



The Messenger

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Mallery Baptist Association Spring Meeting



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Speaker:
Buck Burch,
GBMB Missions Catalyst
Sunday, April 21, 2024 @6 pm
Antioch Baptist Church
105 Doe Hill Rd, Sylvester

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

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DOM Thoughts

And forgive us our sins, For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one.” (Luke 11:4 NKJV)

When we become aware of our sin, forgiveness is something we want to receive, but may not be something we want to give. We don't always want to forgive, and that might mean we do not know how to forgive. Many of us have heard the phrase, “forgive and forget”. But as it relates to us, I haven't found that in the Bible. God can forgive and forget, and that, in and of itself, is amazing. Think about it, the God who knows everything chooses to forget something. And some well-meaning soul said, if that is the way God does it, it should be the way we do it, and normally, that is a good rule of thumb. We should strive to be more like Jesus and obey Him moment by moment. This verse from Luke's account of what is known as the *Lord's Prayer*, says, we should forgive because we are forgiven.

The issue, then, is not if we should forgive, but that we should forgive within our capacity. God can choose to forget and He does. Now, while I do not possess an eidetic memory (photographic), try as I may, there are things I would love to forget, but I cannot. I cannot forget them unless I have some sort of trauma or illness. Now, if that is the way God made us, then we lack the capacity to forget. And because of the phrase, “forgive and forget,” I beat myself up for not being able to do something that I lack the capacity to do.

So then how do we forgive? May I suggest we learn from the event, and do all within our power not to repeat it. Furthermore, we no longer hold the event over the other person's head, essentially saying, “If you do anything like this again, I am going to remind you of this,” which arguably is still not easy. It is within our capacity. An example of this is, when someone hurts someone, you love. You can forgive that person (even if they do not apologize or repent), and no longer hold that event over them. However, that does not require you to allow your loved one to go back into a situation where it could happen again.

This leads us to the last part of this verse. God loves you, and while the temptation may be all around you to return to the sin for which you just asked forgiveness for, God has a better plan. He desires to lead you away from the temptation and deliver you from the evil one. But, if you do yield to that temptation, isn't it good to know God is willing to start this process all over with you, and that is all because of Jesus, without whom, none of this would be possible.

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.

First Baptist Sylvester: is taking a trip to the Amish country of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, May 13 – 17. The trip will include stops at Hershey and Gettysburg and the new production of *Daniel* at the Sights and Sounds Theater in Lancaster. Few seats remain. For more information or a flyer contact Bobby Boutwell bobbyrboutwell@gmail.com – 423-619-1735.

First Baptist Sylvester is looking into the possibility of having Handbell training in February and March. If you would be interested in learning the basics to handbell ringing and reading music, we would be glad to have you.

Open to individuals or beginning handbell choirs. Target days are Monday or Tuesday afternoon. For more information contact Bobby Boutwell – bobbyrboutwell@gmail.com – 423-619-1735.

Isabella: Isabella Baptist church is currently seeking a full time pastor. Resumes may be sent to the Pastor Search Committee at isabellabaptistchurch@gmail.com or 134 Old Mail Rd, Sylvester, GA 31791.

Mallary Prayer Time
April 15, 2024
10am, MBO



2024 Statewide Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief Trainings

Multiple opportunities to join the work of Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief. You and your church can be on mission when needed most

Learn More:

https://gabaptist.org/events?_topics=disaster-relief



SUPERWOW IMPACT

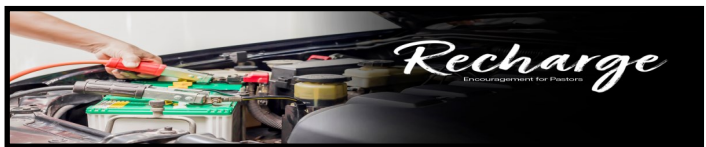


JUNE & JULY: Camp Pinnacle, Camp Kaleo, Surge Music Camp, Impact & SUPERWOW

Summertime is camp time! Find the perfect place for your child or student this summer.

<https://gabaptist.org/camps>

Georgia Baptist Women's
SPRING EVENT
Saturday, April 27, 2024 at First Baptist Church, Jonesboro
Featuring *Christal Evans Hurst*



Apr 17, 2024

Recharge is a fellowship opportunity for pastors built on worship and encouragement. **This event is FREE and includes lunch.**

2024 Recharge events feature Mel Blackaby, Lead Pastor at First Baptist Church in Jonesboro, who will focus on the topic "Continuing the Call: Encouragement to Persevere."

Northside Baptist Church
4605 Murray Avenue
Tifton, GA

Register: <https://brushfire.com/gabaptist/pastor-wellness-recharge-tifton/568777>

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

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SEPT 6-7

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

May 2024

- 2 National Day of Prayer
- 15 MBA Administrative Team, Noon, MBO
- 12 Mother's Day
- 20 MBA Prayer Time, 10am, MBO
- 21 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany
- 27 Memorial Day, MBO Closed

June 2024

- 2 Disaster Relief Sunday
- 11-12 SBC Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN
- 16 Father's Day
- 17 MBA Prayer Time, 10am, MBO

July 2024

- 4 Independence Day, MBO Closed
- 11 MBA Senior Adult Rally, Noon, Byne
- 15 MBA Prayer Time, 10am, MBO

