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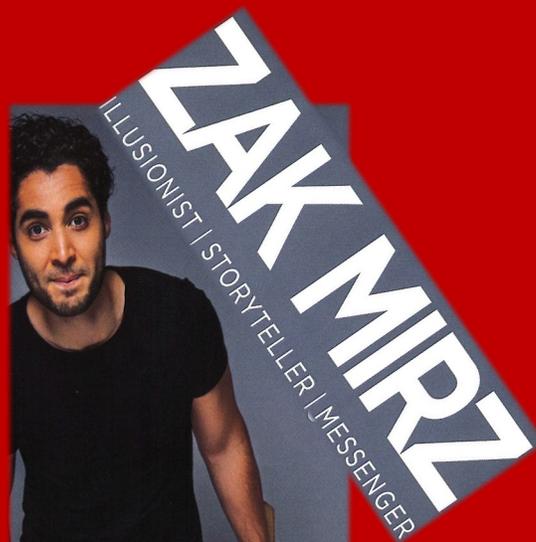
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All Ministerial Staff Members
and their spouses
are invited to attend

Ministers & Mates Banquet

Thursday, November 17 @ 6:30pm



Crosspoint
Church

15046 N. Swan
Gulfport

\$25/couple
\$15 single

Tickets [iDonate](#)

Upcoming Events in Your Association

Hancock Cluster - Mockingbird Café 8:30-9:30am—Nov 14

Harrison County Cluster - Cracker Barrel 8-9am—Nov 15

Stone County Cluster 9-10am—Nov 16

Gateway Christian School

Ministers and Mates Banquet Crosspoint Church 6:30pm—Nov 17

Office closed for Thanksgiving— Nov 24-25

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 Year—Dec 22-Jan 2, 2023

Office Reopens January 3, 2023

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Dr. Steve Mooneyham -
Executive Director/Treasurer

Rev. Grayson Orman -
Interim Assoc. AMS

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Administrative Assistant



Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

We have so much for which to be thankful. To list just a few (and obvious) things, we have health and family; for most all of those reading this article, we have a roof over our heads, clothes on our back and food on our table. With all its problems, we still live in the greatest country on this earth. We have the privilege and freedom to worship as we please. We have friends to enrich our lives. This list can continue practically without end. Indeed, we are blessed beyond

measure. Perhaps your family takes the time around the dinner table on Thanksgiving Day to express thanks for abundant blessings received. If not, maybe this is a good year to start.

Even though we are not around the table, I want to share this for which I am thankful. Last week at the Mississippi Baptist Convention in Jackson, choir members of churches across our association joined with those from Jackson County Association for a combined choir. Much work was put in by so many Ministers of Music to make this happen, I dare not list them lest I leave one out inadvertently. Choir members took time off work to be present. What an experience! I am so thankful for everyone who participated. You represented our association so well. You led the worship of the messengers in attendance and were a blessing to all. Thank you for the investment you made in practice, travel and time. Well done!

Over the next weeks, churches will shift into final preparations for the holiday season. So much will be done to prepare and provide special programs for the church to share the gospel of Christ to a community needing to hear the Good News. The words from Paul (Colossians 3:17) come to mind, "whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to the Father through Him."

There are several Associational events planned from now to the end of the year and into 2023 mentioned in this edition of THE TIDE. Look inside for more information. Among them are:

MINISTER CLUSTERS, M-W, NOVEMBER 14-16

MINISTERS AND MATES BANQUET: Thursday, November 17, 2022. Crosspoint will host again.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, Monday, January 30, 2023. GCBA Training Center

MISSIONARY-IN-RESIDENCE, February 19-22, 2023. Call me for information/scheduling.

WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE-NEW TESTAMENT, Saturday, March 4, 2023. FBC Long Beach

Continue praying for the Executive Director/Treasurer Search Team as they are seeking God's direction for the next leader of this association.

Again, may the Lord bless and enrich your celebrations this holiday season.

Blessed to serve you!

Dr. Steve



GRAYSON ORMAN

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AAMS

Dusty Durbin (Big Level), Brandon Harris (Global Outreach), and I (Bel Aire Baptist) just returned from Thailand. Our time there was AMAZING! We were gone for 12 days, saw 10 missionary families, took 13 flights, and visited 5 cities across Thailand. We saw God in every aspect of our journey.

