



# The Messenger

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## DOM Thoughts

*Habakkuk 3:2 "O LORD, I have heard Your speech and was afraid; O LORD, revive Your work in the midst of the years! In the midst of the years make it known; In wrath remember mercy" NKJV*

I remember exactly where I was when 9/11 happened. I remember exactly where I was when I first saw video of the Challenger Explosion. I remember where I was when I heard that the Berlin wall had begun to be destroyed. Sometimes, events are so momentous that when you found out that they happened, it becomes unforgettable. It impacts you in a way that is difficult to describe. I have heard that is how it was for the Asbury College Revival of 1970. I pray that is how it is for what has gone on in recent days at that same place.

In 1970 what started at Asbury College spread to other Universities and churches. Henry C. James tells us, "Before long, appeals began coming from other campuses for Asbury students to come and tell the story.... By the summer of 1970 at least 130 colleges, seminaries and Bible Schools had been touched by the revival outreach." Will what started on February 8<sup>th</sup> be the beginning of another wave of revival that sweeps our land? Time will tell.

What we know for sure is that God is still at work in His people. Moreover, like Habakkuk we can cry out to the Lord for Revival. Unlike those in the day of the prophet, believers today each have the Holy Spirit in our lives sanctifying us from within. We can pray that if what began at Asbury University a few weeks ago is pleasing to the Lord, that it spreads throughout our nation and world. The world needs to know the Jesus of the Bible. Many of those who know Him, desperately need revival.

In 2017, there was another event that sticks in my mind. How Southwest Georgia responded to the impact of two weather events in January of that year. In the recovery effort of those storms, I began to pray specifically for revival and renewal in Southwest Georgia. As an association, we began to pray for it. We invited churches and individuals to join us in prayer. In June of 2021, we challenged churches to take one day a month, and bathe it in prayer for revival. We even began a monthly guided devotion to that end. You will find it in the Messenger each month.

The result of the revival fires in the SBC is that in 1971-1975 we saw more baptisms than at any other point in our convention. Our seminaries had more new students than ever before. I pray that the fire that started on February 8<sup>th</sup> finds hearts ready for revival all over our nation, but especially in SW GA.

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.

**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)

**FBC Acree:** Tent Revival, To be held on March 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> (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](http://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](mailto:drkbmims@gmail.com)).

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:cgreene89@hotmail.com).

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

**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](http://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.

**Mallary Prayer Time**  
**March 20, 2023**  
**10am, MBO**

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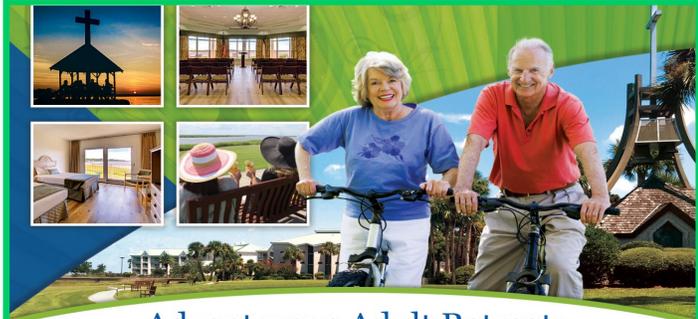
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**March 4**

**Mount Olive Baptist Church**  
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**May 15-18, 2023**  
**St. Simons Island, GA**



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- Writing Your Legacy with Keith Elder
- Pin the Tail on the Narrative: Storytelling with Andy Irwin

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- Golf Demo with Scott Turner is free: \$45.00 per person for optional 9 holes at Jekyll Island is optional (PGA Professional since 2002, The Citadel Class of 1998)
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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>

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**Basic Sound Board Training**

Antioch Baptist Church, March 25th, 8a-noon

Learn about Microphones, Cables, Sound Boards, Speakers, and more.

