

THE TIDE



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A popular song in the 80's asked "What's love got to do with it?" If you're talking about the longest and oldest love letter ever written, love has a lot to do with it. Of course, we're talking about The Bible.

God's love begins in Genesis with the gift of creation and all it's wonders then continues through Revelation with the return of Jesus Christ and the promise of "a new heaven and a new earth."

Throughout that love letter, God demonstrates His love over and over. Even when His people aren't so loveable, God continues to provide, protect and prepare for them the best He has to offer.

So, what does that mean for us in 2022? It means:

* **God's love never changes.**

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases."
Lamentations 3:22*

* **God's love never fails.**

*"It always protects, always trusts, always hopes,
always perseveres."
1 Corinthians 13:7*

* **God's love is unconditional.**

*"But God shows his love for us in that while we
were still sinners, Christ died for us."
Romans 5:8*

It means, despite the lyrics quoted above, **God's love** has everything to do with it!

Happy Valentine's Day!

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Upcoming Events in Your Association

Hancock County Cluster 8:30-9:30am Mockingbird Café, **Feb 14**
Bay St. Louis

Harrison County Cluster-Cracker Barrel 8-9am **Feb 15**

Stone County Cluster-Sawmill Restaurant 9-10am **Feb 16**

Impact Round Table-GCBA Training Center 12-1pm **Feb 22**

Discipling2Minister SS/Small Group/VBS Dir. Trng 6:30-8:30pm **Mar 8**
Grace Temple B.C.,

Leading Men 2 Minister 9-11am **Mar 26**
GCBA Training Center

Small Church Conversations 6:30-8:30pm **April 1**
FBC Lyman (Bi-vocational/small church pastors & wives. Meal provided.)

-Save the Date- Women's Ministry Event 9:00am-3pm **April 30**
Location TBA/Registration \$15-includes lunch

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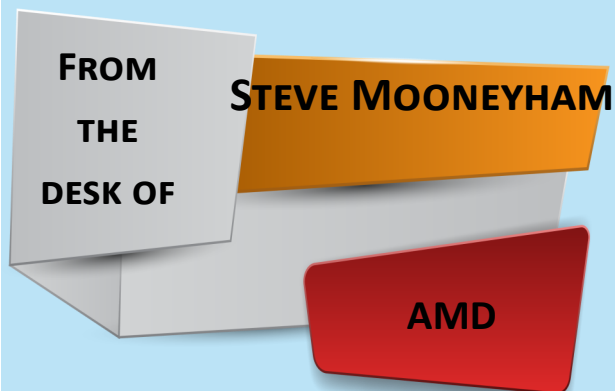
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One of the things Southern Baptists have done very well through the years is support missions. We have given sacrificially to missions internationally, throughout North America and locally. Indeed, one of the founding principles of the SBC was missions. It is in our DNA.

A few days ago, I received a packet from the North American Mission Board. In it were promotional materials for the upcoming **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions**. Pastors, let me encourage you to visit

AnnieArmstrong.com to get your promotional packet and begin setting plans in motion to promote your church's offering this Easter.

One of the complaints I often hear is, "every time you turn around, we are promoting some offering or another." That is not a bad thing. First off, not all of us can go, but we can all pray and give (something) in support of missions and missionaries. Second, giving to missions helps prevent God's people from developing a selfish heart. Third, it keeps our focus on the nations and the lostness that permeates our world. Fourth, along with that, giving puts us in the game and off the sidelines as we do what we can to see that the Gospel is shared so that a lost world can come to a living Savior. I could probably list additional reasons, but you get the point. In short, giving to missions makes a difference. It is who we are.