First, we stopped in Chiang Mai. We spent time with a young missionary family I had met in Thailand earlier this year, and we were able to encourage and help meet some of their needs. We spent time playing with their children and had dinner in their home. That evening, we participated in a youth Bible study in a near-by church. We listened as the students discussed scripture and life problems. Afterward, we met with the pastor and listened to his vision of one day having a church building to worship and minister in. We ate dinner with the students, and then went to bed, but only for a few hours...

The next morning, we went to an elementary school that once was Buddhist, but now is Christian. The principal of the school called one day, after having become a believer in Christ, and asked if our friends could help take down all of the idols at the school and erect a cross. To stand in a school devoted to Buddhism, that was changed by the outworking of the Holy Spirit in someone's life, was an amazing testimony of God's power and faithfulness.

This segment of our journey reminded me that God goes before us and prepares a way in advance for us to do good works. God was positioning these missionaries in the right place before they even knew they would be used by Him. This is a picture of faith. Missionaries, not knowing what God will use them to accomplish, plow through cities around the world sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, and at the moment the Lord will move someone's heart to believe, they are there. Don't you love it when God lets us see what He is doing?

Please take time to pray for the families in Chiang Mai, Thailand, who are serving the Lord and the people in their communities. Pray that God will move the hearts of Americans to give up their things, and ambitions in the States to go on mission to this part of the world.

Less than one percent of people in Thailand are believers in Christ. In some villages no one is a follower of Jesus. Please pray that those who call themselves disciples of Jesus will obey the command given to each of us and GO to all nations and make disciples, baptize them, and teach them to obey the commands of Jesus.

You could be the next missionary to Thailand. If you feel the prompting of the Spirit to go to Thailand to share the Gospel, reach out to your Association leaders today. We will help you navigate the process of going on mission for Jesus.

Next month we will discuss our experience in Chiang Khong, Thailand.

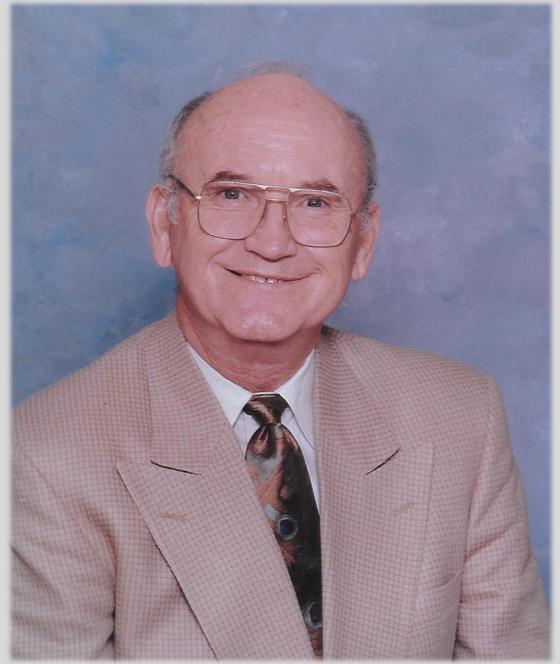


Bobby C. Perry

Associational Missions Offering

It's that time of the year again when Baptists call on churches to help support ministry and mission efforts around the world through Mission Offering Giving.

As we gear up for Margaret Lackey State Missions Offering and later in the year Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, let's not forget about our local ministry and mission efforts supported through your Gulf Coast Baptist Association by means of the Bobby C. Perry Associational Missions Offering during the month of October.



Sometimes this offering goes overlooked because of better marketing plans or size of need, but your Association is the first stop for ministry and missions here at home in Harrison, Hancock and Stone County.

The Bobby C. Perry Associational Missions Offering touches three distinct areas of the Gulf Coast:

1. Gulf Coast Baptist Church Planting – Your financial support through the Bobby C. Perry Associational Missions Offering provides funds to support new church plants in your Association so that the message of Jesus Christ may be spread more efficiently and effectively across your Association.
2. Partnership Missions – Your contributions to the Bobby C. Perry Associational Missions Offering helps subsidize costs of mission trips for your Associational churches and offsets costs of evangelistic events.
3. Disaster Relief – Giving to the Bobby C. Perry Associational Missions Offering provides quality training in Disaster Relief and creates a source of capital for the purchase of materials and equipment needed during crisis. Your offering helps offset costs related to disaster for churches in our community and ensures your Association can help meet the needs of our pastors when disaster strikes.

