

Mell

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PLANNING AHEAD

JUNE 11-12
SCB ANNUAL MEETING,
BIRMINGHAM

JUNE 20
MELL EVANGELISM/MISSIONS
TEAM

JUNE 25
MELL ENCOURAGING/
STRENGTHENING TEAM

JUNE 27
MELL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

JULY 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY
(MELL OFFICE CLOSED)

JULY 18
MELL EVANGELISM/MISSIONS
TEAM

JULY 23
MELL SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON
CROSSVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

JULY 23
MELL ENCOURAGING/
STRENGTHENING
TEAM

JULY 25
MELL ADMINISTRATIVE
TEAM



Calling All Seniors!

JULY 23, 2019

**MELL SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON
CROSSVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH**

**PLEASE CALL BRO. GREG LOVE AT 912-230-6014 TO LET HIM KNOW HOW
MANY WILL BE ATTENDING FROM YOUR CHURCH!**

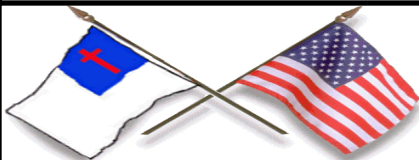
The Mell Baptist Association exists to Encourage Churches, Strengthen Churches, and Partner with Churches to Reach People with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Established 1887.

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June 2019

Check us out on Facebook



AM THOUGHTS

Congratulations to these churches (numbers are based on the 2018-19 Annual Church Reports):

Top 5 in Percentage Giving through the Cooperative Program

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| 1. Eastside | 11.49% |
| 2. Lakeview | 11.11% |
| 3. New River | 10.72% |
| 4. Northside | 9.9% |
| 5. Oak Grove | 9.44% |

Average for Mell Baptist Association 7.5%

Top 5 in Giving to the Association

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| 1. FBC Tifton | \$19,450 |
| 2. Nortside | \$17,200 |
| 3. FBC Ty Ty | \$8,600 |
| 4. Mt. Zion | \$8,027 |
| 5. Eastside | \$6,720 |

Top 5 in VBS Attendance

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| 1. FBC Tifton | 375 |
| 2. Northside | 337 |
| 3. Journey | 208 |
| 4. Omega | 138 |
| 5. FBC Ty Ty | 137 |

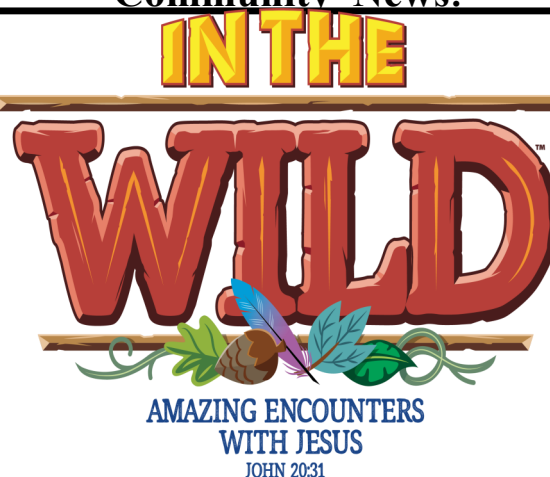
Top 5 in Mission Participants

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| 1. Northside | 499 |
| 2. Mt. Zion | 186 |
| 3. FBC Tifton | 183 |
| 4. FBC Ty Ty | 181 |
| 5. Journey | 158 |

Praise the Lord, it is now official! We will have the Will Graham Celebration here in Tifton March 20-22, 2020, at the UGA Tifton Conference Center. Will you begin praying now for this evangelistic outreach? Pray for the Steering Team as they select people to serve in leadership positions and lead teams; pray for the leadership teams that will be formed; pray for Bob and Kristen Hickling, Celebration Directors; pray for Will Graham that he will be able to preach with the anointing of the Holy Spirit; and pray for the churches in this area to be mobilized to pray and invite the lost to attend. If your church has not committed to be a part of this, but you would like to, please contact Tom.