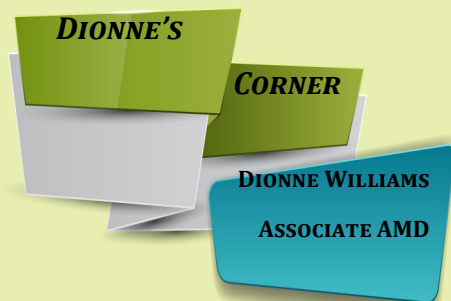
It takes a lot of people to make associational work happen. Last week our leadership teams met in preparation for the Executive Board. Those who serve on the Strategy, Administrative and Finance teams all serve important roles in associational ministry. They do not get the credit they deserve, but we in the office are privileged to work with them. Thank you, Team members, for the sacrifice of time and effort you give to make the Gulf Coast Baptist Association thrive.

Finally, you should be aware that your Gulf Coast Baptist Association finished the 2021 year in good shape financially. This is a testament to the faithfulness of our Father and to the churches being obedient in supporting the work of the GCBA. So let me say, "Thank you Lord for your faithful provision for our churches, and thank you churches for your faithful giving to the association."

I am blessed to serve you.

Blessings,

Dr. Steve



Discipling2Minister is the 2022 GCBA theme. Someone the other day asked me to explain that. I told them we want to train our people not to just meet the needs of our church members or small group members, but minister to those outside the walls of the church. It is being the hands and feet of Jesus. In my almost 49 years of serving churches, I have seen the church respond to many, many needs. But the vast majority of those events of ministry were toward church people and not the lost and unchurched.

³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me; I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and take you in, or without clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick, or in prison, and visit you?' ⁴⁰ "And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:34-40

Lost people want to see if a Christian's talk is reflected in their walk. One of my favorite songs is "If We Are The Body" by Casting Crowns. The words are poignant:

*But if we are the body
Why aren't his arms reaching?
Why aren't his hands healing?
Why aren't his words teaching?
And if we are the body
Why aren't his feet going?
Why is his love not showing them there is a way?
There is a way.*

Discipling2Minister Training Conference. March 8 at 6:30 PM at Grace Temple Baptist Church

We are targeting the leaders of Adult through Preschool Small Group Leaders. (Small Group includes traditional Sunday School). We want to improve our ministry to those in our churches and begin to be Jesus' hands and feet in the world.

Pastors, bring your age group and small group leaders.



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From time to time, I am asked the questions, “What is my purpose? What is the meaning of life? What is my job on this planet as a believer in Christ? Or what is the chief end of man?” It is easy to default to a response we learned in Sunday School, “Our job is to bring glory to God.” And then many times we do nothing. Some may respond with Ephesians 2:10, “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” But in what way do we best show the world the Glory of God? What constitutes the best work?

When I hear the statement, “Our job is to bring glory to God,” I ask, “How are we doing this? How are we bringing glory to God?” Some would say, “I feed the homeless.” Excellent. Others might say, “I build houses for people on mission in different countries.” Terrific. Still, others may say, “I live a good life following the teaching of Jesus, so people will know Him. I am kind, loving, and compassionate to everyone.” Splendid! And, some might say, “I’m on staff at a local church. That is my contribution.”

These are all great ways to give God glory, but there is a most excellent way to bring Glory to God. It is to be committed to sharing the Good News of Jesus with others. This is our best work for God. We are ambassadors for Christ. Yes, everyone who hears the call of the Spirit, repents of their sin and by faith confesses that Jesus is Lord becomes an ambassador. God committed to each of us, Pastors, Deacons, Elders, Staff Members, Interims, Interns, Volunteers and Church Members the message of reconciliation. Sometimes, we may think our work is our contribution instead of sharing the Good News. We may sit back in pride, look at what we have created from God’s Word and think we have done all we are to do. We may look at our youth and feel confident they will know Christ through the example we set for them. We may even go on a mission and through good works bless people in the process. I mean, we are proclaiming the Gospel. So, we must be doing all we can do for the cause of Christ. We are setting good examples and meeting people’s needs. So, this must be enough. But this is not the definition of an ambassador.

