

# Mell

## BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

### PLANNING AHEAD

**MARCH 28-APRIL 2**  
MISSION TRIP ROGERSVILLE TN

**APRIL 5**  
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM

**APRIL 11**  
PASTOR'S PRAYER TIME

**APRIL 14**  
PRACTICAL SHEPHERDING GROUP

**APRIL 17**  
EASTER

**APRIL 19**  
MELL MINISTERS' LUNCHEON

**APRIL 21**  
MELL EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

**APRIL 24**  
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM SUNDAY

**APRIL 27**  
ADMINISTRATIVE PROF. DAY

**APRIL 28**  
MELL ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

**MAY 3**  
ENCOURAGING/STRENGTHENING TEAM

**MAY 5**  
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

**MAY 8**  
MOTHER'S DAY

**MAY 9**  
PASTOR'S PRAYER TIME

**MAY 12**  
PRACTICAL SHEPHERDING GROUP

**MAY 17**  
MELL MINISTERS' MEETING

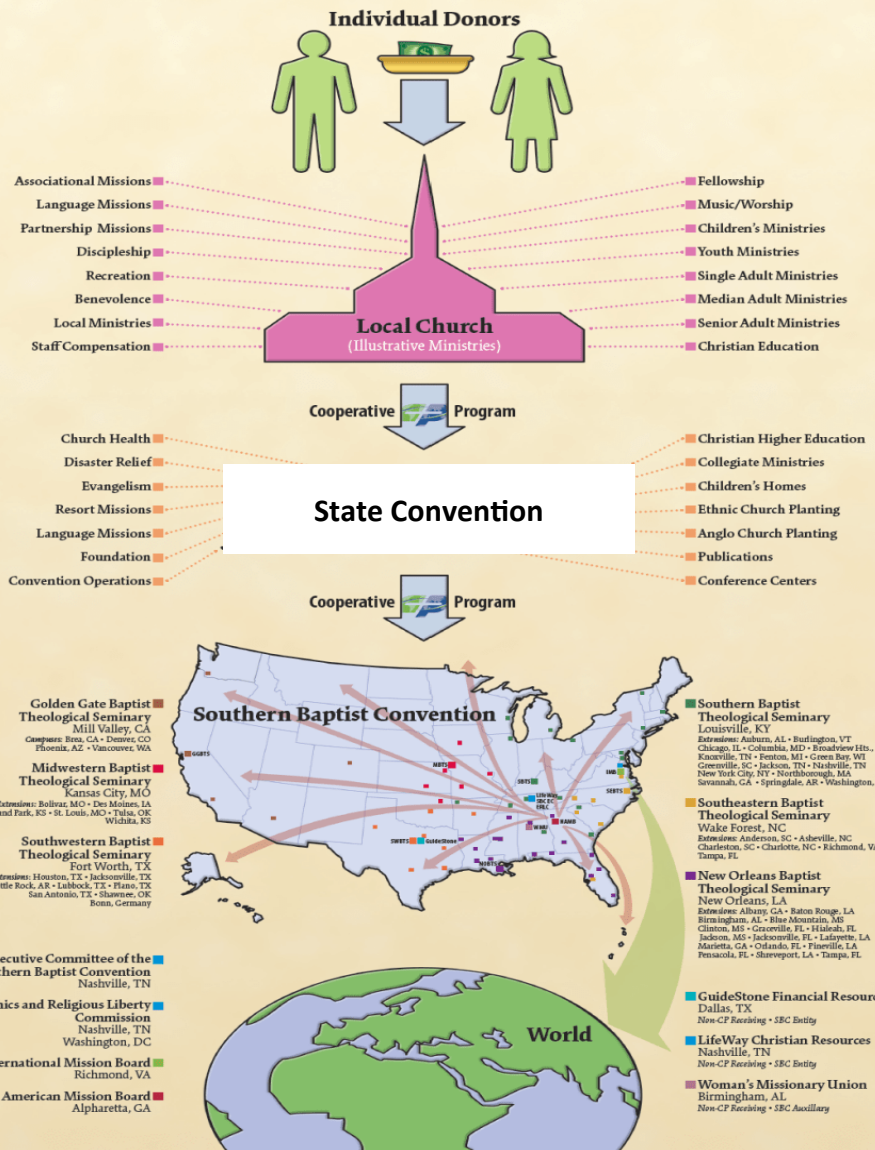
**MAY 19**  
MELL EVANGELISM/MISSIONS TEAM

**MAY 26**  
MELL ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

**MAY 30**  
MEMORIAL DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)

## The Cooperative Program

*An Aggressive Global Vision with a Strong Home Base*



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](http://www.mellbapt.com)

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## AM THOUGHTS

The Mell Executive Committee met February 24, 2022, at the Mell Office. Twenty-five attended representing sixteen churches. There were twelve pastors present. A decision was made to fund a part-time Baptist Collegiate Minister/Director for ABAC. This means that we need all our churches to increase their giving to the association by approximately 30%. If each church does that, we will have close to the amount of money we will need to fund that position (approximately \$36,000). As you know the Georgia Baptist Mission Board has been defunding some of the BCM positions across the state. When we voted, we did not know whether they were fully committed to funding this position when Penny retires at the end of this school year. See the next paragraph for latter development.

