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DOM Thoughts

Philippians 1:3-6 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; (NKJV)

We have all been there. You start a project: a home improvement project, a handmade gift for a family member, or spring cleaning, and something interrupts it. Sometimes, I have to leave a project unfinished. Sometimes, I choose to leave a project unfinished. I rejoice that God doesn't get sidetracked or bored with us, and the work He is doing in us. Paul was confident that, "He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." God is at work in the life of the disciple of Christ; sometimes, that brings us joy, and sometimes, we have to search for the joy. Whether we see the joy or not, one thing is for certain, as long as we are here, God isn't finished with us yet.

I would like to take a moment and celebrate a time where I saw God at work. I would like to thank the Lord for what He did, and what He will continue to do. I would like to thank the Lord for the gifted folks that aided this event. I would like to thank people like: the generous members of First Baptist, Sylvester, the pastors who participated and invited leadership to participate, those who prayed, and those who spoke. What was this event? It was called Train-You-Ary. Now that it is over, I realize, it has only begun.

Friends, we had men at this event who are praying if the Lord is calling them into some sort of ministry. We had pastors who have been serving for decades, and some that have been serving for days. We had youth leaders who have a passion for seeing children and teens come to Christ and have a vibrant relationship with Him. We had music leaders who are trying to help multiple generations worship the one true God. When I had a moment, I stepped back and said, "Thank you Jesus!" Like Paul, I am grateful that the Lord doesn't have a workshop of uncompleted projects. Thankful that the Lord doesn't get bored with us. Because as Paul told Timothy, "if we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself."

As one who is infinitely weaker than the Lord, Hans

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Church News

<u>Alpha</u>: Alpha Baptist Church in Leesburg GA is looking for a Pianist for Sunday 11am service only. <u>Antioch</u>: ABC is prayerfully looking for a Youth Minister to lead and guide our church's middle and high school students. Visit our webpage or click the link below for more information >>> <u>https://drive.google.com/.../13YXRdNmK9J2wRQKw.../view</u>

Faith: Faith Baptist Church is seeking a piano player for Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings, which includes choir practice. If you are interested or know anyone who might be interested, please contact Pastor David Cromie at davidcromie.27@gmail.com.

Liberty:

Spring Revival - Liberty Baptist 1109 Liberty Expressway SE, Albany GA, 31705

March 4th 7pm, March 5th 6pm (Friday & Saturday Nights)

Matthew Browder (Evangelist)

Music: THE BROWDERS - Gospel Music from East Tennessee Voted Breakthrough Artist of the Year

<u>New Hope</u>: New Hope Baptist Church, Scooterville GA, is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. Prayerfully interested individuals are requested to send a resume to the following address: New Hope Baptist Church ATTN: Pastor Search Committee / Steve Powell, 5445 GA Hwy 256 Sumner GA 31789 Please provide via email as well to: roberth-williams61@icloud.com

Poulan: Poulan Baptist Church is seeking a pastor. Please send resumes to Poulan Baptist Church, P.O. Box 67, att: pastor search committee, Poulan Ga, 31781

Sherwood: Register for Spring Sports! Soccer & Baseball. Register at sherwoodbaptist.net/sports

Mallary Prayer Time March 21, 2022 10am, MBO



Registration Now Open

Select Your Region and Register

Central Georgia Evangelism Conference South Georgia Evangelism Conference North Georgia Evangelism Conference





March 26, 2022

8:45 A.M — 6:00 P.M.

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Financial Compliance Seminar

March 17



Gatlin Creek Baptist Church Thomasville, GA



The event will be led by Executive Pastor and CPA Tony Neal and CapinCourse, a full service CPA and consulting firm

www.Gbfoundation.org



Becoming a Participating Church

Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future. Proverbs 19:20

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Call 229-431-3101 to see how you can partner in this vital ministry.

