

# **Mell** **BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

## **PLANNING AHEAD**

OCTOBER 15  
MELL MINISTERS' MEETING

OCTOBER 17  
MELL EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

OCTOBER 20  
MELL ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 22  
MELL ENCOURAGING/  
STRENGTHENING TEAM

OCTOBER 22  
MELL SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

OCTOBER 24  
MELL ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

NOVEMBER 3  
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

NOVEMBER 11-12  
GBMB ANNUAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 14  
MELL EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

NOVEMBER 21  
MELL ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

NOVEMBER 28  
THANKSGIVING (MELL OFFICE  
CLOSED)

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

**Sunday, October 20, 2019**

**Eastside Baptist Church**

1490 Kennedy Road, Tifton

**4:30 pm Registration**

**5:00 pm Business Session**

**6:00 pm Worship**

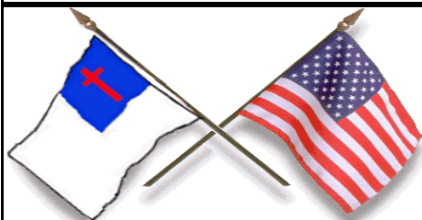
Gordon Fort, Ambassador for the President, International Mission Board will be preaching at the Worship Session.

**Churches, please elect your messengers and send the list to Mell Office so that we can make messenger badges for them.**

***Come enjoy a night of worship, fellowship, and fun!***

Please transfer your evening service to Eastside!

**Everyone is Welcome!**



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October, 2019

Check us out on Facebook

### AM THOUGHTS

To God be the glory for what He did at our Sunday School Leadership Training on September 7 at Eastside Baptist Church. We had 63 pre-registered, and, yet, we registered 93 attending! PTL! We had excellent leaders for the breakout sessions. Of the 93 attending, they were from 11 Mell churches and 4 other churches. The comments that I have heard were all positive. Thank you for all who attended.

Annual Meeting is Sunday, October 20, at Eastside Baptist Church. Registration will begin at 4:30 pm and our business session will begin at 5:00 pm. We will be approving a list of officers, leaders, and team members; adopting a budget for 2020; voting on additions to our By-Laws; and, if approved by the Admin Team on September 26, accepting Grace Baptist Church, Adel, under watchcare for a year; and presenting the Church of the Year. At our worship session which begins at 6:00 pm, we will enjoy praising the Lord through singing, hearing a testimony and a presentation about the refugee ministry in Clarkston (Trent DeLoach, pastor of Clarkston International Bible Church), giving an offering for Bahama Relief through Baptist Global Relief, being challenged from God's Word by Gordon Fort with the International Mission Board. Please transfer your service that night to Eastside. Please also elect your messengers and make sure you have provided the names to our office so that the messengers can have proper Messenger Badges. It is going to be great! Don't miss it!

The Mell Senior Adult Luncheon will be Tuesday, October 22, at noon at Lakeview Baptist Church. Please call 546-4250 to make your reservation.

Sheldon Livesay from Of One Accord Ministries, Rogersville, TN, will be sharing in three of our churches on November 3. We hope to sponsor a mission trip there next year. Keep looking for more details.

We will also be planning a mission trip next year to Clarkston, GA, to work with Clarkston International Bible Church and their refugee ministries. More details later.

Since October is Clergy Appreciation Month, I wanted to share the following. In an email I received on January 8, 2018, Chuck Lawless, professor at SEBTS, shared "10 Ways to Love Your Pastor Better..."

1. *Pray more for him.*
2. *Be patient with him.*
3. *Desire personally to grow in Christ.*
4. *Let his wife be who she's created to be.*
5. *Defend him when necessary.*
6. *Get involved in the church's work.*
7. *Grant him opportunities for more study.*
8. *Help him balance family and church responsibilities.*
9. *Pay him fairly.*
10. *Pray even more for him.*

These are excellent encouragements and will bless your pastor! Show your appreciation to your pastor and his family in some tangible way this year—gift card for restaurant, gift card for book, a personal note of appreciation, childcare for a "date night," or something more expensive that the whole church might participate in like a vacation away or a trip to the Holy Land. Most of all as the list above shares pray specifically for him and his family daily and ask him about specific things for which to pray!

**Tom**

## Community News:

### GRIEF SHARE

A grief support group for those with a significant loss in recent years.

