

# Mell

## BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

### PLANNING AHEAD

**April 16**  
Easter

**April 18**  
Mell Ministers' Meeting  
Noon  
FBC Tifton Patio Room

**April 20**  
Mell Administrative Team  
Noon

**April 25**  
Senior Adult Luncheon  
Salem Baptist Church  
Noon—Until  
\$8 Per Person

**April 27-28**  
GBAMA Conference

**May 4**  
National Day of Prayer

**May 11**  
Sons of Jubal Concert  
First Baptist, Tifton  
7:00—8:30 PM

**May 12**  
Mell Ministers' Meeting  
Noon  
FBC Tifton Patio Room

**May 21-28**  
Week of Prayer for the Mell Baptist Association

**May 25**  
Mell Administrative Team  
Noon

**May 29**  
Memorial Day Holiday  
Mell Office Closed



# Fun for Seniors

## Senior Adult Luncheon

Noon

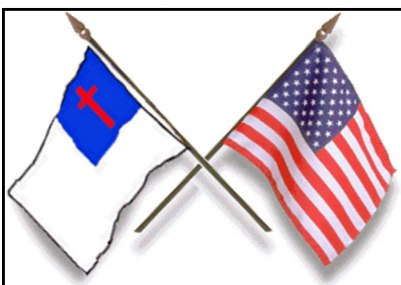
**Tuesday, April 25, 2017**

**Salem Baptist Church**

**Cost: \$8 Per Person**

**Call Salem for Reservations:**

**229-528-4512**



The Mell Baptist Association exists to Encourage Churches, Strengthen Churches, and Partner with Churches to Reach People with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Established 1886.

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April 2017

## AM THOUGHTS

Congratulations to the following churches for their commitment to Bible Study and Discipleship! We praise the Lord for everything that all of our churches do to encourage Bible Study and Discipleship!

### **Average Worship Attendance**

1. FB Tifton	1,040
2. Northside	552
3. Journey	495
4. FB Ty Ty	260
5. Salem	222

### **Sunday School Average**

1. FB Tifton	660
2. Northside	397
3. FB Ty Ty	145
4. Eastside	102
5. FB Chula	90
5. Salem	90

### **Discipleship Enrollment**

1. Northside	510
2. FB Tifton	300
3. Journey	188
4. FB Ty Ty	60
5. Brushy Creek	57

By the time you get this, we may be on the verge of closing on an office building for the Mell Baptist Association! We have agreed with the owner on the price of \$100,000 for an office building at 817 North Central Avenue. It has been inspected and we are waiting for the results of that inspection as to whether we will proceed or not. It has great potential for being very useful as a missions center for us. It has a meeting area, 4 rooms (for offices and storage), and 2 baths. There is work that will need to be done, but with volunteer labor from members of our churches, we can make it a very attractive place for the Mell Office. Please keep praying for the Lord to lead us in this process.

We are praying that we will have our two teams up and going next month. We are still lacking people to serve on both teams: Encouraging/Strengthening Team and Evangelism/Mission Team. If you have an interest in serving on one of these teams, please let me know.

Tom

## TIFTON NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

Thursday, May 4, 2017  
7:00 PM

LeRoy Rogers Senior Center  
315 2nd Street, West

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND**

## Prayer Suggestions

- ◆ Pray for the churches without pastors: Alapaha, Brighton Road, Eldorado, Lakeview, New River, and Omega.
- ◆ Pray for the victims of the recent tornados and those assisting them.
- ◆ Pray for the President and all government officials.
- ◆ Pray for the Association Missionary and the Administrative Team that they will have God's wisdom.
- ◆ Pray for the Encouraging/Strengthening Team and the Evangelism/Missions Team that they would have God's wisdom.



-Leadership Training  
-Breakout Sessions  
-National Speakers

A TOTAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP EQUIPPING EVENT  
AUGUST 25-26  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, TIFTON

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  
Or call  
(229) 386-0865

### 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

## April

### Birthdays

10 Fred Evers Northside  
4 Allen Mullis Omega

### Anniversaries

3 Rev. & Mrs. Larry Layfield  
18 Rev. & Mrs. Michael Marchant

### Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

1 Kevin Kilgore Northside  
23 Glenn Ford Calvary  
28 Jim Donovan First Baptist, Tifton

## May

### Birthdays

9 Jose Lopez Vida Abundante

### Anniversaries

11 Rev. & Mrs. Greg Love  
23 Rev. & Mrs. Jose Lopez  
30 Rev. & Mrs. Brad Baker

### Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

6 Gary Cadwell Brookfield



## Sons of Jubal

First Baptist Church, Tifton

May 11, 2017

7:00—8:30 PM

### Food Pantry 2017

April	Mt Zion
May	
June	Salem
July	
August	Eastside
September	Brookfield
October	New River
November	Northside
December	

The Food Pantry served 16 households in January.

