



The Messenger

Volume 72 Number 4

Mallary Baptist Association

May 2026

In This Issue

- Guitar Camp 2026
- Georgia Baptist Bible Institute
- Hope Center Volunteers for Life Skill Classes
- Mallary Share Ministry
- World Changers at Panama City
- FBC Putney 64th Homecoming
- Trail Life Troop GA#1213

This Month

May 2026

- 7 National Day of Prayer
- 10 Mother's Day
- 13 Administrative Team @ 12pm, MBA
- 18 Prayer Team @ 10am, MBA
- 25 Memorial Day, MBA Office Closed
- 26 Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany



VBS Summer 2026



We are looking forward to this exciting time of pouring into our communities!

Please send your VBS Info to:
minassistant@mallary.org

*Include dates, time, program, & ages. Thank you!

Newsletter Delivery Update

Please note due to the discontinuation of the MS Publisher program, used to build The Messenger for mailing format, The Messenger will now be changing to online delivery only. We still plan to send out our monthly newsletter by email and will make it available on our webpage. Thank you for your understanding.

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

Physical Address : 2214 Whispering Pines Rd, Albany, GA 31707

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 71115, Albany, GA 31708

(229) 435-6171

www.mallary-baptist.org

DOM Thoughts

Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?" NKJV

"Follow your heart." This is a phrase popular culture uses with great regularity. Watch a TV show or a movie where someone has to make a decision between pursuing a relationship with one person or another. Quite often, someone will tell that character, "Follow your heart." The problem is that sometimes my heart is good at giving direction, and sometimes it is horrible at giving direction. It is almost as if I have two different hearts. One that leads me astray, and one that leads me to righteousness.

What is the difference between a deceitful heart and a righteous heart? When the Bible speaks of the heart, sometimes it does so in very positive terms. In those cases, following your heart would lead someone in the appropriate direction. The Bible also speaks of the heart in negative terms, as Jeremiah does here in this verse. Following this heart would result in terrible consequences. So, how do we know which heart to follow? How can we trust that our heart is leading us in the right direction?

A couple of verses above this one in Jeremiah's book, we see a comparison between the man who trusts in himself (v. 5) and the man who trusts in the Lord (v.7). That is the key. What is informing your heart? If your heart is being informed by man (yourself, or others), anxiety, lust, or emotion in general, there is a strong possibility your heart will lead you the wrong way. However, if your heart is informed by Scripture, the Bible calls that a wise heart. This heart will lead you the way that follows the Lord.

The trouble is, even wise hearts have moments of weakness. But there is a way to check behind your heart to know if it is being wise and righteous or deceitful and foolish. A wise heart will never lead you to do something that the Bible tells you is wrong. It will never tell you to lie, cheat on your spouse, or do anything else that the Bible warns us against. So, the next time you want to follow your heart, do yourself a favor: check behind it, with Scripture.

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**, 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, who can pass a background check. The candidate would be required to work for two to three hours each Sunday, starting at ten in the morning until worship service ends after twelve. Please send resume to alphabaptistchurch01@gmail.com or mail to 182 Academy Avenue North, Leesburg, GA 31763.

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

Move Church: Will host Illumination Station VBS on May 31st—June 3 .

Philema Road: an independent Baptist congregation (KJV only) in Leesburg, is actively seeking their Senior Pastor. 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.

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. This is a paid position to play one service a week on Sundays at 11 am. They can call Joey Thompson at 229-881-9911.

Worth County Alpha 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 at jessicas@alphapregnancycenter.net



**Gillionville Baptist
Guitar Camp**
Save The Dates:
June 29—July 1, 2026
More Details to Come!



**Georgia Baptist
Bible Institute**



World Religions—Fall Course

Classes Starting Tuesday 8/18 at 6p-8:30p @ FBC Sylvester

Course Cost for Credit \$150

Course Cost Audit (Not for credit) \$75

<https://apply.gbbsi.bpc.edu/> to apply. Under "Campus" select

"First Baptist Church Sylvester (Mallary Baptist Association)"

For more information email hwunch@mallary.org or call (229) 435-6171

World Changers Panama City July 6 - 11, 2026



Pastors, Youth Leaders, Youth Workers, & individual youth and adults - If you haven't nailed down your plans for your summer mission experience, we've got you covered! World Changers is a construction based mission experience open to all youth (6th grade and up) and adults. You spend the week meeting new friends, working on sites, painting, building ramps, rebuilding decks, etc. and sharing the gospel.

