

# Mell

## BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

### PLANNING AHEAD

- 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
- MAY 2  
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
- MAY 14  
MELL MINISTERS' MEETING
- MAY 16  
MELL EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM
- MAY 23  
MELL ADMIN TEAM
- MAY 27  
MEMORIAL DAY (MELL OFFICE CLOSED)
- MAY 28  
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM



Churches Working Better Together  
to Impact the



For

*Jesus Christ!*

**MAY 19-26, 2019**

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

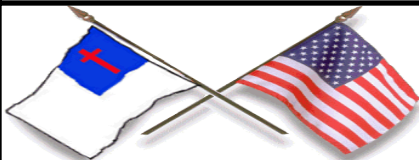
The Mell Baptist Association exists to Encourage Churches, Strengthen Churches, and Partner with Churches to Reach People with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Established 1887.

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April 2019

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## AM THOUGHTS

Congratulations to the following churches! These numbers are based on the latest Annual Church Report (2017-2018).

### **Top 5 in SS Average Attendance**

1. FBC Tifton	793
2. Northside	392
3. Journey	204
4. FBC Ty Ty	130
5. Brushy Creek	118

### **Top 5 in Discipleship Enrollment**

1. Northside	500
2. FBC Tifton	320
3. Journey	182
4. FBC Ty Ty	110
5. Victory	100

### **Top 5 In Giving through Cooperative Program**

1. FBC Tifton	\$223,770
2. Northside	\$164,041
3. FBC Ty Ty	\$46,333
4. Eastside	\$36,000
5. Mt. Zion	\$28,095

### **Top 5 in Average Worship**

1. FBC Tifton	920
2. Northside	509
3. Journey	405
4. FBC Ty Ty	185
Salem	185
5. Brookfield	150
FBC Chula	150

### **Top 5 in Percentage to Mell**

1. Calvary	4.22%
2. Brushy Creek	3.76%
3. CrossView	2.99%
4. Mt. Zion	2.93%
5. Omega	2.64%

Average % Giving to Association is 1.2%

Tom

## Community News:

**The National Day of Prayer.**

**May 2, 2019**

**7:00 PM**

**Leroy Rogers Senior Center**

**Pray for America**

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

Love one another, just as I have loved you.

**John 13:34**

**Mell Baptist Association**

**Pastors Salary and Benefits Presentation Meeting**

**Led by Tony Neal, GBMB**

**Tuesday, April 16, 2019**

**7 PM @ Mell Office**

**Who should attend?**

**Church Treasurers and Chairman of Deacons**

**NO COST!**

Please register at [thocutt@gmail.com](mailto:thocutt@gmail.com) or call 229-733-8911

### Useful Links:

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

4	Allen Mullis	Omega
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

### May Birthdays

5	Gail Mullis	Omega
9	Jose Lopez	Vida Abundante
20	Kathy Jones	Enigma
25	Barol Bailey	FBC, Ty Ty

### Anniversaries

11	Rev/Mrs. Greg Love	Crossview
23	Rev/Mrs. Jose Lopez	Vida Abundante
27	Rev/Mrs. Keith Norris	Eastside

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:

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

[mellbapt@friendlycity.net](mailto:mellbapt@friendlycity.net) Or call (229) 386-0865

### Food Pantry 2019

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

The Food Pantry served 24 households in February.

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.

### **Senior Pastor Ministry Assistant Position:**

Full time/40 hours, M-F; 8-5 position immediately available at Victory Baptist Church 3917 Hwy. 319 South, Tifton, GA 317923

Looking for professional, skilled, mature, person.

Call church office: 229-382-2211 for information.

Send resumes to: [jay@vbtifton.org](mailto:jay@vbtifton.org)

### **Easter Celebration and Sun Rise Services**

Unity Baptist Church, 802 William Gibbs Road, Tifton, Georgia will have an Easter Celebration on Saturday, April 20, 2019 starting at 3:00 pm. Also will have a Sun Rise on Sunday, April 21, 2019 starting at 7:30 AM with breakfast following. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## ***Missions Banquet***

**6:30 P.M, Saturday, May 18, 2019**

**Victory Baptist Church**

3917 US Hwy 319 South, Tifton

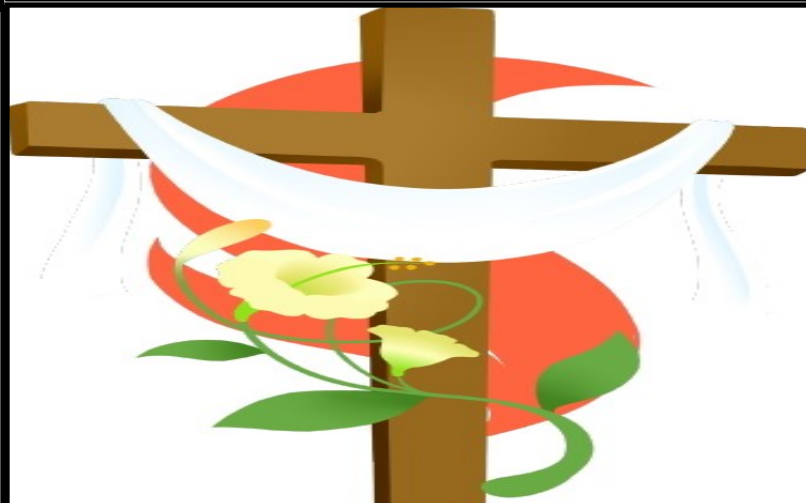
**Cost for meal: \$5 per person**

**Speakers: Gary & Sharon Tiner,**  
Missionaries to China

and

**Sheldon Livesay, Of One Accord Ministries,**  
Rogersville, Tennessee

**Reservations Required: 848-0613**





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### BCM News

If you ask God to send you people ready for the harvest, He will gladly do it! We have been praying that and the young man I talked about last month showed up and he is not saved yet so keep praying please. He is beginning to get distracted with school and Ag clubs so pray he will continue to come and people will continue to reach out to him.

