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2026 Albany - Leesburg Night To Shine

Fri, 13 Feb, 2026 at 06:00 pm
Byne Baptist Church
2832 Ledo Road
Albany, GA 3172



2026 Sylvester Night To Shine

Fri, 13 Feb, 2026 at 06:00 pm
Unity Baptist Church
304 N East St.
Sylvester, GA 31791

Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with joy, dancing, and God's love.
#NightToShine #CommunityLove
#FaithInAction

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

1 Corinthians 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

Sometimes simple acts have a significant impact. Is there anything more mundane, more pedestrian than eating and drinking? Most of the time, when we see someone eating or drinking, we do not think anything of it. At most, we think, they must be hungry or thirsty. There may be occasions when there is a special meal of some sort: Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and birthdays, come to mind. The meal that Jesus is celebrating with his Disciples, described by Paul, is also special. It was the Passover celebration, which became known as the Lord's Supper to Christians.

If Jesus had simply celebrated the meal on that night, as millions of Jewish people had done for centuries, it would have been just one of a million others like it. But Jesus added to this meal. He did not add elements; the bread and cup were already a part of the meal. He revealed meaning, relevance. Before, the bread and cup were just part of the meal, like turkey or ham at Thanksgiving. Now they are symbolizing the body and blood of Christ. They were pointing to a new covenant. Something that, unbeknownst to the Disciples, would be finalized over the next few days.

While this meal had been a memorial meal for the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt for generations, now it was looking back and forward at the same time. Looking back to the death and resurrection of Christ. Looking ahead to the second coming. So, the memorial meal celebrated by the Jews becomes an expectant meal celebrated by Christians, where we live in the knowledge of a risen Savior and the hope of a future heavenly King.

Leave it to Jesus to take something as ordinary as eating and make it into a big deal. Leave it to humans to take God's big deal and be tempted not to treat it like a big deal. Are we, am I, treating the Lord's Supper as a way to proclaim the second coming of Christ, or as an appetizer for the lunch to come after the worship service?

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.

FBC Acree: FBC Acree is looking for a Bi-vocational Pastor or Interim Pastor. Send Resumes to FBC Acree@ Gmail.com or to 110 Old County Line Road Sylvester, GA 31791

FBC Shellman: is searching for a full time Children/Youth minister providing housing and good salary! If interested send Resume to Pastorchet@calvaryaz.com

Philema Road: Philema Road Baptist Church, an independent, KJV only, Baptist congregation in Leesburg, Georgia, is actively seeking the Senior Pastor whom God has chosen to lead us into the future. Philema Road is a growing, family-oriented church in Lee County drawing people from around the area. We are a multi-generational congregation of 250+ with a strong foundation of nearly 50 years of ministry. Our loving and compassionate congregation is looking for a man gifted with practical and relevant preaching and teaching. Please send a letter of interest and resume to PRBC Pastor Search Committee, c/o Mike Christian, 114 Stocks Dairy Road, Leesburg, Georgia, 31763, or email Mike@PRBC.email. Visit our website at www.PhilemaRoadBC.com

Poulan: Poulan Baptist Church is looking for a Bi vocational pastor. Send resume to Pastor Search Committee, 302 West Church Street, Poulan, GA 31781

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.

Sherwood:

ECHO - Your students are invited to join us February 6-8 for ECHO. An echo is "repeated idea, feeling, or action." It can also be understood as a reflection - most likely when sound hits a smooth, hard surface. This Christian life is meant to be an ECHO of Christ's life, and we are meant to walk in this God-given purpose. This weekend experience is all about casting vision for a lifetime of disciple-making. Our hope is to help high-school students confront the often-accepted passive, consumer-driven Christianity that exists in our nation and to encourage them to live on mission now. We were made to multiply! To register, visit <https://www.cognitofirms.com/SherwoodBaptist1/ECHO2026Registration> **Early bird registration ends January 14th at midnight!**

Sunnyside: 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.

Worth County Pregnancy Center: 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 23, 2026
10am, MBO



KIDS' MINISTRY SUMMIT

FEB 5 - FEB 6 The King and Prince Resort
St. Simons Island

NEW LOCATION



SAVE THE DATE

Selah
GEORGIA BAPTIST WOMEN

Quiet the noise,
amplify your calling.

