

Mell

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PLANNING AHEAD

MAY 2
SENIOR ADULT SUNDAY

MAY 4
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM MEETING

MAY 6
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

MAY 9
MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 10
PASTORS' PRAYER TIME

MAY 18
MELL MINISTERS' MEETING

MAY 20
EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM MEETING

MAY 27
ADMIN TEAM MEETING

MAY 31
MEMORIAL DAY (MELL OFFICE CLOSED)

JUNE 1
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM MEETING

JUNE 14
PASTOR'S PRAYER TIME

JUNE 15-16
SBC ANNUAL MEETING

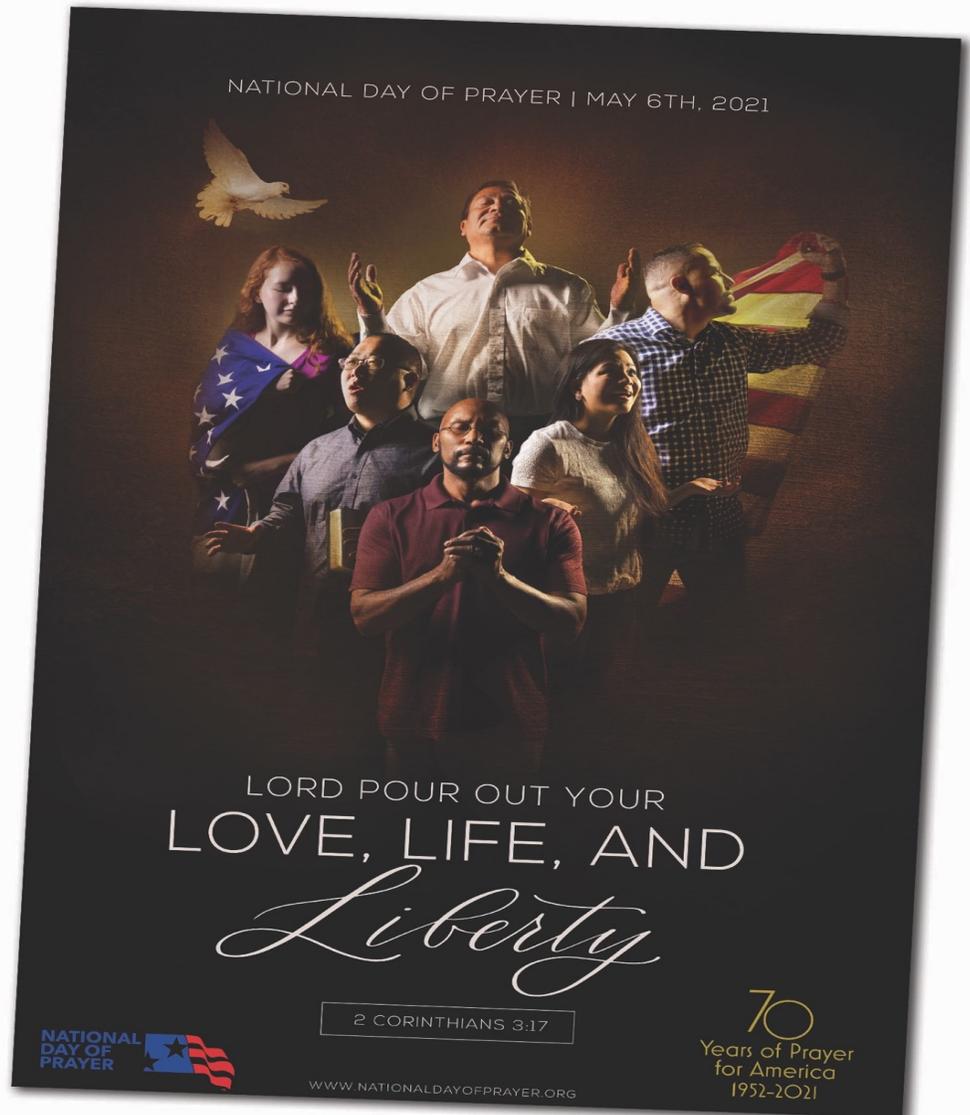
JUNE 17
EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM MEETING

JUNE 19-36
MISSION TRIP TO MEXICO

JUNE 20
BAPTIST MEN'S DAY

JUNE 27
MISSION DIGNITY SUNDAY

JULY 1
MELL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 6

Pray at your office, home, or church at noon (if possible) for our nation!

