

Mell

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PLANNING AHEAD

MARCH 3-10
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

MARCH 10
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

MARCH 19
MELL MINISTERS' MEETING

MARCH 21
MELL EVANGELISM/MISSION TEAM

MARCH 26
MELL ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING
TEAM

MARCH 28
MELL ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

APRIL 7
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM SUNDAY

APRIL 14
PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 16
MELL MINISTERS' MEETING

APRIL 18
MELL EVANGELISM/MISSION TEAM

APRIL 19
GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 21
EASTER

APRIL 23
MELL ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING
TEAM

APRIL 23
MELL SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

APRIL 24
ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY

APRIL 25
MELL ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



Calling All Seniors!

Mell Senior Adult Luncheon

Omega Baptist Church
12:00 pm April 23, 2019

Come enjoy good food and fellowship. There will be no charge for the meal but please call the church at 229-528-4920 and let them know how many will be attending.

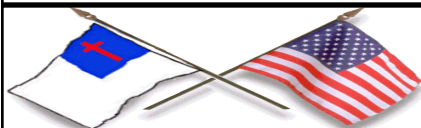
The Mell Baptist Association exists to Encourage Churches, Strengthen Churches, and Partner with Churches to Reach People with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Established 1887.

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March 2019

Check us out on Facebook



AM THOUGHTS

Martha and I attended the annual GBMB Associational Missionaries Workshop at Toccoa February 4-6. It is always good to see and fellowship with other AMs and their wives. Some, we don't see but a couple of times a year! Our featured speaker was Josh Ellis, Executive Director, of the Union Baptist Association in Houston, Texas. He challenged us to relook at associations and the future of associations. One of the takeaways for me was—the theme for associations, Better Together. What a great theme for us! We are Better Together! The second takeaway was that we need to move from recruitment to development in terms of future leaders. Associational churches need to work Better Together in developing future pastors, other workers in our churches, as well as in the association. I was particularly struck with the thought that we as associational churches need to work together to develop (call out the called) to be bi-vocational pastors. We are facing a crisis in having a pool of bi-vocational pastors! What if churches in the association would begin calling out the called, training/developing them to be bi-vocational pastors, part-time youth ministers, and/or part-time music directors? Please pray with me about what we can do Better Together to meet this crisis!

We concluded our THRIVE Roundtables. I want to thank Randy Mullinax, State Missionary, GBMB, for leading our roundtables and for those who participated. We concluded with seven different churches being represented. May God use the ideas presented and discussed to revitalize those churches!

By now I hope that you have heard that we will be having an evangelistic crusade here in Tifton in partnership with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in March of 2020 with Will Graham (grandson of Billy Graham) being the evangelist. The exact date has not been determined yet. On Thursday, March 19, at 7 PM at the Leroy Rogers Senior Center a BGEA Representative will be making a presentation on what will need to happen here for us to be able to have this Will Graham Celebration. Light refreshments will be served. A Steering Committee will be named that night to begin the process of organizing for this endeavor. I hope that your pastor and a few key leaders will be present for this important meeting. Letters have been mailed to churches within a 30-mile radius of Tifton inviting them to this meeting. Would you begin praying now for all the preparation that will need to take place as well as Will Graham? Pastors and staff are invited to an Areawide Monthly Prayer Meeting for the Will Graham Celebration. Our next Prayer Time will be Thursday, February 28 at 7 AM at the Mell Office. The March Prayer Time will be March 28 at 7 AM. We had 14 at the first Prayer Time on January 31. I strongly believe that this event is coming in God's divine timing to make a difference in the Tifton area. Let's get on board and see what God will do as we work Better Together!

