



Mell

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PLANNING AHEAD

AUGUST 15
MELL EVANGELISM/MISSIONS
TEAM

AUGUST 20
MELL MINISTER'S MEETING

AUGUST 22
MELL ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

AUGUST 27
MELL ENCOURAGING/
STRENGTHENING TEAM

SEPTEMBER 2
LABOR DAY
(MELL OFFICE CLOSED)

SEPTEMBER 17
MELL MINISTER'S MEETING

SEPTEMBER 19
MELL EVANGELISM/MISSIONS
TEAM

SEPTEMBER 24
MELL ENCOURAGING/
STRENGTHENING TEAM

SEPTEMBER 26
MELL ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Sunday School and Discipleship

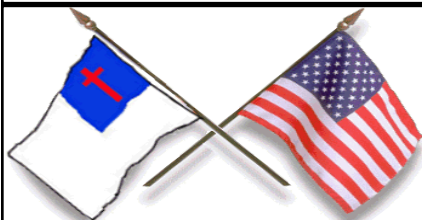
LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Saturday, September 7, 2019

Eastside Baptist Church, Tifton

8:30 AM	Registration
9:00 AM	General Session Including Keynote Address by Steve Parr for Everyone
9:30 AM	Breakout Sessions: General Leaders (Pastors and SS Directors) led by Steve Parr, GBMB Adult Teachers/Leaders led by Christopher Sanchez, Northside BC, Valdosta Youth Teachers/Leaders led by Sam Jones, Northside BC, Tifton Children Teachers/Leaders led by Marcia Staub, FBC, Tifton Preschool Teachers/Leaders led by Diane Roberson, FBC Douglas Discipleship Track led by Kenny Sexton, Arbor BC, Fitzgerald
10:30 AM	Break
11:00 AM	Breakout Sessions (Continuation of first Breakout Sessions)
12:00 PM	Dismiss

There will be no cost; but please register by Thursday, September 5, by emailing thocutt@gmail.com or calling 386-0865 so that we will have enough refreshments.



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

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Established 1887.

August, 2019

Check us out on Facebook

AM THOUGHTS

I was ordained into the Gospel Ministry by Glendale Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on June 15, 1969; thus, I have now been in active ministry for over 50 years. Martha and I had attended this loving church while in college at then William Carey College, Hattiesburg. As I reflect over 50 years of ministry, I have seen lots of changes, but one constant has been the faithfulness of God--He has been so faithful in His dealings with Martha and me. I would like to share some of what God in His faithfulness has permitted us to do over these fifty years. Please indulge me this one time! While at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, I was the pastor of the Charity Hospital Mission sponsored by Central Baptist Church. After graduation God led us to Montana where I pastored East Helena Baptist Mission (sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church, Helena) and Helena Valley Baptist Church.

While pastoring Helena Valley I was the Chaplain for Mountain View School for Girls (a correction facility of the State of Montana). I had the privilege of being the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Ralph Bell Evangelistic Crusade (sponsored by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association) in 1978. Some of the other responsibilities that God permitted me to be a part of:

Secretary and later President: Helena Evangelical Ministers' Fellowship

Director: Children's Camp, Treasure State Baptist Association, Montana

Secretary: Montana Southern Baptist Fellowship

Business Manager: Montana Southern Baptist Assembly

In 1980 God led us to return south where I became the Interim Pastor and Pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Adamsville, Alabama. It was there that God showed us His faithfulness again and led us to make application to the then Foreign Mission Board. We were appointed as missionaries December 7, 1982 and we arrived in Israel on April 27, 1983. We went to work with Jewish people. God permitted us to begin a Hebrew speaking congregation in the Upper Area of Nazareth. In our third term there I was asked to become the first full-time Administrator of the Baptist Convention in Israel (the mission group there). In this position I worked with all the FMB personnel there as well as Jewish Messianic congregations, Arab Baptist Congregations, and other evangelical groups. I was also the Secretary and later Chairman of the United Christian Council in Israel (Fellowship of Evangelicals).

In June of 1997 we came back to the U. S. not knowing what God had in store for us but sensed His direction to pursue working with an association. I answered an ad in the Alabama Baptist paper for the position of Director of Missions in Mallery Baptist Association, Albany, Georgia. The rest of the story, I retired from there in December of 2015. God showed his faithfulness there as we saw God mold the association into an active evangelistic and mission-oriented group of churches. I had the privilege of serving as First Vice President of the Georgia Baptist Convention and President of the Georgia Associational Missionaries Fellowship. We participated in mission trips to Idaho, New York, France, Moldova, England, and Mexico (numerous times). I also was a part of the Executive Committee of the Southwest Georgia Celebration with Ralph Bell in Albany (sponsored by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association) in 2001.

God opened another door for Him to show His faithfulness in April of 2016 for me to become the Interim and the next year the full-time Associational Missionary for the Mell Baptist Association, Tifton. Thank you for letting me serve the Lord through this association!

All this to show how God will lead you when you are willing to follow Him without reservation. I could not imagine as a young man, that, after 50 years of ministry, God would have let me be involved in so many areas of Christian ministry. He receives all the honor and glory! Anything good that was done was His doing, not ours! Thank you for letting me share God's faithfulness to Martha and me with you!

Community News:

Annual Church Reports (ACR)

Churches, I have the ACR packets ready for your clerks to pick up, please ensure the information is completed and posted on the GBMB iGO website (<http://igo.gabaptist.org>) by on or before September 23, 2019. This will allow time for the data to be available for the Mell Association annual meeting on October 20, 2019.

