

# THE TIDE



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## Partnership Gulf Coast begins June 5th!

Please pray for the following churches who are working together over the Summer

- Robinwood—LaGuardo BC
- Connect Community Church —Riverbend BC
  - Handsboro—FBC Winona
  - Back Bay—Immanuel BC
- Old Spanish Trail/ Vidalia Community Ministries—Lakewood/Sherwood BC
  - Gulf Gardens BC—Tylertown BC
- The Church at Windance—FBC Myrick
  - Crosspoint —FBC Laurel

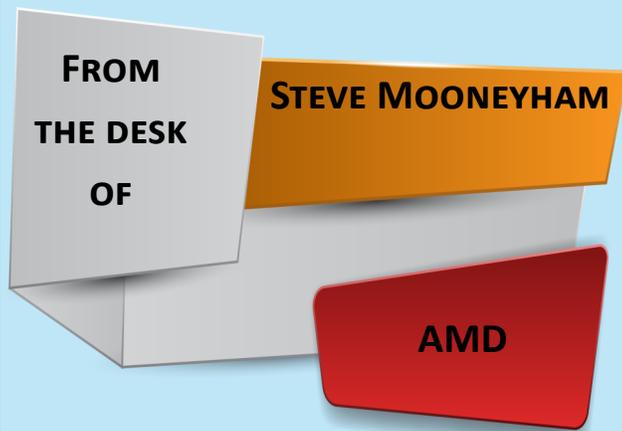
### Upcoming Events in Your Association

- Disaster Relief Training FBC Vancleave 8am —June 4
- Partnership Gulf Coast begins -June 5
- Fathers Day —June 19
- Hancock County Cluster Mockingbird Café 8:30-9:30am -June 20
- Harrison County Cluster-Cracker Barrel 8-9am -June 21
- Stone County Cluster-Sawmill Restaurant 9-10am -June 22
- Independence day (office closed) -July 4
- Hancock County Cluster Mockingbird Café, 8:30-9:30am -July 18
- Harrison County Cluster-Cracker Barrel 8-9am -July 19
- Admin Team Meeting GCBA, 12pm -July 19
- Stone County Cluster-Sawmill Restaurant 9-10am -July 20
- Strategy Team Meeting GCBA 730am -July 21
- Finance Team Meeting GCBA 12pm -July 21
- Executive Board Meeting Poppys Ferry BC 7pm -July 25

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VBS is just around the corner. Many of our churches will have their schools during the first two weeks of June, while others will be spaced out over the following weeks. I love VBS. It is one of the most exciting times in church life, in my opinion. Few other events conducted by the church holds as much promise to make a difference in the lives of families. Done right and well, VBS can changes lives of children and their families and affect eternity. I pray your VBS will be a success as you share the Gospel and that the Gospel will bear fruit in the salvation of many in your church and community.

There is a matter I must address with you. By now you probably have heard of the very disturbing report made public a few days ago by Guidepost Solutions that some of the SBC Executive Committee leadership have covered up allegations of sexual abuse by some church leaders and others. The report, while hard to read (not only for content but for its 288-page length-there is A LOT to read), should be a call to prayer for Southern Baptists, for the victims, for the families involved and for the people who look on wondering what our reaction will be. Unfortunately, many will paint all Southern Baptist churches with the same brush.

What will we do? Just today (Wednesday) the SBC Executive Committee has established a hotline for persons to call who have been affected by sexual abuse within Southern Baptist churches. The number is 202-864-5578. This is a first step as a convention. When messengers meet in a couple of weeks at our annual convention, other steps will be taken. More will be done over the next months to address this issue, give comfort and help to any who suffer from such abuse and hold those accountable who perpetrate such actions.

In similar fashion, it would be wise for each church to develop policies to address this in their church. I will lead our association to do likewise. A good first-step would be to take advantage of training events like this:

**“Church Safety for Minors Workshop”**

**Agricola Baptist Church (Lucedale)**

**Monday, September 12, 2022**

**9:00a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

You can find out more on the MBCB website: [www.mbc.org](http://www.mbc.org)

These are hard days for Southern Baptists, but I am convinced we will come out stronger for them.

Blessings,

Dr. Steve

*So long, farewell,  
Auf Wiedersehen, goodbye.*

*I hate to go and leave this awesome job.*

*So long, farewell,  
Auf Wiedersehen, goodbye.*

*Adieu, adieu  
I'll come and preach to you.*

*So long, farewell,  
Auf Wiedersehen, goodbye.*

I laugh because it is not goodbye!