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2205 Barnesdale Way

Just a reminder to our churches that the deadline to submit news for the Newsletter is the 15th of each month. Just send us an email to minassistant@mallary-baptist.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING

April 2022

13	Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO
10-17	Holy Week
14	MBA Senior Adult Rally, Noon, Lakeside
17	Easter
18	Easter Monday, MBO closed
21	MBA Spring Meeting, 7pm, Central, Albany
25	MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO
26	MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany
2.7	Administrative Professionals Day

May 2022

National Day of Prayer
Mother's Day
MBA Administrative Team, Noon, MBO
MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO
MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany
Memorial Day, MBO Closed

Senior Adult Sunday

June 2022

14-15	SBC Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA	
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19	Father's Day	
20	MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO	
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July 2022		

Disaster Relief Sunday

July 2022

4	Independence Day, MBO Closed
14	MBA Senior Adult Rally, Noon, Byne
18	MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO

August 2022

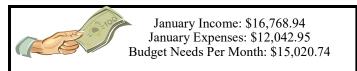
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15	MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO
23	MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany

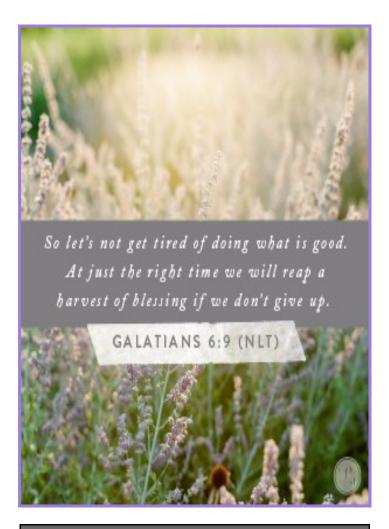


David Smith called the office recently to offer his sincerest appreciation for all the love and prayers during his cancer journey. He also wanted to report that the doctors say he is now in **REMISSION!** To God be the glory!









Minister/Staff Anniversaries

March:

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1	Mark Spraggins, Pastor, Friendship	2012		
3	Tommy Gay, Music, Lakeside	2002		
11	Jerry Etheredge, Pastor, Cornerstone	2012		
13	Jim McBride, Exec. Pastor, Sherwood	2000		
13	John Spencer, Pastor Edu and Family, Sherwood	2000		

Minister/Staff Birthdays

March:

- 3 Bobby Joe Brown, Pastor, Bridgeboro
- 3 David Smith, Pastor Counseling, Sherwood
- 30 Alan Gotthardt, College & Students, Sherwood
- 31 William Knight, Pastor, FBC Albany

MALLARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

(Acts 1:8 Prayer Plan—Volume 24, Number 3, March 2022)

Urgent Prayer Requests

David Smith as he takes treatments for cancer.

Those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and their families. Pray for our churches, pastors, and leaders as they lead during this time.

Our Jerusalem

- 1. Pray for our Vision to become a reality: "Serving together the churches of the Mallary Baptist Association will make disciples to impact the world."
- 2. We are praying for our churches and pastors according to an alphabetical list of churches. Bryant Drive (Brady Jordan, interim), Byne (Mark Jackson, pastor), Calvary (Gerry Dorre, pastor), Central (Doug Eason, pastor), and Cornerstone (Jerry Etheridge, pastor).
- 3. Pray for the churches without pastors: Beacon, Bryant Drive, New Hope, Poulan, Terrell, Thundering Springs, and Union.
- 4. Pray for our city and county officials in Dougherty, Lee, and Worth 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 meetings of the Prayer/Discipleship Team, Evangelism/Missions Team, Administrative Team, as well as the monthly MBA Prayer Time.
- 9. Pray for the Mallary Baptist Staff (Dr. Hans Wunch and Mrs. Pat Wilks).
- 10.Pray for the Mallary Baptist Associational Spring Meeting, April 21st, 2022 at Central Baptist Church.
- 11. Pray for the Alpha Pregnancy Centers in Albany and Worth Counties.
- 12. Pray for Call to Care, Promise 686, Lutheran Services of GA, and other foster / adoptive organizations.

Our Judea

- 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 that God would continue to raise up 31 churches in our area to pray for 24 hours each month (one day) for spiritual awakening and renewal in SW Georgia. Churches are signing up now. Contact MBA if you would like to join.
- 4. Pray for New Church Plants and Church Strengthening efforts in our GA Baptist Churches.

