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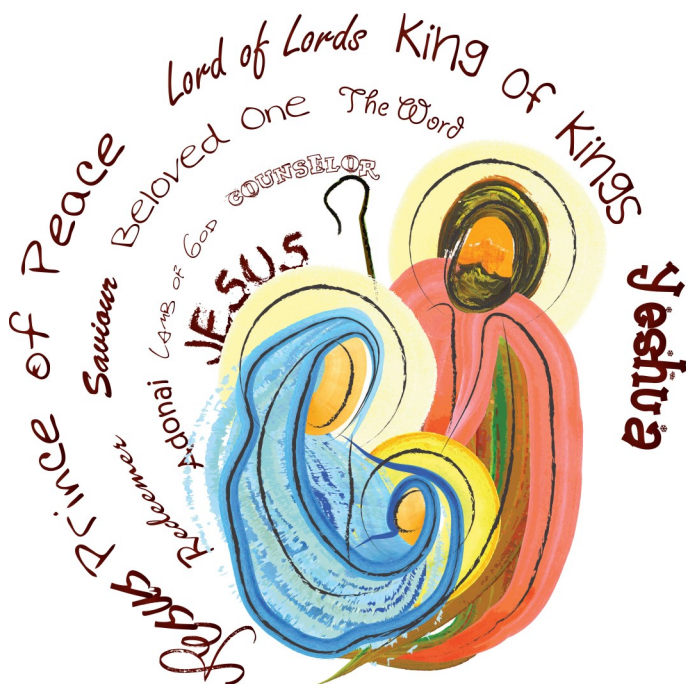
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GCBA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

WHEN:

Monday, January 30, 2023 7PM

WHERE:

GCBA Training Center

Who: Pastors & one layperson elected by the church annually

Upcoming Events in Your Association

- Hancock Cluster - Mockingbird Café 8:30-9:30am - Dec 19
 - Harrison County Cluster - Cracker Barrel 8-9am - Dec 20
 - Stone County Cluster 9-10am - Dec 21
 - Office Closed for Christmas/New Years - Dec 22-Jan 2, 2023
 - GCBA Office reopens - Jan 3
 - Hancock Cluster - Mockingbird Café 8:30-9:30am - Jan 16
 - Harrison County Cluster - Cracker Barrel 8-9am - Jan 17
 - Stone County Cluster 9-10am - Jan 18
 - Administrative Team Meeting GCBA 12pm - Jan 24
 - Strategy Team Meeting GCBA 7:30am - Jan 26
 - Finance Team Meeting GCBA 12pm - Jan 26
 - Executive Board Meeting, GCBA Training Center - 7pm - Jan 30
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your GCBA staff!*

Staff:

Dr. Steve Mooneyham - Executive Director/Treasurer

Rev. Grayson Orman - Interim Assoc. AMS

Robin Knapp - Executive Ministry/Financial Assistant

Kirsten King - Receptionist/Administrative Assistant

FROM
THE
DESK OF

STEVE MOONEYHAM

AMD

“Oh, the weather outside is.....typical Mississippi Christmas-time weather” unpredictable!

As I write this the temps are expected to be near 80 degrees for a high today (12/8/22) and staying in the 70s until Thursday (12/15) when some cooler weather *should* appear. We will see.

This edition of The Tide is something of a head start for January '23 to remind you of upcoming events for the first part of the year. Here are a few things make sure are on your calendar:

The office will close December 22 @ NOON and reopen on January 3, 2023

Ministers' Cluster meetings:

HANCOCK: Monday January 16, 8:30 a.m. @ Mockingbird Café, BSL

HARRISON: Tuesday January 17, 8:00a.m. @ Cracker Barrel, Gulfport

STONE: Wednesday January 18, 9:00 a.m. @ Gateway Christian Academy, Wiggins
(Clusters last for 1 hour and are intended for fellowship & encouragement.)

GCBA Team meetings are scheduled as follows:

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM: Noon, Tuesday January 24

STRATEGY TEAM: 7:30 a.m., January 26

FINANCE TEAM: Noon, January 26

GCBA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: Monday January 30, 2023, in the TC.

And.....LOOKING INTO FEBRUARY AND MARCH

MISSIONARY IN RESIDENCE, FEBRUARY 19-22, 2023: This year our focus will be on State Missions. Our guest Missionary is Tim McWilliams who serves with the Mississippi Baptist Children's Village. He is available to speak in Sunday and Wednesday services (Sunday morning at 10:30 is already taken) or for any other group in your church who would like to hear from him. **Please call me to schedule Tim for your church at your earliest convenience.**

WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE: NEW TESTAMENT

March 4, 2023, 8:00 – Noon

FBC, Long Beach

Cost is \$10.00 per person. On-line registration will be available in January.

