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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**

**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



**This Month**

**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



**MBA 140th Annual Meeting**

**October 19, 2023  
5-8PM**

**Lakeside Baptist Church  
2806 N Jefferson St,  
Albany, GA 31701**

*Reminder: Please Elect Your Messengers*

*"Churches Serving Together to  
Make Disciples to Impact the World"*  
Physical: 2214 Whispering Pines Rd, Albany, GA 31707  
Mailing: P.O. Box 71115, Albany, GA 31708  
PH: (229) 435-6171 FAX: (229) 438-8627

## DOM Thoughts

*Matthew 18:6 "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea."*

Jesus was the master of answering questions in the most unexpected ways. In 18:1, He is asked who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I don't know who the disciples thought Jesus would answer, perhaps David, or Moses, or Elijah. It is an interesting question, one that could certainly lead to pride or arrogance. Imagine if Jesus had said, "John the Baptist" or "Simon Peter." Would the disciples agree with Jesus' assessment? No doubt, His answer surprised them all when He called a young child to His side and said, "In order to be great, humble yourself like this child."

Then Jesus takes their question, and expands it with the verse above. I believe that Jesus is reminding us that children are always watching, and it is our responsibility to give them a good example. In fact, Jesus equated being a bad example as worse than being executed in a horrific fashion. I would not speak for you, but this convicts me. Because I know I haven't always been the best example for my own children, much less other children.

Our training and leading well the next generation was very important to Jesus. As such, it should be very important to us. Being careful not to pass on bad habits, bad language, bad attitudes, or any other sin to any child should be very important to us all. May we pray daily that our example would point people to Jesus and not away from 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:cgreene89@hotmail.com)

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

\*Join us for our first Cultivate Women's Conference, September 22-23. The word "cultivate" means to prepare for and use for the raising of crops or to foster growth. We will spend a weekend cultivating the soil of our hearts through worship, large group teaching, breakout sessions, and much more! Visit [Sherwoodbaptist.net/cultivate](http://Sherwoodbaptist.net/cultivate) 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**  
**September 18, 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 Mallary Office @ 229-435-6171 or [Minassistant@mallary-baptist.org](mailto:Minassistant@mallary-baptist.org)**

**HOPE IN CHRIST**  
*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer. (Romans 12:12)*

**WOMEN ON MISSION SERIES**

September 15-16, 2023 at Pinnacle Retreat Center, Clayton

Register: <https://ga.sbcworkspace.com/pub/event/register/55236312>



Join us in supporting the Alpha Pregnancy Center!

Alpha Pregnancy Vision Banquet

Building a Legacy: Unwavering

Monday, October 9th

Keynote Speaker, Scott Klusendorf

First Baptist Church Albany

Register to attend by calling 229-431-2343 or

email [jessicas@alphapregnancycenter.net](mailto:jessicas@alphapregnancycenter.net)

**MEN'S CONFERENCE**  
 ~ GUEST SPEAKER ~  
*Abraham Hamilton III*

**Saturday September 9th**  
**7 PM**

**Antioch Baptist Church**  
 Sunday 9/10 @ 6 PM  
 Monday 9/11 @ 7 PM  
 Antioch Baptist Church  
 105 Doe Hill Rd.  
 Sylvester GA  
[www.facebook.com/abcsylvester](http://www.facebook.com/abcsylvester)  
 E: [bcgordon53@yahoo.com](mailto:bcgordon53@yahoo.com)

**Isabella Baptist Church**  
 Tuesday 9/12 @ 7 PM  
 Wednesday 9/13 @ 7PM  
 Isabella Baptist Church  
 134 Old Mail Rd.  
 Sylvester GA

Guest Speaker  
**Abraham Hamilton III**

Small Town Church

**SUMMIT**

October 23, 23 5:30-8:30p

Bethel Baptist Church, Omega, GA

Special Guest: Harris Malcom

Pastors/Staff and Spouse  
 \$15 Per Couple includes Meal

Register by October 19th:  
 (229) 435-6171  
[hwunch@mallary.org](mailto:hwunch@mallary.org)  
 or scan the QR Code below to pay with a credit or debit card

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**Ignite!**

MinistrySmart™ CONFERENCE

FREE!

Sept 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

[Ignite! | 2023 MinistrySmart Conference - Sep 20 | Hopin](#)

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)