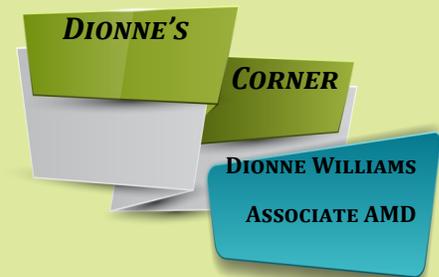
My apologies to Rogers and Hammerstein for butchering their lyrics from *The Sound of Music*.

This is it. My last article for the TIDE. Number 257 or thereabout. Thank you for letting me serve you all for 22 years, 4 months, and 14 days (or thereabout). Ministerially speaking, 22 ½ years. It has been my honor and my pleasure to be your Director of Education and Ministries, Church Development Strategist, or Associate Associational Missions Director.

I have worked in this office with a lot of great people and Steve Mooneyham. (Sorry, Steve. I just had to see if I could get in the last laugh! You know I love you, brother.) Bobby Perry, who hired me. Dot Simmons, who was the one who kept me on track. Both are with Jesus now. Then there is my "big sister," Linda Kittrell. Tommy Mitchell, who would not fire me because he was Susie's first cousin. Nepotism sometimes has its advantages! Mendy King, who could have been the next Beth Moore or Priscilla Shirer. Robin Knapp, my "other sister," who can now drop a smart remark as well as Steve or me. It was survival for her. Robin, I'm gonna miss you. Grayson Orman who has taught me a new way of looking at things. I wish we could have had longer to work together, brother. Kirsten King who has quickly sized me up. She has insinuated that I am a "skiver." Ask her what it means.

And finally, Dr. James Steven Mooneyham. My friend, golf partner, confidante, co-worker, teammate, and partner in crime. Our wives told us about a year after we met that if he and I were ever arrested, we were not to call them. Call an attorney. We both memorized Tadd Parsons' number! If Steve and I had met earlier in life as teenagers, or college students, we would have a rap sheet filled with malicious mischief charges and the like! I would like to apologize to the many waiters/waitresses, receptionists, store clerks that we have involved in our attempts to be humorous. As a boss, he treated me as an equal, respected my opinions and suggestions, and shared the credit for what was done. Thanks, buddy! I would not change a thing if I had it to do all over again. Love you.

GCBA, it was my privilege to serve you. Now I will be serving beside you. It. Is. Going. To. Be. Great!



VBS is underway.

Churches all over the United States are gearing up for what I think will be one of the best-attended Vacation Bible Schools of all time. This year many churches will use a different curriculum, decorate in different ways, and create incredible environments to engage children with the Gospel!



One of the most impactful local missions this year can be your VBS. LifeWay's VBS material this year is amazing! The theme is Created, Designed, and Empowered and the five days break out like this: God is Creator, God is Designer, Jesus is King, Jesus is Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit is our Helper. I am so excited to see a trinitarian focus. I know the children will have much fun singing, learning, and memorizing scripture this year.

One of the things I have most enjoyed this year is seeing everyone working together. VBS is a great way to promote unity in your church. From choosing snacks to building backdrops, a cross-section of the church engages in pulling together all of the parts to get the Gospel to our community through VBS.

If you need more information about VBS this year, please contact us at the Association and we will be happy to help you understand the importance of VBS.

Keep in mind, that if your church is on a tight budget, many churches change VBS material each year. Consider launching your VBS late in the summer and ask to use props and materials from other churches that have already borne the cost of VBS with their church and community.

If your church would like to donate curriculum, materials, or other items for use with VBS please let us know what you have. In addition, if your church is needing materials lightly used by other churches, please let us know and we will do our best to connect you with a church that has discarded their materials.

I hope this year you and your church have the best VBS ever. Please contact the Association to let us know when your VBS will be held. As we are able, we would love to come and visit to see how VBS is working out for you this year.