Wow, that is some good stuff on the horizon!

But for now, our attention turns to Christmas. In the season of Thanksgiving, Christmas and new beginnings, we are reminded of all we have for which to be thankful, the coming of the Christ-child to our earth which is so undeserving and the new beginnings His coming offers to all who will acknowledge Him, trust Him and obey Him. May the wonder, the joy and the blessings of Christ be yours in abundance this season and throughout the coming year.

Merry Christmas!

Dr. Steve

More on Thailand.

Here is what happened on our last journey to Thailand in a city called Chiang Khong.



We raced five and a half hours further north by car, from Chiang Mai, with a family who's ministry is connecting Christian people to other Christian people and ministries. The couple who took us further north were in their 80's. God showed us we are never too old to serve in a missional capacity. It was refreshing to see their love for Jesus and their willingness to see the next generation succeed on the mission field. We listened to their stories of persecution and success on the mission field. It was uplifting to be around people who gave up everything to be on mission for our Lord. We arrived in Chiang Khong, a city bordering the Mekong River. We could see Laos across the river from our hotel. In fact, we walked along the Mekong and thought about how odd borders are. On one side of the river, Jesus can be boldly proclaimed to the people, and on the other side is a communist country where sharing the Gospel may result in jail or even death. To get to Laos from Chiang Khong all one must do is walk across the bridge or float across the river.

Later in Chiang Kong, we met a pastor of a small church and finally, after much waiting, we were able to see the building we hoped to see. It was amazing! The structure was 4 stories high and had room for teaching and for living. Brandon, one of our traveling buddies, has a vision for the ministry of Pastor Training. You can imagine how excited he was to see this building. We are praying about how God will have us partner with this family and how using their building will bring God glory.

NOTE: The pastor was Chinese raised in Thailand. Yep, I got to interpret for the team and it was amazing to see how God brought to memory all of the language he had given me while being in China. WOW! God is AMAZING!

Be on the lookout for an upcoming journey to Thailand for Pastors in the Association. Watch our website and FaceBook page for more information.

Pastor Spotlight

Featuring: Ray Duplessie at Fernwood BC

Luke 2:11–14 (CSB)

Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped tightly in cloth and lying in a manger.” Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people he favors!

It seems to happen every Christmas. We find ourselves in the midst of shopping, traveling, cooking for parties and banquets, and getting ready for new activities. We're caught up in the season of Christmas.

Isn't it funny how we seem busier than ever during this time of year? It's hard to find the calm peace and tranquility that Christmas is supposed to represent. Every year, I tell myself that I am not going to do as much as I have before, but then find myself doing the same exact thing, making room in my calendar for just one more event because I don't want to offend somebody.

But then something happens to remind me of the awesomeness of the birth of Christ. I remember once when I lived in Alexander City, Alabama, after spending the day traveling all over the place, and shopping in the larger towns for Christmas, being so tired of it all, and realizing that I still had more to get ready for that night. I got out of the car to get ready for my next event, but happened to look up, and saw the clear sky over us. We lived on the outskirts of this small town, which is to say we really lived out in the country, so when it was dark, it was really dark! But on this particular night, as I looked up, it seemed to me that every star in the universe was out that night. I was reminded of that first Christmas.

I stayed outside, while everyone else hurried on their way into the house. And in the quiet, these words gently breezed through my mind...

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright.
'Round yon virgin mother and child,
Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace.

This hymn tends to catch us off guard sometimes, especially during this time of the year. We're in the middle of hectic situations, tired of all the hustle and bustle, but then find peace and serenity with the birth of our Savior through this song.

We're taken back to a hillside, where shepherds are tending their sheep, not aware that they had been chosen to hear the most wonderful news they ever will receive. And for a moment, we can join them in that tranquility without fear. And as we look above them, we begin to see the sky open up as we continue to sing the song...

Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born.

As we go about doing what we need to do during this Christmas season, may we find many opportunities to slow down to take a moment to be reminded of the beauty and majesty of what happened that night.

And every time you sing this song, Silent Night, Holy Night, may you be reminded of what this child grew up to be...your Savior... our Savior, who came to this earth, as a child, and taught us about who the Father was, and His love for us; who died on the cross for our sins, so that we can one day live in heaven with the Father and Him for eternity.



