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March 2024

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- 17 Church Planting Sunday
- 18 MBA Prayer Time, 10am, MBO
- 19 MBA Minister’s Fellowship, FBC Albany
- 24-31 Holy Week
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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
9 am

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

Proverbs 22:29 Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before unknown men. (NKJV)

When I was younger, I used to do things to get the attention of my parents. I would say, “Mom, Dad, watch this.” Then I would do whatever it was I wanted to show them. Oftentimes, some toys like LEGO blocks or Hot Wheels were involved. After I finished, and before my folks could respond, I would ask, “Didn’t I do good? Didn’t I?” When I did this, my parents wouldn’t say, “Good job,” or, “Way to go,” or anything of that sort. Quite often they would say, “Don’t brag on yourself. It means so much more when others commend you without being prompted.”

There was a phrase that was fairly well-known when I was younger. “The cream always rises to the top.” You probably know this phrase has a double meaning. The first meaning dealt with milk that was not homogenized. When milk that is not homogenized settles, the cream found in the milk is lighter than the milk so it naturally floats to the top of the container. The other meaning was that eventually, the best would always find their way to the top.

In a world of influencers and self-promotion, it is not easy to be patient enough to work diligently in anonymity. All too often, our response is to show off what we have done. But the cream does rise to the top. Eventually, those who are doing great work get noticed. And the recognition often comes from important people. I think of the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Many of these recipients had an act of heroism during a military conflict. I would guess that most, if not all, were not hoping to receive the medal at the time they acted courageously. Yet, their act of valor was noticed, and eventually, that came to the attention of someone important.

Faithfulness to the Lord does not go unnoticed. The Bible has many narratives that show that even if someone seems unnoticed by man, God pays attention. You can rest assured that your faithfulness to the Lord has been noticed. You may not get a medal or even a “Good job” here on earth. But one day, if you hear, “Well done, good and faithful servant,” you will know it was noticed by the one who mattered the most.

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 Acree: FBC Acree is hosting an Easter Fun Day on March 23 from 11-1, Rain or Shine. There will be food, games, and more. **Sunrise Service** will be March 31 @ 7am, all are welcome to attend.

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.

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 or 134 Old Mail Rd, Sylvester, GA 31791.

Sherwood: Christian Worldview Film Festival 03/10-03-16

The Christian Worldview Film Festival & Filmmakers Guild is an annual conference focused on equipping and encouraging filmmakers and film enthusiasts from a Biblical worldview. Visit www.cwvff.com for more information about the Film Festival.

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
March 18, 2024
10am, MBO

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CONFERENCE 2024

Mission Georgia:
Love Your Neighbor Conferences

MARCH 15-16 & SEPT 6-7

<https://missiongeorgia.org/conference/>

Georgia Baptist Women's
SPRING EVENT

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

Featuring *Crystal Evans Harst*



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FEB 25 - 26
FBC CONYERS

MAR 10 - 11
NORTHSIDE BAPTIST
TIFTON

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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 >>](#)



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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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WHAT'S HAPPENING

April 2024

- 11 MBA Senior Adult Rally, Noon, FBC Albany
- 10 Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO
- 21 MBA Spring Meeting, 7pm, Antioch, Sylvester
- 15 MBA Prayer Time, 10am, 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, 10am, 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, 10am, MBO

July 2024

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



Minister/Staff Anniversaries


March:

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| 1 | Mark Spraggins, Pastor, Friendship | 2012 |
| 11 | Jerry Etheredge, Pastor, Cornerstone | 2012 |
| 13 | Jim McBride, Exec. Pastor, Sherwood | 2000 |
| 13 | John Spencer, Disc Team Leader, Sherwood | 2000 |

Minister/Staff Birthdays

March:

- 3 Bobby Joe Brown, Pastor, Bridgeboro
- 30 Paul Gotthardt, Young Adult & Middle School, Sherwood
- 31 William Knight, Pastor, FBC Albany



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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January Income: \$16,046.58
January Expenses: \$13,426.33

MALLARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE
(Acts 1:8 Prayer Plan—Volume 26, 3, March 2024)

Urgent Needs

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

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. FBC Acree (Tim Bass, pastor), FBC Albany (Butch Knight, pastor), FBC Leesburg (Joshua Posey, pastor), FBC Putney (Danny Evans, pastor), FBC Sylvester (Donnie Duncan, 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 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.
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 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 March 18th, 2024 at 10am at Mallary Baptist Association Office.
All are Welcome

Prayer for Renewal and Revival

Some verses of Scripture stand on their own as one complete thought. The greatest concentration that I have found is in the book of Proverbs. Most verses of Scripture are best understood in context. What do the verses before say? What do the verses after say? Who is the subject of the verses? Where is this passage in the Bible/Timeline of Scripture? These are all great questions to ask as you dig into the Scripture. Not only do the verses around the passage you are looking at give context, but quite often, you will find that your passage builds on the verses leading up to it.

For years, I looked at what is commonly called the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12) as Jesus' take on Proverbs. That is several loosely connected verses, not ones that build on one another. Then, I had a conversation with a fellow minister one day that changed the way I looked at these verses forever. Take a moment now to stop and read Matthew 5:3-12.

This is one of a handful of recorded sermons by Jesus. It is quite possible that this message, or parts thereof, was preached up and down the Israeli countryside by Jesus. But this appears to be the most complete version we have in Scripture. Jesus starts off the next nine statements with "blessed". My ministry friend said, "What if each one of these builds on the one before it to give a snapshot of what it looks like to be blessed, instead of just different aspects of being blessed." I am sure the look on my face helped my friend to know I was not following what he was saying.

His point was this. To have a right relationship with the Lord, you can't think that God owes you salvation. So, those who submit to the reign of God have to be poor in spirit. The result is God reigning in your life, aka the kingdom of heaven. Then, you realize that you have sinned, that your sin is what Jesus died for, and that brings sadness that someone had to die on your behalf (blessed are those who mourn). The result is you are forgiven and you are comforted. Which leads you to further submit to the Lord (meekness). The result is you have an inheritance from the Lord, a new heaven and new earth. Then you desire to know more about Jesus and the Lord, so you hunger and thirst for righteousness, and because you seek, Jesus would say later on in the sermon, you will find, and so on. Then the question becomes, can you see each of these beatitudes in your life?

1. As you finish, please continue in prayer for the following items:
2. Ask the Lord to help you see how Scripture connects together.
3. Ask the Lord to help you see how Scripture connects to everyday life.
4. Thank God that He is always working things out for good for those who love and trust in Him.
5. 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.
6. Ask that the Lord would help you delight in His will, and not the things of this world.
7. Pray that the Lord will give you the strength to be in the center of His will daily.
8. Pray for the needs of the others on your team, yourself, and the church (including your pastor and staff).
9. Pray that the Lord would make this a sweet time that you would look forward to each month.
10. Pray that God would send more people to pray.
11. Pray that the Lord would extend the free gift of salvation to those in your community and family.
12. Pray that God would raise up church leaders and missionaries to labor in His fields.