## Contributions for April 2022

CHURCH	MONTHLY	YR. TO DATE
Back Bay	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bay St Louis	\$1,307.79	\$5,131.24
Bay Vista	\$377.65	\$1203.13
Bayou Talla	\$25.00	\$100.00
Bayou View	\$191.66	\$691.64
Bayside	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bel Aire	\$1,693.00	\$6,866.00
Big Level	\$1025.25	\$5,207.25
Big Ridge	\$424.64	\$1,473.70
Biloxi FBC	\$505.91	\$1,900.81
Bond	\$601.80	\$2,854.86
Bridge Community	\$143.00	\$143.00
Brodie Road	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chinese Grace Bible	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Connect Community	\$285.00	\$755.00
Cornerstone	\$100.00	\$300.00
Crosspoint	\$157.49	\$615.56
Delisle FBC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Desired Nation	\$125.00	\$425.00
Empowerment Min.	\$0.00	\$500.00
Faithview	\$881.84	\$2,470.01
Family Worship	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faro de Esperanza	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fernwood	\$160.00	\$640.00
Grace Chapel	\$194.22	\$1,192.33
Grace Memorial	\$599.07	\$3,046.08
Grace Temple	\$0.00	\$0.00
GracePoint Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gtr. Mt Rest	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulf Gardens	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulfport FBC	\$2,546.36	\$10,168.84
Handsboro	\$386.76	\$1,976.32
Harbor City	\$0.00	\$525.00
Harvest Church	\$4,391.91	\$8,489.10
Highland	\$63.00	\$182.00
Iglesia Emanuel	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jacob's Well	\$1,488.00	\$6,374.00
Lakeshore	\$0.00	\$100.00
Lizana FBC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Long Beach FBC	\$1,904.33	\$7,338.86
Lyman FBC	\$214.00	\$1,170.00
McHenry FBC	\$171.54	\$649.36
Michael Memorial	\$1,228.88	\$4,321.38
MS Korean	\$443.99	\$2,281.06
Mt. Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$1,096.35	\$4,840.13
North Hills	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Long Beach	\$0.00	\$285.85
Old Spanish Trail	\$50.00	\$150.00
Parkway	\$519.41	\$2,355.53
Pass Christian FBC	\$0.00	\$53.55
Peace	\$50.00	\$200.00
Pearlington FSBC	\$437.76	\$571.76
Perkinston	\$278.04	\$1,097.44
Popps Ferry	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside	\$65.00	\$350.00
Robinwood	\$646.40	\$2,415.23
Shoreline Park	\$100.00	\$400.00
Success	\$369.52	\$736.29
The Church at Windance	\$282.97	\$974.99
Tuxechena	\$85.68	\$340.96
Vardaman Street	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vidalia's Bridge	\$0.00	\$0.00
West Gulfport	\$118.44	\$498.30
Wiggins FBC	\$2,804.00	\$13,136.00
Woolmarket	\$1,534.34	\$6,666.72

# CHURCH *News*

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

**Mississippi Gulf Coast Baptist Association**

**BEL AIRE** has an opening for Custodian/Maintenance Person. 30 hour weekly position, with semi-flexible hours. Contact the church office at 228-832-1966.

**BIG RIDGE** is very excited to announce they have a new Children's Minister, Beth Roberts.

**BILOXI FBC** has called a new Associate Pastor, Joseph Cumberland. GCBA welcomes Joseph, his wife Megan, and their 3 children.

**CORNERSTONE** is seeking a part-time Associate Pastor/Youth Director. For more information contact Pastor Don Bearden at 228-324-5982.

**FBC WIGGINS** has announced that they have called a new Pastor. Please welcome Neil Tullos and his wife Amanda.

**NEW HOPE** is looking for a Music Director. Please email newhopegulfport@gmail.com for more information.

**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.

**ROBINWOOD** is in search of a part-time Minister of Music. Send resume to: [robinwoodbaptist@bellsouth.net](mailto:robinwoodbaptist@bellsouth.net).

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

**WOOLMARKET** is looking for preschool teachers for the fall. Contact the church for more information, or to apply call 228-392-5622.



## PASTOR SEARCH

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

- Bayside
- FBC Bay St. Louis
- FBC Pass Christian
- Greater Mount Rest
- Handsboro
- McHenry FBC
- North Hills
- North Long Beach

# GCBA & Jackson BA

## Disaster Relief Training

**June 4th 2022 8AM**  
**FBC Vancleave**

**Cost: \$20**  
**(background check & badge)**

**Everyone must attend**  
**Intro into DR**



**After Intro, choose one  
class to attend:**

**Chaplaincy**

**Chainsaw**

**Recovery**

**Mass Feeding**

# IMPORTANT TO YOU

## Church Finance Seminar

Tues., August 23rd, 2022  
GCBA Training Center

Light meal at 6PM  
Seminar 6:30PM

*Who should Attend?*

Treasurers, Financial  
Admin Personnel,  
Finance Team  
& Pastors

(Please RSVP by Thursday, August 18th.