## Rejoice & Remember The Cross

**Who:** First Baptist Church of Tifton

**What:** A Night of Worship and Fellowship

**When:** April 4th (Good Friday) 7:00 PM

**Where:** The Performing Arts Center (PAC) of Tift County High School

### Everyone is Welcome

**TIFTAREA HOUSE OF HOPE**, opened March 1, 2017, to serve Tifton and neighboring communities as an emergency and transitional shelter for homeless women and women with children. Renovations started in November 2016 completed in January 2017 just in time for Open House on January 31. February gave us just enough time to employ and train the House Manager and make our final review of Policies and Procedures as well as the intake process. Our House Manager, Nancy Kinsley, is a very caring and compassionate person with strong faith and love for others. ***God is always on time!*** We are thankful to New River Baptist Church for partnering with us providing the space for Tiftarea House of Hope. I also want to thank Victory Baptist, Salem Baptist, Crossview Church and Tift Regional Medical Center volunteer groups for volunteering labor for the renovation. Thanks to Tift Regional Foundation for furnishing the house, to Northside Baptist for furnishing supplies, linens, outside playset and household items and Journey Church for yard work and volunteers. ***God meets the need!***

This facility has 8 beds, with availability at this time. If you have contact with a homeless woman, with or without children, give her our intake number, 229-396-5990. When we receive the call we will complete a phone interview and ask her to come to The Bridge Training Center with 2 ID's, one must be a photo ID, where we will complete the application, including a background check and drug test. If both have favorable results we will transport her to our facility. This process will take about 2 hours once she reaches the Training Center for final application. We can only process background checks during sheriff's department office hours, Monday-Friday 8:00-5:30 which means we can only take applications during this time.

Once the application is approved and she becomes a resident we will collaborate with other local organizations to provide the best resources for each resident that will include Job Skills, Computer, Budget & Finance, GED Prep and Parenting Skills as needed. We will also connect her with medical needs she may have for ongoing or any new issue. All residents will be evaluated within 24-36 hours of reaching Tiftarea House of Hope, this will include goal setting and be monitored weekly.

If you are asking yourself how you might help, we need volunteers who are willing to come to THOH, maybe weekly or biweekly, for one hour up to three hours depending on need. And of course we are in need of financial support. Even though the space is provided we are responsible for the operational and administrative expense. ***God commands us to care for the poor and needy!***

Also, come shop with us at our Birds Nest Thrift Store, 5 Old Brookfield Rd, across from New River Flea Market and in front of New River Baptist Church. All proceeds go the support of Tiftarea House of Hope.

For more information please give me a call: Martine J Hill, 229-382-9010



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## Georgia Baptist Mission Board Disaster Relief Training

(Cleanup and Recovery)

Saturday, June 3, 2017

Registration begins at 8:00 AM

Training 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

### Liberty Baptist Church

Register online

<http://missiongeorgia.org/georgia-disaster-relief/>

### BCM NEWS

It was January 22, in Albany, Georgia and the tornado was coming. A man was in his living room watching TV when his wife called and told him to go to the closet because the tornado was going to hit. For a while he was stubborn and was going to ride out the storm but his wife kept nagging and he decided to move. While he was in the closet she was praying for him over the phone. When the freight train sounds stopped, he opened the closet and literally the only room left to his house was the closet. If he had stayed in the living room, he would have died. God protected him! This was just one of the many stories we heard while on our spring break mission to Albany.

We did not go far but the experience was challenging and eye opening for the students. Everyone we worked with had a story about their close call. One thing we realized was that when people see that they could have died they somehow become open to the gospel. We were able to share and pray for lots of people. We concentrated on meeting people and opening up a gospel conversation. One day we were in the grocery store and a lady at the baking aisle told me that Snickerdoodle mix makes a great pie crust and before you know it she was sharing her life story. In no time we were praying for her in the middle of the cake aisle. We concentrated on the fact that God is working everywhere, you just have to be attentive to the Holy Spirit's leading and ready to share at a moment's notice. Ephesians 5:16

*Eph 5:16 Make good use of every opportunity you have, because these are evil days.* (GNB)

Please pray for these student's as they bring back the things they learned and apply them to situations on campus. God is working everywhere on this campus and many are hurting, they just need someone to listen and be ready to share. We are hoping to do a spiritual survey on campus before the next newsletter, so please pray for opportunities during that time.

**Penny**

### Baptist Collegiate Ministries

At our Monday meetings, we have free supper provided by local churches. We also have praise and worship and a speaker. Once a month we replace our normal Monday night meeting with an FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) meeting. Our Thursday meetings consist of Bible study where we look at issues that are relevant to your life as a college student. Afterwards we go out to eat at a local restaurant.

### Winter Suppers

April 3	Northside
April 10	New River
April 17	CrossView
April 28	BCM

**Baptist Collegiate Ministries**  
**Club Advisor**  
**Penny Chesnut**  
**ABAC 595**  
**2802 Moore Highway**  
**Tifton, GA 31793-2601**  
**(229) 382-8708**

### Monthly Financials

(February 2017)

Budget Needs:	\$9823.42
Funds Received	\$9781.48
Expenses:	\$7768.84