

Mell

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PLANNING AHEAD

MAY 2
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

MAY 16
MELL EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

MAY 21
MELL MINISTERS' MEETING

MAY 19-26
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR MELL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

MAY 23
MELL ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

MAY 27
MEMORIAL DAY (MELL OFFICE
CLOSED)

MAY 28
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING
TEAM

JUNE 11-12
SCB ANNUAL MEETING, BIRMINGHAM

JUNE 20
MELL EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

JUNE 25
MELL ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING
TEAM

JUNE 27
MELL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MELL MISSIONS BANQUET

6:30 PM, Saturday, May 18, 2019

Victory Baptist Church

3167 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: Call 382-2211

Everyone is Invited!

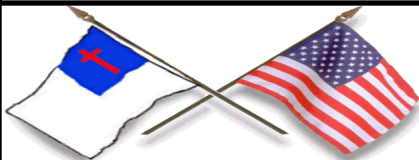
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Established 1887.

www.mellbapt.com

May 2019

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AM THOUGHTS

Correction from last month: Number 5 in Top 5 in SS Average Attendance should have been Brookfield with 118 not Brushy Creek. My eyes skipped a line! I apologize for the confusion!

I hope that you are making your plans to attend the Mell Missions Banquet, Saturday, May 18, at 6:30 PM at Victory Baptist Church. You will be provided a good meal and inspiration as we hear a missionary from China, Gary Tiner, as well as Sheldon Livesay, Of One Accord Ministries, Rogersville, Tennessee,. The cost of the meal is \$5 per person. Please make your reservations by calling 382-2211. We hope to be able to partner with Rev. Livesay and his ministry there in eastern Tennessee. We are working on sending teams to assist him as early as this summer. Don't miss this great opportunity to hear what God is doing through these servants of the Lord.

Praise the Lord for our partnership with the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. Tony Neal, State Missionary with GBMB in Church Administration came down and talked with our pastors and staff at our month Ministers' Luncheon Tuesday on Pastor Compensation. Tuesday night thirty-one people from fourteen churches attended a workshop led by Tony on "How to Legally Pay Church Staff;" So many churches are treading on dangerous grounds by not paying their pastor in the proper/legal way as well as causing him, many times, to pay more taxes than he should. If you were not able to attend, I have some of the packets that were distributed and discussed at the meeting. Come by the office and get one, if you so desire.

We had a great Mell Mission Trip to Clarkston, Georgia, March 28-31. Ten of us went on this trip (all but me from CrossView BC). We highly recommend considering taking a mission trip there. We had many cross-cultural experiences as well as cross-cultural training and evangelistic training. In one 45 minute time frame, I talked with people from six different countries! We worked with Clarkston International Bible Church, Acts 17 Initiative, and NAMB's Send Relief. If you are considering sending people overseas, this is a great place to have them prepare for their cross-cultural experience. God is working through these entities to minister to the many refugees living in Clarkston. Pray for these ministries!

National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 2. We here in Tifton are having a prayer service at 7 PM at the Leroy Rogers Senior Center. All are invited to come pray corporately for our churches, local government, healthcare, education, youth, families, businesses, farmers, state government, and federal government. If you cannot attend, please join with others in your homes or businesses at noon to pray for our nation. It is time for God's people to cry out to God for His mercy and grace on our nation!

We now have a date for the Will Graham Celebration next year. The Will Graham Celebration (evangelistic crusade) will be March 20-22, 2020 in partnership with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association at the UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center. Please put this date on your personal calendar and make sure that it is on your church's calendar. You and your church will want to be a part of the preparation leading up to this event as well as the Celebration itself. You will begin to hear more about this in the coming weeks. Ask your pastor if your church has signed up with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association to participate. If not, and your church wants to participate, please let me know! We have 42 churches committed so far. We are reaching out to churches within a 30-mile radius of Tifton. It is going to be great! You will want to participate! Please begin now praying for this!

Tom

Community News:



Youth Pastor Training

Thursday, May 16, 6:00-8:00pm

Northside Baptist Church

4605 Murray Avenue, Tifton, GA

Dinner will be provided.

Register by Monday, May 13 to attend. To register, go to www.nbcifton.info and fill out the form under *Youth Pastor Training*.

Oak Grove Baptist Church

Vacation Bible School

"In the Wild"

Sun., June 2, 2019–Thurs., June 6, 2019

6:00 pm—8:30 pm

2019 SBC ANNUAL MEETING

Birmingham, Alabama

June 11-12, 2019

GOSPEL ABOVE ALL

1 Corinthians 15: 3-4

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

May

Birthdays

5	Gail Mullis	Omega
9	Jose Lopez	Vida Abundante
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

June

Birthdays

8	Charlene Fogarty	Unity
25	Greg Love	Crossview

Anniversaries

6	Rev/Mrs. John Hughes	FBC, Tifton
9	Rev/Mrs. William Fogarty	Unity

Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

1	Andy Ring	Salem
1	Mark Myers	FBC, Tifton
20	Fred Evers	Northside

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 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 15 households in March.

