

# THE TIDE



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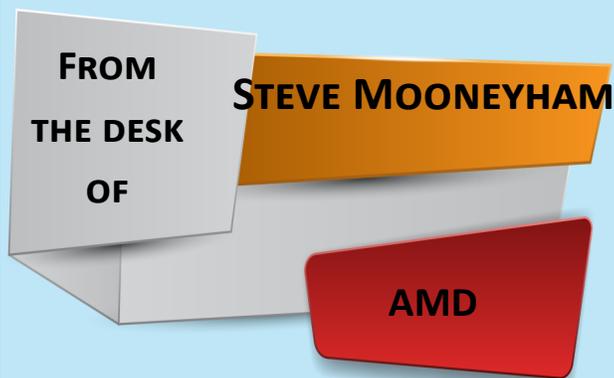
### Upcoming Events in Your Association

- Discipling2Minister SS/Small Group/VBS Dir. Trng 6:30-8:30pm **Mar 8**  
Grace Temple B.C.
- Hancock County Cluster 8:30-9:30am Mockingbird Café, **Mar 14**  
Bay St. Louis
- Harrison County Cluster-Cracker Barrel 8-9am **Mar 15**
- Stone County Cluster-Sawmill Restaurant 9-10am **Mar 16**
- Leading Men 2 Minister 9-11am **Mar 26**  
GCBA Training Center
- GCBA Administrative Team Meeting Noon-GCBA **Mar 29**
- GCBA Strategy Team Meeting 7:30am-GCBA **Mar 31**
- GCBA Finance Team Meeting Noon-GCBA **Mar 31**
- Small Church Conversations 6:30-8:30pm **April 1**  
FBC Lyman (Bi-vocational/small church pastors & wives. Meal provided.)
- GCBA Executive Board Meeting-GCBA Training Center 7pm **April 4**
- Spring Meeting of the Association-Handsboro B.C. 7pm **April 18**

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Some years back, when the Chrysler Corporation was engaged in strategic planning, the rumor is that it took them three days before they determined that their purpose was to sell cars. "Well, duh," you might say, "what else would it be?" It seems that the various divisions of the company all believed that their particular area was the reason the company existed and should be the driving force into the future. You may not be aware that in the years before that process, Chrysler nearly went bankrupt as a company. Knowing their purpose made a difference.

This is also true in church. So, let's ask the question, "What is the purpose of (our) church?" One might say, "Our purpose is to worship God." Some one else might say, "Our purpose is to teach the Bible." Another answer to the question might be, "Our purpose is to love one another." Other answers might include missions or ministry. Still, someone else might say, "Our purpose is to be a moral conscious for the community." While these are good answers and hard to argue against, may I suggest that none of these are what we are all about?

Consider what Jesus said in Luke 19:10, "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." (NASB)

Yes, Jesus worshipped. Yes, Jesus taught Scripture. Yes, Jesus demonstrated love to the world, (but loving the world did not include condoning or overlooking what the world does). And, yes, Jesus ministered and so on and so on! Yet none of those are reasons he came. He came to seek and save the lost.

Which brings us to (our) church. Why does it exist? Simply put, we exist to bring people to Jesus.

We do a LOT of things. We are known for our busy-ness. We can fill up a calendar at a pace that would put most thoroughbreds to shame. We have meetings to plan meetings! But does our busy-ness achieve our purpose? Can we just go ahead and admit that it does not? The things listed above are not our purpose, they are by-products of our purpose. They intoxicate us with a false sense of accomplishment and satisfaction to mask the fact that we are not fulfilling our purpose.

Jesus chastised the church at Ephesus (Revelation 2) for leaving their first love. Are we abandoning our first love (Jesus) when we put the emphasis on the trappings of church and not the purpose of church? If we are not seeking the lost to introduce them to Jesus, are we really the church?

Remember, it took Chrysler three days to figure out their purpose was to sell cars. How long will it take us to remember that our purpose is to reach people? Everything else comes about as a result of reaching people.

