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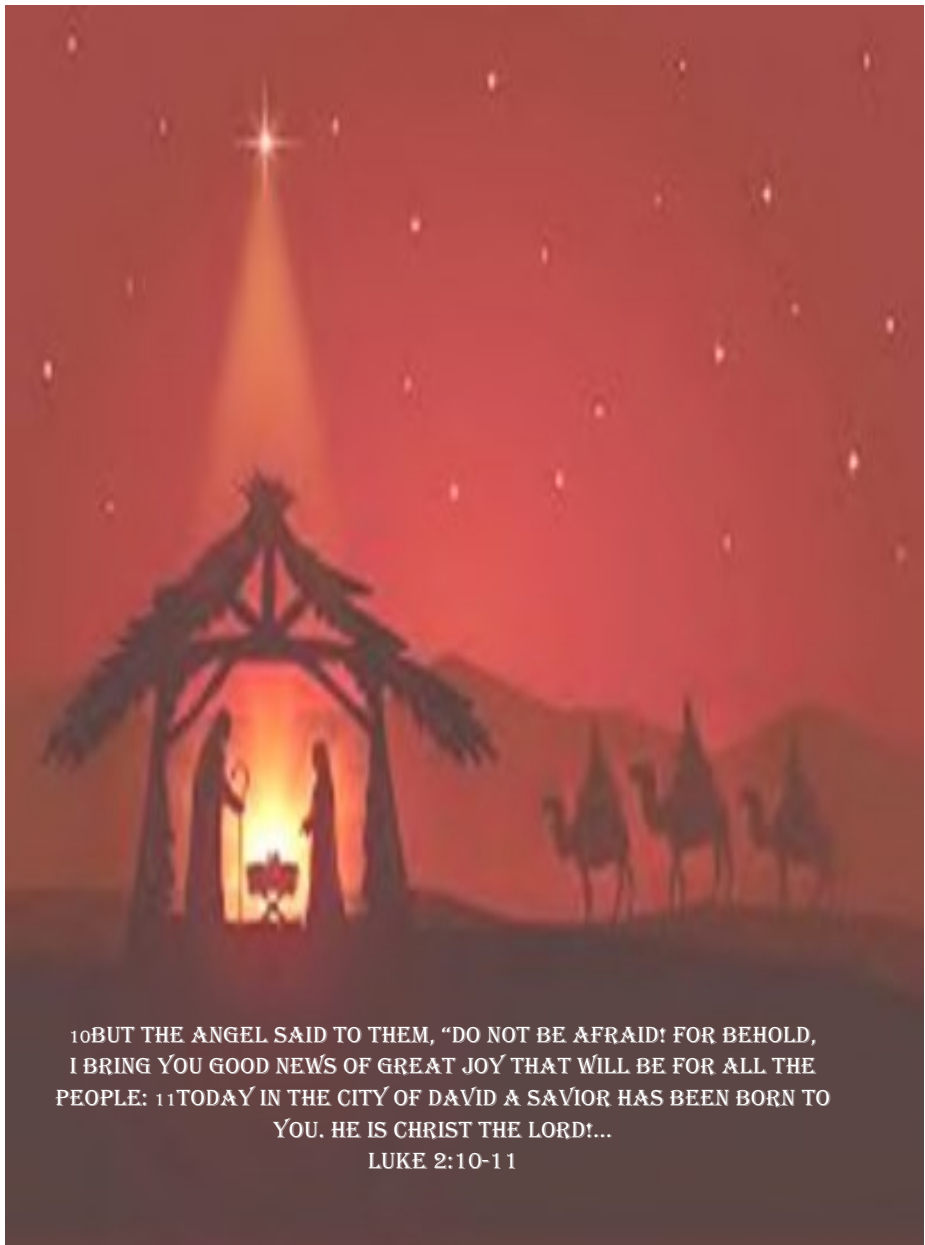
This Month

December 2022

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

January 2023

- 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day. MBO Closed
- 18 MBA Administrative Team, Noon, MBO
- 22 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 23 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO
- 24 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany
- 28 Train-You-Ary, FBC Sylvester



10BUT THE ANGEL SAID TO THEM, "DO NOT BE AFRAID! FOR BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY THAT WILL BE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE: 11TODAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN TO YOU. HE IS CHRIST THE LORD!...
LUKE 2:10-11

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DOM Thoughts

John 1:14 *“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”* (NKJV)

‘Tis the Season! The season that we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. In the Old Testament, God often made sure that people knew He was nearby. He did this in a number of ways: a burning bush, parting the Red Sea, manna and quail, and a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. God even gave plans to Moses for a mobile worship center and allowed Solomon to build a temple for His name in Jerusalem. While the nations surrounding Israel had false gods that they hoped listened to their prayers, Israel’s God listened and responded. He indeed was present.

But this was different. This time God would walk, talk, and live among us. He would grow up like us with a mom and a dad. He would experience temptation, trial, and pain. He would make sure we knew the best news ever, the Gospel of the kingdom of God. This amazingly good news is embodied in the work, life, death, and resurrection of Christ. And then He would send out His disciples, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to proclaim it until He returned.