FEB 19 - FEB 21

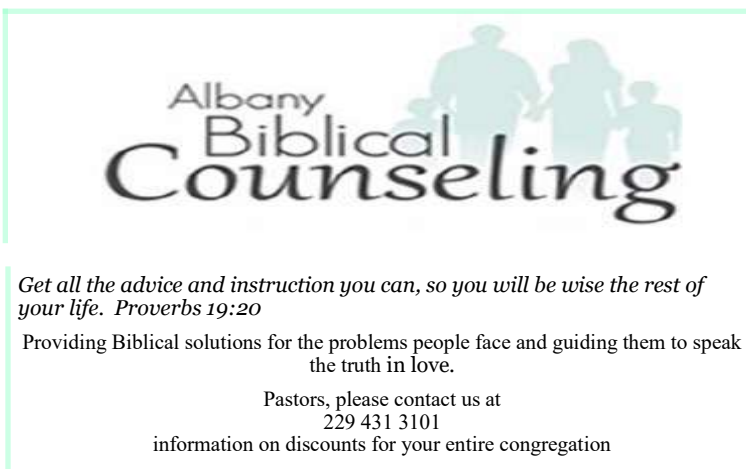
Selah Women's Ministry Leader Retreat
(North-Pinnacle Retreat Center, Clayton)



Church Strengthening

Worship & Music Roundtables

WORSHIP & MUSIC

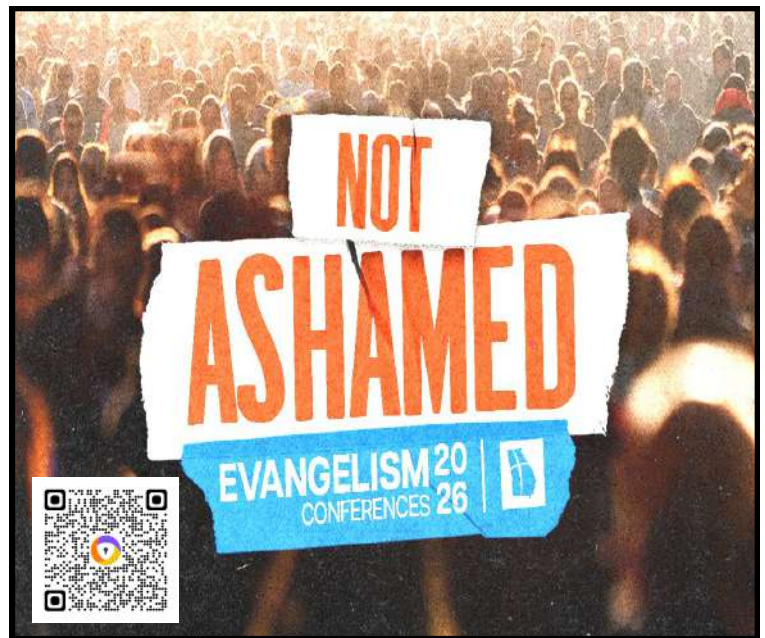


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CONFERENCES 26

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Engage Six
EQUIPPING SESSIONS

Six evangelism-focused
topics led by experienced
pastors and ministry leaders.

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2026 Disaster Relief Training

February 20-21—FBC Moultrie
March 20-21—Morningside BC, Columbus
April 24-25—FBC Canton
August 7-8—FBC Sandersville
September 11-12—Level Grove BC Cornelia
October 2-4—FBC Cumming

Ricky Thrasher
Statewide Consultant
Associational Missions and Convention Planning
Georgia Baptist Mission Board
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Serving churches to advance the gospel

WHAT'S HAPPENING

February 2026

- 5 Albany Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, 6:30am, Sherwood BC
- 9-15 Focus on WMU Week
- 11 Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO
- 16 President's Day, MBO closed
- 22 Racial Reconciliation Sunday
- 23 MBA Prayer Time, 10a, MBO
- 24 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany

March 2026

- 1-8 Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Easter
- 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 11 MBA Administrative Team, Noon, MBO
- 15 Church Planting Sunday
- 16 MBA Prayer Time, 10a, MBO
- 24 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany
- 27 Stand Up For Life, 6:30pm, Unity BC, Sylvester
- 29-Apr 5 Holy Week

April 2026

- 5 Easter
- 6 MBA Closed for Easter
- 9 MBA Senior Adult Rally, Noon, TBA
- 9 Evangelism/Missions Team, Noon, MBO
- 22 Administrative Professionals Day
- 28 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany
- 26 MBA Spring Meeting, 6pm, Northside, Sylvester
- 28 MBA Prayer Time, 10a, MBO

May 2026

- 7 National Day of Prayer
- 10 Mother's Day
- 13 MBA Administrative Team, Noon, MBO
- 19 MBA Prayer Time, 10a, MBO
- 25 Memorial Day, MBO Closed
- 26 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany

June 2026

- 1 Disaster Relief Sunday
- 9-10 SBC Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL
- 14 Father's Day
- 15 MBA Prayer Time, 10a, MBO

July 2026

- 6 Independence Day, MBO Closed
- 2 MBA Senior Adult Rally, Noon, TBA
- 20 MBA Prayer Time, 10a, MBO

