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**BREAKER ROCK BEACH**

**GOD’S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN A WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS**  
ROMANS 12:2

**Byne Church**  
**2832 Ledo Road**  
**Albany, GA**  
**229-436-5700**  
**Mar 23, 2024 - Mar 23, 2024**

**Breakouts include: Leading a Child to Christ, VBS Follow-up, Rallying Volunteers, Teaching Kids to Overcome the World’s Hot Topics, Are Your Kids Learning What You’re Teaching?, 5 Essential Steps Toward a Safer Ministry, Directors Roundtable, and more.**

<https://brushfire.com/gabaptist/vbs2024-albany/568160>

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## DOM Thoughts

*Psalm 62:5 My soul, wait silently for God alone, For my expectation is from Him. 6 He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved. 7 In God is my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, And my refuge, is in God.*

In the summer of 2004, our family attended a Reds baseball game. It was an exciting time because it was our oldest son's first game in person, and he was turning five that day. Something else had our attention that day as well. Ken Griffey Jr., had hit 499 home runs in his career and everyone in attendance that day was hoping to see history being made when he hit number 500. It was an afternoon game in mid-June, and the stadium was at near capacity. Each time Griffey approached the plate nearly 35,000 people stood to their feet, cameras ready... expecting to see a home run. We were prepared to witness history, and I even got a new digital camera for the trip with a zoom lens. The sense of expectation was so great that the people who remained seated when Griffey got to the plate were the unusual ones, I even noticed some getting funny looks, like, why aren't you standing?

In that moment it hit me like a ton of bricks, this is how every encounter I have with God ought to look. Every time I read the Scripture. Every time I pray. Every time I go to worship, I ought to have a sense of expectation. Why? Because, He is my salvation, my refuge, and my rock. If He is these things, then when I meet with Him, I ought to expect to hear from Him, through the Word, through the music, through the preaching of His Word.

Sadly, more times than I want to admit, I have left moments with the Lord not expecting to hear from Him, and having not heard from Him. I wish I could declare like the Psalmist that my expectation is from Him and my soul waits exclusively for Him, but I can't. Like the Hymn Writer, I must declare, "Prone to wander Lord I feel it, Prone to leave the one I love."

We did see a homerun that day, but Ken Griffey Jr did not hit it. As I recall, it was someone from the other team that knocked one out of the park. It should have been exciting to see it because it does take skill and strength to hit a home run against a major league pitcher, but since it wasn't Junior it was as if it didn't count. We left the park that day, somewhat disappointed that we didn't see history being made. We should have left that park thrilled that we had been able to cheer on our team and had the experience. I fear we often leave moments with God the same way. We were hoping to feel the ground shake or a booming voice from the Lord, instead, we got a gentle reminder to keep trusting and following, and we left disappointed because we didn't witness history being made.

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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:bobbyrboutwell@gmail.com) – 423-619-1735.

**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.

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

**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**  
**February 26, 2024**  
**10am, MBO**

# Train-YOU-Ary

Tracks For Pastors, Youth Leaders,  
Childrens Leaders, Deacons, and  
Music Leaders



Mallary Baptist Assoc. invites you to  
February 10th, 2024, 9a-2:30p,  
FBC Sylvester  
Cost \$15 (Includes lunch and materials)  
Bivocational Pastor Panel and  
breakout sessions.

Georgia Baptist Women's

## SPRING EVENT

Saturday, April 27, 2024 at First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

Featuring *Crystal Evans Harst*



*Called to*  
**WITNESS**

**FEB 25 - 26**  
FBC CONYERS

**MAR 10 - 11**  
NORTHSIDE BAPTIST  
TIFTON

**Save the dates! Two locations!**

Keynotes include Herb Reavis, HB Charles, Robert Smith, Jr.,  
Danny Forshee, Mark Hearn, Matt Queen and  
Thomas Hammond.

Breakouts will be offered to help you raise  
the evangelism temperature across multiple ministry areas of  
your church.

Bring your staff, spouse and leaders!  
February 25 & 26 FBC Conyers  
March 10 & 11 Northside Baptist in Tifton

[Find Out More >>](#)

**MINISTRY  
WIVES  
LUNCHEON**

FEBRUARY 17TH, 11 AM – 1PM  
SHERWOOD BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Luncheon is FREE  
Scan the QR Code to  
sign up or call the  
MBA by 2/13.