Albany Biblical Counseling

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

## October 2023

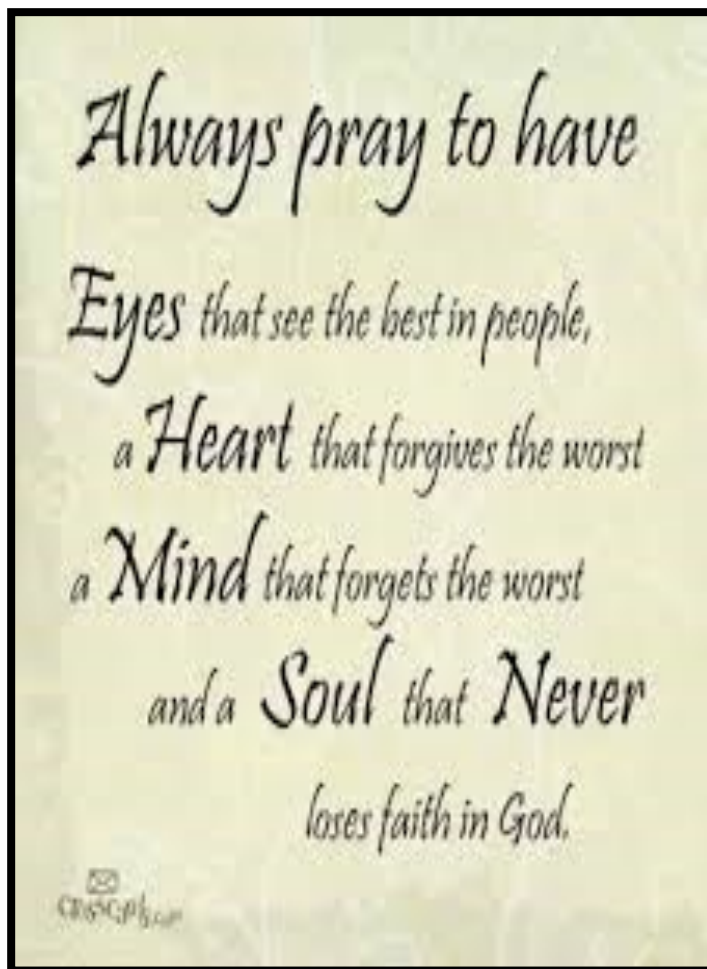
- 11 MBA Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO
- 12 MBA Senior Adult Rally, 12 pm, FBC Leesburg
- 16 MBA Prayer Time, 10 am, MBO
- 18-21 Ag Expo, Spence Field, Moultrie
- 19 MBA 140th Annual Meeting, 5-8 p.m., Lakeside Baptist Church, Albany
- 23 Small Town Church Summit, 5:30-8:30, Bethel, Omega
- 24 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





Taking care of your mental health is so important but so expensive these days. That is why Kathy and Anastasia Slappy are offering free counseling for a certain period of time. They are a mother-daughter team and are counseling with the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors. For all credentials, inquiries, time/availability, call Kathy Slappy @229-894-9303 or Anastasia Slappy @229-462-3154

## Minister/Staff Anniversaries

### September:


- 1 Brady Jordan, Bryant Drive, Pastor 2002
- 2 Jason Jones, Isabella, Pastor 2007
- 16 Danny James, Gillionville, Music 2012
- 30 Marion Sizemore, Grace Baptist, Pastor 2018

## Minister/Staff Birthdays

### September:


- 28 Patrick Sebesta, Pastor of Sports and Recreation, Sherwood
- 30 Dan Mingo, Pastor of Media, Sherwood

**NO-CONTACT COMMUNION SUPPLIES AVAILABLE AT THE SOURCE BOOKSTORE**



The pre-packaged cup and wafer are ideal for distributing no-contact communion. Fellowship Cup communion supplies are available in 100, 250 and 500 count.

**THE SOURCE BOOKSTORE**  
(229) 431-9330  
2201 Whispering Pines Road  
Albany, GA 31707



July Income: \$17,310.74  
July Expenses: \$14,693.71  
Budget Needs Per Month: \$15,020.74

**MALLARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE**  
(Acts 1:8 Prayer Plan—Volume 25, Number 9, September 2023)

**Urgent Needs**

Pastor Matt Peek, FBC Moultrie, and family as they have pre-mature twin boys in NICU at Phoebe.  
Wild Fire in Maui, HI, and other disaster victims and families.

**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. Southside (Bill Suggs, pastor), Sumner (Daniel Solomon, interim), Sunnyside (Terry Siniard, pastor), Terrell (Brian Norton, pastor), Thundering Springs (Ira Thomas, 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 Association 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 will 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 will 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 September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10am at Mallary Baptist Association Office. All are Welcome**

## Prayer for Renewal and Revival

I have heard often that children are the future, not just because Whitney Houston sang it, and I grew up in the 80's. I have heard many times from well-meaning church members, "Children are the future of our church." While that may not be phrased the best way, the sentiment isn't wrong. Children aren't just the future of the church; they can also be the present of the church. While they are not equipped to serve in all the ways adults are, they have a different kind of value.

In Matthew 18:1-11, we find Jesus fielding the question of who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven in a most unexpected way. Try to look at this passage with fresh eyes. In fact, try to imagine yourself being there in that moment. I would ask that you go read and pray over these verses before you continue on.

Would you have expected Jesus to have used a child as an example of what it is like to be great? What does this random grade-schooler know of greatness? He hasn't followed Jesus all over the countryside. He hasn't written any self-help books. He hasn't even gone to different towns telling them about the kingdom of God like the disciples or the 70 others. Moreover, would you have expected this question to lead to a discussion on how important it is to be a good example to children? I sure wouldn't. And if that wasn't surprising enough, the fact that Jesus says leading a child astray would be worse than drowning. Then saying, it would be better to be lame or maimed and enter life than be complete and be banished to hell.

But isn't that part of being humble? Caring for the well-being of others more than you care about your preferences? If you think about it, the bad examples for our children in this world, far outweigh the good. Do children see you as being kind to others? Do children see you sharing about faith in Jesus? Do children see you serving others when you think they aren't looking? I was in a service recently where two teens received the offering. Who taught them to do that? Where did they learn that from? From the way it looked, they had some good examples.

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

1. Ask the Lord to help you deny yourself and follow Him in humility.
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 will 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.