

THE TIDE



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Executive Board Meeting

Monday, October 4 @ 7pm

GCBA Training Center

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Bobby C. Perry

Associational Missions Offering

Sunday, October 17

Offering Goal \$18,000.00

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Annual Fall Meeting

Monday, October 18

Parkway Baptist Church

17284 Highway 67, Biloxi

Presession Music 6:45pm,

Session begins 7pm

Speaker: Dr. Blake Thompson,
President, Mississippi College

*(See page 2 for information regarding
messengers and page 6 for proposed
Constitutional changes)*

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Upcoming Events in Your Association

- Executive Board Meeting-7pm Oct 4
GCBA Training Center
- January Bible Study Preview 10am-Noon Oct 5
GCBA Training Center Dr. Jerry Rankin, presenter
- ACP paper copies due to GCBA Oct 7
- ACP Online submission due Oct 11
- Annual Fall Meeting-Parkway Baptist Church 7pm Oct 18
(Presession Music 6:45pm)
- Hancock County Cluster 8:30-9:30am Oct 18
Mockingbird Café, Bay St. Louis
- Harrison County Cluster-Cracker Barrel 8-9am Oct 19
- Stone County Cluster-Sawmill Restaurant 9-10am Oct 20
- Mississippi Baptist Convention-FBC Jackson Oct 26-27

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**FROM
THE
DESK OF**

STEVE MOONEYHAM

AMD

October means several things are about to occur.

Ministry-wise, there is an opportunity for churches to minister to your Pastor/Staff and spouses. October is Pastor (and Staff) Appreciation month. Your church staff ministers to the entire congregation in countless ways all throughout the year. I encourage you to plan a time of special recognition for these who serve you well. Paul reminded young Timothy that “those who serve well are worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching.” (1Tim. 5:17)

Please mark your calendar and be present for our Annual Meeting, Monday, October 18, 2021. We will meet with Parkway Baptist Church, 17284 Highway 67, Biloxi, MS. Pre-session music begins at 6:45 p.m. The meeting begins at 7:00p.m. Our speaker this year is Dr. Blake Thompson, President of Mississippi College.

Elect your messengers by this formula: each church is allowed five (5) messengers for the first fifty (50) members and one (1) additional messenger for each additional fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof. No church may have more than 10 messengers. For example, if a church has forty-five (45) members, they are entitled to five (5) messengers; if they have one hundred-seventy (170) members, they are entitled to seven (7) messengers.

According to our by-laws, attendance at our annual meeting is an important way churches express their participation in the Gulf Coast Baptist Association:

Section 2. If any church fails to send messengers to three (3) successive Meetings (Fall and Spring) of this Association, the Executive Team shall inquire into the status of the church and if necessary, recommend appropriate action to the Association.

Too often we take these meetings for granted, but they are important to our cooperative work locally. I encourage you to make effort for your church to be represented by your full complement of messengers this, and every year.

Another way churches express their cooperation is by completing and returning the ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE (ACP). This survey provides statistical data which helps us help you. The information requested is just basic information about your church and your leadership. It will not take but a few minutes to gather the needed information and fill it out. You can complete the ACP on-line. If you have questions, give Robin a call. She will be happy to guide you through it.

October presents our churches with another prime opportunity for outreach into our communities. Many of you will do a FALL FESTIVAL as an evangelistic effort to share the Gospel with your communities. Let me encourage you to reach out to a sister church who may not be able to do this by themselves and help them with a similar outreach in their community.

These are difficult days. I pray for our churches for wisdom and guidance to navigate the uncertainty. I pray you will hear the Father’s voice and follow the direction He provides. People need the Lord. They are hurting. They need to know someone cares and has answers. We know the One who hears them, loves them and desires a relationship with them. Boldly tell His story!

So grateful to be on this road with you!

Blessings,

Dr. Steve



Many local pastors have asked over the last few years if their youth group may participate in Partnership Gulf Coast as a mission team. We have discouraged the idea due to age limitations. Recently, at a meeting in Meridian, I discovered something that can help fill the need for our churches' youth group/mission groups. It is sponsored by NAMB and is surprisingly similar to World Changers or our own PGC. There is no age limit on who can go.

