

# THE TIDE

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## GCBA Executive Board Meeting

Monday, July 26 @ 7pm

Desired Nation

4617 29th Street  
Gulfport

*(Board members are the pastor and one elected layperson from each church. Guests are welcome but will not have a vote.)*



***“Now the Lord is the Spirit,  
and where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is freedom.”***

2 Cor 3:17

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### Upcoming Events in Your Association

- Office Closed for 4th of July July 5
- Hancock County Cluster-Mockingbird Café, July 19  
Bay St. Louis 8:30-9:30am
- Harrison County Cluster-Cracker Barrel 8-9am July 20
- Administrative Team Meeting-GCBA Conference Rm. Noon July 20
- Stone County Cluster-TBA 9-10am July 21
- Strategy Team Meeting-GCBA Conference Rm. Noon July 22
- GCBA Executive Board Meeting-Desired Nation 7pm July 26
- Church Leader Training-Bel Aire BC 5:30-8pm Aug 3
- Small Church Youth Ministry Workshop Aug 9  
GCBA Training Center 6:30pm
- Regional WMU Training (South) Aug 14

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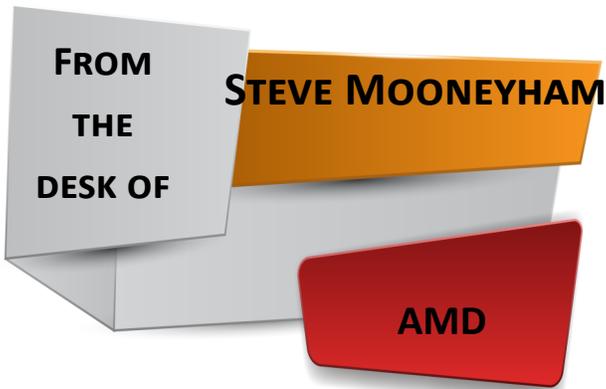
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Greetings Friends,

By now most of you have completed your VBS. From those I have visited and reports from others, while attendance may not be back to pre-COVID levels, churches have had good experiences. We pray that will continue. Thanks to all who participated in teaching, leading and otherwise supporting their church's VBS effort. Eternity will be different for many children and their families because of the work you gave.

The Southern Baptist Convention met in Nashville for its annual meeting in mid-June. This was the largest gathering of messengers in quite a long time registering over 15,000 messengers. With guests and others present, officially there were over 21,000 people who attended the sessions. The secular media came expecting (hoping?) for a split in the convention. That did not happen! Messengers did approve VISION 2025 (for more information click [here](#)). Dr. Ed Litton from Mobile, AL, was elected president for the next year. For a more complete run-down of all that transpired, click [here](#). Next year the convention will be held in Anaheim, CA.

Revelation speaks of people from every tribe and tongue gathered around God's throne. In recent articles, I have mentioned the various ethnic groups which are part of the fabric of our association.

Mississippi Korean Baptist Church has long been a member of our association. In fact, when I was pastor of Emmanuel Baptist, Biloxi (way back in the dark ages...well 1986-88). This wonderful group of believers met in the facility there. Then when the Forrest Avenue



Baptist Church closed and donated their property to the GCBA, the association then gave that property to the Korean Church where they still gather to worship. This congregation, led by Dr. Jeong Sup Ahn, shares the gospel faithfully to the Korean population on the Mississippi Coast. Maybe they won't mind me saying this, but if you like Korean food, they have dinner on the grounds every Sunday. So, go worship with them one Sunday and fellowship afterwards with some Bulgogi, Chop Chek (hope I spelled that correctly!) and kimchee.

Reminder to Pastors and lay Executive Board members...the Executive Board meets Monday evening July 26, 2021, 7:00p.m. with Desired Nation Church, 4617 29th St., Gulfport, MS. You will recall this is the facility formerly used by Gulfport Heights Baptist Church. I look forward to seeing you there.