Thursday, 4:00 pm  
Family Life Center  
First Baptist Church Tifton

For more information, please contact

John E. Patten  
229-300-3182

THANK YOU TO ALL THE CHURCHES THAT RESPONDED TO THE MELL BAPTIST TRUCKLOADING FOR THE GEORGIA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME. WE HAD A GREAT TURN OUT FOR THIS EVENT WITH SIXTEEN MELL CHURCHES AND TWO OTHER CHURCHES PARTICIPATING,



#### 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

### **October**

#### Birthdays

19	Leigh Ann Werner	Lakeview
21	Darryl McHan	Alapaha

#### Anniversaries

14	Rev/Mrs. Jimmy Parker	Brushy Creek
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#### Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

4	Barol Bailey	FBC, Ty Ty
24	John Hughes	FBC, Tifton

### **November**

#### Birthdays

4	Gary Cadwell	Oak Grove
15	Kevin Kilgore	Northside\
28	Sam Jones	Northside

#### Anniversaries

6	Rev/Mrs. Steve Tucker	Liberty
22	Rev/Mrs. Brian Broome	Northside

#### Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

8	Jimmy Parker	Brushy Creek
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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

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

#### Food Pantry 2019

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

#### Food Pantry 2020

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

The Food Pantry served 18 households in July.  
**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.**



**2019** CHURCH PROTECTION SEMINAR

PROTECTING YOUR CHURCH AND MINISTRIES IN **THREE** CRUCIAL AREAS:

COMPLIANCE  
TRANSPARENCY  
POLICIES

STANDARDS  
REQUIREMENTS

HOLY BIBLE

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 church.

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

### **Seminar Leaders**

Tony Neal & Alan Folsom—Financial  
Ricky Thrasher—Safety & Security  
Harrison Smith—Religious Freedom

### **Dates & Locations**

(All event times 6-9 pm)

October 24

First Baptist Church Pelham

231 Primitive Ave

Pelham, Georgia

Registration: [gabaptist.org/churchcompliance](http://gabaptist.org/churchcompliance)

For further information contact:  
[Churchadministration@gabaptist.org](mailto:Churchadministration@gabaptist.org)  
770-936-5274



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**BCM News**

**The wisdom of the world is foolishness to God and the wisdom of God is foolish to men.** This is what we have been studying in Corinthians and I have seen this to be so true. The young man I spoke about last month spoke at BCM this month and his room mates came to support him. They were in a wreck last semester and should have died from the looks of the vehicle. They all lived but had a brush with death. During his message the young man shared a gospel message that was so clear a three year old could have understood it. He talked of Christ's love, a graphic picture of his death on the cross, and then His resurrection. He talked of heaven and hell and how if you don't make a decision to turn from your sin and follow Him, hell is your eternity. This to me seems like a smart/stupid decision. But, his crowd listened and walked away and by the next day, the life of sin was back to normal. I am amazed, how can anyone spit in the very face of God? We have been praying and I ask you to pray for his roommates! When you see them you think they are a lost cause – but that is not true!! As long as they have breath in their bodies, and the Lord has not returned, there is hope! Please pray that more gospel conversations will be spoken to them and the blinders will be removed and they will see Christ for who He is. Pray they will see their sin as a poor substitute for a relationship with Christ. I know you folks are praying people and we need you to “stand in the gap” for these college students!

So far this semester we have shared with students in our meetings the need and how to have a daily quiet time with God, the importance of prayer, and how to share the gospel. Also, our state meeting this weekend in Atlanta will be on developing a person discipleship plan. Pray with me that their focus will not be only on the guy or girl they have an eye on, but on Christ and the importance of a personal daily time with Him. Before they focus on a “man with a plan, or a wife for your life” these students need a personal day to day walk with God! That daily walk with affect all their future decisions!

Also, please pray for me. I have averaged 50 to 80 hours a week since August 2. I am running on fumes! God is working!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS!!

**Penny**

**FALL SUPPER LIST 2019**

- 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!

**Baptist Collegiate Ministries  
 Club Advisor  
 Penny Chesnut  
 ABAC 595  
 2802 Moore Highway  
 Tifton, GA 31793-2601  
 (229) 382-8708**

**Mell Monthly Financial**  
 (August, 2019)

Funds Received:	\$6,711.47
Expenses:	\$7,190.64
Budget Needs:	\$9,673.40

## MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

Volume 3, Number 9, October 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 Salem Baptist Church (Andy Ring, pastor), The Road Church (Matt Strevel, pastor), and Unity Baptist Church (William Fogarty, 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.
11. Pray for the Leadership Team, Bob & Kristin Hickling (Celebration Director), and preparations that will need to be made for the Tiftarea Celebration with Will Graham March 20-22, 2020.
12. Pray for the Mell Annual Meeting, Sunday, October 20, at 5 pm at Eastside BC with Gordon Fort, Ambassador for the President, IMB, preaching.
13. Pray for the Mell Senior Adult Luncheon, Tuesday, October 22, at noon at Lakeview BC.

### 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 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 1.8 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

Praise the Lord for the 93 from 11 Mell churches and 4 others who attended the Mell SS Leader Training, September 7, at Eastside BC!