It is called the SEND Relief SERVE Tour. There are five sites between October of this year and next June. Each site will host teams who come to the sites for two days of ministry. The only cost is for lodging and meals. NAMB provides all materials and expenses for the projects. The projects can include light construction, serving first responders, serving in local food pantries, park cleanup and landscaping, homeless ministry, providing a playground for a local school, meeting the needs of local bi-vocational pastors, sports camps, community gardens and more.

The Serve Tour Cities and their dates are:

Tulsa, OK - Oct. 15-16, 2021 (Registration closes in less than eight days.)

Memphis, TN – February 25-26, 2022

Meridian, MS – March 18-19, 2022

Baltimore, MA – April 29-30, 2022

Charleston, SC – May 14-15, 2022

Your church may register at servetour.org for Early Access Registration. Project registration will be open around January 31, 2022.



Important to You...

Annual Church Profiles

Paper copies due to the Association office by **Oct. 7**
or
file online at SBCWorkspace.com by **Oct. 11.**

Don't forget to update your list of messengers to the Association in your

Leadership Survey before the Annual Fall Meeting on **Oct. 18.**

Chaplaincy Opportunity

We are looking for Chaplains for our units in Gulfport, D'Iberville and Wiggins. The requirements are as follows:

1. Must be over 21
2. Possess a college degree (B.A. or B.S) and a Seminary degree from institutions accredited by the Southern Association (or other regional equivalent) and the Association of 601-677 Theological Schools.

The Chaplain will participate in Cadet Programs, Emergency Services and Aerospace Education. If anyone is interested, they can reach me @ Smelser054@gmail.com or by telephone: 601-677-3687.

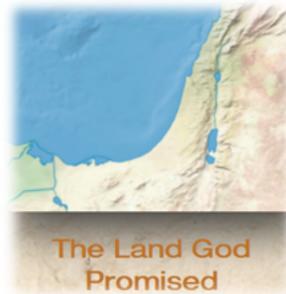
Thank you,

Chaplain David R. Smelser, Lt Col, CAP
Mississippi Wing Chaplain
U.S. Air Force Auxiliary

New Hope Baptist Church Bible Conference October 1st -3rd, Friday – Sunday

Want to understand the Bible Better?
Join us for this great experience!

Friday – 5:00 pm - Potluck Supper
6:00 pm - Bible Conference
Saturday – 6:00 pm - Bible Conference
Sunday – 9:30 am - Combined Sunday School
10:30 am - Morning Worship
6:00 pm - Evening Worship
(nursery provided for all sessions)



Bro. Vern Jordin, founder
Insights in Biblical
Narratives and Culture
www.insightsBNC.com

We will look at the geology, geography, climate, vegetation and animals along with the four seas, three continents, two deserts, yet one God influencing the people of the Land.

*A love offering will be received for Bro. Vern

Calling All Gardeners...

The **Handsboro Baptist Church** has a special "raised bed" vegetable garden and is inviting other local churches to help us make this successful. Our Lord trusts us to be stewards of HIS land!

If you would like to participate in our Fall garden, located very near Gulf Coast Community College (Switzer Rd.), just email: jstrubelboy@aol.com or cell/tx: 214-240-5256

Thanks!

Dr. John Barrett

"And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed."