A meeting was held with Levi Skipper (the person at GBMB in charge of BCM) and Beverly Skinner (GBMB BCM) on Monday, March 7. Penny, our moderator, our associate moderator, a couple of pastors, and I attended. We were informed that the GBMB will fund a part-time BCM Director when Penny retires. They will interview candidates and hire this person. This is good news as it takes pressure off the association to fund this position immediately! We received no guarantee of how long the funding from GBMB will last. I believe that we need to be ready to fund a part-time position should the GBMB decide in the future to not fund this position. I know that most churches have already approved their budgets for this year, but would you be willing to contribute an amount now (over and above your regular giving) and then include the suggested increase to the association in your next year's budget? We are already receiving some funds for this position from churches and individuals.

The Mell Home Repair Ministry worked on three houses on February 26. Twelve men from six different churches (5 Mell churches) participated. The men built a 38-foot handicap ramp at one double wide. At a mobile home, the back steps were replaced. At the third house hand rails were installed at the front steps, the back door threshold repaired, the back door weather-stripped, posts supporting the stoop at the backdoor replaced, and handrails at the back repaired. We also had two ladies to visit and share Jesus with the owner of the third house.

Just to show the need, I received a call from a person who had gotten my number from the Fire Department that desperately needs a ramp built. She is unable to get out of her house. I told her that we would be able to build her ramp next quarter when we do another Home Repair Ministry Day. We are only doing this ministry quarterly because of funding and manpower. Presently we are taking the money for the repairs out of the Evangelism/Missions budget. We did not know when we planned the 2022 Budget that we would have a Home Repair Ministry. We have received three donations so far for this ministry to offset the cost of materials. We praise the Lord for these contributions!

Please be praying for our Mission Teams going to Rogersville and Mexico!

**Tom**

## CHURCH NEWS

**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](mailto:libertytifton@gmail.com)

**Omega Baptist Church** is looking for a part-time Music Leader. This is a paid position. Contact Pastor Allen Mullis (229-848-1888) or by email [omegabaptist-church@dmediacombb.net](mailto:omegabaptist-church@dmediacombb.net)

**Bethel Baptist Church** is looking for a full-time Minister of Students who will lead, coordinate, plan and promote the student ministry with emphasis of reaching students for Christ and training them to service him. Under the direction of the pastor, youth committee, the Minister of Students will assist in the outreach, growth, leadership and discipleship of the church. The Minister of Students shall be a person who reveals, by life, a true conversion experience and has the education/experience for the various duties of the position. This person shall be a family unit, husband/wife team. Such person should be: Ordained / Licensed / Layman / male or female who is married to person of opposite sex.

Please email your resume to:

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

## Urgent Prayer Request!

Please pray for the situation in Ukraine. Pray for the believers there. Pray for the leaders of Ukraine. Pray for the leaders of the U.S. and NATO.

## CELEBRATIONS

### April Birthdays

4	Allen Mullis	Omega
19	Taylor Mauldin	FB Tifton

### Pastor/Staff Anniversaries

23	Glenn Ford (1998)	Calvary
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### May Birthdays

7	Melissa Phillips	Northside
9	Jose Lopez	Vida Abundante
22	Mary Jo Mullis	Omega
29	Tina Kimbro	Victory

### Anniversaries

11	Rev/Mrs. Greg Love	CrossView
14	Rev/Mrs. Kenny Miller	FB Tifton
23	Rev/Mrs. Jose Lopez	Vida Abundante
27	Rev/Mrs. Keith Norris	Eastside
27	Rev/Mrs. Aaron Frasier	Mt. Zion
30	Rev/Mrs. Barry Cook	FB Tifton

## 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>

## GEORGIA BAPTIST WOMEN'S

# Spring Event

APRIL 23, 2022

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH  
WARNER ROBINS

[georgiabaptistwomen.org/springevent](http://georgiabaptistwomen.org/springevent)

*You Are Invited to a  
Come and Go Reception  
In Honor of  
Penny Chesnut.  
She is retiring as  
Baptist Collegiate Director at  
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural  
College  
When: 5-7 PM,  
Thursday, April 28, 2022  
Where: BCM Building at  
ABC  
Please RSVP by April 22 to  
[thocutt@gmail.com](mailto:thocutt@gmail.com)  
or call 386-0865.*

### Food Pantry 2022

The Food Pantry Served 13 Families in February

### Schedule for 2022

Let the office know if there is a problem with this schedule.