Because of becoming a member of the Alliance Defending Freedom Church Alliance, this organization reviewed our Constitution & By-Laws as well as our Manual of Policies & Procedures. They suggested needed changes concerning our Statement of Faith, statement on sexuality, and statement on human life to both documents. Your Administrative Team has already approved the additions to the M of P&P. At our February 28 Mell Executive Committee Meeting at 7 PM at the Mell Office the changes to the Mell Constitution & By-Laws will be presented in writing according to the procedure of the present document. These changes will be discussed at the June 27 Executive Committee meeting and voted on at the Annual Meeting October 20

Tom

Community News:

Enigma Baptist Church will have a retirement reception for Rev. Ralph S. Jones (Preacher Pete as he is known around Enigma) on Saturday, March 16, 2019, from 2:00 pm. till 3:30 pm. The reception will be held in the church fellowship hall. We invite all his friends and family from the Mell Baptist Association to come and help us celebrate this event with Pete & Kathy. Pete & Kathy have served Enigma Baptist Church for 35 years. They came to our church in June, 1984 and will effectively retire Sunday, February 10, 2019



Useful Links:

Southern Baptist Convention
[http://www.sbc.net/](http://www.sbc.net)

North American Mission Board
[http://www.namb.net/](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

March Birthdays

- 1 Rodney Owens FBC, Ty Ty
- 15 Lynn Owens FBC, Ty Ty

Anniversaries

- 14 Rev/Mrs. Andy Ring Salem
- 17 Rev/Mrs. Sam Jones Northside

Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

- 2 Steve Tucker Liberty
- 28 Susan Harriman Victory

April Birthdays

- 10 Fred Evers Northside
- 13 Molly Jones Northside

Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

- 1 Kevin Kilgore Northside
- 23 Glenn Ford Calvary
- 26 Rodney Owens FBC, Ty Ty



March 3-10, 2019

Week of Prayer for North American Missions

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.

Our mailing address is:

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P.O. Box 1547
Tifton, GA 31793

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Food Pantry 2019

- January Liberty
- February FBC, Tifton
- March Lakeview
- April
- May New River
- June Unity
- July FBC, Chula
- August Eastside
- September FBC, Ty Ty
- October Northside
- November
- December Brighton Road

The Food Pantry served 19 households in January.

If your church would like to sponsor the Food Pantry for a month in 2019, give us a call at 229-386-0865 and let us know which month you would like to have.

Friday Night – March 29, 2019 at 7pm
Ty Ty First Baptist Church – Multi Purpose Building

**LEGACY FIVE
IN CONCERT**

Free Tickets are Required – Love Offering will be Received
Go to www.tytyfbc.org and click on the link for tickets.



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BCM News

About 5 years ago a scrawny, opinionated young man from Morrow, Georgia entered the BCM. He was a forestry major and a true country boy! He got involved in BCM and a local church and over the years it was amazing to see how God worked in this young man's life. He immediately got involved and as he grew in his faith, he led a small group and later became the BCM president. God gave him a heart for people and a vision to disciple them and help them in their spiritual growth. It was awesome to sit back and see God develop in him a shepherd's heart. Well, this past semester this young man left for seminary and yesterday was ordained. This is what makes my job such a delight. Helping young people who will one day be the backbone of the church mature and be the leaders God is calling them to be is what BCM is all about. Thank you for all you do, because of your support this association played a part in this young man's spiritual walk and future impact for the kingdom of God.

Before the next newsletter we will have finished our mission trip to Atlanta where we will be working with refugees and the homeless. We will be joining my son's BCM group from Boston, MS. T.J is another student who grew up in BCM and is now working at a church in Boston and leading a BCM at Framingham State College. His group has never been on a mission trip and he is hoping to instill in them a desire to share Christ. Please pray that God will open the hearts of all the students and they will learn what God wants to teach them and then have the desire to apply what they learn! Can you imagine that group of Bostonians with some of our "real country" students! What a cultural shock they are about to have!

Penny

WINTER SUPPER LIST 2018

Jan. 14	Student's Home Church
Jan. 28	BCM event
Feb. 4	Crossview
Feb. 13	Brookfield
Feb. 18	First Baptist Tifton
Feb. 25	Lenox
Mar. 4	Enigma
Mar. 11	Eastside
Mar. 25	BCM event
Apr. 1	Northside
Apr. 8	Zion Hope
Apr. 15	New River
Apr. 25	BCM event on campus

Please let me know if you need to make changes.
 We are thankful for your hard work!

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Mell Monthly Financial

(January, 2019)

Budget Needs:	\$ 9,673.49
Funds Received	\$13,507.88
Expenses:	\$ 7,369.55