Just a thought....

Walking the journey with you,

Dr. Steve

Wow! Have you seen the grocery prices and the empty shelves? I am seriously considering doing square foot gardening this spring and summer. If it gets worse, I might need to get churches to pay my honorarium with vegetables and chickens. Imagine Miss Susie, southern belle that she is, plucking chickens for supper, rubbing her forehead with her feather covered hand saying, "My! I think I may be gettin' th' vapors!" Funny as that sounds, we may find ourselves going back to the basics.



Back to the basics. Because of COVID, it may be time for churches to get back to basics. Take Sunday School/Small Group Bible Study groups. The basics or principles of growth in small groups are still the same. Ideally, Sunday School and small groups focus on discipling Christians AND reaching others. Bible Study, discipling and outreach go hand in hand. The personal invitation to join Bible study is more effective than anything else we do. Today most people investigate a church worship service before getting involved with a small group. But a person invited to a Bible study is much more willing to attend a worship service too. When we lose focus on the basics, the rest begin to crumble. After losing in the last minute of the NFL title game, Vince Lombardi, famed Green Bay Packers coach, told his team after that loss that they would never lose another championship. At the beginning of training camp the following year, Coach Lombardi looked at his team and said, "Gentlemen, this is a football." He took them back to the basics and the Packers won the next two NFL championships (and five total in his 7 years as coach).

GCBA Christians, let's get back to basics!

# DISCIPLING TO *Minister*

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR  
A SPECIAL NIGHT OF TRAINING  
BROUGHT TO YOU BY YOUR GULF  
COAST BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AND  
THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST  
CONVENTION BOARD.**

**THIS SPECIAL TRAINING IS  
DESIGNED TO HELP CHURCH  
LEADERS MOTIVATE CHURCH  
MEMBERS TO MOVE BEYOND THE  
WALLS OF THE CHURCH INTO THE  
COMMUNITY TO REACH THE LOST  
AND UNCHURCHED.**

**March 8th**

**Grace Temple Baptist Church  
Old Highway 49 @ Duckworth Road  
6:30pm - 8:00pm**



**MICHAEL  
LEE**  
Pastors



**KEN  
HALL**  
Student  
Ministry



**WYNDY  
SOUTH**  
Children &  
Pre-School



**ANGIE  
BOYDSTUN**  
VBS Directors



**SLATER  
MURPHY**  
Music / Adult  
Small Group



GRAYSON ORMAN

MINISTRY  
STRATEGIST

## Partnership Gulf Coast

For years, the Gulf Coast Baptist Association has offered churches throughout the United States a place to conduct outreach efforts in Harrison, Hancock and Stone County through Partnership Gulf Coast (PGC). These outreach projects were initially designed for summer. However, we are proud to announce that this year several teams will be coming for outreach during Spring Break! This is exciting news for our communities. As more and more people connect with communities in our association through PGC, the potential for more people to hear about Jesus increases.

PGC takes mission needs, both evangelistic and physical, and melds them together for optimal effectiveness. The project includes connecting visiting mission teams with a local associational church that may be struggling to update, clean up or make minor repairs to their church. In addition, this project includes opportunities to connect with the local community through Backyard Bible Clubs, door-to-door material distributions, evangelistic-based block parties, sports-oriented mission outreach, or on-the-road VBS. PGC is one of the ways your Gulf Coast Baptist Association is helping connect your church with your community.

## Upcoming Events

The Gulf Coast Baptist Association is gearing up for some of the most specific training for churches and church leaders ever. As an Association, we are all asking the question, "How do we encourage our members to take the message of Christ to the world?"

"Discipling to Minister" will help guide your church leaders in that direction. When you get this issue of **THE TIDE**, update your calendar, and remind your church leaders to make time to experience "Discipling to Minister" on March 8, 2022, at Grace Temple Baptist Church. Breakout sessions for Pastors, Student Ministers, Children, Music and even VBS are available.