Striving together with you,

Dr. Steve

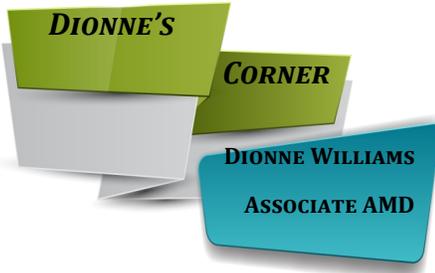
**ASSOCIATIONAL TAPESTRY**

Partnership Gulf Coast has kicked off! Our third team, from Wauseon, OH arrived the week of June 21. They have probably traveled the farthest of any team in PGC's history. Churches are still calling looking for a ministry location, although it is late June at the time of this writing.

Listen to this story. On June 3, I received a call from Marc Verlander, the discipleship pastor at Lifepointe Church in McKinney, TX wanting to know if we could accommodate them for mission trip in 16 days. Lifepointe had planned to go to Arkansas for mission trip June 19—23. The ministry in Arkansas decided not to host a mission team and so 54 Lifepointe members were left without a missions destination. In 2018, Lifepointe had participated in PGC and partnered with Back Bay Church where Adam Bennett is pastor. This partnership between Back Bay and Lifepointe lasted into the summer of 2019 with the Texas team returning for other projects and staying in our facilities. They knew our organization and how it functioned plus they also had partnership connections with Back Bay and other ministries here on the coast. Four phone calls arranged 3 different projects for them; two construction and one demolition. This trip they partnered with Connect Community Church, Lakeshore Baptist Church and

Peace Church. Steve Simon at C3 said, "What the team did in three days would have taken the church three months." A house that was gifted to Peace four years ago is finally cleaned out and ready to remodel as a church. The two story high portico at Lakeshore BC is repaired with the aid of a lift truck the team brought. There was major structural damage to that portico that was too high for ladders and is now repaired. The team also added a kitchen and porch to the home behind Lakeshore.

Bro. Doak Taylor, lead pastor at Lifepointe, summed it all up as we talked about how quickly we were able to put together an alternate mission trip for them because of our previous relationship, "This is what partnership is all about!" Amen, Bro Doak. It is not because of the program. It is about the partnering of the association with our local churches to connect them with outside partners to meet the needs of our local churches. Everyone working together to promote the gospel!



## Church Leadership Training

Bel Aire BC, 15080 Dedeaux Rd, Gulfport

**Tuesday, August 3, 2021**

5:30 pm Registration and Meal

6—8 pm for Training

Designed for

**SS/Discipleship Directors**

**Women's Ministry Dir. Men's Ministry Dir.**

**Worship Leaders**

**Youth Leaders**

**Pastors**

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I was forced as a youngster to learn phonetic spellings of hundreds of words. I remember agonizing over how to spell words phonetically on spelling tests. But, over the years I learned to appreciate what seemed a ridiculous request at the time.

The word above is the phonetic spelling of **cooperation**. The frustration I faced as a child with the phonetic spelling of this word is similar to the irritation I experience today when trying to view this word in action in a Christian, Kingdom-focused manner.

Sometimes we struggle with this concept. Whether it is a territorial attitude or simply afraid of some negative impact on our own church, sometimes it just doesn't happen. But this month has been a breathe of fresh air!

This month I have been an eyewitness to some amazing examples of cooperation by our churches. I have seen churches coming together to help one another in VBS. I have seen churches giving freely of their time by sharing their knowledge in lighting, media and music with other churches. Some churches are joining together for outreach with their sister churches to ensure the Gospel goes to all parts of their community. And, I have seen churches with extraordinary facilities effortlessly invite other churches in to Worship and train church members in many different ways.

The world is changing around us, but the GCBA is changing too. I am encouraged by what I am seeing in our association and am hopeful that we will cooperate even more in the coming months and years. After all, it takes all of us working together to reach our neighbors for Christ.

Please let us know if you are connecting with other churches in your area for outreach, missions, good will ministries, or in other ways. We want to hear what God is doing in our churches as we aspire to be the Association.



## Important to You...

### Attention Social Media Lovers

Please join our Facebook group:

### **Mississippi Gulf Coast Baptist Association**



(Click the like button above.)

