

THE TIDE

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Associational Senior Adult Gathering

Tuesday, March 24
10:30am-1pm

Hosted by Faithview Baptist Church
24073 Church Ave., Saucier

Faithview will provide the meal.

Menu

**Ham, Potato Salad, Green Beans,
Rolls, Dessert, Tea, Water, Lemonade
and Coffee**

NOTE TO ALL SENIOR ADULT GROUPS:

If your church's Senior Adult group would like to have one of your monthly meetings here at the GCBA Training Center, we would love for you to do so. You can have your program as usual or we will provide the program for you or just let you use the building. Give us a call and let's see when we can schedule your event.

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Ministry Safe-FBC Gulfport, 9am-2pm Mar 3

Old Testament Live-FBC Long Beach 9am-12pm Mar 7

Hancock County Cluster-Mockingbird Café, Mar 16
Bay St. Louis 8:30-9:30am

Harrison County Cluster-Cracker Barrel 8-9am Mar 17

Stone County Cluster-Sawmill Rest. 9-10am Mar 18

GCBA Senior Adult Gathering-Faithview, 10:30am-1pm Mar 24

VBS Kickoff Weekend-Garaywa Mar 27-28

Associational VBS Clinic-FBC Gulfport, 6:30-8pm Mar 31

Administrative Team Meeting-GCBA, Noon April 1

Strategy Team Meeting, 7:30am/Finance Team, Noon April 2

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Dear Friends,

By the time you read this, Mardi Gras will be fading in the rearview mirror, and we will be in the initial days of the Lenten season. For many this is a highly spiritual time of reflection and denial. Jesus taught us that *denial* is a vital part of our discipleship experience. In fact, he said that if we wished to be His follower, we must deny self.

Many will give up certain activities, foods, etc. during this season in their desire to become more spiritually attuned to God. The sad part is that many of those same people will call it a success at the end of Lent and return to their old ways.

Before one goes too far in agreeing with me to the point of pointing fingers, should consideration be given to whether we do the same thing?

Just sayin'...

Your GCBA is off to a great start in 2020. Take a look elsewhere in this edition to see opportunities available to you for mission, ministry and training. Take a look at the graphic below which talks about prison ministry. Many of our churches are involved in ministering to prisoners through the Good News Jail and Prison Ministry at the Harrison County jail. Others are involved with the jail ministry in Hancock and Stone counties. There are others who minister at the Regional prison facilities in south Mississippi. If your church is interested in doing jail ministry, give us a call. We can work it out.

In recent editions, I have reminded you that the GCBA is available to help churches in need of revitalization. Churches struggle, but there is no reason to linger. I am eager to come alongside you to work with you to help you seek God's face for a new direction and new effectiveness in being the church you are called to be in your area. Help begins with a conversation. Let's talk.

Don't forget to set your clocks FORWARD one hour on Saturday night March 7 when you go to bed. I usually go ahead and set mine ahead sometime during the day on Saturday so it does not seem like such a shock. Just a thought!

Thank you for the JOY of allowing me to walk with you on this journey of faith.

Blessings,

Dr. Steve

Inside Your Local Jail...



60+%

of inmates were involved with drugs or alcohol at the time of their offense



97%

of female inmates have suffered some form of physical or sexual abuse (60% for male inmates)



46%

of inmates had a family member who was incarcerated



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people entering prison lived in foster care or in an institution

For more information on Jail Ministry in Harrison County contact:

Rev. Tony Graham tony.graham@goodnewsjail.org.