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

www.mellbapt.com

May 2021

AM THOUGHTS

Mell Rogersville Mission Trip Report

>25 from five churches: Brookfield, CrossView, Lakeview, Lenox, Victory

>Repair projects

-House 1: Repaired roof, front porch, built wheelchair ramp, pressure washed house

-House 2: Repaired roof, replaced front steps, built less steep wheelchair ramp

-Ministry Center: replaced section of ramp, replaced steps, replaced rotted boards over 14 windows.

>Shepherd Center:

- Sorted and priced clothes
- Put together food bags to give away
- Straightened up food pantry area
- Replaced stained ceiling tiles
- Put up trim on display case

>Medical:

- Screened for glucose level
- Blood pressure checks
- Saw about 60 people in 4 days

>Haircuts:

- Todd cut about 20 people's hair

>Mini VBS

- Averaged about 12 children
- Provided refreshments each day
- One profession of faith

>Block Party

- Rented two inflatables—bounce house and slide
- Rented 30' x 30' foot tent
- Provided several games for children or adults
- Program with music and Gospel presentation
- Five children raised their hands to indicate that they had made a profession of faith.
- Grilled hotdogs, had buns, chips, cookies, and bottle of water for everyone
- Approximately 75 in attendance

>Team:

- Debriefing each night with devotions two nights by pastors
- Attended Ridgeview BC's midweek service (youth participated with their youth)
- First night had Sheldon Livesay, Director of Of One Accord Ministry to share

Tom

CHURCH NEWS

Children's Chairs

First Baptist Ty Ty has children's chairs they would like to donate to another church. They have three types of chairs pictured below. There are 34 larger wooden chairs, 25 smaller wooden chairs, and 18 green plastic chairs. Ty Ty is willing to donate these chairs to any church that would use them. If an individual or non-church entity is interested, they may purchase chairs at \$5/chair. Please contact the church office at (229) 382-6247 if interested.



CrossView Baptist Church is looking for a qualified Part-time Music Leader. This is a paid position. Contact Pastor Greg Love, (912) 230-6014 or email greglove4@gmail.com.

Liberty Baptist Church is seeking a bi-vocational Minister of Music. Must be able to read and teach music, and, preferably, be able to play an instrument. Salary is negotiable. Contact Pastor Steve Tucker, (229) 450-4553 or email libertytifton@gmail.com

Churches wishing to inform the public of upcoming events, please send the information about the event to our office by the **20th** in order for it to be included 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

USEFUL LINKS:

Southern Baptist
Convention
<http://www.sbc.net/>

Georgia Baptist Mission Board
<https://gabaptist.org/>

North American Mission
Board
<http://www.namb.net/>

Mell Baptist Association
<http://mellbapt.com/>

International Mission Board
<http://www.imb.org/>

Christian Index
<http://christianindex.org>

CELEBRATIONS

May

Birthdays

9	Jose Lopez	Vida Abundante
22	Gail Mullis	Omega
29	Tina Kimbro	Victory

Anniversaries

11	Rev./Mrs. Greg Love	CrossView
23	Rev./Mrs. Jose Lopez	Vida Abundante
27	Rev./Mrs. Keith Norris	Eastside
27	Rev./Mrs. Aaron Frasier	Mt. Zion

June

Birthdays

8	Charlene Fogarty	Unity
25	Greg Love	CrossView

Anniversaries

6	Rev/Mrs John Hughes	FB Tifton
9	Rev/Mrs William Fogarty	Unity

Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

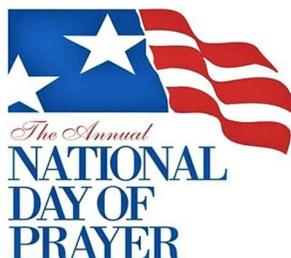
1	Mark Myers	FBC Tifton
21	John Falotico	Enigma

Mell Executive Committee Meeting

7 PM, Thursday, July 1, 2021

Place: TBA

All pastors and elected members from churches are members of the Executive Committee, but anyone may attend.



The National Day
of Prayer

May 6, 2021

LORD pour out your Love,
Life, and Liberty

2 Corinthians 3:17

The Mell Baptist Association still needs an Administrative Assistant to work Mon-Thurs 8 AM-Noon (hours could be adjusted). Please send resume to thocutt@gmail.com or call the office for more info 386-0865.

Food Pantry 2021

April	FBC, Ty Ty
May	New River
June	
July	Victory
August	Eastside
September	Brookfield
October	Northside
November	FBC, Tifton
December	

The Food Pantry served 6 households in March.

We need your help! If your church would like to sponsor the Food Pantry for a month in 2021, give us a call at (229) 386-0865.