*You're welcome to post what God is doing in your church but please note all posts will be delayed pending GCBA approval.*

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6:00-8:00pm Training Workshops

**Designed for:**

Sunday School/Discipleship Directors

Women's Ministry Directors

Men's Ministry Directors

Worship Leaders

Youth Leaders

Pastors

## ONLINE GIVING

Check out the new **Online Giving** feature on our website [www.gulfcoastba.com](http://www.gulfcoastba.com). You can use this option for



Associational Missions giving or any other special offerings; such as Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, Disaster Relief, Margaret Lackey, Lottie Moon, Bobby C. Perry Associational Missions, etc.



## Gulf Coast Christian Women's Job Corp

We offer **FREE** classes to women living along the coast. Summer session begins in May, so Call **NOW** to Register!

- Job & Workplace Readiness class
- Life skills class
- Computer skills class
- Money Management class
- Weekly Bible Study
- Anger Management class



**Contact: Diane Bennett @ 228-586-3510**

[www.womenscommunitysupport.org](http://www.womenscommunitysupport.org)

10469 Highway 603 Waveland, MS 39576



## PASTOR SEARCH

Be in prayer  
as these churches seek the  
wisdom of the  
Holy Spirit and God's  
guidance in calling a pastor:

**Emmanuel**  
**Greater Mount Rest**  
**Trinity**  
**FBC Pass Christian**  
**FBC Wiggins**

## Contributions for May 2021

CHURCH	MONTHLY	YR. TO DATE
Back Bay	\$0.00	\$1,011.77
Bay St Louis	\$1,360.47	\$7,481.28
Bay Vista	\$290.06	\$1,532.80
Bayou Talla	\$25.00	\$125.00
Bayou View	\$166.66	\$833.30
Bayside	\$50.00	\$125.00
Bel Aire	\$1,346.00	\$7,248.00
Big Level	\$1,052.25	\$5,261.25
Big Ridge	\$340.22	\$2,006.09
Biloxi FBC	\$516.70	\$2,678.67
Bond	\$750.40	\$3,832.60
Bridge Community	\$298.00	\$639.00
Brodie Road	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chinese Grace Bible	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Connect Community	\$78.00	\$493.00
Cornerstone	\$125.00	\$375.00
Crosspoint	\$192.55	\$832.11
Delisle FBC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Desired Nation	\$150.00	\$600.00
Emmanuel	\$25.00	\$100.00
Empowerment Min.	\$0.00	\$300.00
Faithview	\$485.97	\$2,608.57
Family Worship	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faro de Esperanza	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fernwood	\$160.00	\$640.00
Grace Chapel	\$281.46	\$1,417.10
Grace Memorial	\$592.90	\$4,588.78
Grace Temple	\$200.00	\$700.00
GracePoint Church	\$51.00	\$210.00
Gtr. Mt Rest	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulf Gardens	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulfport FBC	\$3,988.22	\$13,936.84
Handsboro	\$669.68	\$3,671.76
Harbor City	\$175.00	\$950.00
Harvest Church	\$1,162.00	\$6,644.00
Highland	\$0.00	\$307.39
Iglesia Emanuel	\$0.00	\$157.34
Jacob's Well	\$1,485.00	\$7,131.82
Lakeshore	\$0.00	\$50.00
Lizana FBC	\$175.22	\$1,188.44
Long Beach FBC	\$1,843.26	\$9,508.87
Lyman FBC	\$200.00	\$1,133.00
McHenry FBC	\$369.27	\$1,066.55
Michael Memorial	\$0.00	\$6,740.50
MS Korean	\$579.07	\$2,462.56
Mt. Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$1,593.91	\$5,749.44
North Hills	\$63.72	\$322.76
North Long Beach	\$0.00	\$265.67
Old Spanish Trail	\$0.00	\$100.00
Parkway	\$401.29	\$2,677.68
Pass Christian FBC	\$0.00	\$48.69
Peace	\$50.00	\$250.00
Pearlington FSBC	\$250.00	\$450.00
Perkinston	\$154.00	\$1,047.00
Popps Ferry	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside	\$86.00	\$246.00
Robinwood	\$595.99	\$2,718.60
Shoreline Park	\$100.00	\$500.00
Success	\$0.00	\$600.18
The Church at Windance	\$148.17	\$841.47
Trinity	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tuxechna	\$189.99	\$770.48
Vardaman Street	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vidalia's Bridge	\$0.00	\$0.00
West Gulfport	\$74.90	\$580.01
Wiggins FBC	\$2,558.00	\$16,175.00
Woolmarket	\$1,857.75	\$8,210.67

# CHURCH *News*

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

**[Mississippi Gulf Coast Baptist Association](#)**

**BIG RIDGE** is in search of a part-time Children's Minister. Please submit resumes to Dr. Raymond Grabert. Email: [brbcpastor@cablone.net](mailto:brbcpastor@cablone.net) or call the church office for more information 228-392-4387.