Tom

Community News:



Oak Grove Baptist Church Vacation Bible School

“In the Wild”

**Sun., June 2, 2019–Thurs., June 6, 2019
6:00 pm—8:30 pm**

First Baptist of Ty Ty Vacation Bible School

“In the Wild”

**Sun., June 9, 2019—Thurs., June 13,
2019
6:00 pm—8:30 pm**

Omega Baptist Church Vacation Bible School

“In the Wild”

**Mon., June 10, 2019--Fri., June 14, 2019
6:00 pm—8:30 pm**

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

- 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

July Birthdays

- 7 Mark Myers FBC, Tifton
- 8 William Fogarty Unity
- 15 Casey Kilgore Northside
- 20 Glenn Ford Calvary

Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

- 1 Jose Lopez Vida Abundante
- 1 Wayne Roe FBC, Tifton

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



Mell Baptist Executive Meeting
June 27, 2019
7:00 pm

Mell Baptist Association Building
817 N. Central Ave
Tifton, Georgia

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

GO GEORGIA

STORYTELLERS

2 Days & 2 Locations
Over 100 Breakout Sessions
Training for Every Church Leader
One or two day Registration Options

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| 2 Days | 1 Day |
| \$35.00 | \$20.00 |

Location: **First Baptist Church Jonesboro**
147 Church Street
Jonesboro, Georgia 30236

Dates: **August 16-17, 2019**

Location: **First Baptist Church Statesboro**
108 N. Main Street
Statesboro, Georgia 30458

Dates: **August 23-24, 2019**

To register go to: <https://gogeorgia.net/register>

Food Pantry 2019

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| 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 12 households in April.
 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.



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BCM News

You know that God is working in hearts when you begin to see changes in the life of someone. One of my students is an average GenZ. He loves his phone, is constantly distracted, and is an avid hunter and sports nut. During this past couple of months, he has cut out social media and it is amazing how God is working in his life. He went on a mission trip and even fasted before he went! God worked on his life during the trip and he has changed! He is more focused on his relationship with Christ and is even talking about teaching youth and leading a small group this next semester. It is amazing what can happen when the distractions are cut out and one gets to the place where he can hear that still small voice! Spark is not the same young man he was three months ago! Please pray for him that he will continue to grow over the summer as he works on his internship.

Also, please pray for our guy who accepted Christ this past month. He has been reading through the gospels and is now headed home for the summer. I talked with him today and am worried that he will struggle. His parents are lost and he has few Christian friends. I tried to fix him up with some people to reach out to him and it is not working out. He needs encouragement or he will fall to temptation. Please pray he will find a church and some Christian friends who are willing to invest in his spiritual growth for the summer.

In addition, during our Block party at the end of April we met 2 students who were struggling with temptations and realized they needed to run back to God. They seemed interested and we gave them materials to follow until next semester, but again they can slip if they don't have fellowship. It is so important for young people to have Christian fellowship and support in order to stay close to God. Many are going home for the break and will be far away.

They desperately need us to pray that they will continue to dig into the Word of God and grow forward in their faith instead of backward.

I keep praying that they will, "Be strong and of good courage and do not dismay, for the Lord our God is with them wherever they go!"

We are winding down for the semester and getting ready for summer semester. I finally have time to reflect and make plans for the future. One thing I do reflect on with great gratitude is the good folks in the Mell Association. You guys are the best. You are our prayer warriors, our financial supporter, and the best cooks in the state!! We truly could not make it without your support! God bless you!

Penny

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Club Advisor
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Tifton, GA 31793-2601
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Mell Monthly Financial (April, 2019)

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| Budget Needs: | \$ 9,673.48 |
| Funds Received | \$10,118.56 |
| Expenses: | \$ 9,534.32 |

MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

Volume 3, Number 5, June 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 First Baptist Church Tifton (Wayne Roe, pastor), First Baptist Church Ty Ty (Rodney Owens, pastor), and Journey Church (Benji Rowland, 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.
11. Pray for the Steering Team and preparations that will need to be made for the Will Graham Celebration March 20-22, 2020.

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.
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. Gear, SBC President.
4. Pray for the SBC Annual Meeting June 11-12 in Birmingham and the related meetings.
5. Pray for the revival of God's people and the spiritual awakening of our nation and the world.
6. 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 80 who attended the Tifton National Day of Prayer Service on May 2.
2. Praise the Lord for the 19 from eight churches who participated in the "Leading Organizations Workshop" May 9.