***** Cost for the week is \$329.*****

If your youth group is interested or maybe 1 or 2 from your church are interested, contact Bobby Boutwell, Project Coordinator, Music & Senior Adult Minister, First Baptist Sylvester at bobbyrboutwell@gmail.com, or 423-619-1735

Volunteers Needed for

Life Skills Classes @ The Hope Center

Life Skills Classes are designed to equip individuals & families in Albany, Georgia with tools that strengthen their daily lives while walking them through the Gospel message. We are seeking passionate volunteers who are willing to share their skills and the compassion of Jesus. Whether you are a seasoned professional, a hobbyist, or simply someone who loves to serve, there is a place for you here.

Our growing Life Skills program includes:

- * Basic Automotive
- * Basic Carpentry
- * Basic Plumbing
- * Financial Literacy
- * Basic Cooking

Please email Corey at CoreyE@sherwoodbaptist.net if you would like volunteer or to know more information.

MALLARY SHARE MINISTRY

Churches Sharing Resources & Requests

Request:

* **Danny James @ Gillionville Baptist Church - Vintage Wooden Hymn Sign**



Friday, May 22, 2026

**Pick-Up From
12 PM - 5 PM**

**Boston Butts
\$35**

**Order Online @ Firstalbany.org
or Call the Church Office**

**FBC Albany
229-883-8000**



First Baptist Church of Putney 64th Homecoming!

Sunday, May 17th @ 10:00 am.
**1125 Antioch Road,
Albany, GA 31705**

Speaker: Brother Joe Poitevint

Special Music: Pachitla Creek Pickers.

Covered Dish Lunch in Family Life Center

Please contact Jenny Vorse at FBC Putney for more info at (229)436-5101.

Come join us as we celebrate what God has done, is doing, & will do in the future!



TRAIL LIFE USA

Adventure > Character > Leadership

Our Mission is to guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others, & experience outdoor adventure.

**You're Invited to Local Trail Life
Troop GA-1213
Ages: Kids 5 to 17
Move Christian Church
1501 Whispering Pines Road
Albany, GA 31701**



For more information scan the QR Code or email:

williamhretzel@yahoo.com

Or visit: **www.trailifeusa.com**

MALLARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PRAYER UPDATE

(Acts 1:8 Prayer Plan—Volume 28, 5, May 2026)

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 & pastors according to an alphabetical list of churches. Northside (Jody Jordan, pastor), Pine Forest (Trey Brown, pastor), Pine Hill (Walt Tompkins, pastor), Poulan (vacant), Red Oak (Rob Gray, pastor).
3. Pray for the churches without pastors: Amazing Grace, Beacon, Central, Poulan, Thundering Springs, and Union.
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 & Worth Counties. Pray for nurses to serve at Worth County Center.
12. Pray for Call to Care, Promise 686, Families for Families, 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, Executive Committee & 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.
9. Pray for Micaiah and Holly Wunch as they work to revitalize churches in Windham, ME.

Our Uttermost Parts of the World

1. Pray for the International Mission Board--its president (Paul Chitwood), staff, and missionaries.
2. Pray for Chuck & Barb as they minister to a country with millions of people, most of whom have never heard the name Jesus. Pray that Chuck would recover from his heart issues.
3. Pray for the 1.8 billion Muslims of the world that they will come to an understanding of who Jesus Christ is.
4. Pray for the Gospel of Christ to come to the 4.8 billion unreached people in the world.
5. Pray for protection for our armed forces around the globe.
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.

Prayer Time May 18th, 2026 at 10am at Mallary Baptist Association Office.

All are Welcome

VBS Summer 2026

We are looking forward to this exciting time of pouring into our communities!

Please send your VBS Info to: minassistant@mallary.org

*Include dates, time, program, & ages. Thank you!



