



The Messenger

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Mallery Baptist Association SPRING Meeting

The Speaker will be **Thomas Hammond**
the Executive Director of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board

Central Baptist Church
1618 W 3rd Ave, Albany, GA
Thursday, April 21, 2021 @ 7pm

There will be a meal available at 6pm in the church fellowship hall. Cost is \$5 per person. Please contact the MBA by 4/13 with a number that will attend the supper so that Central can properly prepare.

This Month

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
- 19 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany
- 21 MBA Spring Meeting, 7pm, Central, Albany
- 25 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO
- 27 Administrative Professionals Day



MBA Senior Adult Rally

will be held
on **April 14, 2022**
@ Noon

Lakeside Baptist Church
2806 N Jefferson
Albany, Ga 31701

Please call by April 11, 2022 for reservations 229-432-6191

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Jason Jones, Moderator

DOM Thoughts

Luke 24:5b-6a ... "Why do you seek the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but is risen!"...

I once served a church that had a cemetery. When I wanted to get by myself and not have to worry about being bothered, I would wander around in the cemetery. This didn't happen often, but it was quite effective. Why? Could it be that most people when they are alive in the cemetery are there for a reason? Perhaps it is to lay flowers on a grave. Perhaps it is to visit the remains of a loved one. Perhaps it is to do research. Whatever the reason someone might visit a cemetery, it is likely not to find someone who is living and breathing.

The women that first Resurrection Morning were going to the cemetery to prepare Jesus' body for burial. They took with them everything they needed to prepare His body for eternal rest. They were certainly not going to the cemetery expecting to find Him alive. Yet, when they arrived, they were met by "two men in shining garments," who ask, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but is risen!"

Friends, isn't it wonderful to know we serve a Savior who is risen indeed! Who does not occupy a grave in Israel, but sits on a throne in Heaven! Who has promised us He will never leave us, nor forsake us and is coming back for us! Who has made a way of restoration between God and man by His ultimate sacrifice on the cruel cross of Calvary! This is truly GOOD NEWS!

So why then, do we continue to seek the living among the dead? We seek the wisdom of dead men over the wisdom of the living God. Why? Because, we think it more attainable? understandable? more relevant? We seek the leadership of dead and dying men over the leadership of God. Why? Because, they are flesh like us and will not expect as much? Because, we can influence them? We seek the laws and rules of dead and dying men over the justice and mercy of our living God. Why? Because, there are loopholes? Caveats? Because we have lawyers we pay to defend us, instead of a Savior who died to save us?

Friends, we have a tendency to be just like those ladies on that first Resurrection Sunday. In fact, we can be worse, because we know what happened on that day, they didn't fully understand like we do now. So, I pray, today, and every day, we will seek the living God. The One who was and is and is to come over anything this old dying world has to offer. Let us not seek the dead over the living.

As one who is infinitely weaker than the Lord,
Hans

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Church News

Alpha: Alpha Baptist Church in Leesburg GA is looking for a Pianist for Sunday 11am service only.

Antioch: 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 >>>

<https://drive.google.com/.../13YXRdNmK9J2wRQKw.../view>

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.

New Hope: 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: roberthwilliams61@icloud.com

Northside: Northside Baptist Church, Sylvester Zoomerang VBS June 4th: Kickoff and registration 4:00 - 6:00 pm June 5 - 9: Classes 6:00 - 8:30 nightly meals provided.

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
April 25, 2022
10am, MBO

Questions? Call (770) 936-5320
 Register online at georgiabaptistwomen.org/springevent

Spring Event

APRIL 23, 2022
 CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
 WARNER ROBINS
 1 DAY, 3 WAYS TO ATTEND.



FEATURING
 Lisa Harper

Sign up today!

**Ministry Family
 Camping Retreat**
 April 8-9, 2022 | Pelham



Location: Camp Crosspoint
 Address: [3574 Spence Rd Pelham GA 31779](http://3574SpenceRdPelhamGA31779)
 Date: April 8 – 9, 2022
 Time: Friday at 4:00 and ends Saturday at 4:00
 What: One night tent camping and a one day Saturday family fun event

Cost is \$15 per family
 Limited to the first 25 families

Please contact Loretta Crow at lcrow@gabaptist.org
 or 770-936-5232 if you have any questions.

2022 Pastors' Wives Fellowships

Gathering Together

Join us for one of our 2022 regional events. Each event includes a meal, special gift, fellowship and inspiration.

Tunnel Hill Saturday, March 26
 Savannah Saturday, April 30

Registration is required. No cost to attend.



