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**PRAY FERVENTLY
IN RIGHTEOUSNESS**

AND AVAIL MUCH
JAMES 5:16B

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023
WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

THE MALLERY 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

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DOM Thoughts

Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?" NKJV

"Follow your heart." This is a phrase popular culture uses with great regularity. Watch a TV show or a movie where someone has to make a decision between pursuing a relationship with one person or another. Quite often someone will tell that character, "Follow your heart." The problem is that sometimes my heart is good at giving direction, and sometimes it is horrible at giving direction. It is almost as if I have two different hearts, one that leads me astray, and one that leads me to righteousness.

What is the difference between a deceitful heart and a righteous heart? When the Bible speaks of the heart, sometimes, it does so in very positive terms. In those cases, following your heart would lead someone in the appropriate direction. The Bible also speaks of the heart in negative terms, such as Jeremiah here in this verse. Following this heart would result in terrible consequences. So, how do we know which heart to follow? How can we trust that our heart is leading us in the right direction?

A couple of verses above this one in Jeremiah's book, we see a comparison between the man who trusts in himself (v. 5) and the man who trusts in the Lord (v.7). That is the key. What is informing your heart? If your heart is being informed by man (yourself, or others), anxiety, lust, or emotion, in general, there is a strong possibility your heart will lead you the wrong way. However, if your heart is informed by Scripture, the Bible calls that a wise heart. This heart will lead you the way that follows the Lord.

The trouble is, even wise hearts have moments of weakness. But, there is a way to check behind your heart to know if it is being wise and righteous or deceitful and foolish. A wise heart will never lead you to do something that the Bible tells you is wrong. It will never tell you to lie, cheat on your spouse, or do anything else that the Bible warns us against. So, the next time you want to follow your heart, do yourself a favor, check behind it with Scripture.

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.

Beacon: Beacon will observe its 59th Homecoming on May 7 beginning at 10:30 AM with **New Voice** followed by **Dr. Rodney Carr** for the morning message.

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

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: roberth-williams61@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

● **Sherwood:** Our Men's Indoor Soccer League will be for men ages 18 and older. All games will take place in the Sherwood Baptist Gym at 2201 Whispering Pines Road.

Season Timeframe: May 30th - July 11th

- this will include a jamboree cookout with all players and families on May 30th

Game Dates: Tuesdays, June 6th - July 11th with a tournament on July 11th

Game time range: 6 pm - 9 pm

Cost: \$35 (jersey included)

Game format:

- 10-minute games; each team will play 3 games in their hour time slot.

- 6-7 man teams

- 4 v 4 on the court

- Captains are pre-selected and teams will be drafted by the league director

- Season will end with a tournament and an Ice cream social for all players and family members to join!

Registration will be open online at 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.

Light House Ministries - This ministry has 22, 12' pews in a light burgundy fabric available in good condition if anyone is interested. For more information, please call Rev Chris Turner @ 229-344-3953.

Mallory Prayer Time
May 15, 2023
10am, MBO



Memorial Day
May 29, 2023



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JUNE 12-16 2023

Date: June 12 - 16, 2023

Location: Laguna Beach Christian Retreat
 Address: [20016 Front Beach Rd. Panama City Beach, FL 32413](https://www.lagunachristianretreats.com)

Speaker - TBD
 Worship – Midway Music

Student or Adult Rates:

\$459 - Early Bird through February 16, 2023
 \$479 - Regular rate February 17 through March 31, 2023
 \$499 - Late rate beginning April 1 - May 18, 2023

More information can be found at <https://superwow.com/>

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 Georgia Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries



The Mallory 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 and locations to be announced soon.

Questions? Please contact the Mallory Baptist Association Office @ 229-435-6171
 Minassistant@mallory-baptist.org

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 Sylvester, GA 229-821-8398
 Dawson, GA 229-995-2250
 Donalsonville, GA 229-612-9080

Get involved:
 Join our volunteer team
 Support monthly as a church, business, or individual
 Donate items for our baby store



Adventurous Adult Retreat:
Living Life to the Fullest
May 15-18, 2023
St. Simons Island, GA

Guest Speaker:
Rev. Keith Elder
 Singer, songwriter, retreat leader, Keith has spoken and performed for thirty-plus years in a wide variety of church, conference, and community settings.



Entertainment and Workshop Leader:
Andy Offutt Irwin
 One of the most sought after performing storytellers in the United States.



Workshops:

- Adults in Motion Exercise with Kathy Griffin
- Writing Your Legacy with Keith Elder
- Pin the Tail on the Narrative: Storytelling with Andy Irwin



Explore the Golden Isles during your afternoon free time!