Church	Dates	VBS Program	Notes
Antioch Missionary Baptist Church	05/27-05/31 @ evening	Emerald Crossing	
Byne Baptist Church	06/22-06/25 @ 5:30pm-8pm	Keepers of the Kingdom	
First Baptist Church Albany	06/07-06/10 @ 5pm-8pm	Illumination Station	PreK3- 8th Grade, Supper is included!
First Baptist Church Leesburg	06/14 - 06/17 @ 6pm-8pm	Live It Out	
First Baptist Church Putney	07/06 - 07/09 @ 5:30pm-8:30pm	Jerusalem Marketplace	K5 - 11th Grade, Supper is included!
Gillionville Baptist Church	06/14-06/18 @ 5:30pm-8pm	Illumination Station	Prek4 - 5th Grade
Lakeside Baptist Church	06/14 - 06/18 @ 6p-8pm	Illumination Station	
Pine Forest Baptist Church	06/07-06/11 @ evening	Illumination Station	
Sherwood Baptist Church	06/01-06/05 @ 8am-12pm	Illumination Station	K5-5th Grade

MBA EVENTS 2026

May 2026

- 7 National Day of Prayer
- 10 Mother's Day
- 13 Administrative Team @ 12pm, MBA
- 18 Prayer Team @ 10am, MBA
- 25 Memorial Day, MBA Office Closed
- 26 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany

June 2026

- 7 Disaster Relief Sunday
- 9-10 SBC Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL
- 15 Prayer Team @ 10am, MBA
- 21 Father's Day

July 2026

- 4 Independence Day
- 6 Independence Day, MBA Office Closed
- 16 MBA Senior Adult Rally @ 12pm, Byne
- 20 Prayer Team @ 10am, MBA

August 2026

- 12 Evangelism Missions Team @ 12pm, MBA
- 17 Prayer Team @ 10am, MBA
- 25 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany

September 2026

- 7 Labor Day, MBA Office Closed
- 9 Administrative Team @ 12pm, MBA
- 21 Prayer Team @ 10am, MBA
- 22 Prayer Walk for Local Schools @ 7pm
- 23 See You At The Pole
- 29 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany

October 2026

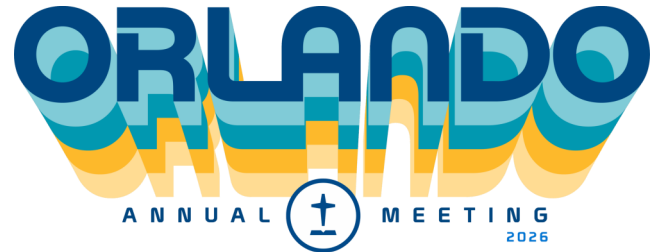
- 14 Evangelism Missions Team @ 12pm, MBA
- 18 MBA 143rd Annual Meeting @ 6pm, Gillionville Baptist, Albany
- 19 Prayer Team @ 10am, MBA
- 27 MBA Minister's Fellowship, FBC Albany

November 2026

- 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 8-10 GBC Annual Meeting, First Baptist Atlanta
- 16 Prayer Team @ 10am, MBA
- 18 Administrative Team @ 12pm, MBA
- 27 Thanksgiving Day, MBA Office Closed
- 29-Dec 6 Week of Prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

December 2026

- 2 Evangelism Missions Team @ 12pm, MBA
- 3 MBA Ministers & Spouses Christmas Banquet
- 14 Prayer Team @ 10am, MBA
- 23- Jan 3 Christmas Holidays, MBA Office Closed
- 25 **Christmas Day**



Southern Baptist Convention
2026 Annual Meeting

JUNE 9-10, 2026

Scan the QR Code for
more info:



Minister/Staff Anniversaries

Minister/Staff Birthdays

May

19 - Bradley Floyd, Pastor, Gordy New Bethel

Please submit church news by the 15th of each month to be included in The Messenger Newsletter.

Send emails to:
minassistant@mallary.org



March Income: \$14,971.21
March Expenses: \$12,319.21
Budget Needs Per Month: \$15,441.80