Monday a couple of weeks ago this young man was behind one of my guys at the dinning hall line.

They began talking and Matthew realized my guy was as he said, "Religious". They asked Matthew to come to BCM and he did and stayed for our mission trip info meeting. Afterwards, he asked if he could go on the trip. I told him if there was anyway we could get his child protection stuff done he could. It was a miracle, that stuff usually takes at least 2 weeks to do-they rushed it and it was done in less than a week. He did not even own a Bible. We got him one and he is actually reading it. He is really searching. He said one day his roommates were doing stuff in the room that was not legal so he left and while in his car he asked if there was a God could he somehow get him some better friends. He heard a voice say, "You will get your answers soon." When he told me that I was sitting in my office working on the plan of salvation tips for a DNOW we were doing. I told him this is what he is looking for. The gospel was his answer! I went through the plan of salvation and asked if he believed it. He said it sounded crazy, but he did believe but would need to think about things. He was especially when I told him that if he accepted Christ he would have to make Jesus Lord of his life. He has searched several different religions and is amazed by Christianity. He is going on the trip and by the time you get this we will be back. I hope to be able to tell you that he got saved on the trip. Please pray for Matthew and our other guy.

Our International group Bible Study is going pretty well. It is hard with the language barrier to tell if they really understand the gospel. Please pray that they will hear what they need to hear and it will fall on n open heart. God is working and we are excited! Thanks for all you do!

**Penny**

### WINTER SUPPER LIST 2019

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!

### Baptist Collegiate Ministries

**Club Advisor**

**Penny Chesnut**

**ABAC 595**

**2802 Moore Highway**

**Tifton, GA 31793-2601**

**(229) 382-8708**

### Mell Monthly Financial

(February, 2019)

Budget Needs:	\$ 9,673.48
Funds Received	\$10,440.93
Expenses:	\$ 6,813.33

## MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

Volume 3, Number 3, April 2019

### Urgent Prayer

1. Pray for a spirit of prayer to sweep through our churches that would usher in true repentance and revival.

### Local

1. Pray for our Purpose to become a reality: "Mell Baptist Association exists to encourage churches, strengthen churches, and partner with churches to reach people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. "
2. We are praying for our churches and pastors per an alphabetical list of churches. Pray this time for Brushy Creek Baptist Church (Jimmy Parker, pastor), Calvary Baptist Church (Glenn Ford, pastor), and Eastside Baptist Church (Keith Norris, pastor).
3. Pray for the churches without pastors: Eldorado, Enigma, Lenox, New River, and Oak Grove.
4. Pray for our city and county officials in Tift, Cook, and Berrien Counties.
5. Pray for our schools, colleges, boards of education, superintendents, principals, teachers, and students.
6. Pray for the lost in your family and your circle of influence (work, school, recreation, neighborhood, etc.).
7. Pray for unity in the body of Christ in our association and surrounding area.
8. Pray for the monthly meetings of the Encouraging/Strengthening Team, Evangelism/Missions Team, and Administrative Team.
9. Pray for the Mell Baptist Association staff (Tom Hocutt and Charlene Fogarty).
10. Pray for the Baptist Campus Ministry at ABAC and Penny Chesnut as she leads.
13. Pray for the Steering Team and preparations that will need to be made for the Will Graham Celebration in the Spring of 2020.
14. Pray for the Pastors Salary and Benefits Workshop for Treasurers and Chairmen of Deacons April 16 at 7 pm at Mell Office.
15. Pray for the Mell Senior Adult Luncheon April 23 at Omega Baptist Church.

### State

1. Pray for our state government officials.
2. Pray for the Georgia Baptist Mission Board: its Executive Director (Thomas Hammond), its ministries, and other State Missionaries.

### Nation

1. Pray for our national government leaders.
2. Pray for the North American Mission Board, its president (Kevin Ezell), staff, and its missionaries.
3. Pray for the Southern Baptist Convention; Augie Boto, Acting CEO of the Executive Committee; and J. D. Gear, SBC President.
4. Pray for the revival of God's people and the spiritual awakening of our nation and the world.
5. Pray for the protection and support of our law enforcement, fire fighters, and EMS personnel.

### World

1. Pray for the International Mission Board--its president (Paul Chitwood), staff, and missionaries.
2. Pray for the 1.6 billion Muslims of the world that they would come to an understanding of who Jesus Christ is.
3. Pray for the Gospel of Christ to be shared to the unreached people groups in the world.
4. Pray for the protection of Israel, wisdom for Israel as they deal with their enemies, and for the peace of Jerusalem.
5. Pray for protection for our armed forces in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, and around the globe.
6. Pray that the people of Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, and North Korea would have stable governments and that they would have an opportunity to hear the Gospel and respond.
7. Pray for the persecuted Christians of the world.

### ANSWERS TO PRAYER

1. Praise the Lord for 73 from about 35 area churches who attended on March 19 the Presentation Meeting for the Will Graham Celebration!