In addition, all Pastors and Men's Ministry leaders are invited to a special training event on March 26, 2022, from 9:00a.m. until 11:00a.m., focused on presenting new ideas for leading men in ministry. John Martin from MBCB will make the presentation "Leading Men to Minister" and all pastors and men's ministry leaders are invited. This Men's Ministry event will be held in the Training Center at GCBA.

For more information on any event, please call the Association Office or visit our website at [www.gulfcoastba.com](http://www.gulfcoastba.com) and click the **Training and Events** tab.

Important to You...



### **ONLINE GIVING**

Check out the new **Online Giving** feature on our website

[WWW.GULFCOASTBA.COM](http://WWW.GULFCOASTBA.COM)

You can use this option for Associational Missions giving or any other special offerings such as; Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, Disaster Relief, Margaret Lackey, Lottie Moon, Bobby C. Perry Associational Missions, etc.

# LEADING MEN TO MINISTER



John Martin, MBCB

New ideas for leading men in ministry and building true community among the men in your church

MARCH 26, 2022  
GCBA TRAINING CENTER  
9:00AM TO 11:00AM

### Teaching Opportunity

**Hope Adult Learning** is looking for a teacher who has a heart for God and is tired of working in public or private school but not ready to give up teaching. We need a teacher to work part-time in our education program at the Harrison County Jail. This is a paying position with flexible hours and a great mission opportunity to make a critical difference in the life of men and women in great need.



For more information call Donna Daulton at (228) 256-3610.

Click [here](#) to learn more about **Hope Adult Learning**.



Please remember Mrs. Peggy Ball and family in the passing of Don Ball (member of Woolmarket B.C.) who passed on February 16. Don served his church and this Association for many years in several different capacities.

Also, our condolences to Mrs. Faith Wilson (wife of Rev. Brian Wilson, pastor of Highland B.C.) and family, in the passing of her mother, Bernice Lutherina Beskow, on February 20.

*"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 January 2022

CHURCH	MONTHLY	YR. TO DATE
Back Bay	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bay St Louis	\$1,834.68	\$1,834.68
Bay Vista	\$331.53	\$331.53
Bayou Talla	\$25.00	\$25.00
Bayou View	\$166.66	\$166.66
Bayside	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bel Aire	\$2,189.00	\$2,189.00
Big Level	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Ridge	\$347.90	\$347.90
Biloxi FBC	\$598.87	\$598.87
Bond	\$1,052.11	\$1,052.11
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	\$135.00	\$135.00
Cornerstone	\$0.00	\$0.00
Crosspoint	\$163.80	\$163.80
Delisle FBC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Desired Nation	\$0.00	\$0.00
Empowerment Min.	\$500.00	\$500.00
Faithview	\$551.13	\$551.13
Family Worship	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faro de Esperanza	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fernwood	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grace Chapel	\$282.46	\$282.46
Grace Memorial	\$789.15	\$789.15
Grace Temple	\$0.00	\$0.00
GracePoint Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gtr. Mt Rest	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulf Gardens	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulfport FBC	\$3,364.24	\$3,364.24
Handsboro	\$680.40	\$680.40
Harbor City	\$175.00	\$175.00
Harvest Church	\$1,546.29	\$1,546.29
Highland	\$57.00	\$57.00
Iglesia Emanuel	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jacob's Well	\$2,222.00	\$2,222.00
Lakeshore	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lizana FBC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Long Beach FBC	\$2,275.42	\$2,275.42
Lyman FBC	\$498.00	\$498.00
McHenry FBC	\$180.24	\$180.24
Michael Memorial	\$1,589.22	\$1,589.22
MS Korean	\$576.39	\$576.39
Mt. Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Hills	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Long Beach	\$0.00	\$0.00
Old Spanish Trail	\$50.00	\$50.00
Parkway	\$615.03	\$615.03
Pass Christian FBC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Peace	\$50.00	\$50.00
Pearlington FSBC	\$134.00	\$134.00
Perkinston	\$315.00	\$315.00
Popps Ferry	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside	\$85.00	\$85.00
Robinwood	\$629.44	\$629.44
Shoreline Park	\$100.00	\$100.00
Success	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Church at Windance	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tuxechena	\$105.95	\$105.95
Vardaman Street	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vidalia's Bridge	\$0.00	\$0.00
West Gulfport	\$181.14	\$181.14
Wiggins FBC	\$4,513.00	\$4,513.00
Woolmarket	\$1,512.24	\$1,512.24