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

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## April 2023

- 2-9 Holy Week
- 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
- 20 MBA Senior Adult Rally, Noon, Antioch
- 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
- 6/28-7/12 Montana Mission Trip

## 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

## September 2023

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



## Minister/Staff Anniversaries

### March:

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|----|---|------|
| 1  | Mark Spraggins, Pastor, Friendship            | 2012 |
| 3  | Tommy Gay, Music, Lakeside                    | 2002 |
| 11 | Jerry Etheredge, Pastor, Cornerstone          | 2012 |
| 13 | Jim McBride, Exec. Pastor, Sherwood           | 2000 |
| 13 | John Spencer, Pastor Edu and Family, Sherwood | 2000 |

## Minister/Staff Birthdays

### March:

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| 3  | Bobby Joe Brown, Pastor, Bridgeboro          |
| 3  | David Smith, Pastor Counseling, Sherwood     |
| 30 | Alan Gotthardt, College & Students, Sherwood |
| 31 | William Knight, Pastor, FBC Albany           |

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Budget Needs Per Month: \$15,020.74

**MALLARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE**  
(Acts 1:8 Prayer Plan—Volume 25, Number 3, March 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. Evergreen (Todd Brooks, pastor), Faith (David Cromie, pastor), FBC Acree (Tim Bass, pastor), FBC Albany (Butch Knight, pastor), FBC Leesburg (Joshua Posey, pastor).
3. Pray for the churches without pastors: Alpha, Beacon, New Hope, Mercedes, 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 23<sup>th</sup>, 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.