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.

(Training for a church or associational outreach ministry to teach conversational English while demonstrating and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with your students without knowing their languages).

Dates:

Friday, May 31, 2019, 6:00pm-9:00 pm

Saturday, June 1, 2019, 8:30am-5:30pm (Must attend all 11 hours of instruction for North American Mission Board certification)

Location:

Arbor Baptist Church,
1137 N. Merrimac Drive Extension
Fitzgerald, Georgia 31750

Cost:

ARW-\$25.00 (Includes Workshop Manual and lunch on Saturday)

Please make checks payable to: "Arbor Baptist Church"

Please note on the memo line of the check: "ESL Workshop"

Please mail your check along with a note naming the person(s) being registered, their phone number(s), and their email address(s) to Arbor Baptist Church (1137 N. Merrimac Drive Extension, Fitzgerald, Ga. 31750)

Contact Person:

Donna Milner-229-457-5612/donnamilner@yahoo.com

Registration Deadline:

Monday, May 13, 2019

To be registered, checks must be received by Wednesday, May 18, 2019

Online registration: <http://www.arborbaptist.org/#/forms/literacy-missions>

June 10 ~ 13, 2019
6:00 ~ 8:30 PM
Alapaha Baptist Church



Mell Baptist Association
817 North Central Ave.
P.O. Box 1547
Tifton, GA 31793
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Chula, GA 31733
Permit No. 5

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BCM News

I left you hanging last month about our lost young man who showed up at BCM and went on the mission trip. This young man is from Georgia and is an example of the lostness of our state. He knew very little about God and what salvation is. He knew there was a void in his life and had been searching different religions looking for answers. He is the perfect example of how people are searching for God and not sure what to do. By a miracle of God, he was able to complete all the child safety regulations in one day and went on our trip. We realized right off he did not own a Bible, so we got one with great study notes and told him to begin reading in Matthew. God worked another miracle! This young man was an early riser and met me in the kitchen each morning an hour before everyone else goes to breakfast. The first day he asked if God loved people as much as He loved the rest of His creation. That prompted the reading of Genesis one and two. During our group devotion time that day we studied Genesis 3. He knew that God created the world and the beginning of sin. The next day we talked about sharing your faith and went through the plan of salvation.

On the fourth day, I just asked him if he understood what it meant to be saved. He said yes and then I asked if he wanted to have a personal relationship with Christ. We went through Romans 10:9. If you confess with your mouth—I asked him his sins and he proceeded to name more than I ever wanted to know. He realized this was what was separating him from God and when we got to the part in the verse where it says LORD—he realized that if he wanted to be a part of God's family, he would have to repent of his sins and make Jesus Lord! He said he was ready to make Him Lord and asked Jesus to come and rule in his life. He will be going home to Alpharetta this summer and we are now searching for someone up there to disciple him.

Thank you for all your prayers and concerns about this young man! Your prayers played a big part in his salvation! Please continue to pray for him as he grows in his faith!

We have another young man who is searching and we only have a couple of weeks before the end of the semester, please pray for him. It will be finals in a couple of weeks and many are struggling and need lots of prayer to be convicted to finish strong in their classes.

We have selected new officers and will be planning for next semester the first of May. Please help us to plan what God would have us to do for the upcoming year!

Penny

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

Mell Monthly Financial (March, 2019)

Budget Needs:	\$9,673.49
Funds Received	\$8,735.27
Expenses:	\$7,555.85

MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

Volume 3, Number 4, May 20019

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 Eldorado Baptist Church (Bobby Christmas, regular supply), Enigma Baptist Church (no pastor), and First Baptist Church Chula (Brian Allen, 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/Mission 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.
11. Pray for the Steering Team and preparations that will need to be made for the Will Graham Celebration in March of 2020.
12. Pray for the “Leading Organizations” Workshop May 9 at FBC Tifton.
13. Pray for the Mell Missions Banquet May 18 at Victory BC.
14. Pray for Mell Baptist Association during the Week of Prayer for Associational Missions May 19-26.

State

1. Pray for our state government officials.
2. Pray for the Georgia Baptist Mission Board: its Executive Director (Thoms Hammond), its ministries, and other State Missionaries.
3. Pray for the Georgia Baptist Mission Board personnel in the transition to a new structure.

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; Ronnie Floyd, CEO of the Executive Committee; and J. D. Grear, 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 the 31 from fourteen churches who attended the Pastor Compensation Workshop April 16.