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](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

## March 2024

- 3-10 Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Easter
- 13 MBA Administrative Team, Noon, MBO
- 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 17 Church Planting Sunday
- 18 MBA Prayer Time, Noon, MBO
- 19 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany
- 24-31 Holy Week
- 31 Easter

## April 2024

- 11 MBA Senior Adult Rally, Noon, TBA
- 10 Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO
- 21 MBA Spring Meeting, 7pm, Antioch, Sylvester
- 15 MBA Prayer Time, Noon, MBO
- 23 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany
- 24 Administrative Professionals Day

## May 2024

- 2 National Day of Prayer
- 8 MBA Administrative Team, Noon, MBO
- 12 Mother's Day
- 20 MBA Prayer Time, Noon, MBO
- 28 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, Noon, MBO

*For God*  
 so loved the world,  
 that he gave his  
 only begotten  
 Son,  
 that whosoever  
 believeth  
 in him should not perish  
 but have everlasting life.

*John 3:16*

## Minister/Staff Anniversaries

### February:

1	Jong Choi, Pastor, Korean First	2004
1	Seth Brasher, Children's Pastor, Sherwood	2017
18	Tim Johnson, Student Pastor, Sherwood	2013

## Minister/Staff Birthdays

### February:

2	Paul Gotthardt, Senior Pastor, Sherwood
19	Hans Wunch, Director of Missions, MBA
21	Grady Morey, Interim Pastor, Westview
21	Melvin Slappy, Pastor, Kinchafoonee

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

## 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



December Income: \$15,088.02  
 December Expenses: \$16,501.63

## MALLARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

(Acts 1:8 Prayer Plan—Volume 26, 2, February 2024)

### Urgent Needs

1. Pastor Brian Norton- Cancer

### 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. Central (Doug Eason, pastor), Cornerstone (Jerry Etheridge, pastor), Grace (Marion Sizemore, pastor), Evergreen (Todd Brooks, pastor), Faith (*vacant*)
3. Pray for the churches without pastors: Alpha, Beacon, Faith, Isabella, and New Hope.
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 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 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 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 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 February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 10am at Mallary Baptist Association Office.**

**All are Welcome**

## Prayer for Renewal and Revival

It matters where you look. I admit, I have a problem with “Male Pattern Blindness”. This is a condition that seems to especially impact individuals with one X and Y chromosome. They can look right at something, and not see it. I hope I am not the only one this has happened to. I ask Laurie, my wife, where something is. She replies that it is in the pantry, on the second shelf. I look in the said pantry, on said shelf, and I cannot find said item! Finally, in my frustration, I plead with Laurie to come look. She walks in, and seemingly without looking, puts her hand on what I am looking for. It was as if it was camouflaged from my view in some way.

This morning, I saw a video from a Police Car’s Dash Cam. An officer had pulled a car over and was standing at the passenger window speaking to the driver. All of a sudden, an SUV clips the side of the car, knocking the stopped car into the officer. The SUV begins to roll over in the distance. The driver of the SUV was distracted by texting and driving. It matters where you look.

In the third chapter of the Gospel of John, we find someone looking for something. Nicodemus comes to Jesus at night looking for answers as to how Jesus could do the miracles He did. As you stop and read John 3:1-21 note the phrases that deal with sight (see, look, marvel). Then ask yourself, “Where did Jesus tell Nicodemus to look?” Also ask, “Why was Nicodemus having difficulty seeing?” and, “What is the remedy Jesus gives him?”

Now that you have studied this passage, if you are not familiar with the part about Moses and the Serpent, look up Numbers 21 and read about the circumstances behind this reference. The Israelites had cried out for salvation from the poisonous snakes. They wanted God to make them go away. They desired that the snake bites would no longer be an issue. God did not take away the bites or the poison. He just made a way for the poison to not kill. In the same way, Jesus does not take away the sting of sin, nor the earthly consequences of them either. However, what He did (life, teachings, cross, resurrection) will take away the eternal death of those sins if we place our faith in the work He did.

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

1. Ask the Lord to help you look in the right places.
2. Ask the Lord to help you remember that His timing is perfect, every time.
3. Thank God that He is always working things out for good for those who love and trust in Him.
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. Ask that the Lord would help you delight in His will, and not the things of this world.
6. Pray that the Lord will give you the strength to be in the center of His will daily.
7. Pray for the needs of the others on your team, yourself, and the church (including your pastor and staff).
8. Pray that the Lord would make this a sweet time that you would look forward to each month.
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 Lord will help you see that nothing is more valuable than your relationship with Him.