Optional Activities for Additional Fee:


- 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)
- Painting Workshop with Ute Sportcheutz: \$30.00 per person (<https://www.utesart.com/about>)

Additional activities to explore on your own:

- Tour the island at your leisure
- Walk on the beach • Bike Riding
- Shopping in the St. Simons Pier Village
- St. Simons Lighthouse
- Cooking Exhibition with Aramark
- Fort Frederica • Therapy Dogs
- Georgia Sea Turtle Center on Jekyll Island
- Rest and Relax in your room
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 for counseling or to become a participating church

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@mallory-baptist.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

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

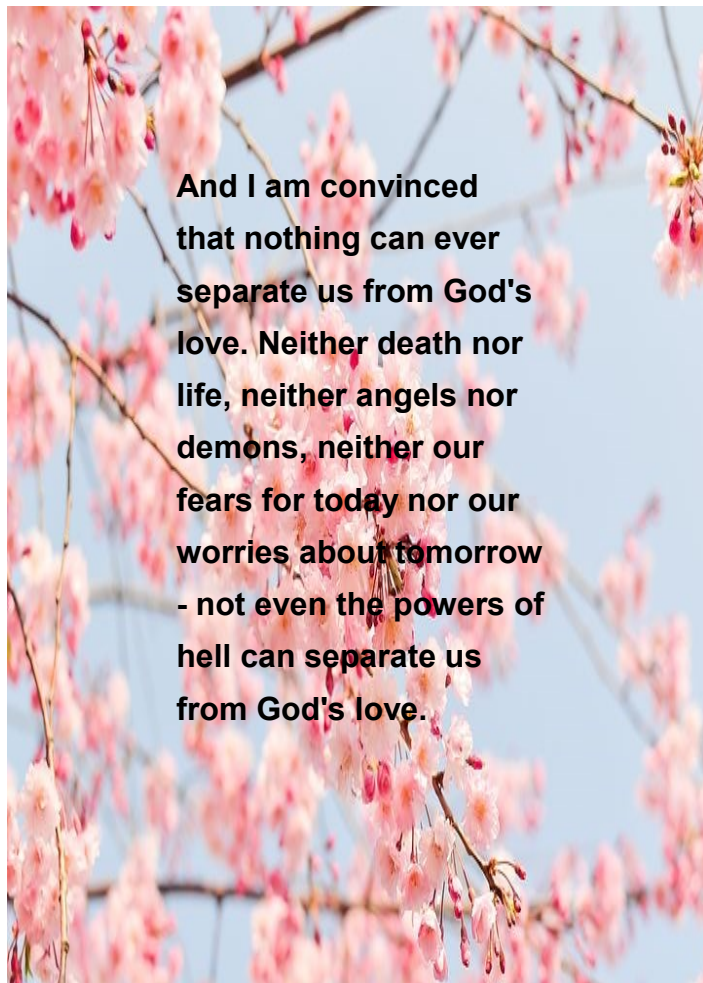
- 11 MBA Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO
- 12 MBA Senior Adult Rally, Noon, TBA
- 16 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO
- 18-21 Ag Expo, Spence Field, Moultrie
- 19 MBA 140th Annual Meeting, 5-8 p.m., Lakeside Baptist Church, Albany
- 24 MBA Minister's Fellowship, 12 pm, FBC Albany

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



And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow - not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.

Minister/Staff Anniversaries

May:

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| 7 | Phillip Dove, Unity, Youth | 2006 |
| 23 | Bryan Haynes, Gillionville, Youth | 2010 |

Minister/Staff Birthdays

May:

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| 1 | Jerry Etheredge, Cornerstone, Pastor |
| 6 | Marion Sizemore, East Albany, Pastor |

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March Income: \$20,327.93
March Expenses: \$12,251.91
Budget Needs Per Month: \$15,020.74

MALLARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

(Acts 1:8 Prayer Plan—Volume 25, Number 5, May 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. Gillionville (Chad Ellis, pastor), Gordy New Bethel (Bradley Floyd, pastor), Isabella (Jason Jones, pastor), Kinchafoonee (Melvin Slappy, pastor), Korean (Jung Choi, pastor).
3. Pray for the churches without pastors: Alpha, Beacon, New Hope, Mercedes, Northside, and Sumner.
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 May 15th, 2023 at 10am at Mallary Baptist Association Office. All are Welcome

Prayer for Renewal and Revival

Throughout the Bible, wisdom is held up as something we should desire to have. This is the foundation of the book of Proverbs, but it shows up in many of the different books in the Bible. Did you know that not all “wisdom” is created equal? Wisdom can basically come from two places, the world or the Lord. But one type is better than the other. Wisdom from the Lord will always lead you down the best path. Wisdom from the world will, at times, lead you astray. Wisdom guides how we speak, the tone we use, the words we use, and more. Wisdom helps us take the knowledge that we have gained and put it into practice appropriately.

The wisdom that comes from the Lord, not only comes out in words but in actions as well. James speaks to this well. Please stop and read James 3:13-18. As you do, note how James describes the two types of wisdom. Please also pay attention to how James contrasts the two and how they are applied.

Revival in our lives includes introspection. It helps to ask if the wisdom we are employing has characteristics of wisdom from the Lord or the world. Sometimes this is not easy. Mainly because we have to come to grips with the fact that we may not be the most normal person we know. Not everyone thinks like we do. As you pray through these characteristics of wisdom that come from the world, ask the Lord to show you which you could stand to work on. As you pray through the wisdom that comes from the Lord, thank Him for giving you this wisdom to guide your life and bless others.

As you pray allow the following to guide you:

1. Thank the Lord for the wisdom He freely gives to all believers (James 1:5).
2. Ask the Lord to show you how you can use the wisdom that comes from Him for His glory and honor.
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.