# 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](mailto:brbcpastor@cableone.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.

**HANDBORO** honored their pastor, Dr. Joey Bennett, with a luncheon following services on Sunday, February 27. Dr. Bennett is retiring having served Handsboro B.C. for 10 years with 45 years in ministry. We wish he and his wife Nancy many blessings for this new chapter in their lives.

**PERKINSTON** is seeking a part-time Minister of Youth. Email resume to Clarice Dedeaux [cdedeaux1@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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**  
**North Long Beach**

# Gulf Coast Baptist Association

**\$10**  
Per Couple

**You are  
Invited to  
attend**

**Small Church  
Conversations**

**Friday April 1, 2022**

## **Not all Churches are the same!**

- The issues and concerns of smaller churches are different from the larger church.
- We want to help resource you for the work of the smaller church.
- Small Church Conversation will be led by Mark Byrd and Stan Buckley, authors of "Small Church Toolbox." The conference will focus on issues and needs unique to the smaller church.
- The cost of the conference is \$10.00 per couple (pastor and wife) and includes a meal and one (1) copy of "Small Church Toolbox."
- The conference will be held at **FBC Lyman, Friday April 1, 2022, 6:30pm to 8:30pm.**
- Please RSVP by **Monday, March 28, 2022.**

**MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022 @ 7PM**

### **GCBA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

*(Board is comprised of the pastor and one elected representative of each church of the Association)*

GCBA TRAINING CENTER

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**MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022 @ 7PM**

(6:45PM PRESESSION MUSIC BEGINS)

### **SPRING MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION**

*(Don't forget to update your messengers  
at [www.sbcworkspace.com](http://www.sbcworkspace.com))*

HANDBORO BAPTIST CHURCH  
1421 E. PASS ROAD, GULFPORT



### **RETIREMENT CELEBRATION**

IN HONOR OF

REV. DIONNE WILLIAMS

MONDAY, APRIL 18

HANDBORO ACTIVITIES CENTER

RECEPTION DIRECTLY FOLLOWING  
CONCLUSION OF SPRING MEETING

## The North American Mission Field

The North American Mission Board serves a diverse and complex region comprised of the United States, Canada and the territories of Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and American Samoa.

- Population: **366 million**
- Languages: **350**
- Estimated lost: **275 million**

*Statistics from U.S. Census Bureau and NAMB Research.*

## Your gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering:

- Support more than **2,200** missionaries and their families.
- Enable **hundreds** of churches to be planted and **thousands** of disciples to be made.
- Continue the SBC's **177-year** commitment to North American missions.

## Ways to Give:

1. Through Your Gulf Coast Baptist Association at [www.gulfcoastba.com](http://www.gulfcoastba.com) or with your monthly Associational Missions Giving.
2. Through Your State Convention, [MBCB.org/giving](http://MBCB.org/giving)

Send your offering, designated to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, to your convention office.

