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Senior Adult Fellowship

**SENIOR ADULT RALLY!!**

**July 13, 2023**

**Byne Baptist Church**

2832 Ledo Rd  
Albany, GA 31707

Theme: Patriotic

Please call by Mon., **July 10** for reservations!!!  
229-436-5700

**This Month**

**July 2023**

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

THE MALLARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

**1 REASON 2 LIVE**

with Dr. Lou Koon  
Armed Forces Mission  
Pointing to a Safe Harbor in a Sea of Suicide

**September 9, 2023**

**9:00am -2:00pm**  
(Lunch will be provided)

**Byne Memorial Baptist Church**

**Post and CEU credits**

Contact the MBA office at  
(229) 435-6171  
Or email [hwunch@mallery.org](mailto:hwunch@mallery.org)

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# DOM Thoughts

*Joshua 24:15 "...., choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."*

All believers are called to serve the Lord. If I were to take a poll of the folks of the Mallary Baptist Association, I feel that many of you would say that you desire to serve the Lord. I have some staggering news for you today. Serving the Lord is a choice.

When Joshua and the Israelites had crossed over into the Promised Land, and had driven out most of the prior inhabitants. Joshua sat the leaders of the people down and gave them this ultimatum. CHOOSE! I feel the Lord led him to make this statement for a couple of reasons.

First, we can not effectively serve God by accident. If you are not striving to serve the Lord daily, you might occasionally accomplish a part of His will. But, you will not be in His will. His will for your life is purposed and planned and is anything but accidental. So choosing to serve the Lord requires determination and commitment.

Second, we can not serve the Lord and other things at the same time. There is no such thing as killing two birds with one stone in a spiritual sense. God desires all your worship, not just a fraction. This means that we should lay aside those things that distract from our worship. And that requires a choice. Let me be clear, if you choose the other god, you can not be serving the Lord.

Now you may say, "I only serve Jesus", so I am safe. Allow me to give you a good rule of thumb; anything that takes your attention off of God during a worship service, Bible study, or prayer can be an idol or false god. Especially if it is something that regularly takes your focus away from Christ. The things we focus on, the things that are constantly on our minds, those things can be idols. You and I must choose either to continue to serve them, or stop serving their cause and serve only the Lord.

You know, summer is a time when believers have a tendency to not come to worship as often. Sometimes there is a good reason. But you and I both know sometimes; it is because we are tempted by other things which call us to serve them. Friends if your worship with other believers isn't a priority to you, it is much less likely to be a priority to your children. So, I want to encourage you to choose the Lord each day, that you and your house, would serve the Lord. Let's choose to serve Him, together!

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.

**Friendship:** Friendship Baptist Church of Lee Co. has called Richard Collins to be their Minister of Music/Worship Leader.

**Gillionville:** Please join the Prayer Group at Gillionville Baptist Church every Wednesday at 10am or 1 pm. We are praying for a spiritual awakening in Dougherty County. Prayer time is in the church sanctuary. Enter through the doors on the east side. We welcome you and this will be an ongoing prayer time.

**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)

**Sherwood:** Fall Sports registration is open now!  
Soccer - Boys and Girls Ages 4-13, Flag Football – Boys Grades K-5th  
Visit [Sherwoodbaptist.net/sports](http://Sherwoodbaptist.net/sports) for more information and to register.

**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**  
**July 17, 2023**  
**10am, MBO**



**Happy Independence Day!**

**Tuesday**  
**July 4, 2023**  
**MBO closed**

**ANNUAL TRUCKLOADING**

Georgia Baptist Children's Homes  
 and Family Ministries

The Mallary Baptist Association  
 is collecting:

- Canned Fruits & Vegetables
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Individual Snacks, chips and crackers,
- Laundry detergent (Pods please!)
- Disinfectant Spray & Wipes
- Plastic or Styrofoam sectioned plates, 12-16 oz cups, bowls, paper towels, and toilet paper
- Gift Cards

Collection Dates:

June 26 - July 7

Drop off Points:

Unity Baptist, Byne Memorial

June 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> M-F 10 am - 12 pm, 2-4 pm  
 July 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> W-F 10 am - 12 pm, 2-4 pm

Questions? Please contact the Mallary Baptist  
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**119th HOMECOMING**  
**Poulan Baptist Church**

127 North Cotton Street  
 Poulan, Ga 31781-1733  
 Phone 229 392 1306

Email:



[chief31794@yahoo.com](mailto:chief31794@yahoo.com)

**COMING TO MOULTRIE IN AUGUST!!**



**First Baptist Church Moultrie**  
**Saturday, August 12, 2023**  
**8:30 AM - 12:30 PM**  
**Cost: \$10 per person**

LIVE Keynotes, plus... over 40 session leaders! We've assembled a diverse team of practicing leaders prepared to give you the best practices in their field of expertise. Every part of the gathering has been intentionally designed by our team to equip and inspire your leaders.