Contributions for October 2022

CHURCH	MONTHLY	YR. TO DATE
Back Bay	\$0.00	\$291.17
Bay St Louis	\$1,073.97	\$12,667.31
Bay Vista	\$475.32	\$3,186.50
Bayou Talla	\$25.00	\$225.00
Bayou View	\$166.66	\$1,666.60
Bayside	\$0.00	\$25.00
Bel Aire	\$1,362.00	\$16,197.00
Big Level	\$1,025.25	\$11,358.75
Big Ridge	\$442.34	\$3,960.72
Biloxi FBC	\$413.09	\$4,602.33
Bond	\$627.35	\$6,759.55
Bridge Community	\$0.00	\$1,393.00
Brodie Road	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chinese Grace Bible	\$450.00	\$450.00
Christ Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Connect Community	\$415.00	\$2,287.00
Cornerstone	\$200.00	\$900.00
Crosspoint	\$142.61	\$1,726.13
Delisle FBC	\$0.00	\$20.00
Desired Nation	\$250.00	\$1285.00
Empowerment Min.	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Faithview	\$920.49	\$5,501.40
Family Worship	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faro de Esperanza	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fernwood	\$160.00	\$1,600.00
Grace Chapel	\$318.44	\$2,692.42
Grace Memorial	\$616.98	\$6,906.89
Grace Temple	\$150.00	\$1,350.00
GracePoint Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gtr. Mt Rest	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulf Gardens	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulfport FBC	\$3,417.68	\$25,618.76
Handsboro	\$445.59	\$4,783.00
Harbor City	\$150.00	\$1,225.00
Harvest Church	\$1,110.38	\$15,305.07
Highland	\$130.00	\$522.00
Iglesia Emanuel	\$0.00	\$440.91
Jacob's Well	\$1,048.73	\$13,653.66
Lakeshore	\$100.00	\$350.00
Lizana FBC	\$0.00	\$1,046.33
Long Beach FBC	\$1,429.31	\$17,903.41
Lyman FBC	\$240.00	\$2,356.00
McHenry FBC	\$131.94	\$1,519.26
Michael Memorial	\$1,445.30	\$12,971.64
MS Korean	\$428.47	\$5,564.88
Mt. Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$1,185.64	\$13,045.80
North Hills	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Long Beach	\$115.71	\$1,197.46
Old Spanish Trail	\$50.00	\$350.00
Parkway	\$486.35	\$5,426.17
Pass Christian FBC	\$0.00	\$53.55
Peace	\$50.00	\$500.00
Pearlington FSBC	\$0.00	\$1,010.76
Perkinston	\$150.21	\$2,299.73
Popps Ferry	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside	\$0.00	\$802.00
Robinwood	\$671.46	\$5,785.67
Shoreline Park	\$0.00	\$800.00
Success	\$0.00	\$1,111.23
The Church at Windance	\$314.23	\$3,449.56
Tuxechena	\$88.34	\$820.39
Vardaman Street	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vidalia's Bridge	\$0.00	\$0.00
West Gulfport	\$66.30	\$975.32
Wiggins FBC	\$2,778.00	\$32,298.00
Woolmarket	\$1,616.44	\$15,571.93

CHURCH *News*

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

Mississippi Gulf Coast Baptist Association

BEL AIRE is looking for a Full-time Associate Pastor. Please email office@belairebaptist.org for more information.

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

FBC WIGGINS is in search of a part time Financial Assistant. Please email resumes to: fbwreception@gmail.com.

GRACE MEMORIAL is in need of a part-time pianist for Sunday mornings, possibly Sunday evenings and Choir practice on Wednesdays. Please call the office at 228-863-5096 and speak to Jacob Vollom.

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

OLD SPANISH TRAIL BC is looking for a piano player. Please call Pastor Paul Burdic at 228-344-3109 or 228-304-0652 (cell).

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 an Interim Children's Pastor. Contact the church office at 228-467-9461.

THE CHURCH AT WINDANCE would like to announce their pastor, Rev. John Morris is retiring December 31, 2022. Please pray for them as they prepare to call a new pastor and for John and Pam during this transition.



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
- Faithview
- Handsboro
- McHenry FBC
- North Hills
- FSB Pearlington

GCBA AMD SEARCH UPDATE

The search team are continuing to meet regularly. They are no longer accepting resumes at this time. They are now in the process of reviewing resumes to narrow down the number of candidates and will meet again on January 11, 2023, to choose 5 candidates to interview.