Genesis 2:8

Contributions for August 2021

CHURCH	MONTHLY	YR. TO DATE
Back Bay	\$0.00	\$1,567.61
Bay St Louis	\$1,074.90	\$11,622.28
Bay Vista	\$246.78	\$2,377.35
Bayou Talla	\$25.00	\$200.00
Bayou View	\$166.66	\$1,333.28
Bayside	\$25.00	\$200.00
Bel Aire	\$1,393.00	\$12,009.00
Big Level	\$1,052.25	\$8,418.00
Big Ridge	\$327.64	\$3,035.09
Biloxi FBC	\$464.27	\$4,209.02
Bond	\$601.35	\$5,767.85
Bridge Community	\$0.00	\$1,024.00
Brodie Road	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chinese Grace Bible	\$600.00	\$600.00
Christ Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Connect Community	\$63.00	\$911.00
Cornerstone	\$100.00	\$675.00
Crosspoint	\$105.22	\$1,152.59
Delisle FBC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Desired Nation	\$225.00	\$1,125.00
Emmanuel	\$25.00	\$175.00
Empowerment Min.	\$0.00	\$600.00
Faithview	\$323.78	\$4,070.90
Family Worship	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faro de Esperanza	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fernwood	\$160.00	\$1,120.00
Grace Chapel	\$495.78	\$2,342.04
Grace Memorial	\$554.34	\$6,885.22
Grace Temple	\$100.00	\$1,200.00
GracePoint Church	\$0.00	\$295.00
Gtr. Mt Rest	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulf Gardens	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulfport FBC	\$3,172.81	\$20,701.31
Handsboro	\$640.80	\$5,419.68
Harbor City	\$175.00	\$1,475.00
Harvest Church	\$1,118.00	\$10,341.00
Highland	\$33.17	\$433.74
Iglesia Emanuel	\$0.00	\$157.34
Jacob's Well	\$752.00	\$10,169.82
Lakeshore	\$0.00	\$50.00
Lizana FBC	\$0.00	\$1,888.83
Long Beach FBC	\$1,465.03	\$14,873.04
Lyman FBC	\$182.00	\$1,823.00
McHenry FBC	\$156.17	\$1,428.65
Michael Memorial	\$1,310.94	\$12,588.58
MS Korean	\$435.17	\$3,845.72
Mt. Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$0.00	\$9,444.72
North Hills	\$78.15	\$493.24
North Long Beach	\$0.00	\$643.99
Old Spanish Trail	\$50.00	\$150.00
Parkway	\$496.48	\$4,239.61
Pass Christian FBC	\$108.35	\$157.04
Peace	\$50.00	\$400.00
Pearlington FSBC	\$0.00	\$450.00
Perkinston	\$227.00	\$1,651.00
Popps Ferry	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside	\$125.00	\$553.00
Robinwood	\$466.99	\$4,234.21
Shoreline Park	\$100.00	\$800.00
Success	\$0.00	\$953.98
The Church at Windance	\$269.50	\$1,190.09
Trinity	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tuxehena	\$136.05	\$1,161.90
Vardaman Street	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vidalia's Bridge	\$0.00	\$0.00
West Gulfport	\$54.30	\$767.75
Wiggins FBC	\$2,473.00	\$24,339.00
Woolmarket	\$1,453.22	\$13,052.81

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@cableone.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/228-209-7779.

HANDBORO has a special "raised bed" vegetable garden and is inviting other churches to join. See page 4 for details.

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.



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

Gulf Coast Baptist Association

Constitution and By-Laws

Proposed Changes

The following are the proposed changes to the Associational Constitution and By-Laws that will be voted on at our Annual Fall Meeting on Monday, October 18, 2021. (These changes were presented at the Spring Meeting on Monday, April 19, 2021 for information.)

If you have any questions regarding these changes please contact the office.

RECOMMENDATION # 1

By-Laws

ADD: "By-Law 1: EXECUTIVE BOARD

Realizing that the work for the Association should be effective during the entire year, and that matters presented for consideration at the meetings should be condensed and well classified, the following board shall be formed to carry on the work of the Association

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

PURPOSE: The Executive Board shall be responsible, in cooperation with the Executive Director., to the Association for the promotion, correlation and supervision of all work of the Association. It shall be empowered to act for the Association except in the matter of initiation of new policies.

MEMBERSHIP: The Executive Board shall be composed of the Association Officers, standing Team chairpersons, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board members, parliamentarian, pastors of all member churches and/or missions and one additional member from each church and/or mission in the association who will be elected by the church and/or mission from which they come and reported on the Associational Church letter or in written form on church letterhead during the year.

MEETINGS: The Executive Board shall meet quarterly in January, April, July and October and at other times on call of the Moderator after due notice is given to each Executive Board member, Quorum shall consist of those present. The Spring and Fall Meetings will continue in April and October.

RECOMMENDATION #2

ADD: "By-Law 2: EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

In the event of a local, state or national emergency, declared by a government agency or agencies, or a local catastrophic occurrence which prevents this association from operating according to its specified guidelines (such as, but not limited to, being unable to conduct the annual or semi-annual meeting of the messengers or scheduled Executive Board meetings), the Associational Leadership Team (also include in this recommendation that the EXECUTIVE TEAM be renamed the ASSOCIATIONAL LEADERSHIP TEAM and when approved this change be made in all other GCBA documents) will have authority to act on behalf of the Association to conduct all business.

All business conducted under these emergency circumstances will be reported to the association at the next annual meeting to be ratified.

RECOMMENDATION 3#:

Remove the "Associational Structure" section from the Constitution and By-Laws and use to create a separate "ASSOCIATIONAL STRUCTURE" manual.