To Register for OT Live use the QR Code below or [click here for online registration.](#)

March 7
9 AM – Noon
FBC Long Beach
Cost: \$10

2020 MISSIONARY IN RESIDENCE REPORT

This year's edition of **Missionary In Residence** was a great success! It worked as perfectly as possible. Steve Allen, Church Planting Catalyst for New York City, spoke 10 times Sunday through Wednesday. He was able to share with the Perk BSU, who is planning a trip in March to NYC to help a church planter. Here is the best part. For years, I have encouraged pastors to schedule a Monday or Tuesday night meeting in their church for the missionary to speak. I was always told, "My people won't turn out for that." This year, Big Level and First Southern Baptist Church, Pearlington scheduled Monday and Tuesday night meetings. Monday night at Big Level, there were 16 who listened to and questioned Steve about the work in NYC. FSBC, Pearlington had 13 on Tuesday evening AFTER ONLY A 36 HOUR NOTICE BY TEXT AND EMAIL!!!!

People who give to missions want to hear how God is using that money. They enjoy seeing the Cooperative Program at work! Because of the decline in our churches of WMU (Women's Missionary Union) and children's mission education programs like Royal Ambassadors, (RAs) Girls' Auxiliary (GAs) and Acteens, Southern Baptist church members know little about the mission endeavors around the world they support through the Cooperative Program. **Missionary In Residence** allows them an opportunity to interact and communicate face-to-face with an actual missionary.

Next year's **Missionary In Residence** emphasis will be February 14 – 17, 2021. Clear your calendar and plan NOW to have the missionary in your church to share.

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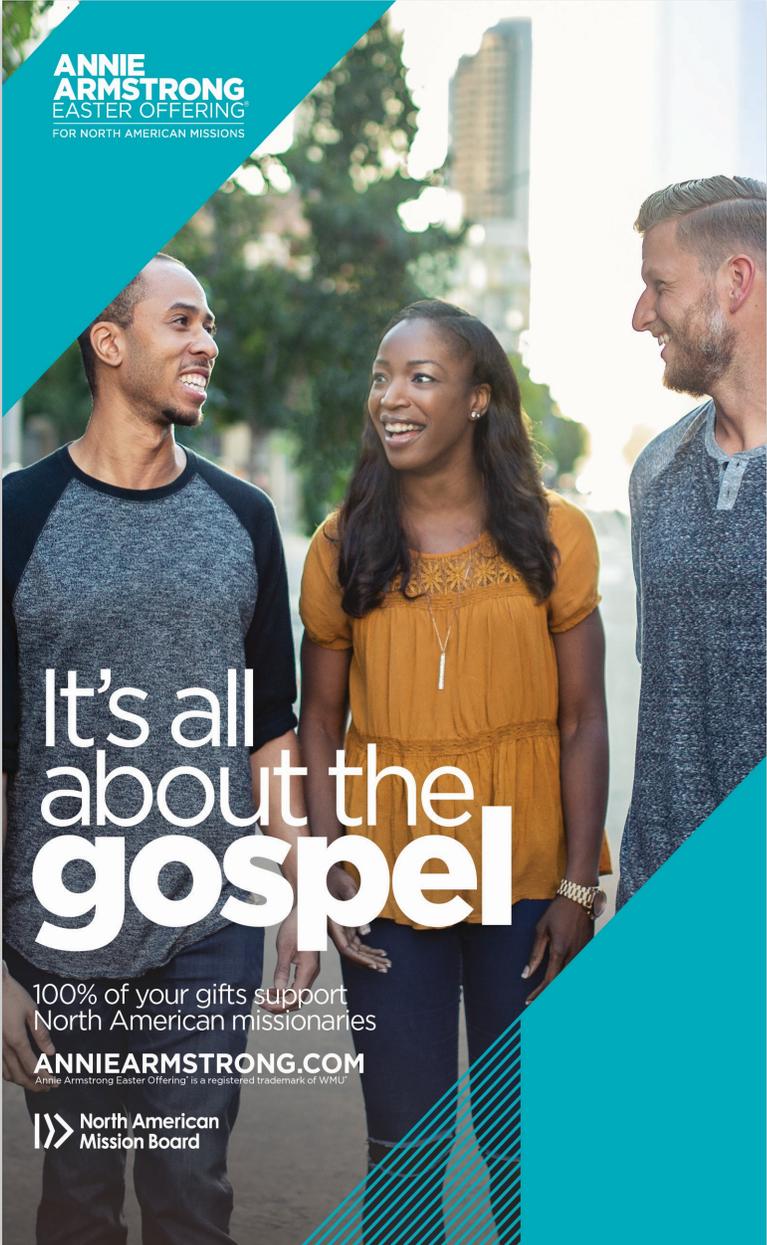
National Goal: \$70,000,000.00

