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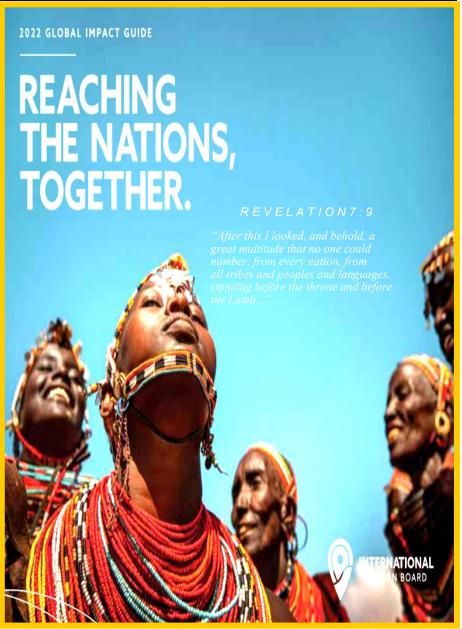
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This Month

November 2022

- 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 9 MBA Administrative Team, Noon, MBO
- 13-15 GBC Annual Mtg, Augusta Civic Center, GA
- 24 Thanksgiving, MBO closed
- MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO



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DOM Thoughts

John 19:12 From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar." (NKJV)

During the trials of Christ, we have several different prominent figures. Only a few of those individuals are spoken of in all four Gospels. One of the people who stands out is Pilate, the Roman governor of Judea. From the Gospels, we learn that Pilate did not seem to share the view of the people that Jesus deserved to die. It appears Pilate thought it would be enough for Jesus to suffer punishment, rather than death. This is evidenced in the verse above, that Pilate sought to release Jesus. But Pilate didn't see the big picture.

Earlier in their interaction, Pilate tells Jesus he has the power to crucify Him. Jesus responds by saying, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above." This was part of the plan, the big plan, not just for Israel, but for the world. Part of this plan required the rejection of Christ by Israel. Without that rejection, Jesus isn't crucified. Without His crucifixion, we cannot be made right with God through the Author of Salvation. Yet, to put it in present-day vernacular, this feels like the nuclear option. In the end, Israel, God's chosen people, selected the reign of an earthly ruler over that of the Lord.

The temptation today is to look at the Israelites of the first century and scold them. Yet, many self-professed believers today are looking for an earthly reign instead of the Lord. This resounds the loudest in my ears when I hear believers saying "Go Vote for _____" while never encouraging others to pray about their vote or pray for our leaders. Friends, it should not be an either/or, but rather a both/and. By praying about whom to vote for, then praying for them before and after the election as well, we will be more likely to keep our eyes on the King of kings and Lord of lords, instead of an earthly office holder.

As one who is infinitely weaker than the Lord, Hans

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Church News

<u>Alpha</u>: 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 <u>alphabaptistchurch01@gmail.com</u> 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.

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.

<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: 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

<u>Unity:</u> Fall Festival!!!!! November 5, 2022 — 2—5 pm; Hosted by the Opal Project

—90.7 The Life FM in Albany is looking for someone to help with ad sales. This person could possibly have their own radio show on the station. Interested people may contact Rodney@thelifefm.com for more information.

Mallary Prayer Time November 7, 2022 10am, MBO



SENIOR ADULT RALLY!!

October 6, 2022

Sherwood Baptist Church 2201 Whispering Pines Albany, GA 31707

Please call 229-883-1910 by Mon., October 3 for reservations!!!



- The Mallary Office will need to know how many of each gender and age backpack you are doing by October 3
- Backpacks will be due into the Mallary Office on November 14.
- If you would like to donate funds in lieu of packing a backpack please contact your church WMU group or the MBO at 229-435-6171.
- For more information and resources, visit: christmasbackpacks.org
- The need for our partner site in Columbus, GA this year will be 300 backpacks!