GULF COAST COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

GCCM ANNUAL BBQ BENEFIT SALE

What: Gulf Coast Community Ministries, Daddy's BBQ smoked pork butts

When: Pre-order now. Pick-up October 21, 2021 from 4:30PM - 6:30PM

Where: Bayou View Baptist Church, 4709 Chamberlain Ave, Gulfport, MS

Gulf Coast Community Ministries is selling Daddy's BBQ whole smoked pork butts, hot and ready-to-eat, at a cost of \$40 each.

Pre-order is required. Tickets will be on sale until October 12th and can be purchased at Gulf Coast Community Ministries at 3916 15th St. in Gulfport, by calling 228-868-8202 or online at <https://gulfcoastministry.org/bbq-fundraiser>

All proceeds will go to Gulf Coast Community Ministries. Any orders not picked up will be distributed to our local homeless population through our Homeless Street Outreach Program.

Orders will be available for pickup and ready-to-eat on October 21st at Bayou View Baptist Church from 4:30PM – 6:30PM.

Through the support of local churches, businesses and individuals, Gulf Coast Community Ministries offers a free medical clinic for uninsured adults, a food pantry, homeless support including a free clothes closet and Camping for Hope. For more information about GCCM, please visit www.GulfCoastMinistry.org.

Contact:
Michael Wilson
GCCM Executive Director
Director@gulfcoastministry.org
(228) 868-8202





Happy Fall Gulf Coast Baptist Association Family! We are now more than a month into the Fall Semester and are already seeing the Lord work in the lives of many students at MGCCC both at the Perkinston and Harrison County Campuses.

Since the semester has started, our Leadership Team members, in total, have shared the Gospel in a one-on-one setting with at least 13 Students (That is not even including all the ones who have heard it through our Free Lunch meetings, Bible Studies, and Worship Nights!) Be in prayer for them and myself as we continue to build relationships with these lost students and continue to share the light of the Gospel!

I have been encouraged by seeing college students who not only desire to grow in their faith but also share it with others. And also, the number of students who are not believers that I have talked to that are open to hearing more about the Gospel.

Lastly, Bobby and I had the honor of getting to lead the 9/11 Memorial Service at the Harrison County Campus in prayer and a moment of silence for the lives that were lost that day and the friends and victims of those families. Dwelling on catastrophic events such as 9/11 is a harsh reminder of how little time we truly have on this earth and the importance of making the most of our time. And the best way that time can be spent is making Disciples of our Savior Jesus. So be in prayer for us at the Baptist Student Union to continue to make the most of every opportunity to share the Gospel and make disciples at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers, may the Lord bless you and sustain you in your ministry to each other and those around you!



Check out what your Margaret Lackey Offerings are doing!

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MARGARET LACKEY OFFERING FOR STATE MISSIONS



Disaster Relief volunteers “bring help, hope, and healing in Jesus’ name” to those affected by natural and manmade disasters. They provide services free of charge to those who have experienced the trauma brought on by disasters. Whether providing physical labor to those with damage, hot meals for the hungry, or words of comfort to the hurting, your gifts insure that we can go where needed. For more information, contact Hubert Yates at (601) 292-3334.

DISASTER RELIEF

\$60,000

CHRISTIAN MEN'S/ CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S JOB CORPS
\$25,000

One out of five Mississippians live in poverty. CMJC/CWJC combine discipleship and job skills training to assist men and women at more than 14 sites around the state. For more information, contact Tammy Anderson at (601) 292-3323.



PORT MINISTRY

\$20,000

Through port ministry in Gulfport and Pascagoula, Margaret Lackey offers a Christian witness and warm hospitality to seafarers. For more information, contact Chris O'Brien in Gulfport at (228) 868-2525 or (215) 805-8054 or Vince Smith in Pascagoula at (228) 769-7101.



COMMUNITY MINISTRY

\$180,000

Margaret Lackey grants assist associational initiatives for evangelistic ministries and mission strategies in local communities to impact the Kingdom. For more information, contact your local Baptist association.

Theme Verse:
“And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”
COLOSSIANS 3:14 (NIV)

Offering Goal:
\$2.1 Million

Resources:
Margaret Lackey Offering promotional materials, video clips, and a list of speakers are available at: www.mbc.org/margaret

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A Christmas Carol

NOVEMBER 21, 2021
6:00 PM SUNDAY EVENING



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