



# The Messenger

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There is an Easter secret to a *Happy Life*.

# The Big Invite

More Guests Than Ever For Easter

## Mallery Baptist Association Spring Meeting



Speaker:  
Emir Caner



Sunday, April 23, 2023 @6 pm  
Liberty Hill Baptist Church, Doerun

*"Churches Serving Together to  
Make Disciples to Impact the World"*

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## DOM Thoughts

*Matthew 26:39b,42 ... "39b O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will... 42 Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done." NKJV*

On the night of His betrayal and arrest, Christ takes His disciples to a familiar place to await what would happen. The place was a garden on the Mount of Olives. It was so familiar to Him and His disciples that Judas would soon know exactly where to lead those who would arrest Jesus. As He waits, He requests that His disciples pray. He goes a little further into the garden and does the same.

Jesus has known His entire life that this was a fixed point in time. Over and over again He has told those around Him that He would die and be raised on the third day. Over and over again He told His friends that He would be betrayed. Jesus knew this was that moment. Yet, even though He knew this was that moment, He still prays, "let this cup pass from Me." It wasn't a passing request either, He prays it in vs 39, 42, and it is implied in vs 44. Three times, Jesus asks the Father if there is another way. Each time Jesus would say that He would rather the Father's will be done, than His own. He knew that what He was about to endure would do something that no one had been able to do throughout history, restore what Adam had broken.

While we will not die as a sacrifice to restore a right relationship to God as Jesus did, for that was a once in eternity act. We sometimes see big things coming at us that we would rather not participate in. How many parents have asked the Lord to place an illness or an obstacle on their body instead of their child? How many of us have argued with God that we do not deserve the struggle or illness that we are about to endure? In those moments, we get a glimpse of what Jesus felt while praying in the garden.

The good news, believer, is that God is going to use this moment in your life to point others to Him. It might not happen exactly the way you want, pray, or expect. But may we join our Lord in praying, "Your will be done." We can trust that when the Lord's will is done, ultimately the best possible things will be a result.

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:** Antioch Baptist Church will host Wild Horse Ministries, featuring Paul Daily, on April 28, 2023, at 6:30pm. The event will be held on the church grounds, 105 Doe Hill Rd., Sylvester, GA. Bring your chair and don't miss this exciting and different presentation of the gospel. Paul Daily will take a colt which is halter-broke, but never saddled or ridden and explain how man's relationship with God is very similar to a horse's relationship with his trainer. At the end of the presentation, Paul will ride the horse and present it back to its owner. No charge is involved, but love offerings are appreciated.

**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)

**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).

**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**  
**April 17, 2023**  
**10am, MBO**

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Sun, Apr 27, 2023, 5:00 PM - 8:15 PM  
 Sherwood Baptist Church,  
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<https://events.idonate.com/cfc23-waycross>

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



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## 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

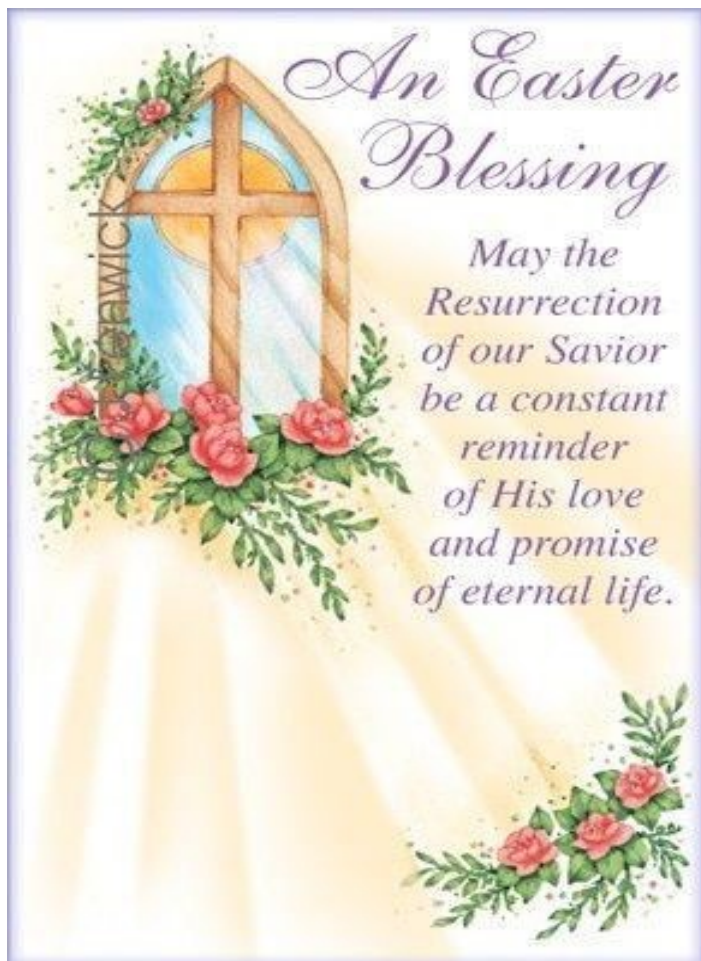
- 9 Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO
- 21 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO
- 22 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany

## 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

## October 2023

- 11 MBA Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO
- 12 MBA Senior Adult Rally, Noon, TBA
- 16 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO
- 19 MBA 140th Annual Meeting, 5-8 p.m., Lakeside Baptist Church, Albany
- 18-21 Ag Expo, Spence Field, Moultrie
- 24 MBA Minister's Fellowship, 12 pm, FBC Albany



## Minister/Staff Anniversaries

### April:

1	David Smith, Sherwood, Assoc. Pastor	2003
8	Terry Siniard, Sunnyside, Pastor	2012
13	Seth Brasher, Sherwood, Worship Pastor	2015
18	Ken Bevel, Sherwood, Assoc. Pastor	2011

## Minister/Staff Birthdays

### April:

9	Terry Siniard, Pastor, Sunnyside
18	Bill Suggs, Pastor, Southside
24	Roy Cook, Assoc. Pastor, Gillionville
26	Jason Jones, Pastor, Isabella

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February Expenses: \$ 13,523.12  
Budget Needs Per Month: \$15,020.74

**MALLARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE**  
(Acts 1:8 Prayer Plan—Volume 25, Number 4, April 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. FBC Putney (Danny Evans, pastor), FBC Sylvester (Donnie Duncan, pastor), Forrester (Jay Barcus, pastor), Friendship (Mark Spraggins, pastor), Friendship Missionary (Dr. Carl White, 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>rd</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 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 April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10am at Mallary Baptist Association Office. All are Welcome**

## Prayer for Renewal and Revival

What happens in your life around Easter? Does family come in from out of town, or do you go visit family? Do you go buy new Easter clothes? What about candy and other items that are only available this time of year? Laurie loves Brach's Easter Hunt Eggs. Each year since I have known her, she has searched high and low for this annual treat. As soon as the Valentine's Day Candy is off the shelf, she is looking for what may be her favorite candy of all time. Even when she discovered she had an allergy to yellow dye which knocks out the yellow, green, and orange eggs, she would still buy them looking for the packs that had the most blue, white, and purple eggs. Is there any doubt, for her, there is an air of expectation?

But it isn't just candy. The expectation of Easter, we now know, is what Jesus did there. He physically rose from the dead. When Jesus did that, those of us who place our faith and hope in Christ also rise from the dead, spiritually. The expectation is that through the work of Christ including His death, burial, and resurrection, the gates of heaven which were closed by Adam's sin, were now reopened. Please stop and read Luke 24:1-43. As you read, look at the expectations that the different people appear to express.

The women came prepared to embalm Jesus. The expectation was that He was still dead. In Mark, we see they also expected to have to figure out a way to roll the stone back from the tomb. Peter and John (John is found in the Gospel of John) ran to the tomb not knowing what to expect. The two on the road to Emmaus expected their common traveler would have heard of Jesus. The eleven probably never expected Jesus to appear in the midst of them.

What are you expecting this Easter? Are you expecting an early service, breakfast, and a late service? Are you expecting that God will draw men and women to Himself? That they will place their faith in Him? I thank the Lord that He does not have to submit to our expectations. But what if you looked forward to Easter with the expectation that God would do something amazing? Then, what if you regularly prayed with that sense of expectation? 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. Ask the Lord to give you and your team a sense of expectation for what He will do.
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.