It would be greatly appreciated.)



Our condolences

to Rhonda White and Family,  
in the passing of her mother,  
Ann Aldridge, on May 9th.

### Upcoming

#### **Executive Board Meeting:**

Monday, October 3rd, 2022  
Gulf Coast Baptist Assoc.  
Training Center  
7PM

*(The Executive Board is comprised of the pastor and one  
layperson from each of our churches.)*

#### **Fall Meeting of the Association:**

Mon., October 17th, 2022  
First Baptist Church Wiggins  
219 Second St. N.  
Wiggins, 39577  
7PM

(Pre-session music begins @ 6:45PM)

Please register messengers at

<https://www.sbcworkspace.com>



# Mission: Dignity

Annual one-day giving: June 26, 2022

**Mission:Dignity**® serves retirement-aged ministers, workers and widows as they face advancing age, illness, infirmity, death of a spouse and even natural disasters. Through it all, we provide constant care, prayer and financial assistance directly at the point of need.



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100% of your gift will go directly to **Mission:Dignity** recipients.

**"I have been young, and now am old;  
Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken."**

PSALM 37:25A (NJKV)



# IMPACT TRAINING

IMPACT Training 2022 will provide training for pastors, and leaders of adults, youth, children, and preschool. The training is for lay leaders and church staff. The focus of the training will be disciple-making with emphasis on both reaching the lost and disciplining the saved. Registration is per church, not individual. Click [here](#) to register.

## Dates and Locations - 5:15pm to 8:35pm (dinner provided)

- August 4 – Country Woods, Byram
- August 11 – East Philadelphia, Philadelphia
  - August 16 – FBC Petal, Petal
- August 18 – FBC Cleveland, Cleveland
- August 25 – Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo
- September 8 – FBC Gulfport, Gulfport

## Breakouts

### Pastors

Session 1: Disciple-making: Emphasizing Baptism and Next Steps in Your Context

Session 2: How to Lead an Effective Gospel Invitation

### Adults

Session 1: Redeeming Cultural Christianity

Session 2: Tips, Tools, and Best Practices for Developing Adult Disciples

### Youth

Session 1: Youth and Salvation: Moving Students from Salvation to Baptism and Guiding Them

During Seasons of Doubt

Session 2: Tips, Tools, and Best Practices for Developing Student Disciples

### Children's

Session 1: Helping Parents and Leaders Tell the Gospel Story

Session 2: Teaching Children to Be Disciples

### Preschool

Session 1: Laying the Foundation for the Gospel Story

Session 2: Preschool Discipleship at Church and in the Home

Promotion resources, registration information, and more will be available soon.



# CHURCH SAFETY FOR MINORS WORKSHOP

CHILDREN'S SAFETY  
IS NOT A  
MINOR ISSUE



*Sponsored jointly by Christian Action Commission  
and MBCB in partnership with Ministry Safe.*

**SEPTEMBER 12:** Agricola BC, Lucedale

**Registration:** 8:30am

**Event:** 9am-2:30pm

**Cost:** \$25 pre-registration  
\$30 at the door

*\*Cost includes lunch and materials*



Happy Summer Gulf Coast Baptist Association family! With the '21-'22 school year over, preparations have begun for the next school year. I am excited about what all God is going to do this upcoming semester. My hope for this next year is that my student leadership team and I will share the Gospel with even more students than this past year, and that we will draw in freshman students who are Christians to help disciple them in their faith, equipping them to be Christ's Ambassadors on their campus and serve their local church.

To prepare, this summer I am taking my student leadership team through the book, "The Fuel & The Flame" written by Steve Shadrach and Paul Worcester. This book is geared specifically towards college students to give them a vision of the mission that God has given every believer on a college/university campus and to equip them in carrying out this mission. I want to share a quote from the book that you can share with a child, grandchild, friend, etc., who is attending college to challenge them in the purpose the Lord has for them at that campus. "University students represent the most reachable, recruitable, trainable, and send-able category of persons on the planet. Many students on your campus are just one conversation away from giving their lives to Christ. You don't have to wait to graduate to start changing the world for Christ. You can start living on mission now." College campuses are a vast field to be harvested. All that is required is faithful laborers to work it.