April	Oak Grove
May	Salem
June	New River
July	FBC Chula
August	Eastside
September	FBC Ty Ty
October	Brookfield
November	Northside
December	Brighton Road



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**BCM NEWS**

God is definitely sending us hearts that are softened to the gospel. Two weeks ago at trash ministry the students stopped at a door to pick up trash and prayed with a young man who later came to BCM. He talked with me and said he was not sure he was saved and was seeking for a better life. We talked about God's provision for salvation and he went to talk with some of the students. About 30 minutes later, he came back in the room and told me he was saved. The students said he had been to church and knew what to do, he was just not ready to let Christ be the Lord of his life instead of him. He was baptized this past week. If you do not believe that God can change a life, you need to see this kid! His whole demeanor is different. He has a smile that covers his whole face. He had been struggling with fitting in and had done some things he should not have done and when he got saved the next Monday his parents came to BCM and his dad had tears in his eyes when he told me how happy he was for his son!! Just think how God pursues the lost, this young man was from Florida and had just come to ABAC this semester and God sent someone to pick up his trash and share the love of Christ and now he is a part of the kingdom of God!!

We have another one for you to pray for. There is a girl who just started coming. She is very quiet and likes to observe. She went on our retreat last weekend and began to feel a part of the group. Monday, she came to me and said she thought she might want to be a Christian. I explained to her how to accept Christ and told her she could do it then, but she wanted to go home and talk with her parents who are Christians. Please pray that she will accept Him as her Lord and Savior. She is going on our mission trip next week so we will have lots of time to share with her. There are some things she is struggling with, but you can see God's hand moving her! I hope by the next newsletter I can share her story.

Thanks for the part you played in reaching these students with the message of God's grace and love for them.

It is with a heavy heart that I report to you folks that I plan on retiring in May. I have thought this through and feel now is the God's fullness of time to do it. I plan on retiring on May 11, as leader of the BCM at ABAC and on May 12, returning as a volunteer to teach small groups and love on students. God has blessed me with a great Association to work with. You guys are the best!! I ask you to pray as we seek another to come, share, lead, and love on students! God has shown me that He is in control.

**Penny**

**BCM SPRING SUPPER  
 CALENDER 2022**

April 4	Eastside
April 11	Crossview
April 18	??
April 25	Last BCM and BCM will cookout

If you have questions, please call me at 229-848-0755!

Thanks!

Penny

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 Club Advisor  
 Penny Chesnut  
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 Tifton, GA 31793-2601  
 229-848-0755**

**Mell Monthly Financial**

February 2022

Funds Received:	\$13,169.67
Actual Expenses:	\$ 7,343.71
Budget Needs:	\$ 9,360.41

## MELL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

Volume 6, Number 3, April 2022

### Urgent Prayer Needs

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, 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 Grace Baptist Church (Brad Baker, pastor), Iglesia Vida Abundante (Jose Lopez, pastor), and Journey Church (Benji Rowland, pastor).
3. Pray for the churches without pastors: Alapaha and Eldorado.
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 our teams: Encouraging/Strengthening, Evangelism/Missions, and Administrative.
9. Pray for the Mell Baptist Association Associational Missionary, Tom Hocutt, and Administrative Assistant, Tish Rogers.
10. Pray for the Baptist Campus Ministry at ABAC, Penny Chesnut as she leads, and her replacement.
11. Pray for the Mell Mission Trips to take place in 2022: Rogersville, TN (March 28-April 2) and Ichmul, Mexico (June 18-25).

### 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 our GBMB Southwest Regional Consultants: Samuel Ayala (Missions), Ovidia Cabrera (Hispanic Ministry) Lee Hill (Worship), Tim Kilgore (Next Gen), Chris Reynolds (Pastor Wellness), Ray Sullivan (Discipleship), and Tim Williams (Evangelism).
3. Pray for our national government leaders.
4. Pray for the North American Mission Board, its president (Kevin Ezell), staff, and its missionaries.
5. Pray for the Southern Baptist Convention; Interim CEO, Willie McLaurin, of the Executive Committee; and Ed Litton, SBC President.
6. Pray for the revival of God's people and the spiritual awakening of our nation and the world.
7. 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 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 especially the believers in Afghanistan.
8. Pray for the cessation of hostilities in Ukraine, the Ukrainian refugees, and the believers in Ukraine.

### ANSWERS TO PRAYER

1. Praise the Lord for the twelve men from six churches who participated in our Mell Home Repair Ministry February 26.
2. Praise the Lord that 25 people representing 16 churches attending the February 24 Executive Committee meeting and approved us funding a part-time BCM Director for ABAC.
3. Praise the Lord for the GBMB being willing to continue funding the BCM Director at ABAC.