We are official representatives to a foreign nation. Although we are situated on this Earth, all followers of Christ are aliens to this world. Our home is in Heaven with Jesus. We are not to be on one day and off the next. We must represent Christ everywhere we go and in everything we do. God is on His throne, and Jesus is at His side. It is God’s message worked out through the death, burial and resurrection of Christ that we are responsible for sharing. We must carry the Message of Reconciliation to the lost nations of the world. We are commissioned to let the world know “that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them.” (2 Corinthians 5:19).

2 Corinthians 5:20 says, “Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” It is not enough to stand in the pulpit on Sunday or show up for church work, meet with our students on Wednesday, teach in our Sunday School or Connect Groups on Sunday or go on a one-week humanitarian mission.

As an Ambassador of Jesus Christ, we must carry the message that God is willing NOT to count our sin against us if we, in faith, will turn from our sin, trust and believe in Him. For every Christian, we work this out daily through the mandate of Christ, “go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything He commanded us” (Word change for emphasis). This is the most excellent way to bring glory to God. We must take the message of reconciliation to the nations daily and commission new believers to do the same. This is the work of an ambassador. This is the work of every believer in Christ.

Important to You...

Harrison County Jail Opportunity

Hope Adult Learning is looking for a teacher to teach the GED program at the Harrison County Jail. This teacher would work with both men and women (separately) in a classroom setting to help them make positive changes in their lives by meeting their need for a high school equivalency diploma. This is a part-time position which will pay \$20/hour (1099NEC).

For more information call
Donna Daulton at
(228) 256-3610. Click
[here](#) to learn more about
Hope Adult Learning.



Free Employment Skills Classes

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 **January 24th** and runs through **March 15th** 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.

GCBA Position Available Receptionist/ Administrative Assistant

- ◇ Part-time (*great if you don't need full-time*)
- ◇ Approximately 20 hours per week (*great if you have lots of hobbies*)
- ◇ Friendly staff to work with (*great if you believe that*)
- ◇ 67 wonderful churches to serve (*great if you like church people*)
- ◇ Opportunity to be the face and voice of the GCBA (*great if you're not shy*)

Now that we have you laughing (*great if you have a sense of humor*), call the office at 228-832-4311 for more information or visit our [website](#) to download an application.



Please remember the following families in the loss of their loved ones:

Dr. Chris King's (pastor, Bayou View) sister, Terri King on January 5

Rev. Danny Nance's (pastor, Bay Vista) father, Fred Nance, Jr. on January 17

Rev. Paul (pastor, Old Spanish Trail) and Linda Simmons Burdic in the loss of Linda's father, Roger Lavell Simmons on January 23