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

NO-CONTACT COMMUNION SUPPLIES AVAILABLE AT THE SOURCE BOOKSTORE

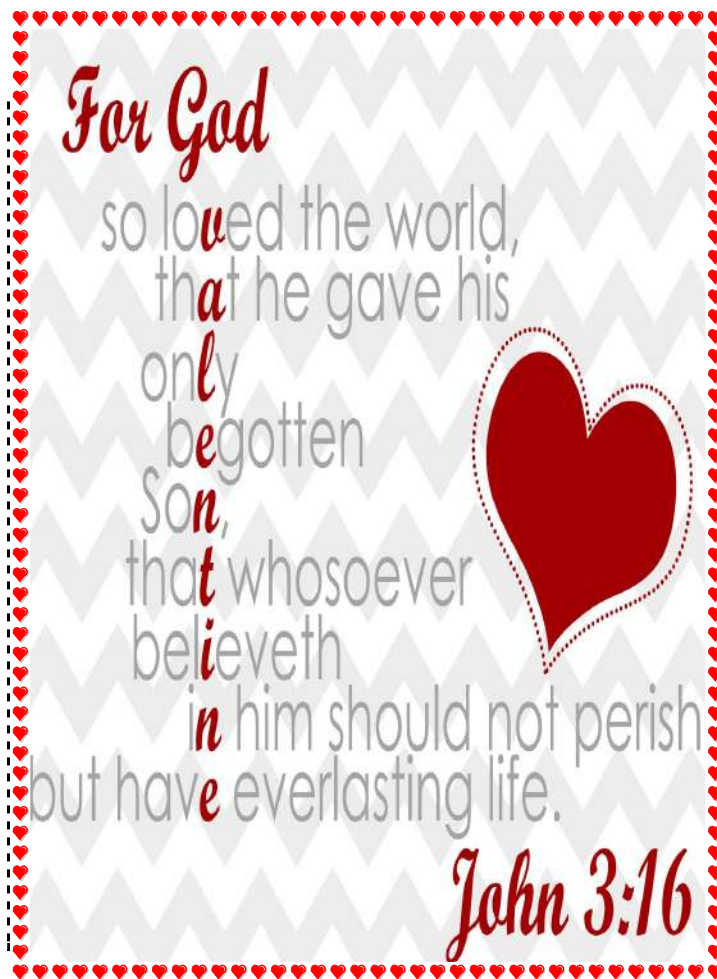


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December Income: \$16,071.40
December Expenses: \$20,109.56
Budget Needs Per Month: \$15,441.80



Minister/Staff Anniversaries

February:

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| 1 | Mark Scardino, Children's Pastor, Sherwood | 2017 |
| 18 | Tim Johnson, Next Gen Pastor, Sherwood | 2013 |

Minister/Staff Birthdays

February:

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| 2 | Paul Gotthardt, Senior Pastor, Sherwood |
| 19 | Hans Wunch, Director of Missions, MBA |
| 21 | Grady Morey, Interim Pastor, Westview |
| 21 | Melvin Slappy, Pastor, Kinchafoonee |
| 26 | Mark Mercer, Pastor, Isabella |

MALLARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

(Acts 1:8 Prayer Plan—Volume 28, 2, February 2026)

Urgent Prayer:

Walker Pinson- Son of Hal and Donna Pinson, Byne. Walker is undergoing treatment for a rare Lymphoma.

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. Forrester (Jay Barcus, pastor), Friendship (Mark Spraggins, pastor), Friendship Missionary (Carl White, pastor), Gillionville (Chad Ellis, pastor), and Gordy New Bethel (Bradley Floyd, pastor).
3. Pray for the churches without pastors: Amazing Grace, Beacon, Central, FBC Acree, Poulan, and Sunnyside.
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 the 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. Jessica Howell).
10. Pray for the Mallary Baptist Association Spring Meeting, at Northside Baptist Church, Sylvester, April 26th.
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 Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) outreach to 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 Second Baptist Warner Robbins, GA November 8-10.
4. Pray that God would continue to raise up individuals from SW GA to carry the Gospel to the corners of the earth, and by His grace leave a few of them here in service to His local churches.
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 9-10, 2026 Orlando, FL.
5. Pray for Pastor Lito & Pastor Bruce Plummer serving in MT. That God would call pastors to serve the tribes.
6. Pray for the revival of God's people and the spiritual awakening of our nation and the world.
7. Pray for the protection and support of our law enforcement, firefighters, EMS personnel, and Medical Staff.
8. 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.

Prayer Time February 23rd, 2026 at 10am at Mallary Baptist Association Office.

All are Welcome