



Mell

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PLANNING AHEAD

NOVEMBER 3
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

NOVEMBER 11-12
GBMB ANNUAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 14
MELL EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

NOVEMBER 19
MELL MINISTERS' LUNCHEON

NOVEMBER 21
MELL ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

NOVEMBER 28
THANKSGIVING (MELL OFFICE
CLOSED)

DECEMBER 3
MELL ENCOURAGING/
STRENGTHENING

DECEMBER 3
MELL MINISTERS/WIVES
CHRISTMAS BANQUET

DECEMBER 5
MELL EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

DECEMBER 12
MELL ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

DECEMBER 18-JANUARY 1
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
(MELL OFFICE CLOSED)

2019

Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting



New Hope Baptist Church
551 New Hope Road
Fayetteville, Georgia

November 10-12

Annual Meeting Schedule

Sunday, November 10
Pre-Convention Rally

6 pm-7pm

Monday, November 11
Ignite Preaching Conference

1 pm-4:30 pm

Speakers: Nolan Wood, Jordan Easley, Todd Houston and Chris Orr
GBC Annual Meeting-Session 1

6 pm-9 pm

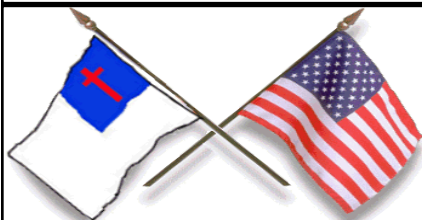
Tuesday, November 12
GBC Annual Meeting-Session 2
GBC Annual Meeting-Session 3

9 am-Noon

2 pm-5:30 pm

Presiding: Robby Foster, GBC President
Thomas Hammond, GBMB Executive Director/CEO

“Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in the heavens.” Psalm 119:89



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

www.mellbapt.com

Established 1887.

November, 2019

Check us out on Facebook

AM THOUGHTS

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! That about sums up how I feel today after our Annual Meeting Sunday night! What a great time together! The atmosphere was special as we conducted the business of the association in a Godly manner, worshipped in song, prayed, heard a mission trip testimony, heard about the ministry to refugees in Clarkston from Trent DeLoach, pastor of Clarkston International Bible Church, took up an offering for disaster relief for the Bahamas that will be given through the Baptist Global Relief organization that works with our IMB personnel there, heard a challenge to be ready and willing to go to the uttermost to share the Gospel.

In the business session a budget of \$117,311 for 2020 was approved. Rodney Owens, pastor of FBC Ty Ty, was re-elected as moderator, Wayne Rowe, pastor of FBC Tifton, was re-elected as Associate Moderator (and Moderator Elect), and Charlene Fogarty (Unity) was re-elected as Clerk and Treasurer. Vacancies on the Administrative Team, Encouraging/Strengthening Team, and Evangelism/Missions Team were elected (due to rotation or resignation). Grace Baptist Church of Adel was approved to come under "watchcare" for a year. Brad Baker, pastor, and several Grace members were present. The additions to our By-Laws that had been recommended by Church Alliance of Alliance Defending Freedom were approved.

Certificates of Appreciation or Achievement from GBMB were presented: Northside for the most baptisms in the association, Omega for the lowest ratio of resident members to baptisms, FBC Tifton for largest contributor through the Cooperative Program, Eastside for largest percentage giving through the Cooperative Program, Northside for the largest amount per resident member through the Cooperative Program. We had three churches as Church of the Year this year: Alapaha BC, CrossView BC, and Victory BC. They were up in 9 categories out of ten that we track. Congratulations to all the above churches!

The worship time was fantastic with great music led by Jeanette Feltman, Music Director, Eastside, and their choir. We heard a mission trip testimony from someone who had never been on a mission trip before, Rebekah Dunn (CrossView) and then heard a great testimony and challenge from Trent DeLoach (pastor, Clarkston International Bible Church) about their ministries to the refugees with a challenge to come help them minister. We had a good time of prayer for the pastors present. An offering (\$1,543.00 PTL!) was taken for disaster relief for the Bahamas that will be given to Baptist Global Relief that supports IMB personnel in the Bahamas. Then we heard a challenging message from Gordon Fort from the International Mission Board to be ready to go where the Lord leads whether here or far away. To God be the glory!

Please, please make sure your church is signed up with the Celebration Office to participate in the Tiftarea Celebration with Will Graham March 20-22, 2020. Several events are coming up in which you will want to participate.

November 5, Church Leaders Rally, 7 pm, Tift County Recreation Department Gym

November 18, Evangelism & Follow-up Seminar

November 19, Evangelism & Follow-up Seminar

November 21, Evangelism & Follow-up Seminar

December 5, Pastor's Prayer Breakfast

Go to <https://tiftarea.billygraham.org/> for more information.

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



Operation Christmas

Child 2019

Collection Week:

November 18-25

Order free materials at

samaritanspurse.org

This year you may order new larger deco shoeboxes for \$25 per 50 or plastic ones for \$18 per dozen

Note: Central Drop Off Location: **Eastside Baptist**

For more information or if you would like to volunteer, call Richard Gaines at 326-9213 or e-mail occ@ebctifton.com. Help collect shoeboxes from our area so that children and their families can experience God's love and salvation in

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

November

Birthdays

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| 4 | Gary Cadwell | Oak Grove |
| 13 | Benji Rowland | Journey |
| 15 | Kevin Kilgore | Northside\ |
| 28 | Sam Jones | Northside |

Anniversaries

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

Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

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| 8 | Jimmy Parker | Brushy Creek |
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December

Birthdays

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| 8 | John Werner | Lake View |
| 14 | Stacy Ring | Salem |
| 21 | Steve Tucker | Liberty |
| 23 | Nerily Lopez | Vida Abundante |

Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

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| 28 | Les Gilbert | New River |
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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 Or call (229) 386-0865

Food Pantry 2019

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| November | Oak Grove |
| December | Brighton Road |

Food Pantry 2020

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| January | |
| February | FBC, Tifton |
| March | Zion Hope |
| April | |
| May | |
| June | |
| July | Unity |
| August | |
| September | FBC, Ty Ty |
| October | Brookfield |
| November | Northside |
| December | |

The Food Pantry served 13 households in August.
The Food Pantry served 20 households in September.

