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"Therefore, if anyone is
in Christ,
he is a new creation.
The old has passed away;
behold, the new has come."
2Cor 5:17

Happy New Year!

from Brian, Robin, Dave and Isaac

Upcoming Events in Your Association

Office Closed for Christmas/New Year's Holiday - 12pm Dec 23

Office Reopens 8am Jan 5, 2026

Book Reading Cohort GCBA Training Center 11:30am - Jan 6

Monthly Minister's Meeting GCBA Training Center 10:30am - Jan 20

Hancock County Coffee - Mockingbird Café 8:15am - Jan 26

Harrison County Coffee - Cracker Barrel 8am - Jan 27

Stone County Coffee - Gateway Christian Academy 8:30am - Jan 28

Executive Board Meeting GCBA Training Center 6pm - Feb 2

Book Reading Cohort GCBA Training Center 11:30am - Feb 3

Monthly Minister's Meeting GCBA Training Center 10:30am - Feb 10

Hancock County Coffee - Mockingbird Café 8:15am - Feb 23

MBCB Connections Meeting - GCBA Training Center 11am-1pm - Feb 24

Stone County Coffee - Gateway Christian Academy 8:30am - Feb 25

Harrison County Coffee - Cracker Barrel 8am - Feb 26

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A Brief Thought from Brian

"Do You and Your Church Family Have a Bible Reading Plan for the New Year?"

We are starting a brand-new year, and with the new year comes new opportunities and new resolutions! (As you can see, we are taking the opportunity to try a new format to our newsletter to make it more readable on your phone!)

One of the things I want to encourage everyone to consider for the new year is taking part in a church-wide Bible Reading Plan, or if that is not an option, then a personal Bible Reading Plan for the New Year.

All of the current research points out the fact that regular Bible engagement makes a tremendous difference in our lives. Reading the Bible in chunks, instead of just a few verses at a time, helps us read in context and hear regularly from God. Studies show that when we read God's Word regularly, all other spiritual disciplines (prayer, service, witnessing, giving, etc.) are increased, while sinful thoughts and behaviors are decreased. And our emotional health and general human flourishing are also improved. So, to grow in your relationship with our great God and for the sake of your well-being, please engage in regular Bible Reading this year!

A simple Bible Reading plan is to read one chapter of the New Testament each weekday (Mon-Fri), which ends up being 260 days of reading, which is exactly how many chapters there are in the New Testament. If you follow this plan annually, you will read through the New Testament every year. That is not a bad idea at all. I hope you will read even more, but this plan is a simple and achievable resolution for 2026.

And for any church leader or individual wanting to create a different type of Bible reading plan, there is an easy tool at the following [website: biblereadingplangenerator.com](https://www.biblereadingplangenerator.com). With this tool, you can create customized Bible reading plans for the year, for the quarter, or for the month. You may find it useful to create a churchwide plan, or even a plan for your family to follow.

The Bible is the inspired, inerrant, trustworthy, reliable Word of God. Let us grow in being People of the Book in 2026! And from our resolution to regularly engage in God's Word, let's look forward to how God is going to change us, our church, and our communities as we grow in our relationship with Him!

Excited about the New Year,

Brian



Contributions for November 2025

CHURCH	MONTHLY	YR. TO DATE
Back Bay	\$180.00	\$1,440.00
Bay St Louis	\$1,319.00	\$18,779.00
Bay Vista	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bayou Church	\$25.00	\$275.00
Bayou View	\$83.33	\$916.63
Bel Aire	\$755.00	\$10,291.00
Big Level	\$1,250.00	\$14,250.00
Big Ridge	\$466.50	\$4,217.36
Biloxi FBC	\$673.35	\$6,024.60
Bond	\$0.00	\$6,872.95
Brodie Road	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chinese Grace Bible	\$0.00	\$800.00
Christ Church	\$52.65	\$1,888.00
Church @ 112 (C112)	\$0.00	\$5,486.97
Cornerstone	\$100.00	\$1,200.00
Crosspoint	\$283.99	\$4,396.25
Delisle FBC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Desired Nation	\$0.00	\$442.56
Empowerment Min. CC	\$0.00	\$600.00
Faithview	\$645.16	\$7,508.65
Faro de Esperanza	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fernwood	\$50.00	\$400.00
Grace Chapel	\$292.89	\$3,253.06
Grace Memorial	\$654.45	\$6,597.81
Grace Temple	\$0.00	\$100.00
Gulf Gardens	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulfport FBC	\$2,896.31	\$25,320.80
Handsboro	\$682.67	\$6,842.55
Harbor City	\$50.00	\$500.00
Harvest Church	\$250.00	\$2,815.08
Highland	\$62.46	\$702.29
Hope City Church	\$50.00	\$300.00
Iglesia Emanuel	\$0.00	\$475.72
Jacob's Well	\$3,303.18	\$23,010.28
Lakeshore	\$0.00	\$150.00
Lizana FBC	\$62.45	\$127.55
Long Beach FBC	\$0.00	\$17,895.00
Lyman FBC	\$240.00	\$2,093.00
McHenry FBC	\$0.00	\$2,199.47
Michael Memorial	\$0.00	\$16,813.97
MS Korean	\$315.18	\$4,113.64
Mt. Chapel	\$25.00	\$250.00
New Hope	\$1,159.60	\$16,542.92
North Long Beach	\$0.00	\$3,781.71
Old Spanish Trail	\$50.00	\$550.00
Parkway	\$770.39	\$6,950.41
Pass Christian FBC	\$0.00	\$215.69
Peace	\$0.00	\$400.00
Pearlington FSBC	\$0.00	\$579.00
Perkinston	\$303.53	\$2,670.34
Popps Ferry	\$0.00	\$540.00
Riverside	\$200.00	\$1,806.00
Robinwood	\$447.08	\$6,297.15
Shoreline Park	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Success	\$241.68	\$1,176.24
The Church at Windance	\$392.74	\$4,243.55
The Ch. Of Turning Points	\$0.00	\$105.00
Tuxechena	\$72.52	\$827.49
West Gulfport	\$192.71	\$857.43
Wiggins FBC	\$3,456.40	\$44,093.73
Woolmarket	\$1,174.34	\$13,203.05

