

# **BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

## PLANNING AHEAD

June 3  
Georgia Baptist Mission Board  
Disaster Relief Training  
Liberty Baptist Church  
9:00 AM—1:00 PM

June 13—14  
SBC Annual Meeting  
Phoenix, AZ

June 20  
Mell Ministers Meeting  
First Baptist Church, Tifton  
Noon

June 22  
Mell Admin Team  
Noon

July 4  
Independence Day  
Office Closed

July 18  
Mell Ministers Meeting  
First Baptist Church, Tifton  
Noon

July 25  
Senior Adult Lunch  
Eastside Baptist Church  
Noon

July 27  
Mell Admin Team  
Noon

August 1  
Tift County Schools  
First Day of Classes

August 11  
Tiftarea Academy  
First Day of Classes

## **Georgia Baptist Mission Board Disaster Relief Training** Cleanup & Recovery, Childcare, & Feeding Unit

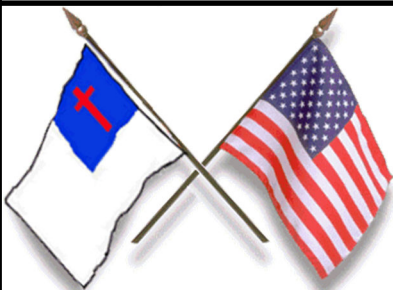
### **Saturday, June 3, 2017**

**Registration begins at 8:00 AM  
Training 9:00 AM—1 PM**

### **Liberty Baptist Church**

**Register online**

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



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.

[www.mellbapt.com](http://www.mellbapt.com)

June 2017

## AM THOUGHTS

Here is an update on our new office building. We closed on the office building at 817 Central Avenue North on April 13. We paid \$100,122.23. We have approximately \$36,000 left, after the purchase, from the sale of the previous office, and are now in the process of getting estimates on the needed remodeling—painting inside and out, new wiring, additional furnishings, and other incidental repairs. Thanks to C.J. Cater and Rev. Steve Davis from Zion Hope BC for removing all the shrubbery. There were only four of us who showed up for the workday at the new office on April 29, but there was much accomplished: building was pressure washed and trees along north property line were trimmed. We have located the property lines for the property. Large limbs overhanging the building and property line have been removed. One load of top soil has been delivered and spread in the shrubbery holes. Another load has been delivered and is waiting for us to distribute it next to building to create a slope away from building. We will need manpower to shovel the dirt up to the edge of the foundation. Flooring should be installed by the end of the month. Windows have been ordered and should be installed on May 26. We now have an estimate for painting, but we are still waiting on an estimate for wiring. New chairs have been ordered, and a sign has been ordered. Progress is being made! PTL!

I want to call your attention again to the Mell Baptist Association Prayer Update sheet included in this newsletter. This will become a regular part of the newsletter. Prayer should be a priority in our individual lives, our churches, and in the association. This will be a tool that you can use to pray for the association as well as other Kingdom issues. It is just a guideline, but I think it can be helpful to you in your praying. I hope that you will put it with your Bible and pray using it, or a portion of it, daily. One of the features of this Prayer Update is to pray for a church and pastor in our association on a regular basis as well as upcoming events, different levels of government, and our state and national Baptist entities.

We had a great time at our Mell Senior Adult Luncheon April 25 at Salem BC. Approximately 70 were present from seven of our churches with two additional churches represented (one from South Africa!). We had a great time of fellowship, ate some wonderful food, and were blessed by Andy Ring, pastor, and some his members as they led us in singing! Thanks to the members of Salem BC for hosting us in such a wonderful way. Please mark your calendar for our next Mell Senior Adult Luncheon July 25 at Eastside BC.

Please continue to pray for your Administrative Team that we would have the “mind of the Lord” in matters related to the association. Also, pray for your newly formed Evangelism/Missions Team as we seek to lead, encourage, and promote evangelism and missions in our association.

Please make your plans to attend the GO Georgia (A Total Church Leadership Equipping Event) that will be held August 25-26 at FBC Tifton. This is a training event for all leaders in your church including Sunday School, Discipleship, WMU, Men’s Ministry, Music, and so forth. It will be a great way for our churches to have well equipped volunteers serving in the various ministries of our churches! I have already registered! Register at [gogeordia.net](http://gogeordia.net).

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to serve the Lord by serving you through being your Associational Missionary!

Tom

## Prayer Suggestions

- ◆ Pray for the churches without pastors: Alapaha, 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.
- ◆ Pray for God’s guidance and God’s wisdom as we proceed with the remodeling of the new office building.



-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.

