

THE TIDE



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Why should we complete the ACP?

We are so glad you asked! First of all, the numbers you report on the ACP or the Annual Church Profile tells the story of your ministry and gives you insight for future planning. At the Association level we use those stories to encourage, develop partnerships and form new ministry opportunities through our churches. *What's not to like about that?*

Secondly, both the ACP and the Mississippi Supplemental Surveys have been condensed (only 3 pages total for both) to make the process simpler and less time consuming. *Now, you know you've been asking for that!*

Thirdly, it is part of our Southern Baptist heritage. We are autonomous; yet, we are connected through our state convention (MBCB) and included in the larger framework of our national convention (SBC). Both of those entities, along with your association, depend on your ministry stories to provide resources and training to elevate the effectiveness of your church's ministries. *Win-Win!*

Finally, how do you complete it and when? Online or hard copy to the Association office by **October 7**. The surveys are available now at www.sbcworkspace.com. Also, we will email the .pdf of your survey the first week of September if you need a hard copy. As always, call the office for assistance or questions 228-832-4311.

Thanks and happy surveying!

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Upcoming Events in Your Association

- Office Closed for Labor Day **Sept 6**
- Small Church Youth Ministry Workshop 6:30pm **Sept 9**
GCBA Training Center
- Hancock County Cluster 8:30-9:30am **Sept 20**
Mockingbird Café, Bay St. Louis
- Harrison County Cluster-Cracker Barrel 8-9am **Sept 21**
- Stone County Cluster-Sawmill Restaurant 9-10am **Sept 22**
- GCBA Administrative Team Meeting Noon **Sept 28**
- GCBA Strategy Team Meeting 7:30am **Sept 30**
- GCBA Finance Team Meeting Noon **Sept 30**
- January Bible Study Preview 10am-Noon **Oct 6**
GCBA Training Center Dr. Jerry Rankin, presenter

ACPs due online or paper copy to GCBA Oct 7

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**FROM
THE
DESK OF**

STEVE MOONEYHAM

AMD

From our beginning, Southern Baptists have been a missionary people with a missions heartbeat. Historically, this missions fervor was fueled by the teaching and promotion of missions at every level of local church life. Organizations like WMU, Baptist Men, Acteens, GAs and RAs taught us to see a world in need of Jesus. In recent years, too many of our churches have eliminated such a focus on missions to the extent that we are no longer capturing the hearts and minds of our people for missions.

This is especially true of our children and teens. Many current and former missionaries testify that God touched their hearts for missionary service during these early years. When churches lose their missionary focus, they do so at their own peril, often becoming so inwardly focused they abandon their vision of a world in need of Christ.

Let me offer two ways to help overcome this issue. First, restore an emphasis on teaching missions in your church. We can help you do this.

Second, look for ways to engage with missionaries. Take note of this opportunity in our own association. Each year we have provided “*MISSIONARIES-IN-RESIDENCE*” where we invite a missionary couple to be in our association and available to talk about what God is doing in their ministry area. February 13-16, 2022, we will have Jared and Tara Jones, who serve in East Asia, available to speak to groups in your church. Please call the Association office soon to schedule them.

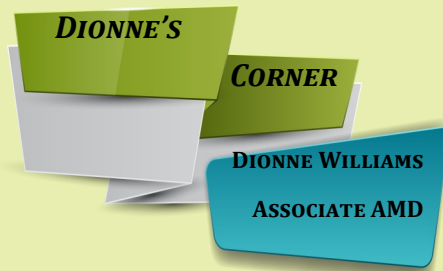
PASTORS!! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 6, 2021, 10:00 a.m. until NOON, for the *January Bible Study Preview*. The subject for the January 2022 study will be “Selected Psalms.” Dr. Jerry Rankin, who authored the study material for Life Way, will be our presenter. We will meet in the Training Center. Come to enjoy the fellowship in the Word and with fellow pastors.

One final note. This is Annual Church Profile time. Please complete this important document, as it provides much information to us which in turn helps us help you. It only takes a few minutes of your time to gather the necessary information, complete the form and submit it. The completion and submission process can be done on-line. Call Robin if your clerk has problems with it. She will help. Also, you can provide us with the names of your elected messengers for the Fall Meeting by listing them in this document. The Fall Meeting is quickly approaching. We will meet with Parkway Baptist Church, Monday, October 18, 2021.