In closing, be in prayer for my student leadership team and me as we plan and prepare for the ministry the Lord has for the BSU this fall. Also, be in prayer for not only the 3 summer MGCCC BSU missionaries that are serving this summer but the 104 in total that have been sent out from Mississippi Baptist Student Union. God bless you all in your ministries.

David MacLellan

Director of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Baptist Student Union





## Women's Community Support Center!

### Free Employment Skill Classes - Begin on June 6<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

Women's Community Support Center, located off Hwy 603 in Bay St. Louis, is a non-profit Christian organization committed to helping women, from all walks of life, obtain job and life skills needed to find meaningful employment and break the cycle of poverty.

Our upcoming 2022 Class Session starts June 6 and runs through August 2 and will include classes in: Work Force Development, Microsoft Office, Communications, Money Management, Life Skills and more. Classes meet every week on Monday and Tuesday from 9am to 3pm at the Center, off Hwy 603 in Bay St. Louis

Call Today to Pre-Register for this upcoming Class Session (228) 586-3510.

A 501(c)3 non-profit organization that houses both the **Magdalene House** and the **Christian Women's Job Corps** program. For more information and to make donations, go to: [www.womenscommunitysupport.org](http://www.womenscommunitysupport.org)

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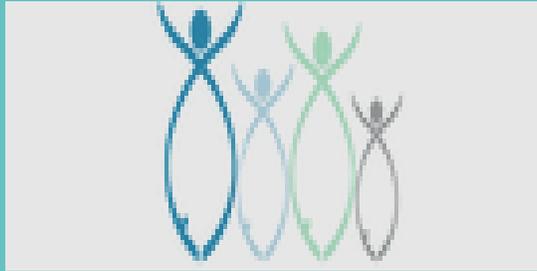
**Christian Women's Job Corp.**, a nationally recognized ministry, offers women free classes which include:

- Job Skills classes covering resume writing, completing applications, GED preparation, communication skills, work ethic
- Life Skills training covering money management, anger management, health, nutrition, and fitness
- Individual Christian mentors who help establish and measure long and short-term goals
- Bible Study on a variety of topics from Biblical overview to dealing with life's struggles

All classes and training are geared towards preparing these women for full-time meaningful employment. The **Christian Women's Job Corp.** program is offered free to any women in the community who are willing and able to attend the weekly classes where they are responsible for their own transportation to and from the center.

For more information go to: [www.womenscommunitysupport.org](http://www.womenscommunitysupport.org)





# Crossroads

## Christian Family & Marriage Counseling

You can often find yourself at a point where problems, relationships, disappointments or life changes seem overwhelming. Crossroads Counseling Centers serve individuals and families by providing Christ-centered professional counseling that guides clients toward abundant living.

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\*See website for other locations in Mississippi



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS

**ONE CHILD AT A TIME**

A child will receive only one shoe box gift in their lifetime. Each shoebox is a Gospel opportunity that can be used by God to change a child's life for eternity—and change the course of many other lives as well. We praise God that in 2021 over 4 million children were disciplined through The Greatest Journey Bible Study, where over 2.3 million made decisions for Christ. Since 2009, more than 30 million children have enrolled in The Greatest Journey with over 15 million making a decision for Christ!

Operation Christmas Child has a goal to visit 1,000 Pacific islands by 2023. Since 2018, over 283,000 children on more than 960 inhabited Pacific islands have received shoebox gifts and have been given the opportunity to respond to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Time and again, God has opened doors for ministry and open hearts to receive His love. As one Regional Team Leader said: "With Operation Christmas Child, God upsets social habits, overturns traditions and customs, and acquires a people for Himself. Through this ministry, the impossible becomes possible by virtue of God." Amen!

Over 10.5 million gifts were packed, collected, and processed to bless even more boys and girls for the 2022 distribution which began in February and will end about October! This year there are over 85,000 distribution events scheduled in 100 different countries.

Many thanks to the Gulf Coast's 135 area churches and 29 Community Groups that packed, collected, prayed, and delivered 21,572 gifts to the Area Team's central drop off location at the New Hope Baptist Church, Gulfport. In addition, 715 boxes were ordered online. The Gulf Coast Area included the counties of Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Pearl River, and Stone.

Go to <https://www.samaritanaspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child> for testimonies, more information about Operation Christmas Child, or where to bring your shoeboxes during the annual collection week, 14-21 November 2022.

**If your church would like to have an Operation Christmas Child Presentation  
contact Doug Bradford at 504-722-6568 or 228-206-0345.**