where God is working". We will be responsible for any improvements and changes that are needed and future maintenance and upkeep of the property.

Now that we have the house we are working on compliance issues and expect to have that resolved by the end of October and ready to move forward with those renovations. And of course God will do a complete work; he has provided us with an architect to prepare and submit our proposed use of the house, we have already had several people with teams to step up and volunteer their services to help us with the grounds work. We look forward to connecting with more volunteers to assist us in completion of the rest of the tasks and renovations. Our first job will be to raise the floor in what is presently a utility room to the existing house floor level and convert it to an office. We have 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms, large kitchen and dining space, with a great space for a kid's nook, large laundry area, pantry and a fenced in yard (the children will love this).

As part of our sustainable income we are planning to open a Thrift Store. When God provided the space, also donated by a local church we began the plan of how we could best use this space for His purpose and be obedient to what He was calling us to do. With the idea of a thrift store my first thought was "oh no not another thrift store". But we totally trust God with this and will move forward and follow where He leads. We are also working on this location and hope to have the conversion completed by the end of October. I'm sure by now you are asking how you might help, so for those of you that ask this question here are some needs.

- ◆ Carpentry work to construct the floor and walls for an office
- ◆ Carpentry work to increase some interior doors for handicap purposes
- ◆ Painting: we will be painting in both the house and the Thrift Store
- ◆ Renovate an existing bathroom to handicap accessible
- ◆ Furnish and equip the house for women and children

We look forward to seeing this ministry in operation, when we receive calls that a woman and child needs shelter (we have received 3 such calls in the past 10 days) we will not have to put them in a motel somewhere while we work out a place we can move them to, but we will be able to house them, connect them to other services and ministries in town. We have transportation to get them to work, job readiness training and mentoring (Christian Women's Job Corp), parenting skills (Lifehouse Ministries), if we have a woman that is fleeing from a domestic situation (Ruth's Cottage) or dealing with a life situation in early pregnancy (Pregnancy Care Center) or a foster care issue (Called to Care). We will serve as a referral for those women who are dealing with substance abuse, not to turn them away but offer options to them.

I look forward to your call: Martine J Hill – 229-382-9010 or [martinejhill@gmail.com](mailto:martinejhill@gmail.com) or [martinejhill@tiftareahouseofhope.org](mailto:martinejhill@tiftareahouseofhope.org).

### LIFEHOUSE MINISTRIES presents

Join us for our  
7th Annual  
FUNDRAISER

**Tj Mauldin**



Thursday, November 17th  
6:30 pm

UGA Conference Center  
Tifton, GA

**FREE Banquet and meal**  
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

There will be an  
opportunity to donate  
to the ministry at the  
end of the program.

\*Client Testimonials  
\*Ministry Updates



**Landon Rowe**

#### RESERVATIONS

Reserved seating. For FREE reservations:  
Call: 229-402-3794 or 229-396-5433  
or Email: [larae@sgmlifehouse.org](mailto:larae@sgmlifehouse.org)

November 17, 2016



### Food Pantry 2016/2017

November	Brighton Road
December	Lakeview
January	Liberty

Through September, the Food Pantry has served 187 families in need.

Omega Baptist Church is seeking resumes for a Bi-Vocational Music Director. Please send resumes and cover letters to:

Omega Baptist Church  
P.O. Box 368  
Omega, GA 31775

## BCM Meals Fall Schedule

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 past month has been exciting. At our state meeting at the end of September a student accepted Christ. We were having our share time and she was about to burst. She jumped up and said that all her life she felt like when she prayed she was praying to a brick wall. She realized she needed to be saved! In front of the whole group she confessed her sins, realized the need to make Jesus Lord of her life, and invited Him to rule her life. Since then we have met several times and she said the difference is that now she no longer feels she is praying to a brick wall. She knows beyond a shadow of a doubt that Christ is real and living in her life! This girl is so in love with Christ that whenever she even talks about Christ, she has tears in her eyes and a smile breaks out all over her face! She has been an inspiration to many of the students.

Also, this past month a young man said that he felt God was calling him to some type of full time career ministry. For a while it seemed as if things were dead and the crazy thing was that during what seemed like a dead time – God was working overtime! He was working on people's hearts and they were fighting. Sometimes I think it is easier for God to move a mountain than work on a cold heart! I just got a call as I am typing this from a student. It was about her friend we have been praying for for over a year. She was to the point that she felt as if her friend would be lost forever! Lindsay went home for fall break and while there her friend told her that the week before in her room one night she realized she needed a personal relationship with Christ. She asked him to forgive her sins, lead her life, and that she would follow Him wherever He led. WOW, what a Savior we have!

#### **God Bless, Penny**

Thank you guys for the wonderful meals you have made this semester and all the prayers! God is answering!!

**Vacation Bible School Jumpstart  
January 24  
First Baptist Church, Moultrie**

***(More Details To Follow)***

**Vacation Bible School Clinic  
March 11  
First Baptist Church, Moultrie**

Baptist Collegiate Ministries  
Club Advisor  
Penny Chesnut  
ABAC 595  
2802 Moore Highway  
Tifton, GA 31793-2601

### **Monthly Financials**

**(September)**

Budget Needs:	\$9045.31
Funds Received	\$6446.04
Expenses:	\$8784.31