3. Directly to NAMB
  - Mail to P.O. Box 116543, Atlanta, GA 30368 (Designate AAEO on memo line)
  - Online at [AnnieArmstrong.com](http://AnnieArmstrong.com)

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**You can  
send the  
hope of  
the gospel.**

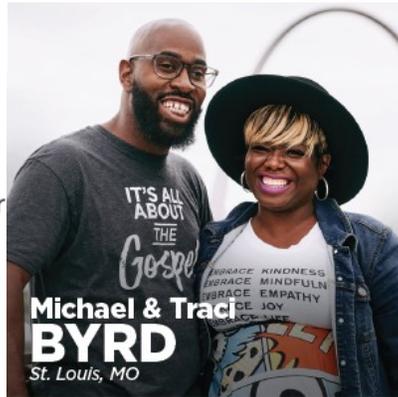
## Week of Prayer for North American Missions

March 6-13, 2022

### Week of Prayer Missionaries

Watch their inspiring stories at [AnnieArmstrong.com/Stories](http://AnnieArmstrong.com/Stories)

[Click here to watch](#)



NAMB and Southern Baptists came together to add **857** new congregations in 2020

And since 2010, have planted more than **8,700** churches across North America

# IMB MEDICAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2022  
9 AM-4 PM

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



CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER

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INTERNATIONAL  
MISSION BOARD



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NEW ORLEANS



## Women's Community Support Center!

### Free Employment Skill Classes – March 28<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup>

**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 **03/28/22** and runs through **05/17/22** and will include classes in: Work Force Development, Microsoft Office, Communications, Money Management, Life Skills and more. You may sign up at any time during the session for most classes. 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 Register for this 2022 Class Session (228) 586-3510.

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**Christian Women's Job Corp.**, a nationally recognized ministry, offers women free classes which include:

- Job Skills classes covering resume writing, completing applications, GED preparation, communication skills, work ethic
- Life Skills training covering money management, anger management, health, nutrition, and fitness
- Individual Christian mentors who help establish and measure long and short-term goals -Bible Study on a variety of topics from Biblical overview to dealing with life's struggles

All classes and training are geared towards preparing these women for full-time meaningful employment.

The **Christian Women's Job Corp.** program is offered free to any women in the community who are willing and able to attend the weekly classes where they are responsible for their own transportation to and from the center.

For more information go to: [www.womenscommunitysupport.org](http://www.womenscommunitysupport.org)

## 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***

[www.womenscommunitysupport.org](http://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](http://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**.



Greetings Gulf Coast Baptist Association Family! Having finished my seminary education, graduating with a Master of Arts in Christian Apologetics from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, I have been able to devote even more of my time to the Gospel ministry on our Community College Campuses. I have been brought to tears of joy multiple times in these first two months of the semester seeing the Lord working in the hearts of students and providing my leadership team and me many opportunities to share the Gospel.

On the very first worship night of the semester on the Perkinston campus, we had a student, who we had been witnessing to since August, attend and surrender His life to Christ! Speaking to him afterwards, he told me that, while we were reading the Scripture, he felt connected to it in a way he never had before. He finally realized the Gospel was true and was convicted to give his life to Jesus. This is an important reminder that it is the Word of the Lord and the Holy Spirit who convicts and draws sinners to Him. Even though I preached a sermon on that passage, it was not my words that convicted him, but the Scripture.

On the Harrison County campus, we had the blessing of getting to sponsor a chili-cookout as part of the school's welcome back week activities. Thanks to the brothers and sisters at Bel-Air Baptist Church, we were able to feed over 100 students and faculty on campus. From this event, it has allowed me to connect with many students. Since then, I have been able to share the Gospel one-on-one with six students and begin discipling students who are already believers to equip them to be Christ's ambassadors at the HC Campus. Also, we have had a steady flow of students coming to our Free Lunch with Devotions on Wednesdays allowing them to hear the Word of God preached.

Between all the MGCCC campuses, we were able to take twenty-six students to the BSU Statewide Conference this month. We will take 14 students to New Orleans next month for our Spring Break Mission Trip. Please keep us in your prayers as we seek to be Christ Ambassadors on our campuses and, that we will take hold of every Gospel Opportunity the Lord provides. May the Lord Bless you in your service to Him!

David MacLellan  
Servant of Christ and  
Director of the MGCCC Baptist Student Union