Clerks, if you have any questions or need help please call the Mell Office at 229-386-0865.

When completing the ACR reports online, if you run into problems, please call tech support at 770-936-5245.



The 2019 Church Protection Seminar is designed for both church staff and lay leaders who work with church finances and church administration to stay current with protecting your churches.

Cost: \$10 online registration, \$15 at the door

To find date, location and to register online go to: <https://gabaptist.org/churchprotection>

Dates & Time

First Baptist Church, Pooler
September 17, 2019 6-9 pm

First Baptist Church, Villa Rica
October 8, 2019 6-9 pm

First Baptist Church, Pelham
October 24, 2019 6-9 pm

CELEBRATIONS

August Birthdays

20	Leslie Brooms	Northside
21	Brian Brooms	Northside
25	Nancy Hughes	FBC, Tifton
22	Wayne Roe	FBC, Tifton

Anniversaries

3	Rev./Mrs. Steve Davis	Brookfield
4	Rev./Mrs. Wayne Roe	FBC, Tifton
7	Rev./Mrs. Darryl McHan	Alapaha
20	Rev./Mrs. Mark Myers	FBC, Tifton

Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

1	John Warner	Lakeview
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September Birthdays

2	Cindy Evers	Northside
20	Susan Roe	FBC, Tifton
25	Jimmy Parket	Brushy Creek

Anniversaries

14	Rev./Mrs. John Werner	Lakeview
23	Rev./Mrs. Kevin Kilgore	Northside

Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

10	Allen Mullis	Omega
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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

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Food Pantry 2019

August	Eastside
September	FBC, Ty Ty
October	Northside
November	Oak Grove
December	Brighton Road

Food Pantry 2020

January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	Unity
July	
August	
September	
October	Brookfield
November	
December	

The Food Pantry served 11 households in June.
If your church would like to sponsor the Food Pantry for a month in 2020, give us a call at 229-386-0865 and let us know which month you would like to have.

ANNUAL TRUCKLOADING

Benefitting
Georgia Baptist Children's Home
and Family Ministries

The Mell Baptist Association is collecting:
Spaghetti sauce, noodles (egg, lasagna, and elbows),
cooking oil and aluminum foil.
Gift Cards are always appreciated!

Collection Information
September 16-19, 2019

8 a.m. to 4 p. m.

Association Office

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Tifton, Georgia 31794

Questions? Please contact the Association at 229-386-0865 or Charlie Koehl at 770-463-3800 or cckoehl@gbchfm.org





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BCM News

The Bible tells us to share the gospel and I experienced this past month the true impact of sharing. I had the opportunity to lead a BCM team at Camp Chula. While there I taught a 4th grade class of 31 children. Two days I shared with them unique ways to share the plan of salvation. The first day I challenged them, the kids shared the gospel with 70 people and the second day they shared with 95 people for a total of 165. Think of this, a class of 31 had 165 sharing contacts. How awesome is that? Through this experience, God gave me a renewed vision to push my students to share the gospel without hesitation this next semester. Small children do not get so upset about what others think and just do what God asks. Please pray that BCM students and I will see the lost as God does and develop a deeper heart of compassion for them. Pray that they will care more about reaching the lost than what people think. What about you? Do you share the gospel without hesitation? How different would ABAC and Tift county be if we saw the lost as Christ did and shared with the zeal of Paul? Think of the impact this would have on the crusade we are planning in the spring! I am praying for this!

The semester will begin soon, and we are going crazy planning. Please pray that the new students will find a group of Christian friends quickly. The pull to slip away from church and put Jesus on the back burner is strong those first few days. Before the first day is over 95% will be asked to go to a party or the local bar. We are doing all we can to make connections those first few days. These are long hot days and during the middle of things my son is getting married. Those first two weeks will be wild so please pray for us to have strength and the heart of Christ for the incoming students. The student leaders are getting so excited. Thanks for your prayers!

Penny

FALL SUPPER LIST 2019

- AUG. 19 - BCM
- AUG. 26- BCM
- SEPT. 9 - Northside
- SEPT. 16 – New River
- SEPT. 23- FBC Chula
- SEPT.. 30 – Crossview
- OCT. 7 – FBC, Tifton
- OCT. 14 – Fall Break
- OCT. 21 – EASTSIDE
- Oct. 28– Calvary
- NOV. 5– BCM
- NOV. 12 - Crossview
- NOV. 19- BCM
- NOV. 26 – BCM

Please let me know if you need to make changes. We are thankful for your hard work! We could not do this without you!

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Mell Monthly Financial
 (June, 2019)

Funds Received:	\$8,482.35
Expenses:	\$9,274.44
Budget Needs:	\$9,673.41

MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

Volume 3, Number 7, August 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 Mt. Zion Baptist Church (Aaron Frasier, pastor), New Bethel Baptist Church (Bobby Pittman, pastor), and Northside Baptist Church (Fred Evers, pastor).
3. Pray for the churches without pastors: Eldorado, Enigma, 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 Tiftarea Celebration with Will Graham , March 20-2, 2020. .
14. Pray for the Launch Event for the Tiftarea Celebration September 26 with Will Graham and his wife speaking.
15. Pray for the Mell Annual Meeting, Sunday, October 20, at 5 pm at Eastside BC with Gordon Fort, Ambassador for the President, IBM, preaching.

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.
4. Pray for GO Georgia Aug 16-17 FBC Jonesboro and Aug 23-24, FBC Statesboro.
5. Pray for the Georgia Baptist Annual Meeting November 11-12 Fayetteville.

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 children and youth who made professions of faith in VBS and that they will be discipled.