YOU ARE INVITED
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LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH PRAISE THE LORD! - PSALM 150:6

**JUNE
 20-25
 2022**

WE OFFER THREE SEPARATE CAMPS:

- Children (3rd-6th grades)*
- Middle School (6th-8th grades)
- High School (9th – college freshman)

*Those completing 6th grade have the option of attending the children or middle school camp.

Shorter University
 Rome, Georgia

Register: <https://gabaptist.org/events/surge150-2022/>

2022 COSTS: \$325 BY APRIL 1 • \$355 BY MAY 1 • \$385 AFTER MAY 1

Ministry Safe
Next Gen
MinistrySafe
Webinar
 With Chris Trent & Greg Love

Join us on Zoom:
 April 21, 2022 at 10 a.m.



Becoming a Participating Church

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

Albany Biblical Counseling serves the people of Southwest Georgia. Biblical counseling involves defining problems in biblical terms and coming alongside those in need to provide hope from God's Word. Albany Biblical Counseling exists to point people to the saving grace of Jesus Christ. To achieve lasting Biblical change, it is vital to establish and maintain a consistent Christian walk. The Lord has provided the local church to assist in this daily walk. Local churches can become a **PARTICIPATING CHURCH** through monthly support of Albany Biblical Counseling; thus, helping those in need and reducing the rate for those they refer.

Call 229-431-3101 to see how you can partner in this vital ministry.
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 2205 Barnesdale Way

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 Sylvester, GA 229-822-8388
 Dawson, GA 229-992-3250
 Donalsonville, GA 229-412-9080

Get involved:
 Join our volunteer team
 Support monthly as a church, business, or individual
 Donate items for our baby store

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@mally-baptist.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING

May 2022

- 1 Senior Adult Sunday
- 5 National Day of Prayer
- 8 Mother's Day
- 11 MBA Administrative Team, Noon, MBO
- 16 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO
- 24 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany
- 30 Memorial Day, MBO Closed

June 2022

- 5 Disaster Relief Sunday
- 14-15 SBC Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA
- 19 Father's Day
- 20 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO

July 2022

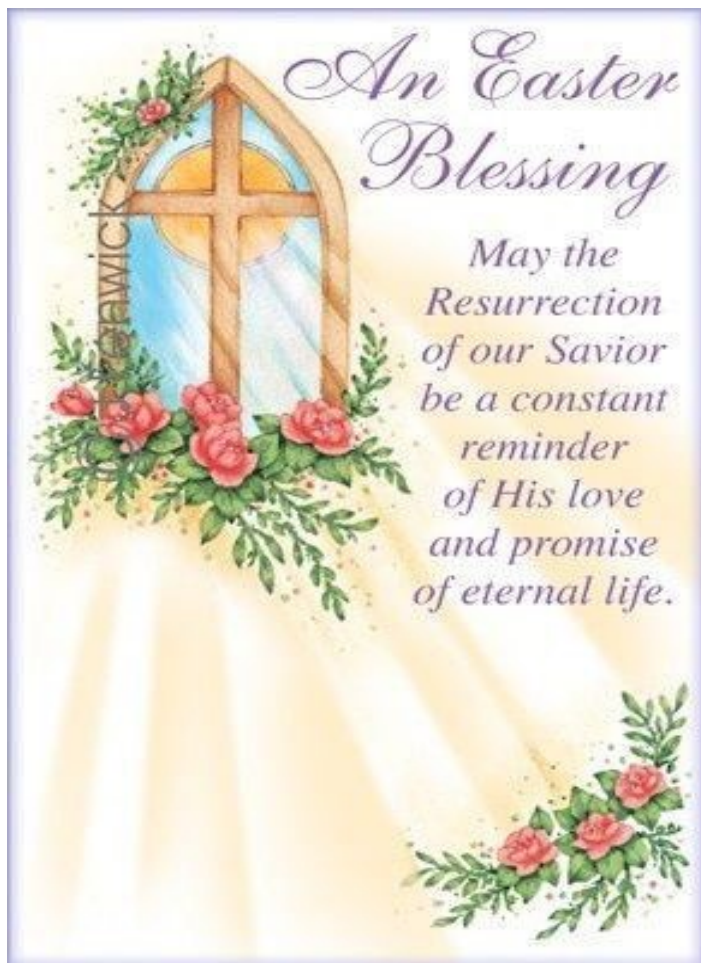
- 4 Independence Day, MBO Closed
- 14 MBA Senior Adult Rally, Noon, Byne
- 18 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO

August 2022

- 10 Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO
- 15 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO
- 23 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany

September 2022

- 5 Labor Day, MBO Closed
- 14 MBA Administrative Team, Noon, MBO
- 19 MBA Prayer Time, Noon, MBO
- 27 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany
- 27 Prayer Walk for Local Schools, 7pm
- 28 See You At The Pole



Minister/Staff Anniversaries

April:

- 1 David Smith, Sherwood, Assoc. Pastor 2003
- 8 Terry Siniard, Sunnyside, Pastor 2012
- 13 Seth Brasher, Sherwood, Assoc. Pastor 2015
- 14 Chuck Farmer, Mercedes, Music 1999
- 18 Ken Bevel, Sherwood, Assoc. Pastor 2011

Minister/Staff Birthdays

April:

- 9 Terry Siniard, Pastor, Sunnyside
- 18 Bill Suggs, Pastor, Southside
- 24 Roy Cook, Assoc. Pastor, Gillionville
- 26 Jason Jones, Pastor, Isabella

Thank You

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!

NO-CONTACT COMMUNION SUPPLIES AVAILABLE AT THE SOURCE BOOKSTORE



The pre-packaged cup and wafer are ideal for distributing no-contact communion. Fellowship Cup communion supplies are available in 100, 250 and 500 count.

THE SOURCE BOOKSTORE
(229) 431-9330
2201 Whispering Pines Road
Albany, GA 31707



February Income: \$8,051.43
February Expenses: \$15,305.82
Budget Needs Per Month: \$15,020.74

MALLARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE
(Acts 1:8 Prayer Plan—Volume 24, Number 4, April 2022)

Our Jerusalem

1. Pray for our Vision to become a reality: **"Serving together the churches of the Mallery 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. East Albany (Marion Sizemore, pastor), Evergreen (Todd Brooks, pastor), Faith (David Cromie, pastor), First Baptist Acree (Tim Bass, pastor), First Baptist Albany (Butch Knight, 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 Mallery Baptist Staff (Dr. Hans Wunch and Mrs. Pat Wilks).
10. Pray for the Mallery 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.
13. Albany Area Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Mark Lane, Director. Pray for their opportunities to share the Gospel with students of all ages.

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.

Next Prayer Time April 25, 2022 at 10am at Mallery Baptist Association Office. All are Welcome

Prayer for Renewal and Revival

In February of this year, Tom Brady said he was going to retire from football. Prior to the 2021 NFL season, there was much speculation if Tom Brady was the GOAT (Greatest of All Time). His record is certainly extraordinary. As the announcement of his pending retirement leaked out, those referring to him as the GOAT became more and more numerous. Fast forward a few weeks and we find out that Tom Brady's retirement didn't even stick through the off season. The GOAT has come out of the pasture that retired ball players go to, and back to the field where dreams and legends are made.

Why would he do this? He says he has unfinished business. That is hard to imagine. Brady had fifteen Pro Bowl appearances and ten Superbowl appearances and won seven of those ten. He had five Superbowl MVP awards. Looking back to the start of his NFL career, Brady was the 199th person to be drafted in 2000. There were six other quarterbacks drafted before him. Two of those quarterbacks never started a game. In fact, Brady out performed the other six combined. One has to ask, does Brady have "unfinished business," or does he simply want the lime light a little longer?

So often the things of God run counter to the things of men. What it means to be great is certainly one of those things. Who is greater than God? I would say, no one. Jesus is the ultimate GOAT. If that is the case, then His opinion on the subject ought to be the final word. This month, I ask you to look at the interaction between Jesus and the mother of James and John the sons of Zebedee found in Matthew 20:20-28. Notice how Jesus determines greatness. Ask yourself, which greatness is more attainable, man's or God's? Ask yourself which greatness is more important? If we are going to have revival and renewal in our community, I believe we must shift our focus away from man's definition of greatness and shift it towards the Lord's. Ask the Lord to show you how to be great in His eyes.

Allow the following to guide you as you pray:

1. Confess your sin to the Lord. Ask that 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 when so many clamor for fame.
3. Ask that God would give you opportunities to serve others.
4. Ask God to help you to follow Jesus no matter what the outcome.
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 for the needs of the others on your team, yourself, and church (including your pastor and staff).
9. Pray that God would send more people to pray.
10. Pray that the Lord would extend the free gift of salvation to those in your community and family.
11. Pray that God would raise up church leaders and missionaries to labor in His fields.
12. Pray that the gospel would advance regardless of what is happening locally or globally.