HOW YOUR GIFTS EQUIP AND ENCOURAGE NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONARIES

- \$5 Bus fare for travel in the local community
- \$25 Meal with an unreached person
- \$85 Subscriptions for training resources
- \$100 Anniversary gift for a missionary couple
- \$175 Laundromat fees for a family of four
- \$300 Training and conferences for a church planter's wife
- \$500 Food and supplies for a neighborhood outreach event
- \$1,000 Emergency travel assistance for a missionary family
- \$1,200 Bibles, gospel tracts and discipleship materials for a church plant
- \$1,400 Monthly worship facility rent
- \$5,000 Worship equipment for a new church plant

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Contributions for January 2020

CHURCH	MONTHLY	YR. TO DATE
Back Bay	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bay St Louis	\$3,143.88	\$3,143.88
Bay Vista	\$356.15	\$356.15
Bayou Talla	\$25.00	\$25.00
Bayou View	\$166.66	\$166.66
Bayside	\$25.00	\$25.00
Bel Aire	\$1,677.93	\$1,677.93
Big Level	\$1,183.00	\$1,183.00
Big Ridge	\$509.02	\$509.02
Biloxi FBC	\$1,022.28	\$1,022.28
Bond	\$1,412.15	\$1,412.15
Bridge Community	\$0.00	\$0.00
Brodie Road	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chinese Grace Bible	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Connect Community	\$72.00	\$72.00
Cornerstone	\$0.00	\$0.00
Crosspoint	\$161.24	\$161.24
Delisle FBC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Desired Nation	\$0.00	\$0.00
Emmanuel	\$25.00	\$25.00
Faithview	\$585.41	\$585.41
Family Worship	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faro de Esperanza	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fernwood	\$160.00	\$160.00
Grace Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grace Memorial	\$1,192.13	\$1,192.13
GracePoint Church	\$50.00	\$50.00
Grace Temple	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gtr. Mt Rest	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulf Gardens	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulfport FBC	\$4,768.61	\$4,768.61
Handsboro	\$905.17	\$905.17
Harbor City	\$60.00	\$60.00
Highland	\$0.00	\$0.00
Iglesia Emanuel	\$21.35	\$21.35
Jacob's Well	\$1,114.59	\$1,114.59
Lakeshore	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lizana FBC	\$240.85	\$240.85
Long Beach FBC	\$2,535.01	\$2,535.01
Lyman FBC	\$235.00	\$235.00
McHenry FBC	\$244.07	\$244.07
Michael Memorial	\$1,782.77	\$1,782.77
MS Korean	\$476.33	\$476.33
Mt. Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$3,075.81	\$3,075.81
North Hills	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Long Beach	\$143.90	\$143.90
Old Spanish Trail	\$0.00	\$0.00
Parkway	\$714.92	\$714.92
Pass Christian FBC	\$85.64	\$85.64
Peace	\$50.00	\$50.00
Pearlington FSBC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Perkinston	\$191.39	\$191.39
Popps Ferry	\$184.98	\$184.98
Riverside	\$0.00	\$0.00
Robinwood	\$684.53	\$684.53
Saucier FBC	\$50.00	\$50.00
Shoreline Park	\$100.00	\$100.00
Success	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Church at Windance	\$323.00	\$323.00
Trinity	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tuxechena	\$151.07	\$151.07
Vardaman Street	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vidalia's Bridge	\$0.00	\$0.00
West Gulfport	\$139.44	\$139.44
Wiggins FBC	\$4,301.00	\$4,301.00
Woolmarket	\$2,172.21	\$2,172.21

CHURCH *News*

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

Mississippi Gulf Coast Baptist Association

BOND located just north of Wiggins, is in search of a part-time Music Minister. Please direct inquiries and resumes to Dale Davis @ 601-528-0121 or email stoneprint1@gmail.com.

