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## DOM Thoughts

*Matthew 6:31-32 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things."*

Have you ever forgotten something? It seems like every time our family goes on a trip, something gets left behind. Most of the time it is an item that is easily replaceable like a toothbrush or some other item that is quickly procured. Other times we forget something much more important. During 2020 when we were going back and forth to Shands for Silas's chemo, one time I forgot my medicine. It would have been extremely difficult for me to run out and get several prescription drugs along with some vitamins that I take. Thankfully, our oldest son was home, so he met me outside of Valdosta with my medicine. From that moment forward, Laurie always asks me, "do you have your medicine?"

Have you ever wondered if God forgot something? We trust that He forgets our confessed sin, but what about other things? Does God forget that we need food, clothing, and shelter? Is it possible that the God who created the universe and created us with a need for food would at some point forget that fact? Our need for clothing and shelter is a result of the fall, but our need to eat was present before Adam and Eve sinned.

Is it possible that the Lord would somehow misplace this fact? Jesus tells us it is not possible. He tells us that our heavenly Father knows we need all these things. Yet so many of us worry about these exact things. We might never say, "I think God has forgotten that I need to eat." But, we live like we think exactly that.

Furthermore, many of us will say proudly that we are trusting God for eternity. That we believe God has prepared a home for us in a place we call heaven. That we will be in His presence once we depart from this life. We trust Him, for eternity.... but we doubt Him for tomorrow. I often ponder how odd that is. It would seem to me a much more difficult thing to prepare a place and provide for me in eternity, than it would be to do so during this short span we call life. Yet, I rarely worry about my eternal future, but frequently am concerned about my present needs. Am I really saying that God isn't big enough, strong enough, wise enough to handle both?

So, I want to encourage you, as I encourage myself, "do not worry, only have faith." We can trust God, because He is infinitely greater, wiser, smarter, stronger, and many other things than we are. We can trust Him, because He loves us and has promised to never leave nor forsake His children.

As one who is infinitely weaker than the Lord,  
Hans

## ENGAGE, ENCOURAGE, EMPOWER

### Church News

**Alpha:** Alpha Baptist Church currently has a position open for a pianist. We will accept all players at any skill level who are willing and able. This is a modestly paid position.

We are also in need of a child care worker, preferably with special needs experience. The candidate would be required to work for two to three hours each Sunday, starting at ten in the morning until worship lets out, usually a bit after twelve. Must be able to pass a background check.

If interested in one of these positions please send your resume to [alphabaptistchurch01@gmail.com](mailto:alphabaptistchurch01@gmail.com) or mail to 182 Academy Avenue North, Leesburg, GA 31763.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:roberthwilliams61@icloud.com)

**Northside:** Northside Baptist Church is seeking a bi-vocational music leader. If interested, email your resume to [mharrellbfs@outlook.com](mailto:mharrellbfs@outlook.com) or mail to Northside Baptist Church, P O Box 445, Sylvester, GA 31791. Attn: Music Leader Committee

**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:** Michael O'Brien will be in concert at Sherwood on Sunday, August 28 at 6 pm for a free concert.



**Mallary Prayer Time**  
**August 15, 2022**  
**10am, MBO**



**LaborDay!!**  
**Monday,**  
**September 5,**  
**2022**  
**MBA Closed**

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## SPARK Conference 2022

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Byne Memorial Baptist Church, Albany, GA  
Saturday, August 20, 2022

You can attend all day August 25 as the session releases in real time. After that, during the free portion of the event, you can watch online anytime. Each presentation will be available via free access for 3 weeks.

Register: <https://www.thesparkconference.com>

## DISASTER RELIEF

Training/credentialing is required for all persons desiring to become a Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief volunteer.

**Training is offered for the following areas:**  
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[Chainsaw Schools](#)

[Click here](#) for schedule information, fees, dates, locations, and online registrations of upcoming Orientations and training.