Let's not become weary in well-doing...there is a harvest to be gleaned.

Blessings,

Dr. Steve



The Small Church Youth Ministry Workshop will be held in the **Training Center at GCBA on September 9 at 6:30 pm**. Supper will be provided for all who preregister. These workshops provide youth ministry training and an opportunity to discuss youth ministry as it relates to smaller churches *and* churches



that don't necessarily employ a full-time paid youth minister. We do require pre-registration to help us in our meal preparation.

Register: www.tinyurl.com/2021MSCYM



Men, mark your calendars **NOW!** That way nothing will interfere with your attendance at the Regional MS Disaster Relief Training on **February 12, 2022 with The Church at Windance located at 20035 Robinson Road (the former Robinson Road BC property)**. Save your pennies because there is a \$25 registration fee to cover background checks.

Every GCBA church should have this event already on the calendar! The Gulf Coast Baptist Association is hosting the next **Growing Churches conference on August 12-13, 2022**. This is two days of training and inspiration for church leaders of ALL church programs. Everything from teacher training to women's ministry will be scheduled. Remember Glorieta on the Gulf in 2008? Approximately 800 persons were trained in that event and our goal is to surpass that number. Make plans now to participate in this event.



New census data is now available on the **MissionInsite webpage**. If you are interested in receiving new demographic data for your community, please contact Grayson or me.

Important to You...

AREA 5 KEYBOARD FESTIVAL – GULF COAST

Registration begins for Grades K5-12 August 15, 2021

DEADLINE to register Monday, December 6, 2021

Festival Location: FBC Ocean Springs, Thursday, January 27, 2022, from 6:30 pm – 8 pm

Registration Fee \$10 per student

Check www.mbc.org after September 5, 2021 for the Handbook, registration forms and detailed information about categories.

For further Information or any questions: contact Wyndy South, Worship Ministries, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; wsouth@mbc.org.



Annual Church Profiles are due **Thursday, October 7** and are available online at www.sbcworkspace.com.

Executive Board Meeting of the Association will be

Monday, October 4 at 7pm in the GCBA Training Center.

The Annual Fall Meeting of the Association with **Parkway Baptist Church** will be **Monday, October 18 at 7pm (presession music begins at 6:45pm)**.

Guest speaker: Dr. Blake Thompson, President, Mississippi College. Don't forget to update your messengers on your **Leadership Survey** when you complete your **ACP**. If you have any questions regarding messengers please call the office 228-832-4311.



Condolences to Dr. Jimmy Stewart for the loss of his father, Dr. Don H. Stewart, on Tuesday, August 10, 2021.

Dr. Don H. Stewart was Chairman of the Department of Religion and Philosophy and Professor of New Testament and Greek at William Carey College for 15 years. He then served as Executive Vice President at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and then Professor of New Testament and Greek. He was named Professor Emeritus of New Testament and Greek upon retirement from NOBTS in 2003 after 25 years of dedicated service. Dr. Stewart served as pastor and interim pastor in numerous churches in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. He also traveled to 19 countries teaching, preaching, and serving.

MISSISSIPPI

MARGARET LACKEY OFFERING FOR STATE MISSIONS

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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Contributions for July 2021