Is it any wonder we take time during this season to focus on International Missions? We celebrate His birth, and as we do we proclaim it to the nations wherever we go. We remember those who have left all to follow Him to the ends of the earth. And we have a chance to support them through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of the International Mission Board (IMB).

Right now, we are in a season of giving. While the smile on your child or grandchild’s face when they get that particular gift they want is priceless, the gift you give to our IMB missionaries could have eternal consequences. One brings happiness for moments, the other brings everlasting joy. Would you join my family to give during the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to ensure that the whole Gospel will go to the whole World so that men, women, teens, and children can know that “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth”?

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 or mail to 182 Academy Avenue North, Leesburg, GA 31763.

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.

FBC Donalsonville: First Baptist Church Donalsonville is looking for a full-time Associate Pastor of Music & Worship. He will provide pastoral leadership to our music and worship ministries, and to the church at large. A more detailed job description is available upon request. All interested candidates should send resumes to michael.wingertsahn@fbcdonalsonville.com or mailed to P.O. Box 81 Donalsonville, Ga 39845. For questions contact the church office at 229-524-2166.

FBC Sylvester: First Baptist Church of Sylvester is offering GriefShare beginning February 2, 2023. GriefShare is a grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. If you plan to participate in the group please call the church office by January 18th; 229-776-3337. Cost is \$20.

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 is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. If interested, please mail to Northside Baptist Church, Attn: Pastor Search Committee Chairman, P O Box 445, Sylvester, GA 31791, Or Email to cgreene89@hotmail.com. Northside Baptist Church is seeking a bi-vocational music leader. If interested, email your resume to mharrellbfs@outlook.com or mail to Northside Baptist Church, P O Box 445, Sylvester, GA 31791. Attn: Music Leader Committee

Sherwood: Sherwood will be hosting their **Wonder Christmas Concert** on Monday, 12/10.

Mallary Prayer Time
November 7, 2022
10am, MBO

2022 GLOBAL IMPACT GUIDE
REACHING THE NATIONS, TOGETHER.



Week of Prayer for International Missions
December 4-11

Please join us on Tuesday, December 6th, 10:00 AM in the Chapel @Byne Church, 2832 Ledo Road, for our special Week of Prayer Program. Special Guest, Maya McLane, missionary to Ukraine before being evacuated, will be sharing with us.



\$30
PER PERSON

REEL FEST STUDENT
Worship Weekend

JANUARY 20-21, 2023

LOCATION: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH JONESBORO

SAVE THE DATE

Georgia Baptist

Train-YOU-Ary

Tracks For Pastors, Youth Leaders, and Music Leaders

Special Guest Youth Track: Chris Trent, GMBM

Special Guest Music Track: Danny James, Gillionville



Mallary Baptist Assoc. invites you to
January 28th, 2023, 9a-4p, FBC Sylvester

Cost \$15 (Includes lunch and materials)

Bivocational Pastor breakout



REGISTER TODAY!

2023 Georgia Baptist Evangelism Conference

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH, WARNER ROBINS

Sunday (4:30 PM - 8:00 PM), February 26 and
 Monday (8:30 AM - 2:30 PM), February 27, 2023

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CUMMING

Sunday (4:30 PM - 8:00 PM), March 12 and
 Monday (8:30 AM - 2:30 PM), March 13, 2023

REGISTER FOR WARNER ROBINS EVENT

REGISTER FOR CUMMING EVENT

CFC 23

Serving Your Church's Vision for Gospel Impact

Is your church finance team following best practices? Join us at one of our Church Financial Conferences in 2023 (CFC23) to discover creative giving solutions for your church members, budgeting strategies to advance kingdom work, pastor compensation recommendations that demonstrate the value of pastoral ministry, and practical guidance for navigating financial and tax matters above reproach.

Register by November 22 to receive the early bird discount of \$15!

Sun, Apr 23, 2023, 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Sherwood Baptist Church,
 2201 Whispering Pines Rd,
 Albany, GA, , 31707

<https://events.idonate.com/cfc23-waycross>

Albany Biblical Counseling

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.
 Albany Biblical Counseling
 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

February 2023

- 8 Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO
- 12-19 Focus on WMU Week
- 20 President's Day, MBO closed
- 26 Racial Reconciliation Sunday
- 27 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO
- 28 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany

March 2023

- 5-12 Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Easter
- 8 MBA Administrative Team, Noon, MBO
- 12 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 19 Church Planting Sunday
- 20 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO
- 21 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany

April 2023

- 2-9 Holy Week
- 8 MBA Senior Adult Rally, Noon, TBA
- 9 Easter
- 12 Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO
- 20 MBA Spring Meeting, 7pm, Liberty Hill, Doerun
- 24 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO
- 25 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany
- 26 Administrative Professionals Day



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Contact us:
Albany, GA 229-431-2343
Sylvester, GA 229-821-5598
Dawson, GA 229-995-2250
Donalsonville, GA 229-412-9000

We serve our community by providing pregnancy testing and ultrasounds, as well as pre-natal and parenting classes with material aid. If you or your church would like to find out more about getting involved, please contact us at one of the numbers listed.