**TRANSITIONAL PASTOR TRAINING**

**August 22, 2022**

Sherwood Baptist Church, Albany, GA

Register at [gabaptist.org/pastorwellness](http://gabaptist.org/pastorwellness)

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## PUBLIC AFFAIRS TRAINING

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**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@mallery-baptist.org](mailto:minassistant@mallery-baptist.org)**

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## August 2022

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

## September 2022—Georgia State Missions - All Month

- 5 Labor Day, MBO Closed
- 14 MBA Administrative Team, Noon, MBO
- 19 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO
- 27 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany
- 27 Prayer Walk for Local Schools, 7pm
- 28 See You At The Pole

## October 2022

- 12 MBA Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO
- 13 MBA Senior Adult Rally, Noon, Sherwood
- 18 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO
- 20 MBA 139th Annual Meeting, 5-8 p.m.,  
Unity Baptist Church, Sylvester
- 18-21 Ag Expo, Spence Field, Moultrie
- 25 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany

## November 2022

- 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 7-8 GBC Annual Meeting, Augusta Civic Center, GA
- 14 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO
- 16 MBA Administrative Team, Noon, MBO
- 24 Thanksgiving, MBO closed

## December 2022

- 4-11 Week of Prayer for International Missions  
and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 1 MBA Minister's/Spouses Christmas Banquet
- 14 MBA Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO
- 19 MBA Prayer Time 10 am, MBO
- 21- Jan 2 Christmas Holidays, MBO closed



## Minister/Staff Anniversaries

### August:

|    |  |      |
|----|--|------|
| 1  | Aaron McCulley, Pastor, Philema Rd       | 2017 |
| 9  | Alan Gotthardt, College Pastor, Sherwood | 2021 |
| 27 | Trey Brown, Pastor, Pine Forest          | 2015 |
| 29 | Charles Brown, Assoc. Pastor, Unity      | 2010 |
| 29 | Brad Floyd, Pastor, Gordy NB             | 2019 |

## Minister/Staff Birthdays

### August:

|    |  |
|----|--|
| 4  | Matt Lampley, Assoc. Pastor, FBC Albany    |
| 6  | Mark Scardino, Children's Pastor, Sherwood |
| 11 | Kevin Hickman, Youth, Central              |
| 22 | Steve Williams, Music, Byne                |
| 26 | Thomas Baggett, Pastor, Thundering Springs |
| 28 | Rodney Rector, Assoc. Pastor, Gillionville |
| 29 | Mark Spraggins, Pastor, Friendship         |

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June Expenses: \$12,743.94  
Budget Needs Per Month: \$15,020.74

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

**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. New Hope (Emory Lussi, interim), New Seasons (Marcus Glass, pastor), New Union (Jerome Grenade, pastor), Northside (vacant), and Philema Road (Aaron McCully, pastor).
3. Pray for the churches without pastors: Beacon, New Hope, Northside, 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 Annual Meeting, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Unity 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.
14. Pray for the MBA's search for a new Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) director at ASU.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_, SBC President.
4. Pray for our SBC Annual Meeting June 13-14, 2023 in New Orleans, LA.
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 Brandon 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 August 15th, 2022 at 10am at Mallary Baptist Association Office. All are Welcome**

## Prayer for Renewal and Revival

Have you ever stopped to consider all the different parts of your body that have to work together in order for you to accomplish tasks? Take, for example, getting a bowl of cereal. Your muscles have to work in tandem with your bones, tendons, and ligaments in order to walk into the kitchen. Your ankle, knees, and hips join in on the process. Your eyes work with your hands and arms to take a bowl out of the cabinet and a spoon out of the drawer. Again, your elbows, shoulders, and wrists get involved. As you pour the cereal out of the box into the bowl, you are using your eyes and ears to know how much to pour. At this point, I have not mentioned your heart or your cardiovascular system, nor have I brought up your stomach and your digestive system. I have also left out your brain that is telling all these things to work, and your spine which is holding everything up.

I hope it is clear that there are a number of different things that have different jobs that must work together in order for you to accomplish even something as mundane as pouring a bowl of cereal. You probably do not think about each of these things because in all likelihood, the different parts of your body are doing their assigned task with excellence. You are not likely to think about any of this unless some part isn't working correctly. When that happens, you compensate for as long as you can. You put up with the pain or inconvenience. But you know, this is less than ideal.