CHURCH	MONTHLY	YR. TO DATE
Back Bay	\$0.00	\$1,567.61
Bay St Louis	\$1,784.58	\$10,547.38
Bay Vista	\$278.91	\$2,130.57
Bayou Talla	\$25.00	\$175.00
Bayou View	\$166.66	\$1,166.62
Bayside	\$25.00	\$175.00
Bel Aire	\$1,706.00	\$10,616.00
Big Level	\$1,052.25	\$7,365.75
Big Ridge	\$284.00	\$2,707.45
Biloxi FBC	\$469.93	\$3,744.75
Bond	\$1,333.90	\$5,166.50
Bridge Community	\$0.00	\$1,024.00
Brodie Road	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chinese Grace Bible	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Connect Community	\$245.00	\$848.00
Cornerstone	\$100.00	\$575.00
Crosspoint	\$102.83	\$1,047.37
Delisle FBC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Desired Nation	\$150.00	\$900.00
Emmanuel	\$25.00	\$150.00
Empowerment Min.	\$300.00	\$600.00
Faithview	\$542.51	\$3,747.12
Family Worship	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faro de Esperanza	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fernwood	\$160.00	\$960.00
Grace Chapel	\$171.21	\$1,846.26
Grace Memorial	\$974.89	\$6,330.88
Grace Temple	\$200.00	\$1,100.00
GracePoint Church	\$56.00	\$295.00
Gtr. Mt Rest	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulf Gardens	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulfport FBC	\$1,846.98	\$17,528.50
Handsboro	\$546.72	\$4,778.88
Harbor City	\$175.00	\$1,300.00
Harvest Church	\$1,198.00	\$9,223.00
Highland	\$40.29	\$400.57
Iglesia Emanuel	\$0.00	\$157.34
Jacob's Well	\$1,149.00	\$9,417.82
Lakeshore	\$0.00	\$50.00
Lizana FBC	\$326.47	\$1,888.83
Long Beach FBC	\$1,757.31	\$13,408.01
Lyman FBC	\$258.00	\$1,641.00
McHenry FBC	\$0.00	\$1,272.48
Michael Memorial	\$1,692.50	\$11,277.64
MS Korean	\$394.17	\$3,410.55
Mt. Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$2,151.92	\$9,444.72
North Hills	\$45.10	\$415.09
North Long Beach	\$128.82	\$643.99
Old Spanish Trail	\$0.00	\$100.00
Parkway	\$451.62	\$3,743.13
Pass Christian FBC	\$0.00	\$48.69
Peace	\$50.00	\$350.00
Pearlington FSBC	\$0.00	\$450.00
Perkinston	\$146.00	\$1,424.00
Popps Ferry	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside	\$182.00	\$428.00
Robinwood	\$443.33	\$3,767.22
Shoreline Park	\$100.00	\$700.00
Success	\$0.00	\$953.98
The Church at Windance	\$0.00	\$920.59
Trinity	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tuxechena	\$138.04	\$1,025.85
Vardaman Street	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vidalia's Bridge	\$0.00	\$0.00
West Gulfport	\$58.26	\$713.45
Wiggins FBC	\$2,279.00	\$21,866.00
Woolmarket	\$1,398.50	\$11,599.59

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.

FBC MCHENRY is announcing the resignation of their pastor, Rev. Wayne Flurry. Please join them in prayer during this time of transition.

GRACE MEMORIAL is excited to announce they have called Zane Lynn as their Minister of Music and Kathy Rafal is their new Ministry Assistant. Join us in welcoming them both to our Association.

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 until September 30.

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:

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

A Partnership Gulf Coast Success Story...

Grateful! This is how I sum up my experience from hosting a “Backyard Bible Club” this summer. When Dionne Williams asked me if my church would consider hosting a youth mission team from FBC Myrick my initial response was hesitation. My brain started spinning with questions as Dionne started explaining how another church had to back out and he needed a church to host this group. I began thinking of the logistical issues: where would they stay, who in my church could host this group for four days, how would we get the word out, how much of this would I wind up doing myself because I don’t know if I can pawn it off on any of my church members.

Yet, as Dionne continued to explain the benefits of an old idea that has come back around again, my enthusiasm began to grow. My desire for my church to connect with people who do not attend my church or perhaps any church began to swell. So, I made the commitment. Two weeks later, the pastor and youth pastor from FBC Myrick were sitting in my office along with Dionne from our Gulf Coast Baptist Association. We hashed out the logistics, made our plan, and went to lunch.

I am so thankful that our association had the foresight to put everything necessary for a successful Backyard Bible Club on their website. FBC Myrick took this information and ran with it. Now it was up to myself, my wife, and my church volunteers to take care of the prep work. Host home (my home) – check. Canvass my neighborhood with volunteers from my church – check. Tables, chairs, big tent, snacks, refreshments, fans cause it’s 90 degrees even in the evening – check. Pray for the Lord to bless and hope kids actually come to a stranger’s house (my house) – check. And God showed out.

Day 1 – amazingly eight kids came to the Robinwood Kids Club. Did I mention we changed the name from “Backyard Bible Club” to “Robinwood Kids Club?” I thought what parent is going to allow their child to go play in a stranger’s fenced in back yard. Also, six parents came on day one, sat around in lawn chairs, and enjoyed getting to know one another. **Day 2** – eleven kids came, and six parents (four from day one and two new parents) sat around and continued getting to know one another. Bonus from day two, three siblings shared that they had never been to church and asked if they could have a Bible. **Day 3** – the storms rolled in so we cancelled only to realize about four kids had ridden their bikes in the rain to our house because they wanted to come to our Kids Club. **Day 4** – we prayed for no rain and thirteen kids came back for the final day of Kids Club along with eight parents. I got to present the Bibles to the parents of the children. All the parents thanked us for hosting a Bible club for their kids. Even the families who don’t go to church. The neighbors want to get together again and are interested in visiting my church.