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.

Santa's Helpers/Toys for Tots

Christmas is coming and your Santa's Helpers Team, a ministry of Mell Baptist Association, realizes we must begin to "get ready" for Christmas.

Santa's Helpers is partnering again with United States Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation to provide Christmas joy for families in Tift County.

Santa's Helpers/Toys for Tots uses the volunteers and resources of Tift County to provide toys for families in our area at Christmas time.

The families follow an application process to request toys for their children. We accept applications for children birth – 15 years old (unless special needs exist). The following requirements are a part of the application process:

1. Address/Residence of Tift County
2. Children live in the home with legal guardians
3. Income verification or assistance listed
4. Name, age and sex of all children and adults in the home
5. School children attending
6. Working cell phone number
7. Other information that family would like to share with committee.

After these families are screened and notified, the fun (packing) begins. The toys are bagged and labeled for the families to pick up.

We need our churches to support Santa's Helpers with toys or cash donations for children living under the poverty level

As we ask our volunteers to pack a toy bag for each child, we look to Jesus' birth. Jesus received 3 gifts at the first Christmas so we ask our packers to choose 3 gifts/toys for each child in the family.

The Distribution Day is the highlight of our ministry. The families come to the American Legion Fair Grounds and pick up their family's bag of toys. We have an opportunity to meet these families and share with them. We can lift them up in prayer and encourage them in their life.

The distribution day will be December 17, 9 am – 4 pm

On this day, we also need volunteers for a smooth-running distribution:

"Prayers warriors" – from your home or at the American Legion Building

"Teams" to check identification/match name with toy bag number

"Runners" to bring matching toy bag to front area to the family

"Hostesses" to offer waiting families water, etc.

"Overseers" to be sure all is running smoothly and correct bag goes to correct family

Ministers to share the love of Jesus and encouragement

Gideons to share Bibles with every family and every child

Smiling faces to hand out brochures and information about churches.

"Outside Runners" to help families get bags into cars. (single mothers or grandmothers)

Volunteers to secure food for workers.

The collecting, sorting and packing will be all done at the American Legion Fair Grounds beginning December 2 at 10 am – 4 pm. (If you have a group that would like to help in this area please email Shirene shirenedaniell@gmail.com or call 229-392-4060 to be sure someone is at the site.)

The last day to [pack will be December 13, 10 am – until.

Monday, December 17 will be used to set up for distribution.

Please pray for this ministry.

Thank You,

Charlotte Nichols ctnick@Bellsouth.net



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BCM News

This past month has been a great month. We went to our state meeting and it was on DISCIPLESHIP. We talked about the importance of Bible study and how to do it, prayer, and personal evangelism and discipleship. During the time the speaker challenged the students to have someone to disciple or mentor them and they needed to find someone who needed to be discipled and work with them. Many that night started asking people to be their mentor. On Monday about an hour before our meeting, Liqua and about 5 freshmen walked to the back room. I asked them what they were doing and Liqua said that he had been challenged to disciple and these new freshmen needed help so he asked them to make a group with him. This was great but the thing is Liqua has only been saved 6 months and when he got saved he did not know who Adam and Eve was! But, you would be amazed at what he knows now. Well, when I realized that this was his group, I asked a young man who grew up in the church to go back there and help him. This young man has been around for a while and went to the same conference so I told him that God could not get any clearer without hitting him over the head with a 2 by 4 and that he needed to be a part of helping Liqua with this group!

They are studying a book of the Bible and Liqua has studied and prepared and seems to know what he is talking about. God is moving in that young man's life. Please pray for him, I don't know what God is going to do with this young man. He was going to transfer next semester for his major and recently decided to change his major and stay at ABAC because God has a mission for him here! He has a tender heart and is very sensitive to the Holy Spirit. Please pray he will make decisions based on the Holy Spirit and not feelings. I would not be shocked if God did not call him to some type of ministry. Please pray for wisdom for him.

I met with girl this week that is struggling with shame and guilt over her past. Because of this she doubts her salvation. We are going to meet once a week and go over the gospels so she can get a view of Jesus and God. Please pray that God will speak to her as she pours over the gospels. Pray she will come to peace about her salvation and move on in her walk. She is precious and wants to go forward in her growth but is being held back by this shame. I think she is struggling with not feeling worthy of salvation. I have told her many times that we are not worthy and we can do nothing to get to God – it is what He did when Jesus took our punishment and sin on the cross. He will take you where you are and make you what He wants you to be. I hope that in the next few weeks she will either get saved or come understand the assurance of her salvation.

THANKS 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
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 Tifton, GA 31793-2601
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Mell Monthly Financial (September, 2019)

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| Funds Received: | \$ 8,973.83 |
| Expenses | \$15,205.95 |
| Budget Needs: | \$ 9,673.35 |

MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE
Volume 3, Number 10, November 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 Victory Baptist Church (Jay Kimbro, pastor), Vietnamese Mission (Kiet Le, pastor), and Zion Hope Baptist Church (Cory Hand, 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), Will Graham, and preparations that will need to be made for the Tiftarea Celebration with Will Graham 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.
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 77 registered messengers from 22 Mell churches, the 88 registered guests, with a total of approximately 230 who attended the Mell Annual Meeting at Eastside October 20!