"Who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God." 2 Corinthians 1:4

Contributions for December 2021

CHURCH	MONTHLY	YR. TO DATE
Back Bay	\$0.00	\$1,567.61
Bay St Louis	\$994.01	\$17,093.97
Bay Vista	\$558.24	\$3,464.43
Bayou Talla	\$25.00	\$300.00
Bayou View	\$166.66	\$1,999.92
Bayside	\$0.00	\$200.00
Bel Aire	\$1,658.00	\$18,401.00
Big Level	\$0.00	\$11,574.75
Big Ridge	\$233.24	\$4,221.35
Biloxi FBC	\$415.14	\$6,086.36
Bond	\$576.50	\$8,783.75
Bridge Community	\$456.00	\$1,754.00
Brodie Road	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chinese Grace Bible	\$0.00	\$600.00
Christ Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Connect Community	\$0.00	\$2,061.00
Cornerstone	\$200.00	\$1,075.00
Crosspoint	\$116.17	\$1,762.28
Delisle FBC	\$0.00	\$20.00
Desired Nation	\$250.00	\$1,725.00
Emmanuel	\$0.00	\$175.00
Empowerment Min.	\$0.00	\$900.00
Faithview	\$1,204.13	\$6,750.28
Family Worship	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faro de Esperanza	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fernwood	\$160.00	\$1,760.00
Grace Chapel	\$189.24	\$3,038.91
Grace Memorial	\$685.59	\$9,549.90
Grace Temple	\$0.00	\$1,400.00
GracePoint Church	\$72.00	\$475.00
Gtr. Mt Rest	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulf Gardens	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulfport FBC	\$3,892.93	\$30,900.77
Handsboro	\$442.00	\$7,421.56
Harbor City	\$175.00	\$2,175.00
Harvest Church	\$1,197.20	\$15,908.82
Highland	\$70.00	\$692.33
Iglesia Emanuel	\$177.39	\$582.20
Jacob's Well	\$1,022.00	\$14,500.82
Lakeshore	\$0.00	\$50.00
Lizana FBC	\$0.00	\$1,888.83
Long Beach FBC	\$1,637.62	\$21,373.88
Lyman FBC	\$229.00	\$2,765.00
McHenry FBC	\$0.00	\$2,170.17
Michael Memorial	\$1,715.84	\$21,666.60
MS Korean	\$619.18	\$6,203.44
Mt. Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$2,813.46	\$16,123.01
North Hills	\$0.00	\$531.21
North Long Beach	\$0.00	\$987.94
Old Spanish Trail	\$50.00	\$300.00
Parkway	\$624.99	\$6,331.51
Pass Christian FBC	\$0.00	\$332.15
Peace	\$50.00	\$600.00
Pearlington FSBC	\$0.00	\$671.00
Perkinston	\$149.79	\$2,480.24
Popp's Ferry	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside	\$60.00	\$918.00
Robinwood	\$429.54	\$6,392.05
Shoreline Park	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
Success	\$0.00	\$1,722.98
The Church at Windance	\$554.08	\$2,798.31
Trinity	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tuxechena	\$96.84	\$1,701.64
Vardaman Street	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vidalia's Bridge	\$0.00	\$0.00
West Gulfport	\$100.05	\$1,066.10
Wiggins FBC	\$2,809.00	\$34,889.00
Woolmarket	\$5,203.05	\$22,522.48

CHURCH^{News}

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

Mississippi Gulf Coast Baptist Association

BAYOU VIEW will be hosting "The Goal of Raising Godly Children" on February 19, 5-8pm led by Dr. Brett Golson, William Carey University. The conference is **free** with dinner provided. Please sign up for dinner and childcare. Call 228-863-2482 or visit their BVBC Facebook event by clicking [here](#).

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

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

PERKINSTON is seeking a part-time Minister of Youth. Email resume to Clarice Dedeaux 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.

SHORELINE PARK is looking for a Youth Pastor Intern. Contact the church office at 228-467-9461. Also, they will host Dr. Ken Ham, founder, CEO, and former president of Answers in Genesis, a Christian apologetics organization that operates the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter, to speak on Wednesday, February 23 at 6pm. Please join them for this special night.

Wiggins FBC has announced that their worship pastor, Chris Babb is resigning. Chris and his family will be returning to Tuscaloosa. Chris has served FBC Wiggins for over 11 years. His last Sunday will be March 27.



PASTOR SEARCH

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

FBC Pass Christian
FBC Wiggins
Greater Mount Rest
McHenry FBC
North Long Beach

www.womenscommunitysupport.org



Gulf Coast Christian Women's Job Corps (GCWJC) - Magdalene House (located in Hancock County) is participating in **2022 Birdies for Charities** in the **Rapiscan Systems Classic**, a charitable fundraiser.

Every dollar you donate directly to **Birdies for Charities** for **GCCWJC - Magdalene House** comes back to us with an additional 5% match.

You can make a donation online at www.rapiscansystemsclassic.com click **Charity**, then click **Participating Charities**, click on our **GCWJC-Magdalene House** Logo. Next: Step 1) create an account; 2) confirm at the top that you selected **GCWJC-Magdalene House** and enter donation amount; 3) enter payment information. You will receive an email payment confirmation.

You can donate by check. Your check must be made payable to **Rapiscan Systems Classic, P.O. Box 7362, D'Iberville, MS 39540**. Include your full name, email address, address, city, state, zip and telephone number. **IMPORTANT: In your check memo include the charity name GCCWJC - Magdalene House.**

Thank you very much for helping **GCCWJC-Magdalene House**.