August 2024

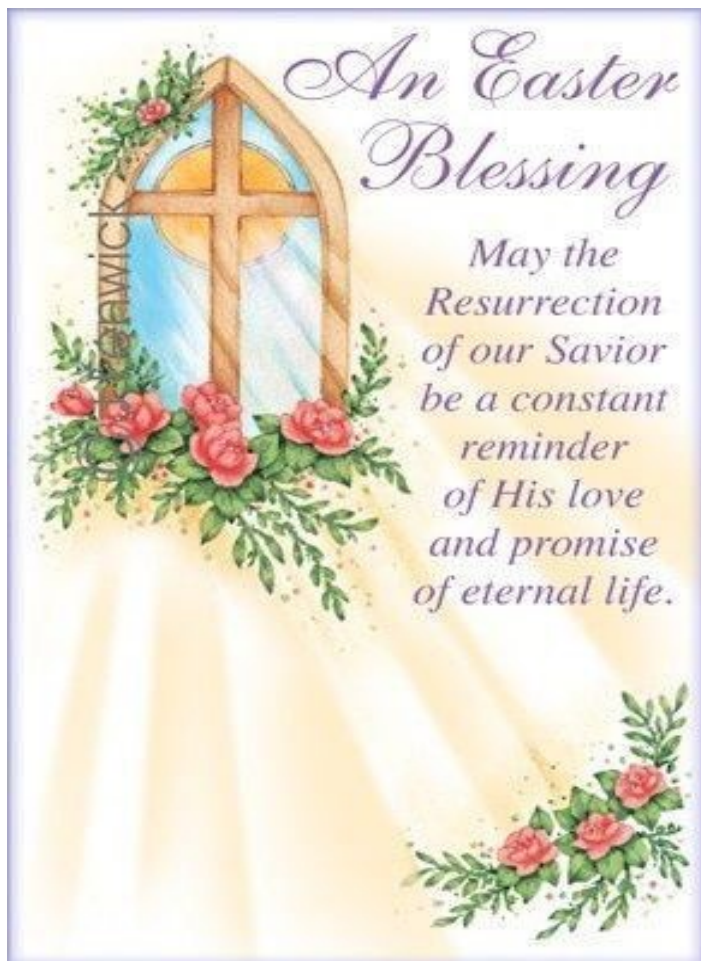
- 14 Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO
- 19 MBA Prayer Time, 10am, MBO
- 27 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany

September 2024

- 2 Labor Day, MBO Closed
- 11 MBA Administrative Team, Noon, MBO
- 16 MBA Prayer Time, 10am, MBO
- 24 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany
- 24 Prayer Walk for Local Schools, 7pm
- 25 See You At The Pole

October 2024

- 9 MBA Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO
- 10 MBA Senior Adult Rally, Noon, TBA
- 20 MBA 141th Annual Meeting, 5-8 p.m.,
Byne Memorial Baptist Church, Albany
- 21 MBA Prayer Time, 10am, MBO
- 22 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany



Minister/Staff Anniversaries

April:

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
21	Tim Johnson, Student Pastor, Sherwood
24	Roy Cook, Assoc. Pastor, Gillionville



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

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THE SOURCE BOOKSTORE
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2201 Whispering Pines Road
Albany, GA 31707



February Income: \$11,200.57
February Expenses: \$15,902.05

MALLARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE
(Acts 1:8 Prayer Plan—Volume 26, 4, April 2024)

Urgent Needs

Pastor Brian Norton- Cancer
Bobby Joe Brown – Cornea Transplant Complications

Our Jerusalem

1. Pray for our Vision to become a reality: *"Serving together the churches of the Mallery 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. Forrester (Jay Barcus, pastor), Friendship (Mark Spraggins, pastor), Friendship Missionary (Carl White, pastor), Gillionville (Chad Ellis, pastor), Gordy New Bethel (Bradley Floyd, pastor).
3. Pray for the churches without pastors: Beacon, Faith, and Isabella.
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 Mallery Baptist Staff (Dr. Hans Wunch and Mrs. Pat Wilks).
10. Pray for the Mallery Baptist Association Spring Meeting, on April 21st, 2024 at Antioch 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 FBC Statesboro, GA November 10-12.
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 Nom. Jeff Iorg for 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 Josh and Shannon Jennings, church planters in Sedona, AZ.

Our Uttermost Parts of the World

- Pray for the International Mission Board--its president (Paul Chitwood), staff, and missionaries.
Pray for Chuck and Barb as they minister to a city of over 20 million, most of whom have never heard the name Jesus.
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 those who are seeking to escape religious persecution will find freedom.
 6. Pray for the millions of families globally, who deal with the impact abortion has had on their lives.
 7. Pray for Gideons International, Wycliffe Bible Translators, and Christian Missionaries around the world.
 8. Pray for Ukraine and our brothers and sisters in Christ there.

Next Prayer Time April 15th, 2024 at 10am at Mallery Baptist Association Office.
All are Welcome

First Baptist Church
Sylvester, GA.
Summer Children's Intern
(Ministering to students who have completed 1st -6th Grade)

Purpose: Summer Children's Intern will provide ministry for children, first through sixth grades, for the summer months at FBC Sylvester.

Specific Duties:

- o Plan & Coordinate activities for children on Wednesdays.
- o Participate in Worship Services, specifically Pastor Pals and/or Children's Church extended session.
- o Create a schedule of summer events for children and distribute to parents.
- o Organize & promote children's trips.
- o Support Teachers of children in Sunday School.
- o Reach out to children through connection via. Phone, Visits, Support of Kid activities during the summer.
- o Build relationships with parents.

Additional:

- Work together with Ministerial Team of First Baptist Church Sylvester.
- Be willing to serve additional duties as may be requested.
- Work specifically under the direct supervision of the Pastor.

Summer Children's Intern

First Baptist Church of Sylvester is in need of a Summer Children's Intern who is willing to minister to children, Grades 1st-6th for the Summer. This is a paid position. For a complete job description click on the Children's Ministry tab on our website: www.fbc-sylvester.org. Click on the submit button to send personal resume as soon as possible. Inquires? Call 229-776-3337.