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 Contact Lana Melton if you have questions at [lmelton@gabaptist.org](mailto:lmelton@gabaptist.org) or 770-936-5228.



FBC Putney  
 July 16-July 20, 5:45-8:30

New Hope  
 July 16-July 19, 6:30-8:30

Isabella  
 June 25-June 29, 6:30-9:00

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)



Get all the advice and instruction you can, so you will be wise the rest of your life. Proverbs 19:20

Providing Biblical solutions for the problems people face and guiding them to speak the truth in love.

Pastors, please contact us at  
 229 431 3101  
 information on discounts for your entire congregation

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## August 2023

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

## September 2023

- MISSION GEORGIA
- 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
- 18-21 Ag Expo, Spence Field, Moultrie
- 19 MBA 140th Annual Meeting, 5-8 p.m., Lakeside Baptist Church, Albany
- 23 Small Town Church Summit, 5:30-8:30, Bethel, Omega
- 24 MBA Minister's Fellowship, 12 pm, FBC Albany

## November 2023

- 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 13-14 GBC Annual Meeting, First Snellville
- 14 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO
- 15 MBA Administrative Team, Noon, MBO
- 24 Thanksgiving, MBO closed

## December 2023

- 3-10 Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 5 MBA Minister's/Spouses Christmas Banquet
- 13 MBA Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO
- 18 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO
- 22- Jan 1 Christmas Holidays, MBO closed



## Minister/Staff Anniversaries

### July:


1	Brian Dougherty, SCA, Headmaster	2011
2	Bobby Joe Brown, Bridgeboro, Pastor	1989
3	Richard Parker, Liberty, Assoc. Pastor	2003
8	Ethan Smith, Unity, Music	2012
10	William Knight, FBC Albany, Pastor	2005
18	Brian Kelley, Sherwood, Mktg & Media	2000
22	Dan Story, Jr., Bethel, Pastor	2007
23	Philip Joyce, Sherwood, Sports and Rec.	2018
24	William Suggs, Southside, Pastor	1994
25	Paul Gotthardt, Sherwood, Senior Pastor	2021

## Minister/Staff Birthdays

### July:


2	Richard Parker, Liberty, Assoc. Parker
5	Bruce Gordon, Antioch, Pastor
5	Jim McBride, Sherwood, Exec. Pastor

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May Income: \$13,571.57  
May Expenses: \$12,543.61  
Budget Needs Per Month: \$15,020.74

## MALLARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

(Acts 1:8 Prayer Plan—Volume 25, Number 7, July 2023)

### Urgent Needs

David Smith, pancreatic cancer.  
Tornado victims.

### 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. Lakeside (Andrew Kornegay, pastor), Liberty (Charlie Rouse, pastor), Liberty Hill (David Williams, pastor), Mercedes (vacant), New Hope (Emory Luci, interim).
3. Pray for the churches without pastors: Alpha, Beacon, Faith, New Hope, Mercedes, Northside, and Summer.
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.
9. Pray for the Mallary Baptist Staff (Dr. Hans Wunch and Mrs. Pat Wilks).
10. Pray for the Mallary Baptist Associational Annual Meeting, on 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 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 July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10am at Mallary Baptist Association Office. All are Welcome**

## Prayer for Renewal and Revival

How important is it to think rightly about the Lord? Perhaps you think that God only listens to the prayers of a particular group (ministers, super Christians, wealthy, poor, etc.). As you examine your life, you come to the conclusion that you belong to that group, will that impact your prayer life? If you believe that God only pays attention to big things like war, weather, famine, and plagues, will that impact your prayer life for the “little things”? Where do these thoughts you have about God come from? Your experience? Your perception? The Bible? What someone else told you?

In Job 38, we see God respond to Job and his companions. Up until this point, there had been a back-and-forth between Job and his companions as to why his wealth, family, and health had been stripped from him. Take a moment and read Job 38 (read 39:1-40:2 too if you have the time). Note all the ways God reveals His Omnipotence to Job.

One of the big struggles for Job and his companions was they were trying to judge the actions and intentions of the Lord. The finite trying to comprehend the infinite. It is a struggle that remains until this day. Why does God allow certain things to happen? If He is all-powerful, why do we still experience pain and suffering?

This is where thinking rightly about the Lord is helpful. Which shows God’s power better, when He stops bad things from happening, or when He brings beauty from ashes? They both reveal the power of God. But when He takes the bad and makes good from it, to me, that is even more astonishing. So, as you look at that event in your life that is bad, know that God knew it was going to happen and He can work it out for good.

As you pray allow the following to guide you:

1. Thank the Lord that He is greater than all of creation.
2. Ask the Lord to show you the ways you may have a less-than-complete view of who He is.
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.