I would like for you to stop and read 1 Corinthians 12:4-31. Notice that Paul uses the analogy of the body to describe the church. Allow the Scriptures to show you that while the body is called to be unified in serving Christ, that comes out in different ways. Not only is that good, it is on purpose.

It is not uncommon for us to look at other believers who are doing what God has called them to do with excellence and desire something similar in our lives. Paul is telling us here that we should rather rejoice that God has given them that ability, and be faithful in the things that the Lord has gifted us in. Rejoice that the Lord knows exactly which gifts to give you so that His body, the church, can have all that it needs to serve Him.

Allow the following to guide you as you pray:

1. Ask the Lord to help you to not be jealous of the gifts the Lord gave other believers.
2. Ask the Lord to show you any ways you are not encouraging unity in the body.
3. Thank God that He never changes. Thank Him because of His steadfastness your salvation is secure.
4. Ask the Lord for joy in serving Him and a joy when seeing others faithful serve too.
5. Ask that God would give you opportunities to serve others.
6. Ask the Lord to send revival and renewal to your life and the church you serve.
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.



## Christmas Backpacks Gift Suggestions

All zippered backpacks and gifts are to be **NEW** items. No used items please.

For each **NEW** zippered backpack, please include:

- **The Christmas Story (will be mailed to registering organizations)**
- **2 ribbons** to indicate gender and age of recipient.
- The 2 ribbons should be tied securely to the backpack. (see the KEY below)

|                |                   |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Gender:</b> | <b>Age:</b>       | Green = Ages 8-10 |
| Blue = Boy     | Purple = Ages 2-3 | Red = Ages 11-14  |
| Pink = Girl    | Yellow = Ages 4-7 | White = 15-17     |

Printables and lists are available  
to download at  
[gabaptist.org/backpacks](http://gabaptist.org/backpacks)

Example: Girl, age 6  
1 pink ribbon, 1 yellow ribbon securely tied to the backpack

### Please pack backpacks according to the guidelines below.

**Christmas Story (will be mailed to registering organizations)**  
**Always include a copy of the Christmas Story**

**TOYS (At least 1 item):** Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, Frisbee, card games such as Ol' Maid, Go Fish, etc.

**HYGIENE ITEMS (At least 2 items):** Toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (boxed and in a plastic bag), shampoo (securely sealed & in a plastic bag) hairbrush, comb, pony tail holders, barrettes, hair clips, washcloth, etc.

**OTHER (At least 2 items):** Children's or Teen Bible (KJV, God's Word, or CSB version), age-appropriate Christian books, sunglasses, toy jewelry, watches, or flashlights (with extra batteries).

**FOOD (At least 2 items):** Canned food items with pop-tops (nothing which requires a can opener and no plastic containers), protein bars, hard candy (NO chocolate) and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, or gum.  
**(NO food items with peanut butter or nuts.)**

**CLOTHING (At least 2 items. All clothing items must be new with tags/packaging):** T-shirts, underwear, socks, warm hat, gloves, scarf, ball cap, fleece pullover, warm outerwear, etc.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** School supplies are welcome, but not all sites need school supplies. If you are partnering with a site, please check with the organization regarding the type of school supplies that are needed.

**Additional Ideas to consider for older kids (11-17):**

**GIRLS:** Lip gloss, costume jewelry, scarves, friendship bracelets, craft kits, card games, hand-held electronic games, journals, fun socks & slippers, doodle books, Spirograph kit, or feminine hygiene supplies.

**BOYS:** LEGOS®, card games, hand-held electronic games, journals, flashlights (with extra batteries), basketball, soccer ball, or NERF® football.

**Please do not include any food items that are perishable or can be easily crushed or opened while in transit.**  
**Please do not include any knives.**



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Adapted from a Suggested Items List prepared by the Georgia Baptist Women: WMU and Women's Ministry.