

Mell **BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

PLANNING AHEAD

FEBRUARY 9
RACIAL RECONCILIATION SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 10-16
FOCUS ON WMU

FEBRUARY 18
MELL MINISTERS' MEETING

FEBRUARY 20
MELL EVANGELISM/MISSION TEAM

FEBRUARY 25
MELL ENCOURAGING/
STRENGTHENING TEAM

FEBRUARY 27
MELL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MARCH 1-8
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH
AMERICAN MISSIONS

MARCH 8
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

MARCH 17
MELL MINISTERS' MEETING

MARCH 19
MELL EVANGELISM/MISSION TEAM

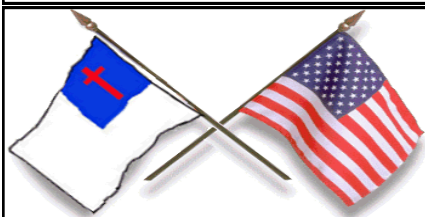
MARCH 24
MELL ENCOURAGING/
STRENGTHENING TEAM

MARCH 26
MELL ADMIN. TEAM



March 20-22, 2020
UGA Tifton Campus
Conference Center
15 R D C Road
Tifton, Georgia
Will Graham, Speaking
Great musical Guests

An outreach for everyone
All seats are free



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.

Check us out on Facebook

February, 2020

AM THOUGHTS

Congratulations to the following churches in our association! These numbers are taken from the Annual Church Reports submitted in 2019 (thus covering church year for 2018-2019).

Top 5 in Total Baptisms

1. Journey—41
2. Victory—34
3. Northside—28
4. FBC, Tifton—26
5. Alapaha—5

Top 5 in Mission Participants

1. Northside—453
2. FBC, Tifton—356
3. Mt. Zion—222
4. Liberty—152
5. FBC, Ty Ty—146

Top 5 in Average Worship

1. FBC, Tifton—1,018
2. Northside—558
3. Journey—420
4. FBC, Ty Ty—190
5. Salem—178

Top 5 in Average Sunday School Attendance

1. FBC, Tifton—772
2. Northside—446
3. Journey—235
4. FBC, Ty Ty—190
5. Brookfield—120

Top 5 in Percentage Giving Through Cooperative Program

1. Alapaha—11.4%
2. Eastside—11.3%
3. Mt. Zion—10.3%
4. New River—10.2%
5. FBC, Ty Ty—9.9%

Tom

Community News:

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**FEBRUARY 8, 2020 9AM-5PM
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
404 LOVE AVE
TIFTON, GEORGIA**

THIS IS THE CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WITNESS COURSE PRESENTED IN A WAY THAT ENGAGES STUDENTS. PLEASE ENCOURAGE EVERY STUDENT IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE TO ATTEND THIS COUSE. EACH SESSION BEGINS WITH WORSHIP AND A FREE MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED DURING THE DINNER BREAK. THE TRAINING SESSIONS WILL COVER: WHAT DOES MY WALK WITH GOD LOOK LIKE? HOW DO I DEAL WITH THE CHALLENGES OF LIFE? HOW DO I TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS? HOW DO I HELP MY FRIENDS GROW IN THEIR WALK? STUDENTS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO LIVE AN EFFECTIVE CHRISTIAN LIFE AND CHALLENGED TO GO MAKE DIFFERENCE IN THEIR WORLD.

Church Security Training Monday, March 30, 2020 6pm-9pm

Brookfield Baptist will be holding a Church Security Training course on Monday, March 30, 2020 with Ben O'Neal from the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. There is no charge for the course, but if you plan on attending please call Pastor Steve Davis at 912-332-6779 to let him know how many will be attending from your church.

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

February Birthdays

5	Allison Tucker	Liberty
21	Jeanne Love	CrossView
23	Andy Ring	Salem

Anniversaries

13	Rev/Mrs. Fred Evers	Northside
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Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

9	Greg Love	CrossView
18	William Fogarty	Unity

March Birthdays

1	Rodney Owens	FBC, Ty Ty
15	Lynn Owens	FBC, Ty Ty

Anniversaries

14	Rev/Mrs. Andy Ring	Salem
17	Rev/Mrs. Sam Jones	Northside

Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

2	Steve Tucker	Liberty
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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 2020

January	Liberty
February	FBC, Tifton
March	Zion Hope
April	
May	New River
June	Salem
July	Unity
August	
September	FBC, Ty Ty
October	Brookfield
November	Northside
December	Brighton Road

The Food Pantry served 29 households in November, and 9 in December.

