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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

Post and CEU credits

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

Byne Memorial Baptist Church

Contact the MBA office at
(229) 435-6171

Or email
hwunch@mallery.org

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DOM Thoughts

1 Samuel 26:11 "The LORD forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the LORD's anointed. But please, take now the spear and the jug of water that are by his head, and let us go."

In 1 Samuel 26, we are told the account of David and Abishai sneaking into King Saul's camp at night. At this point in David's life, he has already been anointed King of Israel. He has already fought Goliath, but Saul was still sitting on the throne of Israel. Moreover, Saul was actively seeking to end David's life so that his heir, Jonathan, would be the next king. David, however, did not fight back. And when we find him in 1 Samuel 26, he had been on the run for quite some time.

Saul was tipped off that David was hiding in the hill of Hachilah and he went to find him. As the army of Saul slept, David and Abishai crept into the encampment and inside of King Saul's tent. There on the ground next to him was a spear. Abishai begged David to allow him to kill Saul right then and there, so this chase would be over. He even assumed that it was the Lord delivering Saul into David's hand. David, however, would not allow that to happen. He knew that it was the Lord's purview to end Saul's life when He so chose to do so. Instead, David decided to take the spear and a jug of water so that Saul would know that he could have killed him, but did not. Thus, proving that David did not desire harm to Saul like Saul did David. This is very similar to what David did when Saul stepped into a cave and David cut off a piece of his robe without him knowing.

This passage reminds me that God's ways are quite different from man's ways. I, too, have seen an opportunity to accomplish something that I think would be beneficial and assumed it was the Lord working things out for me. Unfortunately, I did not stop to ask God to give me wisdom on the matter. My assumption did not prove to be true and the result was not what I had hoped. If only I had shown patience like David.

I hope this passage will help you trust the Lord for wisdom in each and every situation you come to. That it will remind you not to assume that just because something looks one way, doesn't mean that is reality. Remember what James 1:5 tells us, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."

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 or mail to 182 Academy Avenue North, Leesburg, GA 31763.

FBC Acree: FBC Acree is searching for a Bi-Vocational **Minister of Music**. Any interested persons may send resumes to acreebaptistchurch@att.net

Looking for a church who is doing a puppet ministry. We personally have, 3 new children puppets. Would like to donate to a church who would use them for God's Glory. Please e-mail: perigo2myrick2@bellsouth.net with telephone number.

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

Sherwood: Sherwood Baptist Church has approximately 8 cribs that they would like to donate to any church that might need them.

Fall Sports registration is open now!

Soccer - Boys and Girls Ages 4-13; Flag Football – Boys Grades K-5th

Visit 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.

Mallory Prayer Time
August 21, 2023
10am, MBO



ACPs



In mid-August the Georgia Baptist Mission Board will be sending out a letter with a self-addressed stamped envelope to each of the 3400+ churches in Georgia. The letter will contain the ACP statistical questions and will have all current organization and leadership data prefilled in the provided forms.

The letters will be going to our churches! Please make sure that the clerk/secretary receives the envelopes!!!

If you need any help, or do not receive a letter by Aug. 24 please contact the Mallory Office @ 229-435-6171 or Minassistant@mallery-baptist.org



Alpha Pregnancy Center
New Team Member Training

For anyone interested in volunteering in any of our 5 centers (Albany, Dawson, Donalsonville, Worth County, Camilla)

Tuesday, August 15
9am-4pm

First Baptist Church of Camilla
27 E Board St. Camilla GA
Call 229-458-1452 to register



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.

SPARK is for ... Pastors, Lay Leaders, Children's' Leaders, Women's' Ministry Leaders, Men's' Ministry Leaders, Missions Coordinators, Student Pastors, Worship Leaders, Sunday School Leaders, Small Group Leaders ... anyone involved in ministry and equipping.

Everyone can benefit! It doesn't matter at what stage you are in ministry, there is something for everyone at SPARK. This conference is designed with YOU in mind, no matter your experience or skill level!

For more information, visit www.thesparkconference.com. Contact Lana Melton if you have questions at lmelton@gabaptist.org or 770-936-5228.

HOPE IN
Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. (Romans 12:12)
CHRIST
WOMEN ON MISSION SERIES
September 15-16, 2023 at Pinnacle Retreat Center, Clayton
Register: <https://ga.sbcworkspace.com/pub/event/register/55236312>



GRANT WRITING USA®

Grant Writing USA Live PST Zoom

Class - October 12-13, 2023

Join an all-star host committee for this two-day grant writing training delivered live and online via Zoom

Welcome! If you're ready to learn how to write grant proposals from start to finish and find funding sources, you've come to the right place. Beginning and experienced grant writers from city, county and state agencies, healthcare organizations, nonprofits, K-12, colleges and universities are encouraged to attend.

Itinerary : This workshop is **October 12-13, 2023, 8-3 PT, 9-4 MT, or 10-5 CT.**

Tuition: Tuition is \$495 and includes downloadable class materials in PDF format. Online reservations are necessary, and groups of 5 or more receive \$50 off per person.

Other classes: Also consider attending the upcoming Grant Management class, October 26-27, 2023, where you'll learn how to administer your government grants and stay in compliance with current and pre-Covid rules and regulations. Grant writers and grant managers are encouraged to attend the management program. Register for the management and the writing class and get \$100 off your combined tuition. [Click here](#) for information on the Grant Management class.