CHURCH*News*

Please check our Group Page on **Facebook** for additional church news:

[Mississippi Gulf Coast Baptist Association](#)

If your church has a vacancy for a position you would like us to publicize, please contact the office. We will post the information at: **[Open Church Positions | Gulf Coast Baptist.](#)**

Please join us in celebrating with Garrett Seal, who serves as Minister of Students at FBC Wiggins and Ken Naquin, pastor Parkway Baptist Church. Garrett has earned a Masters of Divinity and Ken has earned a Doctor of Ministry both awarded from NOBTS. ***Congratulations to you both!***

PASTOR SEARCH

Join us in praying for these churches as they seek God's wisdom and guidance in calling a pastor:

- Chinese Grace
- New Hope
- Pearlinton FSBC
- Success

WITH DEEPEST

Sympathy

Please remember to pray for Dr. Jimmy Stewart, pastor FBC Gulfport and his family in the passing of his mother, Mona Stewart on November 30.

[Obituary information for Mona D. Stewart](#)

“The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.”

Psalm 34:18

CALLED COMPELLED

MGCCC BSU

Feb. 5 2026

@6:00pm

At New

Hope

Baptist

Church In

Gulfport

Annual Missions Banquet

Tickets \$15



Contact David MacLellan (228) 327-6240
or Isaac Sivils (228) 302-1254 for more
information or to purchase a ticket.



Pathways to Partnership

presented by MCB
Revitalization, Church Planting

January 20, 2026

10:00am-12:00pm
(lunch at noon)

G C B A Training Center

Lunch is provided for those who register using this link:

[https://www.sbcworkspace.com/pub/event/
register/55238279](https://www.sbcworkspace.com/pub/event/register/55238279)

MBCB Missions Mobilization
presents:

CANADA CONNECTION

St. John's, Newfoundland
and Labrador

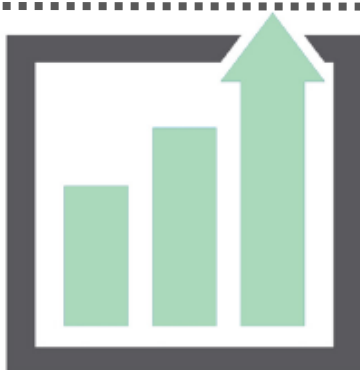
Join us on **Tuesday, February 24, 2026**,
to hear from our church planters in
St. Johns, Newfoundland and Labrador.

There is a great need for church
planting work in Canada and the church
plants there are in need of
good partners.

Come and hear what the Lord is doing
and how you and your church can
partner. We will also talk about a Vision
trip to this area scheduled for
August 17-21, 2026.



GCBA
Training Center
11am-1pm
Lunch
provided



CHURCH FINANCIAL LEADER\$ SEMINAR

EQUIPPING CHURCHES WITH FINANCIAL CLARITY

FEBRUARY 20-21, 2026
GARAYWA CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER
CLINTON, MS

Equip your ministry with the tools and understanding needed for
responsible financial stewardship. Don't miss this opportunity to gain
clarity and confidence in your church's financial practices.

\$50 REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

- Church Financial Binder with IRS guidelines, best practices, and planning tools
- Friday night lodging on Garaywa's campus at Patterson Place
- Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast



*Scan QR Code
to register!*

Contact Stewardship/Prayer Ministries at 601-292-3347 or
amckay@mbcb.org for more information.

In honor of your faithful prayers and support of
**The Baptist Children's Village
and Family Ministries**

You are invited to a special
Partner Celebration Luncheon

Thursday, February 19, 2026
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Venue at Pine Burr
800 Pine Burr Drive
Wiggins, MS 39577

Executive Director Sean Milner
will be sharing all that God is doing through
your faithful prayers, volunteerism, and support.

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Baptist Children's Village
and Family Ministries