The members of this Team are:

MODERATOR: Rev. Ray Duplessie

VICE-MODERATOR: Rev. Paul Crowley

STRATEGY TEAM CHAIR: Rev. Adam Bennett

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM CHAIR: Mrs. Brenda Davis

FINANCE TEAM CHAIR: Mr. Frank Raises

HANCOCK AT-LARGE: Rev. Barry Ginn

STONE AT-LARGE: Mrs. Sandra Parsons

HARRISON AT-LARGE: Rev. Gregg Magee, Sr.

HARRISON AT-LARGE: Mr. Doug Bradford

GCBA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

WHEN:

Monday, January 30, 2023 at 7PM

WHERE:

GCBA Training Center

**Who: Pastors & one Layperson
elected by the church annually may attend**

IMPORTANT TO YOU

FBC LONG BEACH
300 N. CLEVELAND AVE
MARCH 4, 2023 9AM-12PM
REGISTRATION AT 8:30AM
PRE REG \$10 DOOR: \$15



An ntLIVE brings the New Testament to life, involves participants in the story, and equips them to not only know it but effectively share it with others.



WALK THRU THE BIBLE

walkthru.org/events/ntlive



1st Annual Youth Conference

Maximum Strength for GOD!



Holy Spirit Filled Preaching - Changed Lives. Teenagers still need good, strong preaching! The guest speakers bring messages geared directly towards the needs of our young people.



Pastor Barry Ginn
 Shoreline Park Baptist Church
 Bay St Louis, MS



Pastor Paul Benard
 Overflow Baptist Church
 Magie, MS

Old-fashioned altar calls with an emphasis on - Decision Time. To the glory of God, hundreds of decisions are publicly made by teenagers each year during a Youth Conference. Whether it is salvation, surrender to God's will, repentance of sin, or renewing a walk with God...the old-fashioned altar call gives everyone an opportunity to solidify the decisions they have made.



Pastor Steve McNeil
 N. Long Beach Baptist Church
 Longbeach, MS



Fun & Exciting - Activities. Your group is guaranteed to make some unforgettable memories. Every game and activity is planned for maximum enjoyment. Have a great time mixing it up with other young people.



BSBC - Pastor Stan and his Wife Patricia



Bro. Marc Calvert
 Turning Points
 Wiggins, MS

DATES & TIMES: June 5 - 8, 2023 (F-S) 9 am - 6pm **LOCATION:** TBA - We are working with several locations

Events: Preaching, Gospel Music, Classes, Group Scenario Activities, Testimonies, Paintball / Games, BBQ, Prizes, & More.
(Conference: Per person & Group Rates Available Meals Provided - Please contact us at sperret20@ses.edu or 601.795.5674)

"Will You not revive us again so that Your people may rejoice in You?"
– Psalm 85:6 (CSB)



Revive Us, **O LORD!**

2023 STATE EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

January 29-30, 2023 • Brandon Baptist Church



KEVIN HAMM
First Baptist
Church
Gardendale, AL



STEVE GAINES
Bellevue Baptist
Church
Cordova, TN



HERB REAVIS
North Jacksonville
Baptist Church
Jacksonville, FL



DON WILTON
First Baptist
Church
Spartanburg, SC



JAMIE DEW
President
New Orleans Baptist
Theological Seminary



SHANE PRUITT
National Next Gen Director
North American
Mission Board



CLARENCE COOPER
(Church Host)
Brandon Baptist Church
Brandon, MS

MERRY
Christmas

From Mississippi Baptists to
Northwest Baptist Convention Pastors
(Washington, Oregon, and Northern Idaho)

For 59 years, Mississippi Baptists have blessed pastors with new suits and, more recently, their wives with gift cards for Christmas. These pastors work in challenging areas of our country and often do not have the money to purchase suits.

The cost of each suit is \$175. The ministry is made possible by your generous year-round donations. Churches, groups within the churches, and individuals are encouraged to participate in making this possible.

Send your donation designated for the
Suit Project to:

Mississippi Baptist Convention Board,
PO Box 530, Jackson, MS, 39205

Give the Gift of Hope



Teach an Adult to Read or Teach ESL

BEGINNING Jan. 24, 2023

Ways to find more information:

→ Go to hopeadultlearning.com

→ Scan the QR Code

→ Contact Donna Daulton
at (228) 256-3610



An Adult Reading & ESL Ministry



Thank you for helping us give *THE THRILL OF HOPE* in 2022!

Wow! 2022 has been a busy, productive year for the Women's Resource Center. As the demand for our services has continued to increase, our community has stepped up to help us meet the needs of our mothers, babies and families.

