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8:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Detailed schedule coming soon and will be emailed to registrants.

March 4
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DOM Thoughts

Luke 17:3 Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. 4 And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him. NKJV

Why did Jesus say this? Why is this even necessary if believers now have the Holy Spirit and can serve the Lord? Moreover, if this shouldn't happen, not even once, why even mention that it might happen at all, much less multiple times? Because it does. Just because you are saved doesn't mean you cease to be a free moral agent. And being a free moral agent means, you can choose to sin. So, not only does it happen, Jesus knew it was going to happen.

So, Jesus says to forgive others. If you are reading this, that truth probably isn't a surprise. In this verse, Jesus is not speaking of just any other person though. He is talking about believers. Unfortunately, some of them will sin against you. It ought not to happen, right? I mean, people shouldn't do those sorts of things to other people in the church, or so I have heard. It does happen, believers sin against one another. In a moment of confusion, anger, weakness, greed, some sort of moment where he or she is not seeking the will of the Lord, it happens. What then is our response? Speak with him or her, then forgive. And if it happens again, forgive again, even if it happens multiple times on the same day! That right there is the hard part for me because if I am honest, I want justice when it comes to other people's sins, especially those against me. But when it comes to my sins, I want grace.

I am just going to say, that I will speak with that person (the passage says "rebuke"), probably forgiving the first time without too much issue. Perhaps I would forgive the second time begrudgingly, but seven times? That seems a bit extreme, right?

Think about that time when you let your child push the shopping cart at the grocery store the first time, and he hit you in the ankles with it. You stop and have a "conversation," and he says "I'm really sorry." The second time it happens, you give him "the look," and he mouths "sorry." If you make it to the third time, what happens? Well, if you are like me, it isn't pretty. In all likelihood, following this infraction, I have just revoked his buggy driver's license, and he is following me around the store saying "I'm sorry, so sorry, please forgive me." While I am trying my best not to make a scene and complete my shopping.

Think about that time and realize, all too often even when dealing with other believers, you aren't the adult in that scenario, you're the child with the buggy. In those moments, you are going to want forgiveness. Even ask for it, for the fifth or sixth time that day.

As one who is infinitely weaker than the Lord,
Hans

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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 Acree: Tent Revival, To be held on March 26th-29th (Sunday-Wednesday) 6:30 p.m. each night, Evangelist Matt Peek, Special Music Each Night, Worthy Manor, 5332 Worthy Street, Albany, GA 31705

First Baptist Albany: GriefShare, an education and support group for individuals who have lost someone due to death, will be offered Tuesdays, January 31 thru May 9 at 9:30-11:30 am and 6:00-8:00 pm. Choose either morning or evening. Cost is \$25 for workbook and program materials (scholarships available). Preregistration is strongly encouraged! Register at griefshare.com by clicking on *Find a Group*, entering your zip code or city of residence then following the prompts. Registering online will give you access to all videos. For more information, contact Kathy Mims (229-889-9828 or drkbmims@gmail.com).

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.

Friendship: Friendship Baptist Church of Lee County is seeking a part-time Worship Leader/Minister of Music. We have a blended service with Choir and Musicians. Qualified Candidates can send their resume or request more information to Kay Gibbs at kay.atex@yahoo.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 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: Spring Sports are available for boys and girls ages 4-13. The offered sports include soccer, baseball, and softball. Registration is now open, with the season starting in March. For more information and to register, please visit Sherwoodbaptist.net/sports.

Sumner: Sumner Baptist Church is looking for a pianist that can start soon. It is a paying position. They can call Joey Thompson at 229-881-9911. 1 service a week which is Sunday at 11am.

Unity: February 10th Night to Shine, Prom for Special Needs, 26th-March 1st Revival - Mike Stone

Mallary Prayer Time
February 27, 2023
10am, MBO



Minister's Wives Luncheon

MBA will have a Minister's Wives Luncheon on

February 25 at the Sylvester Women's Club. More information will come out soon, but I would kindly ask you to forward an email address for your wife so we can make sure we get that information directly to her.