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@mallery-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

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

August:


- 9 Alan Gotthardt, College Pastor, Sherwood 2021
- 27 Trey Brown, Pastor, Pine Forest 2015
- 29 Brad Floyd, Pastor, Gordy NB 2019

Minister/Staff Birthdays

August:


- 4 Matt Lampley, Assoc. Pastor, FBC Albany
- 6 Mark Scardino, Children's Pastor, Sherwood
- 28 Rodney Rector, Assoc. Pastor, Gillionville
- 29 Mark Spraggins, Pastor, Friendship

**NO-CONTACT COMMUNION SUPPLIES
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2201 Whispering Pines Road
Albany, GA 31707



June Income: \$9,288.55
June Expenses: \$13,463.79
Budget Needs Per Month: \$15,020.74

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

Urgent Needs

Pastor Matt Peek, FBC Moultrie, and family as they have pre-mature twin boys in NICU at Phoebe.
1 Reason 2 Live Event on 9/9 @ 9a @ Byne

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. Poulan (Ken Harper, pastor), Red Oak (Rob Gray, pastor), Salem (Nick Arbogast, pastor), Sherwood (Paul Gotthardt, pastor), and Shingler (Danny Smith, pastor).
3. Pray for the churches without pastors: Alpha, Beacon, Faith, New Hope, 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 Church On Main, 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 11-12, 2024 Indianapolis, IN.
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 August 21st, 2023 at 10am at Mallary Baptist Association Office. All are Welcome

Prayer for Renewal and Revival

As we continue to join our hearts in prayer for Renewal and Revival, my prayer is that we will not grow weary in this work. It is not easy work, yet it is Lord-honoring work. My continued prayer is that God would hear our prayers and act in His timing, for His glory, and I know we will reap the benefits of His action.

This month, I would like to encourage you to read Mark 8:27-38. Before you do, ask the Lord to lead you through His Word showing you the things He desires for you to see today. As you read, focus on the questions of Christ in this passage. Please do this before continuing to read this page.

I see two sets of related questions in this passage. The first set is “Who do men, and who do you say that I am?” The first question of this pair is, “what is the word on the street?” It isn’t personal. There is no wrong answer to this question. Jesus simply wants the disciples to think about what people are saying about Him for a moment. The second part of this pair is personal. Jesus moves from “what have you heard?” to “what do you believe?” Peter responds correctly, “You are the Christ.” Verses 31-33 indicate that Peter knew that Jesus is the Christ, but Peter didn’t know what that meant for Jesus in the near future. Whereas Jesus didn’t want those gathered to tell others that He is the Christ, He didn’t have a problem with telling everyone that suffering was coming His way. The result of Peter rebuking Jesus over telling everyone He was going to suffer is that the one who privately and correctly called Him the Christ is now called Satan in front of everyone.

The second set of questions comes in a statement about what it costs to be a disciple of Christ. The point of these questions is, your soul is more important (valuable) than anything and everything on earth. That goes for everyone, not just the crowd gathered at that moment. He said to them, and He says to us if you want to follow me, deny yourself and take up the instrument of your death. In other words, if you are going to follow me, you have to follow me the whole way, no matter what it looks like. You can’t say, I will follow the stuff that benefits me when I want to, and leave the stuff that hurts me or not follow when I don’t want to. Jesus is saying, “If you want to follow me, you have to go the distance, or else you are not really following me.”

As you finish, please continue in prayer for the following items:

1. Ask the Lord to help you deny yourself and follow Him.
2. Repent for those times you felt the Lord calling you to serve but chose not to serve.
3. Ask the Lord to show you when you are denying Him and not yourself.
4. Pray that the Lord will help you understand how His work in life, death, and resurrection should impact you and your relationship with Him and others.
5. Pray that the Lord would give you the strength to be in the center of His will daily.
6. Pray for the needs of the others on your team, yourself, and the church (including your pastor and staff).
7. Pray that the Lord would make this a sweet time that you would look forward to each month.
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 no matter the circumstances, you will follow Jesus, and other believers will too.
12. Pray that the Lord will help you see that nothing is more valuable than your relationship with Him.



Hello friends of the Anchorage,

What if your daughter or sister needed help, and there seemed to be nowhere to turn? This is exactly the problem faced by many who have family members struggling with addiction. We know that there is hope – hope that is found in the services offered by the Anchorage.

We have some great news to share with you. The Anchorage wants to bring the same Christ-centered treatment to the women of this community. God has given our board a vision to expand our services to women suffering the bondage of addiction. And God is providing. Seventy acres of land has been generously donated. The plans for a women's facility are being drawn. We need at least a million dollars to construct a facility which will house up to forty women in need of both spiritual and physical care.

The women's program will operate according to the same principles that has made the men's program successful. For less than \$50.00 a woman can enroll in the program and receive shelter, food, addiction and spiritual counseling. After four months the women may transition to the "after-care program" in order to find work, save money and learn how to re-launch a successful life.

The cost to build is great, but the lives saved are worth every penny of the investment. You can trust the work of the Anchorage. For seventy years, we have seen lives changed, addictions broken and families restored.

There are three ways you can help:

1. Join us in prayer that God's plan for this ministry will come to fruition. Help us spread the good news about this work with others.
2. Consider how the Lord might lead you to give in support of this new facility. Our program is solely supported by individuals, churches, private business, and foundations.
3. Look for opportunities to inform civic groups, churches, friends and neighbors about this vital ministry. Board members are happy to speak at events and answer any questions the community might have.

In Matthew 25:40, Jesus says "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." The Anchorage serves as the hands and feet of Jesus, to bring long term care to those battling addiction. Your investment in the work of the Anchorage has eternal significance. We have already received over \$150,000 and look forward to reaching our goal as others know about this exciting opportunity. The Anchorage is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, and all proceeds are tax deductible.

Please consider how you might be a part of this great work.