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.

The Tift Area Prayer Committee

Presents the

2020

Mayer's Prayer Breakfast

Speaker: Bob Hickling

Director, Tiftarea Celebration with Will Graham

Thursday, February 6, 2020

7:30 am

Leroy Rogers Senior Center

Tickets—\$10.00 per person

If you would like to purchase tickets for this event, you may see Tom Hocutt at the Mell Baptist Association office.

Follow-up Breakfast and workshop Promotion Materials Distribution Day February 22, 2020 8-10am Location TBD

All Pastors, Evangelism, and Discipleship Leaders are strongly encouraged to attend. Information will be provided as it relates to the Follow-up of those who came forward at the Celebration as well as strengthening your existing follow-up procedures. Promotional materials (invitations, poster, etc.) will be available for pick up to take back and distribute to your Church

Celebration Bring-A-Friend Sunday February 23, 2020

This is a Sunday set aside for your church to focus on Bring-A-Friend, highlight evangelism, and pray for those family members and friends who you know need the hope that can only be found in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We even have a sermon outline prepared for you should you wish to use it. (Bring-A-Friend resources and a Sermon Outline are available at the Celebration Office)



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BCM News

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him! **Psalm 34:8**

The Lord has truly shown His goodness to the people at BCM this past semester. We have gained some new great freshmen and they seem eager to learn and our older students are eager to work with them help them grow. This is what I have prayed for would happen this year. The best way for students to learn and keep them in the Word of God is to realize the responsibility they have in passing on the faith. Several of the older students are learning this and it has show great results. There is a sweet spirit around here— it is getting to be like a big family that actually gets along!

I just want to share with you guys the result of the older discipling the younger. About 6 years ago my son and one of his friends felt led to reach out to some of the new freshmen. The four-year status at ABAC at the time was beginning to grow and so the maturity rate advanced until then there was a big turnover every year. These two guys just walked with some of the new students, loved on them, and shared their spiritual journey with their new friends. In time thses guys felt led to ministry, and because of their love and sharing and listening to God’s guidance in working with their younger friends, several of the younger guys heard the call to ministry as a vocation. As a result, 7 of these students are now in school at South Eastern Seminary this semester. Two will be graduating this spring and will serve full time. Also, this semester two more are contemplating the call to full time ministry. God has got a hold on these students! Some others who will be graduating soon plan on working a while to pay down their school debt and then go to the mission field. I talked with one today who is struggling with this idea of fulltime service and he is worried about how his family will accept it. Please pray for them as they move forward in their decisions. Pray those Christians who are involved in their lives will be sensitive to God’ leading as we counsel and share with them.

I know at times I wonder who, will be the next set of pastors and missionaries and church leaders, and then God shows me something like this and it blesses my heart. God has and will always be in the life changing business and he is still working in the hearts of His people. He is calling out young people, please pray they will set still long enough to study the Word, listen, and hear the call!

We just sat through the first Crusade witnessing training session and it was great!! The student sat still for over an hour and a half and said it seemed like only 10 minutes! Please pray for them and all over our association that people who go to these sessions will listen and not just be a hearer of the Word but a doer. If all the folks who are being trained, would actually share what they are learning, this county would not be the same!

Your prayers are treasured and God is answering them!

Penny

Spring Semester Supper List

February	3	Mary Beth’s Dad’s Church in Cordele
	10	Brookfield
	17	Northside
	24	Crossview
March	2	FBC, Tifton, Ga
	9	Brighton Rd
	16	SPRING BREAK
	23	New River
	30	Zion Hope
April	6	Eastside
	13	Lenox
	20	BCM Party by BCM

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

Mell Monthly Financial (November, 2019)

Funds Received:	\$8,042.44
Expenses:	\$7,823.87
Budget Needs:	\$9,673.35

MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

Volume 4, Number 1, February 2020

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 prayer for our churches and pastors per an alphabetical list of churches. Pray this time for Brushy Creek Baptist Church (Jimmy Parker, pastor) Calvary Baptist Church (Glenn Ford, pastor, and CrossView Baptist Church (Greg Love, 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/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 Celebration 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.
12. Pray for the Mell Executive Committee meeting February 27.

State

1. Pray for our state government officials.
2. Pray for the Georgia Baptist Mission Board: its Executive Director (Thomas Hammond), its ministries, and staff.

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 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 and 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 good attendances so far for the Tiftarea Celebration Christian Life & Witness Classes.