Please pray for the following who will be going on the Mell Mission Trip to the Yucatan, Mexico, July 19-26, 2021:

Sarah Bennett
Steve Davis
Tom Hocutt
Travis Irwin
Jay Kimbro
Greg Love
Jeanne Love
Ben Martin
Norma Menejia-York
Michael Perri
Reagan Perri
Savannah Stephenson

- 1) Pray for safety and health.
- 2) Pray for eyes to see as God sees.
- 3) Pray for divine encounters to share the Gospel.
- 4) Pray for the pastors and churches we will meet and work with.
- 5) Pray for strength to do all that God wants us to do.
- 6) Pray for Mauricio Meneses as he leads us and shares his vision for church planting.
- 7) Pray for God to speak to each of us during this time.



BCM News

In America you think everyone has heard about Christ and owns a Bible. I have a student that recently said she got saved last semester. She came to BCM, was in a small group, and realized she knew about God but did not really know God and what it meant to have a relationship with Him. One night in her room she gave her life to Christ. She also said that for Christmas she asked for a Bible and this was the first one of her own. Can you believe 19 and did not own a Bible? In small group she always used her phone Bible, so no one thought that she did not have one. We got her a study Bible and she was so excited to have study notes, This young girl's family is going through a divorce and her Bible has been her lifeline during this time. At small group the other day, she was talking about how overwhelming things have gotten and she just could not pray anymore. The other girls in the group decided that if she could not pray – they would pray on her behalf. Is that not the picture of Christian community – supporting and loving one another? Please pray for this girl as she navigates this obstacle in her life.

I also have a student who was saved last semester and this semester he saw fruit of his salvation. Before he got saved, he was a little rough around the edges and his mouth was a little loose. Well, recently we had a heated ball game he was playing in. When the situation happened I asked him if he saw what had happened and he replied, "No, I was lying on the ground looking at the stars and asking God to please help me not cuss!" If you knew this young man, you would realize that this was a great sign of growth!! A few weeks later he had an opportunity to share his testimony and he used this incident as an example of how he knew he was saved – GOD HAD TRULY CHANGED HIS LIFE!

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School is winding down and finals are around the corner. Please pray for wisdom and the good sense to use time wisely! Spring is in the air and who wants to study! There will still be opportunities to share our faith with those around us for the last time. Please pray we will be bold and do it! Thanks for your support and precious prayers!

Penny

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Mell Monthly Financial

March (2021)

Funds Received: \$11,351.04

Expenses: \$8,036.38

Budget Needs: \$8,827.23

MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

Volume 5, Number 4, May 2021

Urgent Prayer Needs

1. Pray for a spirit of prayer to sweep through our churches that would usher in true repentance and revival.
2. Continue to pray for churches to keep safe as they continue to meet in person and wisdom as they consider opening other church activities.

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 Lakeview Baptist Church (John Werner, pastor), Lenox Baptist Church (Carl Metzger, pastor), and Liberty Baptist Church (Steve Tucker, pastor).
3. Pray for the churches without pastors: Alapaha, Eldorado, New River, and Northside.
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 Lord to lead us to the next Administrative Assistant that God has chosen.
10. Pray for the Mell Baptist Association staff (Tom Hocutt).
11. Pray for the Baptist Campus Ministry at ABAC and Penny Chesnut as she leads.
12. Pray for the Mell Mission Trip to the Yucatan, Mexico, June 19-26, 2021.
13. Pray for the Mell SS Leader Training September 18 at Northside BC.

State and U.S.

1. Pray for our state government officials.
2. Pray for the Georgia Baptist Mission Board: its Executive Director (Thomas Hammond), its ministries, and staff.
3. Pray for our GBMB Southwest Regional Consultants: Samuel Ayala (Missions), P. J. Dunn (Discipleship), Lee Hill (Worship and Music), Chris Reynolds (Pastor Wellness), and Tim Williams (Evangelism).
4. Pray for our national government leaders.
5. Pray for the North American Mission Board, its president (Kevin Ezell), staff, and its missionaries.
6. Pray for the Southern Baptist Convention; Ronnie Floyd, CEO of the Executive Committee; and J. D. Grear, SBC President.
7. Pray for the SBC Annual Meeting June 15-16 in Nashville, Tennessee.
8. Pray for the revival of God's people and the spiritual awakening of our nation and the world.
9. 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

1. Praise the Lord for six Mell pastors coming together to pray April 12.
2. Praise the Lord all God did through the 25 from five churches (including four pastors) who went on the Mission Trip to Rogersville, Tennessee, April 5-10.
3. Praise the Lord for the six children who indicated they made professions of faith at the mini VBS and Block Party in Rogersville on the mission trip.