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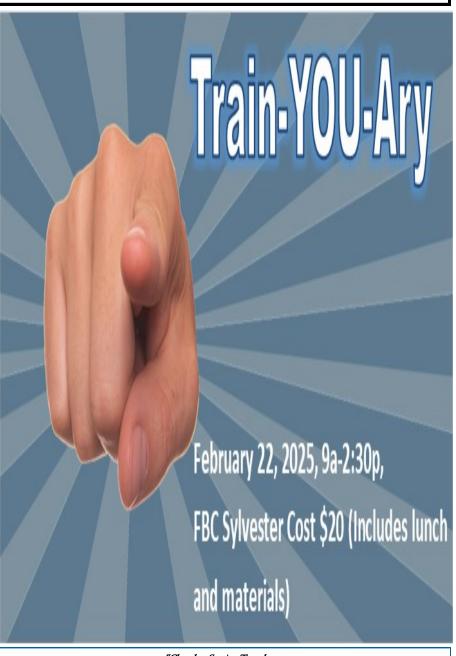
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February 2025

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- 17 President's Day, MBO closed
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DOM Thoughts

"A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children..." Proverbs 13:22a

I recently had a conversation where someone proclaimed, "Retirement isn't in the Bible." In all my years of Bible study, I have not found a reference to retirement either. But just because something isn't in the Bible, does that mean it is wrong? I ask because that was the implication of the person who made the statement "Retirement isn't in the Bible"; that because it is not in the Bible, it is by default, not something Christians, that is people of the Book, should do.

I hope you can see that if we should refrain from doing anything the Bible doesn't discuss, that would drastically change how we live. Besides being an argument from silence, which is not exactly wise, it denies the changes in life and the advancement in the world. For instance, if we only did things that are in the Bible, we would not own cars. You might say, "But Jesus and His disciples were in one Accord." We wouldn't vote on leaders. We wouldn't wear clothes with mixed fibers and many other things.

So, what do we do when faced with a decision that isn't directly addressed in the Scripture? First, we look at the principles of Scripture. For instance, will owning a car go against a principle of Scripture? Well, for some people it will not. But, if it becomes an idol to us, well then that would go against Scripture. Second, we pray about it. James 1:5 tells us that if we lack wisdom we should ask God to give it to us. Third, we wait until He gives us a peace about it.

What of our retirement question? I think we can all agree that life has seasons. Those seasons bring challenges and rewards. Regardless of how you feel about retirement, leaving something as an inheritance to your grandchildren is certainly a biblical goal. None of us know what life changes the next season will bring. Just because you are no longer working for a company or organization doesn't mean you have to quit serving the Lord. In fact, you may find more time to serve.

As one who is infinitely weaker than the Lord, Hans

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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 has a new phone #229-436-0909 and a new email fbcacree@gmail.com.

Sherwood: Charity Gayle is coming to Sherwood!

- Join us for an unforgettable night of worship on Wednesday, April 30, with Charity Gayle, one of the world's leading worship artists. Celebrated for her anthems like "I Speak Jesus," "Thank You Jesus for the Blood," and "I Believe," sung in churches around the globe, Charity has inspired millions with her music, amassing more than half a billion streams worldwide. Charity and her team will be leading a night of authentic worship that is not to be missed as they tour the country, leading songs from their newest album, REJOICE, and their breakthrough release, ENDLESS PRAISE. Get your tickets now at charitygayle.com/tour or at The Source Bookstore!
- The worship ministry at Sherwood Baptist Church released a brand new album on January 12, recorded live right in their sanctuary titled WHO YOU ARE. These are songs written by the church for the church. This album is all about declaring WHO our God is and sharing our stories of His goodness. Give us a listen on Spotify, Apple Music, or anywhere you listen to music! CDs are also available in the Source Bookstore.
- Spring Sports are available for boys and girls ages 4-13. The offered sports include soccer, baseball, and softball. Registration is now open, with the season starting in March. For more information and to register, please visit Sherwoodbaptist.net/sports.

<u>Sumner</u>: 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.