BAYOU TALLA FELLOWSHIP will be hosting a Women's Conference, "Broken to Beautiful" Saturday, March 7, from 9am-12pm. Tickets are available online www.bayoutalla.com or contact the church for more information 228-255-1118.

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.

CROSSPOINT would like to invite all church groups to join them at the Biloxi Shuckers Faith & Family Day event on Sunday, May 17. See pg.6 of this edition for more information or contact Doug Piper at doug@mycrosspoint.org or 228-223-4097.

GRACE CHAPEL has a 2003 Ford F-350 20 passenger bus for sale. For more information contact Pastor Stan Proctor at 228-493-0709. See the GCBA Facebook page for details.

POPPS FERRY would like to announce they have called Dr. Keith Tankersley as their pastor. Please join them in this celebration.



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

Grace Memorial
New Hope
Trinity

Important to You...

Condolences to Dr. Eugene Anderson, former pastor Vardaman Street Baptist Church, and family in the loss of Eugene's mother Mattie May Anderson. Mrs. Anderson passed away on Sunday, February 16, 2020 at Azalea Gardens Nursing Home in Wiggins.

God is our refuge and our strength.

Psalm 46:1

Vardaman Street Baptist Church

will host their Spring Revival from
March 29th-April 1st.

Bro. Jeffrey Lee of Ford's Creek Baptist Church in Poplarville will be bringing the message.

Bro. Benjy Rigney of Picayune will be leading music.

Worship Schedule:

- Morning Service on Sunday at 10:30am with Dinner on the Grounds to follow.
- Afternoon Services at 1:15pm.
- Nightly service during the week will begin at 6:30pm.

MARCH 30-31, 2020
CAMP GARAYWA

For more information or to register online click here:
Tinyurl.com/2020MAConf

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST MINISTRY
ASSISTANTS CONFERENCE

BE THOU MY VISION

I HAVE SET THE LORD
ALWAYS BEFORE ME;
BECAUSE HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND,
I SHALL NOT BE SHAKEN.
PSALM 16:8 ESV

SAVE THE DATE

GCBA Administrative Assistants Luncheon
Thursday, August 13, 2020 11:30am-1pm
Guest Speaker: Beth Bowman

Faith & Family Day Sunday, May 17th



Double Header Versus The Montgomery Biscuits
Sunday, May 17th First Game 1:05 pm
Tickets Starting at \$9 for groups of 20 or more

Doubleheader versus the Montgomery Biscuits! Two 7 Inning games for the price of one! First game - 1:05PM. Gates open at Noon.

Pre game festivities include: catch on the field, guest testimonials, player autographs, and a worship band performance.

Post game features kids run the bases and launch a ball.

Tickets start at \$9 for groups of 20 or more! Contact Layton at (228) 271-3486 or markwood@biloxishuckers.com for more details.

Paying it Forward

Submitted by Mary Alice Sierveld

Gulf Coast Christian Women's Job Corps/Magdalene House, the Women's Community Support Center, located in Hancock County, is a ministry of the Women's Missionary Union. Our mission is to encourage women to pursue a relationship with Jesus Christ, to provide hope, and to move them toward self-sufficiency by providing education, mentoring and strength-based skills.

One Monday afternoon, I sat across from a lovely young woman at Magdalene House who told me a harrowing story of being so totally into drugs and alcohol that she was on the brink of being sold into sex trafficking here in Hancock County. I have met so many wonderful young women like her who are seeking recovery from various dependencies, many of whom desperately want to rebuild their lives and get their kids out of foster care.

Their stories are heartbreaking: growing up with alcoholic parents and going down that same path, leaving abusive relationships, serving prison sentences mainly because of drug and/or alcohol abuse.