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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

### June

#### Birthdays

7	Dorothy Layfield	Mt. Zion
8	Charlene Fogarty	Unity
25	Greg Love	CrossView
27	Brandy Baker	Pine Grove

#### Anniversaries

6	Rev. & Mrs. John Hughes
9	Rev. & Mrs. William Fogarty
10	Rev. & Mrs. Les Gilbert
12	Rev. & Mrs. Dan Eidson
15	Rev. & Mrs. Kevin Harris
26	Rev. & Mrs. Benji Rowland

#### Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

1	Andy Ring	Salem
1	Mark Myers	First, Tifton
3	Pete Jones	Enigma
20	Fred Evers	Northside

### July

#### Birthdays

7	Mark Myers	First, Tifton
8	W. E. Fogarty	Unity
14	Jim Donovan	First, Tifton
15	Casey Kilgore	Northside
18	Misty Harris	Oak Grove
20	Glenn Ford	Calvary
20	Krista Staton	Northside

#### Anniversaries

#### Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

1	Wayne Roe	First, Tifton
1	Jose Lopez	Vida Abundante
7	Brad Padgett	Brookfield
23	Don Harris	New Bethel

## Food Pantry 2017

June	Salem
July	Chula, First
August	Eastside
September	Brookfield
October	New River
November	Northside
December	Brighton Road

The Food Pantry served 13 households in April.

## ANNUAL TRUCKLOADING Georgia Baptist Children's Home

### Baxley Campus

September 11—14  
(details to follow)




## Senior Adult Lunch July 25th, 2017 Eastside Baptist Church Noon

To reserve your spot at the table, call the church office at 229-382-0730

## Fun-Food-Fellowship

# SUMMER HEALTH AND SAFETY

PROTECT YOUR SKIN • STAY HYDRATED • PUT SAFETY FIRST

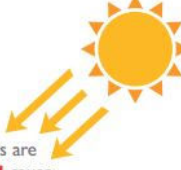


Skin cancer is the **MOST COMMON** type of cancer, accounting for **NEARLY HALF** of all cancer cases


### PROTECT YOUR SKIN

The sun's UV rays are **STRONGEST** between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.


### — SUNSCREEN FACTS —




UVB rays are the **MAIN** cause of sunburns.



SPF measures how well sunscreen protects against UVB rays only



Water-resistant sunscreen provides protection while swimming or sweating



Broad-spectrum sunscreen protects against both UVB and UVA rays

# Summer Safety

**STOP**  
Unsafe Acts

## HEAT INJURY PREVENTION

- Drink plenty of water
- Avoid heavy meals at lunch time
- Maintain a well balanced diet
- Wear appropriate clothing
- Use sunscreen
- Follow recommended work/rest cycles

## REFRESH

[ReFRESHconference.org](http://ReFRESHconference.org)

...for those who thirst for revival

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ReFRESH SOUTH  
September 17-20, 2017  
Sherwood Baptist Church  
Albany, Georgia  
To register, call (229) 883-1910 Ext. 1200



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**BCM NEWS**

God has really blessed us this past year. Six students were saved. Many have stated that they want to go into full time Christian vocations, and many have grown in spiritual leaps and bounds. The biggest thing they have learned is how to share their faith. I had one student drive some students to the airport twice just so he would have time to share the gospel with his friends. In a car you have a captive audience. I just hope that the excitement of sharing will carry over to next year when we get back!

Several students will be leaving this summer to share all across the world to do mission work. Please keep them in your prayers. I also need prayers as I plan for the upcoming fall. I am working on our small group materials and Thursday night Bible study plans. I want to have at least the first semester planned by the time school starts. Also, if you have any students who will be attending college this next fall, please let me know. I will contact them if they are going to ABAC and if they are going elsewhere I will forward their info to the proper people on that campus. We lose most of our students from high school to college so it is important for them to make connections when they go off to school. Drop me an email at [pchesnut.bcm@gabaptist.org](mailto:pchesnut.bcm@gabaptist.org) or send me a text or call at 229-848-0755. I would love to contact students before the hustle and bustle of fall starts.

I would like to know if anyone could help me. The BCM driveway is a mess. The last few rains have made large washout ridges in the drive. I am not sure what to do. Someone suggested scraping the drive with a blade. If you have any ideas, please contact me. Thank you!  
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Thank you so much for your food, financial support, and prayers this semester. Many students made decisions this past year and it would not have happened without you. I could never thank you enough.

**Penny**

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**Mell Baptist Association  
 Summer Office Hours  
 June & July**

**Missionary: Monday—Thursday  
 8:00 AM—4:00 PM**

**Admin Asst: Monday—Thursday  
 8:00 AM—Noon**

**Monthly Financials  
 (April 2017)**

Budget Needs:	\$9823.45
Funds Received	\$8792.17
Expenses:	\$4575.07