HOUSE MANAGER FOR MAGDALENE HOUSE

POSITION TITLE: Full-time House Manager for Sober Living Home
in Waveland, MS

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

Position Summary: Magdalene House is seeking a mature woman to fill a full time/live in **House Manager** position. She will be responsible for supporting Magdalene House's residential program serving women who enter the program. The house manager is the person who upholds house policies; lends an ear and patiently guides each woman; resolves conflict between residents, requests supplies, and assigns daily/ weekly chore schedule. This position is a key position in affecting life change in the resident's lives.

Will provide free housing and meals to the manager. May reimburse for mileage based on distance of commute for the manager.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Mature ministry-centered Woman gifted with discernment
- Quick, critical thinker with strong common sense
- Experience working with homeless, low income individuals
- Able to work with a close knit team
- Able to self-regulate (correcting oneself without outside input or supervision)
- Able to set and uphold boundaries
- Ability to uphold rules in a loving manner
- Is a patient teacher
- Provides a role model as Magdalene House representative

PRE-EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS:

- Live-Scan Finger Printing, and Dept. of Justice background check
- Must have valid Driver's License
- Proof of a TB test showing individual is negative for infectious tuberculosis
- Vaccinations for flu, pertussis, mumps & measles

***For more information or to set up an interview please contact:
Barbara Ambrose 228-493-0504***

MEDICAL MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

February 12 GARAYWA Camp and Conference Center (see below)

March 5 First Baptist New Orleans (see next page)

(Same content provided at different locations)



Medical Missions Conference

February 12th 9am -4pm

GARAYWA Camp and Conference Center

Who can come?

Physicians and all medical personnel and church leaders with a heart for medical missions.

- **Learn about new effective health strategies**
- **Become better equipped for short term missions**
- **Hear about Southern Baptist Medical Missions that cover the globe**
- **Discover Service Opportunities**
- **Network with other like-minded health care professionals**

For more information:
contact Missions Mobilization:
601-292-3398



Register

IMB MEDICAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2022
9AM-4PM

First Baptist New Orleans
5290 Canal Blvd., NOLA

\$10 PER PERSON **FREE FOR STUDENTS**

WHO SHOULD COME?

Healthcare professionals and students, church leaders, and all interested in healthcare missions.

- ✚ LEARN ABOUT NEW EFFECTIVE HEALTH STRATEGIES
- ✚ BECOME BETTER EQUIPPED FOR SHORT TERM MISSIONS
- ✚ HEAR ABOUT SOUTHERN BAPTIST MEDICAL MISSIONS AROUND THE WORLD
- ✚ DISCOVER OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY, GIVE, GO AND SEND
- ✚ NETWORK WITH OTHER LIKE-MINDED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS



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CHURCH PLANTING

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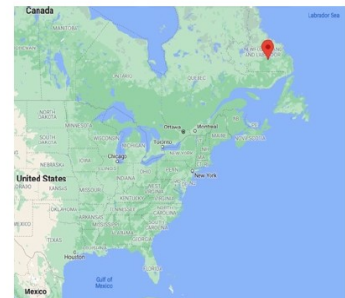
I am traveling to Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Labrador again in January 2022 to preach at the Northern Cross Community Church for four Sundays. But this trip won't just be to help fill-in at the church, it will also be an assessment of the community and how we at **Mile One Mission** can reach more people to attend the church. Plus, I will be conducting some interviews of folks from the local area in an effort to increase support and possible recruitment for team members for an eventual relaunch of the church. In addition to the many needs of the community, the greatest need is for a Christ centered church where the Gospel is preached without hesitation. Stay tuned in the coming weeks for additional updates in videos on our social media sites. Thank you for your prayers, donations, and your interest in coming to eastern Canada to support this ministry. We hope to host short term mission trips possibly this year (definitely next year) to St John's and Happy Valley-Goose Bay to experience our vision here.



The Heart of Labrador



Northern Cross Community Church



Happy Valley-Goose Bay

Any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to contact me!

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