This year, we had more than 2,000 visits from expectant and new mothers. We provided resources for healthy pregnancies. We gave them tools to be better parents. We helped them experience the joy of life and THE THRILL OF HOPE. None of this would have been possible without the support of our staff, volunteers, board, donors, churches and each and every person who believes in our mission. For this, we thank you!



364
pregnancy tests



929
in-person classes



200
life-affirming
ultrasounds



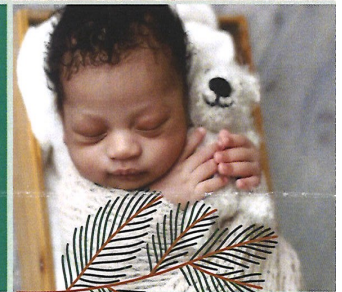
2,184
in-person
client visits



30,744
diapers



16
babies born
21
babies
on the way



WRC 2022 GIFT GIVING GUIDE

As you make your Christmas list, we hope you will consider a gift to the Women's Resource Center.

Your donation will truly make a difference in the lives of others.

At a loss about what to give your loved ones?

Searching for something to give the person who has everything?

Give a gift to
Women's Resource Center
in their name and
you will warm their heart
this holiday season.



\$2,500
saves 4 babies

\$500
provides ultrasounds
and tests for women in crisis



\$1,000
impacts 8 families
with educational services

\$250
provides an infant carseat & crib
for 1 family



\$100
provides diapers
for 1 month



Women's
RESOURCE CENTER

9155 Lorraine Road
Gulfport, MS 39503

228.897.8958 | wrcgulfport.org

\$50
provides two cans
of formula



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year Gulf Coast Baptist Association Family! As the year and semester comes to a close, I look back with gratefulness for how much support the BSU has received from you guys and how the Lord has used that to impact MGCCC for the Gospel.

Some highlights from the end of this semester at Perk include that we have FIVE students who have applied to be 2023 Summer Missionaries! This is very exciting seeing the Lord stirring a heart for missions in students. Our student led Guys and Girls Bible Studies finished strong. A big praise was how the Lord used one of our leaders who is on the football team to connect many of the football players to be involved with the Guys Bible Study.



We also had two fundraisers for Summer Missions. The first being our annual Jungle Pong Tournament (A favorite game at the BSU) and the second being our Christmas Skate Party. With both collecting donations for Summer Missions as entry fees. Going into January I am excited for our first BSU Impact Team meeting to take place on January 19th. For the start of a new semester with new students who we can

connect and minister to. And our Spring Break Mission Trip that will be taking place in March.

Keep us in your prayers, especially that students will be saved, and that saved students would say yes to the call of being a faithful Ambassador of Christ. May the Lord bless you all in your ministries!

David MacLellan, Director of the MGCCC Baptist Student union

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HC BSU NEWSLETTER

Hey, this is Bradley Farabee, BSU Director at the HC BSU! What a semester it has been! This semester has been a rollercoaster of ups and downs trying to find my place with students and churches. This wouldn't have been possible without you! Thank you for all that you have done to help us, whether that be financially supporting us or helping us in various events. We couldn't have done it without you, and I mean that!

Next Semester:

Our plan for next semester consists of more events focused on times where students are most active on campus and continuing our free lunches! I have mentioned to some that I was planning on going through Ephesians to talk about the life of a believer. After this semester, the spiritual state of our students are mostly unbelievers or complacent Christians. With that being said, I have decided to change my approach. We are going to go through Colossians. Paul was having to deal with a lot of heresy about Christ in the church. I believe that's where these students are at. Colossians is a short book, but that gives us time to dive deeply into what Paul is writing.

Thank you for your continued support!

BRADLEY FARABEE
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What's been going on?

With all that being said, I'm writing this newsletter as a semester overview, and going forward, I want this to become a monthly check-in for you to see how the BSU is growing and using the gifts you've given!

Starting with Free Lunches, we had 14 lunches this semester. During these lunches we walked through, at least highlights, of the book of John! My purpose behind this was to expose students to the Gospel. We reached roughly 30 unique students with the Gospel, and averaged roughly 15 throughout the semester! Those are amazing numbers! That's 30 unique Gospel conversations, and 15 who regularly continued to return! We want to praise God for these opportunities! Events didn't have the same numbers, but those times weren't wasted either. We were able to dive into deep conversations with two students and are currently in the process of evangelizing to them. I am currently in the process of trying to figure out what events students are interested in to reach them better.

How can you help?

We have a few kickoff events at the start of next semester!

We are going to need a few cases of water to help with that!