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







Becoming a Participating Church

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

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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@mallary-baptist.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING

December 2022

1 MBA Minister's/Spouses Christmas Banquet
4-11 Week of Prayer for International Missions
and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
14 MBA Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO

19 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO 21- Jan 2 Christmas Holidays, MBO closed

January 2023

Martin Luther King Jr. Day. MBO Closed
 MBA Administrative Team, Noon, MBO
 MBA Senior Adult Rally, Noon, TBA
 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO
 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany
 Train-You-Ary, FBC Sylvester

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

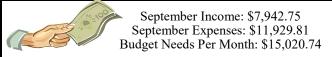


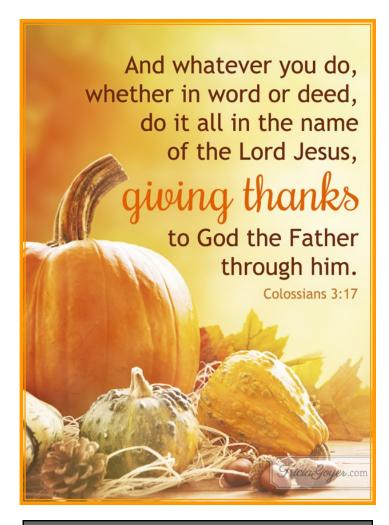
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Minister/Staff Anniversaries

November:

Melvin Slappey, Pastor, Kinchafoonee 2008 21 David Williams, Pastor, Liberty Hill 2010

Minister/Staff Birthdays

November:

17 Ken Bevel, Pastor of Membership & Local Missions, Sherwood

MALLARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

(Acts 1:8 Prayer Plan—Volume 24, Number 11, November 2022)

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. Terrell (Brian Norton, pastor), Thundering Springs (vacant), Union (vacant), Unity (Dudley Cook, pastor), Westview (Grady Morey, pastor).
- 3. Pray for the churches without pastors: Alpha, Beacon, New Hope, Northside, Sumner, 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 19th, 2023 at Lakeside 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
- 3. Pray for our Georgia Baptist Meeting at Warren Baptist Church, Augusta, GA November 13-15.
- 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 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 November 28th, 2022 at 10am at Mallary Baptist Association Office. All are Welcome

Prayer for Renewal and Revival

You can hardly turn on the TV for more than five minutes and avoid a political ad. The airwaves are crowded with them. Moreover, political conversations seem to be on the uptick as well. I have heard multiple times something along the lines of, "if we can just elect (insert a party/candidate here), there is hope." It is not my intention to make this a political message. Certainly, the Bible implores us not to put our hope or trust in anyone other than Jesus. At the same time, the Bible tells us, "Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people." Prov 14:34.

Democracy or even a Representative Republic, as we have in the US, is not really found in the governments during the time of the writing of the Bible. Yet, God was not surprised by the foundation of the United States of America or our system of government. The fact that citizens of a nation have a way to directly impact who leads them without some sort of military coup is a good thing as far as I am concerned. Thus, if "righteousness exults a nation" and we have the ability to vote for people whom the Lord leads us to vote for, then it would stand to reason that believers should be praying for our elections in November. How are we to be One Nation Under God, if we do not consult Him about whom to vote for, or that He would raise up candidates that would walk in His wisdom? These things do not happen by accident.

As you turn to the Scriptures today, I would ask that you allow Joshua 24:14-24 to be your guide. Once you have finished reading this passage, return here.

In Joshua 24:14-24 the children of Israel had completed their conquest of the Promised Land. There was no doubt that the Lord had given them the victory. Joshua knew that if the people did not continue to focus on the Lord, they would fall into the same traps of idolatry as the people whom they had just conquered. Joshua lays out a choice to the people, serve the other gods, or serve the one True God. And just like when he went against the other spies who said that they could not defeat the inhabitants of the land, he was willing to stand alone with the Lord. He knew the value of trusting the Lord, and in this speech before all of Israel, Joshua is calling the Israelites to make a choice to trust the Lord too. The people quickly said they would follow the Lord. Then, almost as quickly, they strayed from Him. The book of Judges is story after story of how the Israelites leave the teachings of the Lord and follow other gods, only to cry out to God in their hour of need. I fear, if we are not careful, the US has and will do the same thing.

As you pray allow the following to guide you:

- 1. Ask the Lord to raise up government leaders who would walk in His wisdom.
- 2. Ask the Lord to inform you for whom you should vote in the coming election.
- 3. Thank God that we can trust in Him regardless of who holds an office in government.
- 4. Commit to praying daily for those in governmental leadership as Paul commands in 1 Tim 2:1-4.
- 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 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.



Fall Festival Respite Event



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November

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2:00 - 5:00 PM

Unity Baptist Church

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