Pat: minassistant@mallary-baptist.org

MBO: 229-435-6171



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2023 Georgia Baptist Evangelism Conference

<p>CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH, WARNER ROBINS</p> <p>Sunday (4:30 PM - 8:00 PM), February 26 and Monday (8:30 AM - 2:30 PM), February 27, 2023</p> <p>REGISTER FOR WARNER ROBINS EVENT</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CUMMING</p> <p>Sunday (4:30 PM - 8:00 PM), March 12 and Monday (8:30 AM - 2:30 PM), March 13, 2023</p> <p>REGISTER FOR CUMMING EVENT</p>
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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,
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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

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

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
- 28 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany

April 2023

- 2-9 Holy Week
- 8 MBA Senior Adult Rally, Noon, TBA
- 9 Easter
- 10 MBO Closed for Easter
- 12 Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO
- 12-14 GBAMA, St. Simons, GA
- 17 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO
- 23 MBA Spring Meeting, 6pm, Liberty Hill, Doerun
- 25 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany
- 26 Administrative Professionals Day

May 2023

- 4 National Day of Prayer
- 10 MBA Administrative Team, Noon, MBO
- 14 Mother's Day
- 15 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO
- 23 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany
- 29 Memorial Day, MBO Closed

June 2023

- 4 Disaster Relief Sunday
- 13-14 SBC Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA
- 18 Father's Day
- 19 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO

July 2023

- 4 Independence Day, MBO Closed
- 13 MBA Senior Adult Rally, Noon, TBA
- 17 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO

August 2023

- 9 Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO
- 21 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO
- 22 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany



Minister/Staff Anniversaries

February:

1	Jong Choi, Pastor, Korean First	2004
1	Seth Brasher, Children's Pastor, Sherwood	2017
18	Tim Johnson, MS Assoc. Pastor, Sherwood	2013

Minister/Staff Birthdays

February:

2	Paul Gotthardt, Senior Pastor, Sherwood
19	Hans Wunch, Director of Missions, MBA
21	Grady Morey, Interim Pastor, Westview
21	Melvin Slappy, Pastor, Kinchafoonee

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December Expenses: \$10,276.79
Budget Needs Per Month: \$15,020.74

MALLARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE
(Acts 1:8 Prayer Plan—Volume 25, Number 2, February 2023)

Urgent Needs

1. David Smith, pancreatic 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. Bryant Drive (Brady Jordan, pastor), Byne (Mark Jackson, pastor), Central (Doug Eason, pastor), Cornerstone (Jerry Etheridge, pastor), East Albany (Marion Sizemore, 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 23rd, 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 February 27th, 2023 at 10am at Mallary Baptist Association Office.
All are Welcome

Prayer for Renewal and Revival

When I was young, my mom would say, "I love you." I would say, "I love you," back to her. This is the expectation, is it not? That when someone says, "I love you," we express that in return. What if someone said, "I love you," then started the next sentence with the word "but"? Would that make you question whether the previous statement was indeed true? What if someone said "I love you," but never acted as if they loved you?

Later in my life, my mom would ask me to do things. Sometimes I would do things willingly. Sometimes, I would complain about having to do them. Looking back, they were never a big deal, I just didn't want to interrupt what I was doing, even if that was basically nothing. I remember one time my mother asked me (I am sure this happened more than once), "You know these things need to happen, why can't you do them because you love me and without being asked?" I do not recall my exact reply, but it was something like, "Just because I don't do them without being asked, doesn't mean I don't love you." Which sounded right to my teenage mind, but I was wrong.

On the night that Jesus was arrested, He celebrated the Passover meal with His disciples. John gives us the most detail from that night in his Gospel. In the midst of that night, Jesus gives one of the clearest statements on how to love Him that we find in Scripture. John 14:21 **"He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."** Jesus then expounds upon this following a question from the other Judas. Please stop now and read John 14:23-15:25.

Jesus makes it clear in this passage that if we desire to show love to the Lord (Father, Son, and Spirit) we will learn and obey His commands. It is not enough to merely show appreciation for all that Jesus has done. It is not enough to hold the Lord in high regard. It is also not enough to say or sing "I love you." Allow me to be clear, this is not an issue that adds works (you doing something to earn your place in the family of God) to the salvation equation. Salvation is by grace, not works, the Bible makes this abundantly clear (Eph 2:8-9). Ephesians 2:10 tells us that ... "we are created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." In my mind, that sounds like obedience. Moreover, in the Great Commission that we find at the end of Matthew, Jesus tells us that as we make disciples, we teach them to observe all that He commanded us. Scripture is clear when it comes to loving God, obedience is a big part of the equation.

As you pray allow the following to guide you:

1. Thank the Lord for the teachings of Christ.
2. Thank the Lord for His perfect life, sacrificial death, and redemptive resurrection.
3. Ask the Lord to help you obey Him so that you might show Him that you love Him.
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.
12. Pray that the Lord would show you ways that your personal obedience to Him can increase.