Our Samaria

- 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: CEO search committee of the Executive Committee and Ed Litton, SBC President.
- 4. Pray for our SBC Annual Meeting June 14-15, 2022 in Anaheim, CA.
- 5. Pray for our partnership with the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association, New York; George Russ, Executive Director; its 260 churches; and their church planting efforts.
- 6. Pray for Pastor Lito & Pastor Bruce Plummer serving in MT. That God would call pastors to serve the tribes.
- 7. Pray for the revival of God's people and the spiritual awakening of our nation and the world.
- 8. Pray for the protection and support of our law enforcement, fire fighters, EMS personnel, and Medical Staff.
- 9. Pray for Brandton and Katie Wood and New England Church Planters.
- 10. Pray for Josh and Shannon Jennings, church planters in Sedona, AZ.

Our Uttermost Parts of the 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 come to the 3.1 billion unreached people in the world.
- 4. Pray for protection for our armed forces around the globe.
- 5. Pray that the people of the world would have stable governments and that they would have an opportunity to hear the Gospel and respond.
- 6. Pray that those who are seeking to escape religious persecution would find freedom.
- 7. Pray for the millions of families globally, who deal with the impact abortion has had on their lives.
- 8. Pray for Gideons International, Wycliffe Bible Translators, and Christian Missionaries around the world.
- 9. Pray for Ukraine and our brothers and sisters in Christ there.

Prayer for Renewal and Revival

As I sit down to write this, Ukraine has been invaded by Russia, again. Only this time, it appears the Russian army has its sights on the whole country. If you recall at the end of February 2014, Russia invaded a region of Ukraine called Crimea. A little over two weeks later, Russia was in complete control of the region. World leaders vocally condemned the action, but took little to no action against Russia in response. Fast forward eight years and Russia is in the process of invading the entire country. It remains to be seen what the response will be from the rest of the world, but it does not look good for Ukraine.

I have been very interested in this story for a couple of reasons. First, I had the pleasure of meeting a couple of Ukrainian pastors when they visited the US about a decade ago. It was obvious that they had a love for the church and to see the gospel impact their nation. Second, I have several dear friends who have been to Ukraine to minister on multiple occasions. They love the people of Ukraine. Third, our news reports that many in Ukraine did not believe Russia would invade, all the way up to the day they did, resulting in a mass exodus out of the country. In light of Russia's invasion in 2014, I am surprised by the nation's apparent lack of preparation.

Please stop and read 1 Peter 4. In this passage, Peter reminds his readers, and us today that we are to serve the Lord regardless of our present circumstances. Peter goes on to say that those circumstances might even include our suffering for the Name of Christ. Even if we are called to suffer because of the name of Christ, we are still called to be faithful. There is no doubt in my mind that followers of Christ in Ukraine will likely suffer in the days ahead. However, just because that is happening half a world away, does not mean that we should not be prepared for it to come to us. I am doubtful that the religious liberty we have enjoyed as a nation will continue to withstand the attacks from without and within. I truly believe that it is the Lord's grace that has sustained us thus far, and we are being reminded that God can give grace even in the midst of persecution.

Allow the following to guide you as you pray:

- 1. Confess your sin to the Lord. Ask He would forgive you and keep you from the temptation to follow in the sin again.
- 2. Pray that God would conform the desires of your heart to His Will even in the midst of persecution.
- 3. Ask that God would create/restore within you a clean heart.
- 4. Ask God to help you forgive others and pray for those who belittle your faith.
- 5. Seek the Lord to help you live in the world without being like the world in your actions or language.
- 6. Ask the Lord to guide you to be serious and watchful in prayer.
- 7. Pray that the Lord would help you show the love of Christ to others, especially those in the church.
- 8. Pray that, if persecution comes to you, you will be found faithful to Christ so that He will be glorified.
- 9. Pray for the needs of the others on your team, yourself, and church (including your pastor and staff).
- 10. Pray that God would send more people to pray.
- 11. Pray that the Lord would extend the free gift of salvation to those in your community and family.
- 12. Pray that God would raise up church leaders and missionaries to labor in His fields.
- 13. Pray that the gospel would advance regardless of what is happening locally or globally.



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