Grateful, thankful, humbled, and making plans to do more Backyard Bible Clubs next summer. Thank you, Dionne for setting this up. Thank you FBC Myrick youth group for doing games, crafts, and Bible stories. Thank you volunteers from Robinwood Baptist Church who helped make the Robinwood Kids Club a success. Thank You, Lord, for prompting me to let go of my hesitation and allowing You to impact boys and girls in my neighborhood who don’t go to church to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Rev. Brad Smith, pastor
Robinwood Baptist Church





Greetings Gulf Coast Baptist Association Family! Summer is finally over which means the Fall semester at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College has begun. We started the first day of classes at Perk with having a Kickoff Cookout to meet new students and get them plugged into the BSU. The turn out blew away my expectations, we had over 140 students come to the BSU for our Kickoff. So, be in prayer that they would get plugged into the BSU, that they may be discipled and hear the Gospel.

I want to give a special shoutout to FBC Wiggins, for donating a brand-new grill to the BSU (which we used for the Cookout) and providing coolers. Also, I want to thank Big Level BC for providing gift cards to the local coffee shop for new students and desserts for our Cookout.

At the Harrison County Campus, Bobby Foster (The Jackson County BSU Director) and I were able to meet students and share with them about BSU. Be in prayer for us as we seek to build the BSU ministry at HC. We will resume doing Free Lunches at HC BSU the Monday after Labor Day so if you are interested in providing a lunch this semester, please let me know.

Lastly, I just want say a big thank you for each one of you continuing to pray for the ministry of the BSU and college students on our campuses, and providing financially so we may continue to reach students with the Gospel and make disciples. Blessings and may the Lord be with you.

David MacLellan

Director of the MGCCC Baptist Student Union

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**With Every Step...
We Remember**
Saturday, September 18, 2021
Harrison County Fairgrounds
15321 County Farm Rd. Gulfport, MS
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Support the Ministry of Pro-Life MS
ALL Across Our State as We Strive to
Protect Life in ALL Stages.**



**Register
Here:**



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It's NOT just a Walk it's a FAMILY FUN DAY!

Food, Fellowship, Fun, Music, Bounce Houses, Ponies, Firetruck, and More!

Directions: From I10 take exit 28 north for 7 miles entrance on the left. From Hwy 49 head south to Hwy 53, turn onto Hwy 53 go 7 miles, left onto County Farm Rd go 1/4 mile on right.

Walker's Name: _____
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I am participating in the Walk For Life Saturday, September 18, 2021. All proceeds will go directly to Pro-Life Mississippi to help educate people about Life issues. Please record the amount that you are contributing. Make checks payable to Pro-Life Mississippi. All contributions are tax deductible. Thank You!

RELEASE FORM: Upon acceptance of this entry form, I waive all claims for myself and my heirs against the race officials and sponsors of the Walk For Life for injury or illness from direct or indirect participation. I also grant permission to use any photographs or other promotional record of this event for any legitimate reason.

Walker Signature _____ Parent signature of minor walker REQUIRED _____
To guarantee shirt size, please call 601-956-8636 ext. 1 with your registration information by September 1, 2021.

• • • • • 5K RUN RACE TO EMBRACE

SATURDAY
September 25th

7am check in

Race starts at 8am

at East Rec Pool, Diamondhead, MS

EARLY ENTRY FEE \$25

RACE DAY ENTRY FEE \$30

Name _____ Sex: M F

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ DOB _____

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Email _____

** Race Waiver to be acknowledged and signed by participants prior to picking up bib assignments.

Mail checks to GCCWJC-Magdalene House
P.O. Box 6023, Diamondhead, MS 39525

- Awards will be given to winners in each age division.
- There will be refreshments during the race and post race.
- There will be tshirts for all preregistered runners, and for day of race registrants while supplies last.

Proceeds will benefit:

Gulf Coast Christian Women's Job Corps /
Magdalene House

www.womenscommunitysupport.org

Register on line at:

www.raceroster.com



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→ Contact Donna Daulton

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