APC
ALPHA PREGNANCY CENTER
ALBANY-DAWSON-DONALSONVILLE-SYLVESTER

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

ALPHAPREGNANCYCENTER.NET
FACEBOOK.COM/ALBANYAPC



Minister/Staff Anniversaries

January:

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| 1 | Hans Wunch, DOM, MBA | 2016 |
| 6 | Roy Cook, Gillionville, Assoc. Pastor | 2003 |
| 22 | Jay Barcus, Forrester, Pastor | 2012 |

Minister/Staff Birthdays

December:

- 5 Philip Joyce, Sports & Rec Assoc Pastor, Sherwood
- 9 Jay Barcus, Pastor, Forrester
- 19 Leonard (Les) Reed, Assoc. Moderator, MBA
- 29 Pat Wilks, Ministry Assistant, MBA

January:

- 3 Brian Kelley, Pastor of Marketing and Media, Sherwood
- 11 Charles Rouse, Pastor, Liberty
- 12 Andrew Kornegay, Pastor, Lakeside
- 18 Seth Brasher, Worship Pastor, Sherwood
- 30 Danny James, Music, Gillionville

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October Income: \$7,856.06
October Expenses: \$11,660.18
Budget Needs Per Month: \$15,020.74

MALLARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE
(Acts 1:8 Prayer Plan—Volume 24, Number 12, December 2022-January 2023)

Urgent Needs

1. David Smith. He is now undergoing chemo for cancer.

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. Alpha (Barry Hall, Interim), Antioch (Bruce Gordon, pastor), Beacon (vacant), Bethel (Dan Story, pastor), and Bridgeboro (Bobby Joe Brown, pastor).
3. Pray for the churches without pastors: Alpha, Beacon, New Hope, Northside, Sumner, and Thundering Springs.
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, and 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, on April 20th, 2023 at Liberty Hill 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 for our Georgia Baptist Meeting at First Baptist Church, Snellville, GA November 12-14.
4. 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.
5. 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 Bart Barber, SBC President.
4. Pray for our SBC Annual Meeting on 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, firefighters, 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 December 12th, 2022 at 10am at Mallary Baptist Association Office. All are Welcome
January Prayer Time 1/23/23 at 10am

Prayer for Renewal and Revival

Who was your favorite teacher growing up? Or perhaps a better question is, what kind of teacher did you respond positively to? What type of teacher aided your learning? Made you a better student? Was it the kind that put stickers on your paper, or who wrote encouraging notes? Or was it the teacher who made sure that you comprehended what was being taught? Maybe it was the teacher who took interest in you outside the classroom in a club, a sport, or an activity?

The best teachers to me were relatable. When I saw them outside of class, they knew my name. When I ran into them after being out of their class for years, they asked me how I was doing. It wasn't so much the subject as it was the teacher. In fact, in one case, I had a great teacher early enough in my education that I was able to endure average teachers in the same class because she had instilled in me a love for the subject.

Prior to the incarnation, God spent centuries showing favor to the world and specifically to the Israelites. John recaps this in the first chapter of his Gospel. Take a moment now to read John 1:1-17. As you do, notice the language that John uses to describe the Word (Jesus). Notice how John lifts Jesus up above Moses the great lawgiver of the Israelites. Not by tearing down Moses, but by showing Jesus is the one who gave Moses the truth he proclaimed. While John the Baptist was the immediate forerunner to Christ, Moses was the one who sowed the seeds of belief within the Hebrew people.

Jesus was/is more than a good teacher. In fact, He was the best teacher, ever. He is also the subject matter. Like sitting at the feet of Thomas Edison to learn about how he came up with a light bulb. Traveling back in time to learn from our Nation's Founding Fathers. Jesus' presence is not just "like" talking to God, it *is* talking to God, learning from the Master.

As we think about Christmas and the New Year which are just ahead, allow this thought to encourage and revive you, that God, the Son, left His throne in heaven in order to walk on earth. He came to teach us, not from afar, but close up. He let His followers see Him at all times of the day and night. He knew we could not pass the ultimate test on our own, so He allowed us to sign our name to His perfect paper at great sacrifice. What greater message could we have this Christmas than the one that John proclaims? That a Saviour has entered the world in order to allow us to be made right with God, through His righteousness.

As you pray allow the following to guide you:

1. Thank the Lord for the birth of Christ.
2. Thank the Lord for His perfect life, sacrificial death, and redemptive resurrection.
3. Ask the Lord that He helps you not get caught up in the glitter and extras of the season, but see Jesus.
4. Ask the Lord to help you share about life in Christ with others in your family and daily life.
5. Ask the Lord to send revival and renewal (living water) to your life and the church you serve.
6. Pray that the Lord would help you show the love of Christ to others, especially those far from God.
7. Pray for the needs of the others on your team, yourself, and your church (including your pastor and staff).
8. Pray that God would send more people to pray.
9. Pray that the Lord would extend the free gift of salvation to those in your community and family.
10. Pray that God would raise up church leaders and missionaries to labor in His fields.
11. Pray that the gospel would advance regardless of what is happening locally or globally.