<u>Sunnyside</u>: Sunnyside Baptist Church is seeking a Bi-Vocational Pastor. If interested, please send your resume to the Pastor Search Committee, Sunnyside Baptist Church 320 S. Mock Road, Albany, Ga. 31705 or email: sunnysidebc1@mchsi.com.

<u>Worth County Pregnancy Center</u>: The Worth County Pregnancy Center has an opening for a Nurse. The center is open 2 days/week from 10 am-4 pm. If anyone is interested in this position please contact Jessica Sheets @jessicas@alphapregnancycenter.net

Mallary Prayer Time February 24, 2025 10am, MBO

Evangelism Conference 2025

Sunday, Feb 23, 2025 5:00 PM - Monday, Feb 24, 2025 1:30 PM EST Central Baptist Church







2025 VBS+ Training - Albany

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February 20-22, 2025 Pinnacle Retreat Center

https://brushfire.com/gabaptist/selah-2025/592725/details



2025 Georgia Baptist Women's Spring Event April 25-26, 2025 at Abilene Baptist Church 3917 Washington Rd, Martinez, GA 30907

This is for women of ALL ages where you will experience:

- Spiritual inspiration through powerful worship and teaching
- Missional challenge and practical ways to live out your faith in today's culture
- Unity and energy as you connect with Georgia Baptist women from across the state focused on glorifying God!

Registration closes on Sunday, April 6 at 11:59 PM. Make plans now to attend!

https://georgiabaptistwomen.org/springevent/

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

March 2025

2-9 Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Easter

Daylight Savings Time Begins

12 MBA Administrative Team, Noon, MBO

Church Planting Sunday 16

MBA Prayer Time, 10a, MBO 17

MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany 25

<u>April 2025</u>

8 MBA Senior Adult Rally, Noon, Gillionville, \$10 cost

Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO

13-20 Holy Week

20 Easter

21 22 MBA Closed for Easter MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany

23 Administrative Professionals Day

27 MBA Spring Meeting, 6pm, Pine Hill, Sylvester

28 MBA Prayer Time, 10a, MBO

May 2024

National Day of Prayer

14 MBA Administrative Team, Noon, MBO

Mother's Day 11

19 MBA Prayer Time, 10a, MBO

Memorial Day, MBO Closed 26

MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany

June 2025

Disaster Relief Sunday

SBC Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX 10-11

15 Father's Day

MBA Prayer Time, 10a, MBO 16

July 2025

Independence Day, MBO Closed 3-4 MBA Senior Adult Rally, Noon, TBA 10 21 MBA Prayer Time, 10a, MBO

August 2025

13 Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO

25 MBA Prayer Time, 10a, MBO

MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany

September 2025

Labor Day, MBO Closed

10 MBA Administrative Team, Noon, MBO

15 MBA Prayer Time, 10a, MBO

23 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany 23

Prayer Walk for Local Schools, 7pm

See You At The Pole

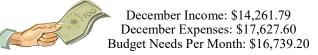
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Minister/Staff Anniversaries

February:

Seth Brasher, Worship Pastor, Sherwood 2017 18 Tim Johnson, Next Gen Pastor, Sherwood 2013

Minister/Staff Birthdays

February:

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

MALLARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

(Acts 1:8 Prayer Plan—Volume 27, 2, February 2025)

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. Grace (Larry Orr, pastor), Evergreen (Todd Brooks, pastor), Faith (Roger Morey, pastor), FBC Acree (Vacant), FBC Albany (Butch Knight, pastor)
- 3. Pray for the churches without pastors: FBC Acree, Liberty, Sunnyside, and Unity.
- 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 Fall Meeting, at Byne, on October 17th, 2024.
- 11. Pray for the Alpha Pregnancy Centers in Albany and Worth Counties. Pray for nurses to serve at Worth County Center.
- 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 First Baptist Atlanta, GA November 9-11.
- 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. <u>Churches are signing up now</u>. 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 Jeff Iorg for the Executive Committee and Clint Pressley, SBC President.
- 4. Pray for our SBC Annual Meeting on June 10-11, 2025 Dallas, TX.
- 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 4.8 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.

<u>Prayer Time February 24th, 2025 at 10am at Mallary Baptist Association Office.</u> All are Welcome