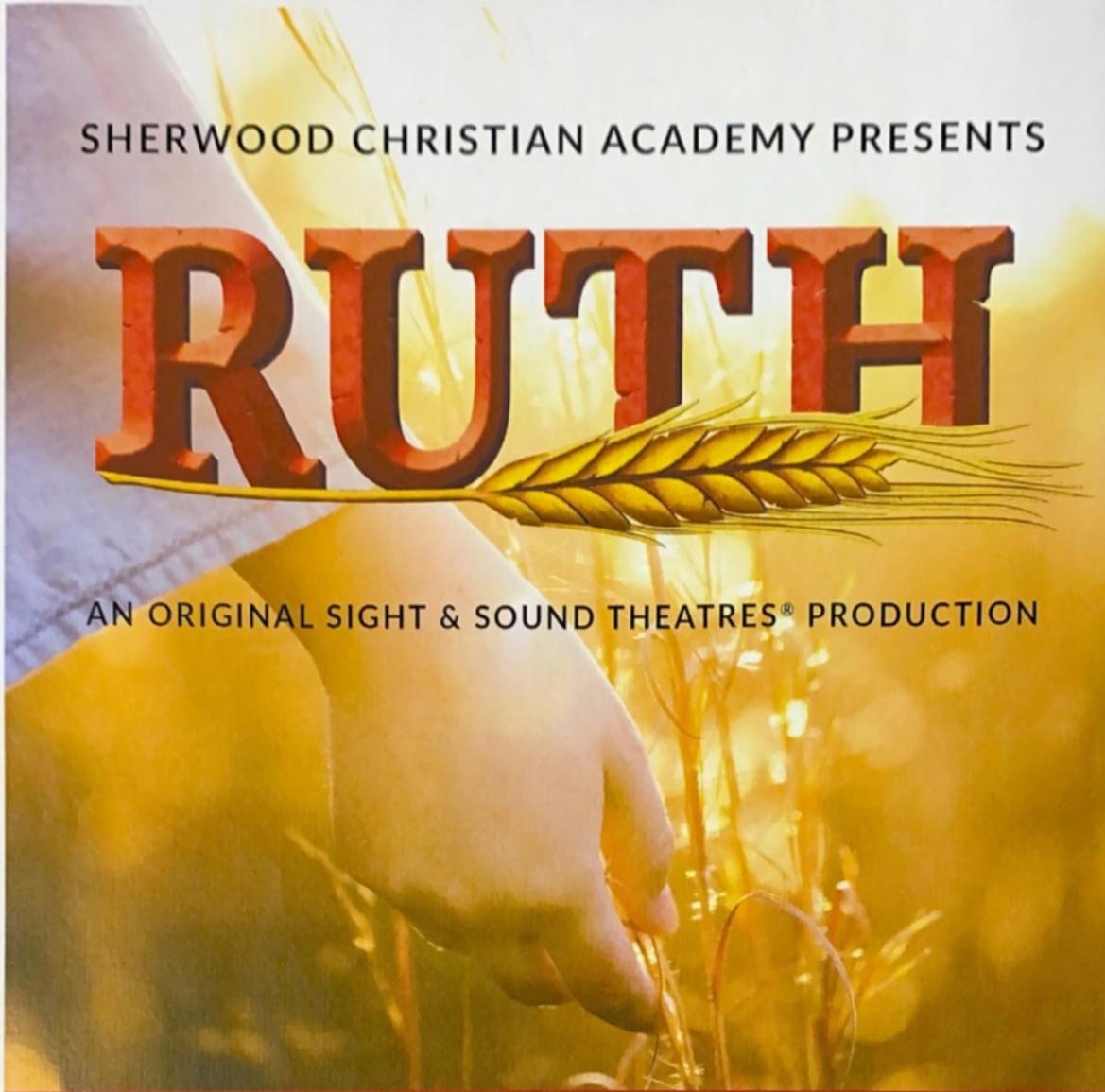
**Our Uttermost Parts of the World**

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 March 20th, 2023 at 10am at Mallary Baptist Association Office. All are Welcome**

SHERWOOD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY PRESENTS

# RUTH

A hand holding a stalk of wheat against a golden background. The hand is positioned in the lower left, holding a single stalk of wheat that extends horizontally across the middle of the frame. The background is a soft, golden glow, suggesting a field of wheat at sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is warm and peaceful.

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## Prayer for Renewal and Revival

Revival embers once thought doused, have ignited once again. Amazingly one of the places where it seems to be growing is among a generation that far too many have written off, Gen Z. What is interesting to me is that many wrote off the late Boomers of the 1960s. Many of them turned away from the church, and her traditions and teachings. What they saw in churches while the nation struggled with Civil Rights, and fought in Vietnam, did not line up with what they read in Scripture. Many of them were tempted away from the truth of God, to a life that emphasized carnality and hedonism. Many of these same young people returned to the Lord in the early 1970s. It was a point of revival within our nation, and it was ignited by the Holy Spirit in the lives of the teens and young adults. One of the flash points for this revival was at a small independent Christian College in the middle of Kentucky, Asbury College.

There are some who call what has happened there a “Revival”. Others have flatly denounced it as a move of the flesh, not the Spirit. Which is it? I have hope that it is genuine. What I know is that God does not need our permission to act. There were certainly those in Jesus’ day that did not believe that He was sent by God. They even said He had a demon at least once. Only time will tell if recent events at what is now Asbury University were the beginnings of a revival. There is something we can do right now. We can pray. We are not certain exactly where all this is going or where it will lead, but we can trust God who is already there. Something similar happened in Acts 1:7-15. Please stop here and read this passage in your Bible.

To say that this day didn’t go as the disciples thought would be an understatement. They were expecting Jesus to take over the government, not take flight into the clouds. They were expecting to kick out the Roman occupiers in Jerusalem, not be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. They expected to serve with Jesus, not without Him. Perplexed they head back to the upper room and wait... in prayer. They didn’t exactly know what was going to happen except that they would receive power when the Holy Spirit arrived. What happened next was a movement of God. It was His movement, in His way, in His time. So, I ask that today you pray for exactly that, God’s movement, in His way, in His time. Pray that God would show you what personal revival looks like. Don’t quench the Holy Spirit. If He is moving, don’t end this time because your hour is up. Let Him end this time in your life.

As you pray allow the following to guide you:

1. Thank the Lord for the renewed interest in the teachings of Christ.
2. Pray that what is happening in several colleges and universities is a true act of the Lord, and that it spreads throughout our nation and world.
3. Thank the Lord for His perfect life, sacrificial death, and redemptive resurrection.
4. Ask the Lord to help you obey Him so that you might show Him and others that you love Him.
5. Ask the Lord to help you share about life in Christ with others in your family and daily life.
6. Ask the Lord to send revival and renewal (living water) 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 far from God.
8. Pray for the needs of the others on your team, yourself, and your 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.
13. Pray that the Lord would show you ways that your personal obedience to Him can increase.

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