They have found their way to Gulf Coast Christian Women's Job Corps/Magdalene House, a safe, comfortable place for them to begin rebuilding their lives.

Courses are offered in Bible study, anger management, money management, career skills, and mentoring. I am leading a class we call Book Club, in which we read stories of women of the Old Testament, learning how they dealt with many of the same problems young women face today. We see how God's blessings helped them deal with many of the same issues.

If you are seeking help to change your life, find employment, a safe space and Christian women to walk the journey with you, contact us.

If you would like to volunteer or assist us financially, we want to hear from you. You can reach out to Diane Bennett, GCCWJC Director, at 228-586-3510.





CHURCH SAFETY FOR MINORS WORKSHOP

CHILDREN'S SAFETY IS NOT A MINOR ISSUE

WHEN & WHERE

March 3 @ FBC, Gulfport

Registration: 8:30 a.m.
Event: 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Event previously held in 2019 at North Oxford BC & Brandon BC*

COST

- \$20 Online Registration
- \$25 @ the Door

*Note:

Pre-Registration online guarantees lunch & materials

WHO

Vocational Ministry Professionals
Risk Managers
Pastors
Children's Ministers
Safety & Security Personnel
Elders and Deacons
Ministry Volunteers

JOIN US IN WORKING PROACTIVELY TO PROTECT CHILDREN AND YOUTH FROM SEXUAL ABUSE

ABOUT THE CHURCH SAFETY WORKSHOP:

A comprehensive training that describes an effective Safety System protecting children and youth from sexual abuse in church and ministry environments. MinistrySafe offers a complex Safety System, including Awareness Training, Skillful Screening forms and training, criminal background checks, sample policies, screening forms and systems for monitoring and oversight.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Common misconceptions
- Abuser characteristics
- The 'grooming process' utilized by offenders
- Common 'grooming behaviors'
- Peer-to-peer sexual abuse
- Reporting responsibilities
- Changes in current legislation
- Description of an effective Safety System
- Description of an effective Screening Process
- Tools and resources for reducing the risk

Click here to register: www.tinyurl.com/ministrysafe2ms





Rally:

SUNDAY

APRIL 26

6:00PM

Evangelism Workshop:

MONDAY

April 27

8:00AM

Michael Memorial

15053 John Clark Road

Gulfport, MS 39503

Click here or go to: <https://events.whosyourone.com/tour/stop/Gulfport/>
to reserve your spot for the Monday workshop.

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Updated content from 2018 • Pastors encouraged to attend with their teams

You will learn:

- Current Church Security Climates
- Facilities Risk Assessment
- Security Teams: selection, training, liability
- Active Shooter

• Online registration only:

Click here: www.tinyurl.com/2020FSA

- **Cost is \$25 per person with lunch provided.**
- **Seating is limited to 200 people at each venue with a maximum of 5 people per church.**
- **Questions? Contact Vesta Clary at 601-292-3310.**



PLEASE JOIN US!

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- **March 23**
Fairview BC, Columbus
- **March 24**
FBC, Grenada
- **March 25**
LaBelle Haven BC, Olive Branch
- **April 6**
Brandon BC, Brandon
- **April 7**
FBC, Biloxi



2020 CHURCH FINANCIAL LEADERS TRAINING

MAY 15-16, 2020

GARAYWA CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER | CLINTON, MS

SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY

Check-In – 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Dinner – 5:30 p.m.

First Session – 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Breakfast – 7:00-8:00 a.m.

First Session – 8:00 a.m.

Conclusion – 12:30 p.m.

SPEAKER:

JOHNNY RAKESTRAW, CPA/Pastor

Wallerville Baptist Church | New Albany, MS

\$40 per person – overnight and two meals

Registration: Click here: www.tinyurl.com/churchfinancialtraining

For more information, contact Lisa Leavell at lleavell@mbcb.org or 601-292-3347.

Rick Blythe, Director of Stewardship/CP Promotion
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