**CONNECT COMMUNITY** is in search of a part-time Worship Pastor 15 hours per week with salary. Please contact Pastor Steven Simon at [steven@connectcommunitygc.org](mailto:steven@connectcommunitygc.org)/228-209-7779.

**GRACE MEMORIAL** is in search of a part-time music minister. For more information email Pam Raybourn at [pamraybourn66@gmail.com](mailto:pamraybourn66@gmail.com). In addition, they have an opening for a part-time Church Secretary/Ministry Assistant position. Call the church office 228-863-5096 or email [gracememorialbc@bellsouth.net](mailto:gracememorialbc@bellsouth.net) or [gracejacob@bellsouth.net](mailto:gracejacob@bellsouth.net) if interested. GMBC would like everyone to join them in welcoming their new Minister of Students and Families, Mike Fondren. On a bittersweet note, Charlotte Carver is retiring having served 29 years as their Church Secretary/Ministry Assistant. Thank you, Charlotte!

**HANDBORO** would like to announce they have an opening for a Church Secretary/Administrative Assistant position. Email your resume to [secretary@handsborobaptist.org](mailto:secretary@handsborobaptist.org) or in person to the church at 1421 East Pass Rd., Gulfport.

**PERKINSTON** is seeking a part-time Minister of Youth. Email resume to Clarice Dedeaux [cdedeaux1@yahoo.com](mailto:cdedeaux1@yahoo.com) or mail to church, P.O. Box 263, Perkinston, 39573 until August 31.

**ROBINWOOD** is in search of a Part-Time Minister of Music. Contact Kathy McKnight at [mkskath@bellsouth.net](mailto:mkskath@bellsouth.net).

**SHORELINE PARK** is looking for a Youth Pastor Intern. Contact the church office at 228-467-9461.



Greetings Gulf Coast Baptist Association Family! With the Spring semester finished and now looking forward to the Fall, I am praising God for how He has worked in the lives of students this past school year through the ministry of the Gulf Coast Baptist Student Union. Despite all the craziness and restrictions that came through COVID, we were able to disciple and share the Gospel with many students on campus.

This past year our main focus was on small group Bible studies, with the college only allowing groups of 10 or less to gather together in the Fall semester. Each Bible study was led by one of our leadership team members. In preparation for leading the study, I would meet with each leader to help and discuss the text they were going over that week and provide commentaries to gain insight from. From this format, each one of the Bible study leaders learned how to teach God's word using both proper Hermeneutics and Exegesis. All of them expressing how leading a study of God's Word had enriched their own personal study of the Bible.

As the school year progressed and restrictions were lifted, we were able to resume our weekly Worship Nights at the Perk BSU. Through these, we covered the whole book of 1 John and dealt with apologetic answers to difficult attacks on the faith that college students encounter. These topics included the Inerrancy of Scripture, Did Jesus really Exist, the Necessity of the Atonement, God's Purpose for Marriage, and Why does God allow evil in the world. I want to express my deepest gratitude to the local pastors and music ministers who helped lead us in this.

Going into the Fall, BSU will be running full steam ahead with Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College lifting almost all of their COVID restrictions. This means we will be resuming our Free Lunch Devotion ministry at both Perkinston and the Harrison County Campus (Formerly Jefferson Davis) on top of the other ministry programs we have been carrying out.

I just say how grateful I am for all that you do in supporting the BSU through prayer, time, and resources. What we do would not be possible without the local churches of the GCBA. If you would like to hear more about BSU ministry and being involved please contact me and I would love to share. May the Lord bless and strengthen each one of you as we continue to make disciples, carrying out His Great Commission.

David MacLellan

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(Bottom Row Left to Right) Tyler Little, Russ Cain, David MacLellan (Director) and Gavin Martinez*



**BSU Leadership Team 2021-22**