Although October is our usual month for the Bobby C. Perry Associational Missions Offering, we encourage our churches to continue to give throughout the year, which can easily be done through our website: <http://www.gulfcoastba.com/giving> The Associational goal for this year is **\$8,000**.

Thank you for your support of the Bobby C. Perry Association Missions Offering. The Staff at your Gulf Coast Baptist Association is looking forward to serving with you so we can reach the world for Jesus!

Pastor Spotlight

Featuring: Josh Cogle at FBC Lyman



During the week of October 9th through 14th, a group from First Baptist Lyman joined a team of three other churches in Fort Myers, FL hoping to help clean and bless people in the area affected by Hurricane Ian... and we really did!

We cut trees, cleared debris, installed blue tarps on roofs, gutted houses, worked on churches, schools and private homes... and gave lots of money.



Every homeowner we assisted was uninsured (mostly, they had hurricane but not flood insurance or the other way around), so we provided lots of really valuable and appreciated assistance.

Each family and organization we helped had lost so much (one dear woman lost her husband) and we prayed, embraced, laughed and cried with so many. If you haven't been on one of these trips, I want to encourage you to start saving and make plans to be ready for the next. God uses so many awesome Christian people to bless others in their need following these kinds of disasters. We were glad to be sent!



God Bless, Josh Cogle

Contributions for September 2022

| CHURCH | MONTHLY | YR. TO DATE |
|------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Back Bay | \$291.17 | \$291.17 |
| Bay St Louis | \$1,426.66 | \$11,603.34 |
| Bay Vista | \$264.25 | \$2,711.18 |
| Bayou Talla | \$0.00 | \$200.00 |
| Bayou View | \$166.66 | \$1,499.94 |
| Bayside | \$0.00 | \$25.00 |
| Bel Aire | \$1,224.00 | \$14,835.00 |
| Big Level | \$1,025.25 | \$10,333.50 |
| Big Ridge | \$0.00 | \$3,518.38 |
| Biloxi FBC | \$374.10 | \$4,189.24 |
| Bond | \$586.35 | \$6,132.20 |
| Bridge Community | \$0.00 | \$1,393.00 |
| Brodie Road | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Chinese Grace Bible | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Christ Church | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Connect Community | \$0.00 | \$1,872.00 |
| Cornerstone | \$0.00 | \$700.00 |
| Crosspoint | \$250.53 | \$1,583.52 |
| Delisle FBC | \$0.00 | \$20.00 |
| Desired Nation | \$0.00 | \$1035.00 |
| Empowerment Min. | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| Faithview | \$0.00 | \$4,580.91 |
| Family Worship | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Faro de Esperanza | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Fernwood | \$0.00 | \$1,440.00 |
| Grace Chapel | \$313.17 | \$2,373.98 |
| Grace Memorial | \$592.74 | \$6,289.91 |
| Grace Temple | \$0.00 | \$1,200.00 |
| GracePoint Church | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Gtr. Mt Rest | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Gulf Gardens | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Gulfport FBC | \$1,837.90 | \$22,201.08 |
| Handsboro | \$0.00 | \$4,337.51 |
| Harbor City | \$150.00 | \$1,075.00 |
| Harvest Church | \$1,512.00 | \$14,194.69 |
| Highland | \$0.00 | \$422.00 |
| Iglesia Emanuel | \$28.77 | \$440.91 |
| Jacob's Well | \$936.93 | \$12,604.93 |
| Lakeshore | \$50.00 | \$250.00 |
| Lizana FBC | \$201.33 | \$1,046.33 |
| Long Beach FBC | \$1,618.78 | \$16,474.10 |
| Lyman FBC | \$212.00 | \$2,116.00 |
| McHenry FBC | \$0.00 | \$1,387.32 |
| Michael Memorial | \$1,039.82 | \$11,526.34 |
| MS Korean | \$425.72 | \$5,136.41 |
| Mt. Chapel | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| New Hope | \$0.00 | \$11,860.16 |
| North Hills | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| North Long Beach | \$795.90 | \$1,081.75 |
| Old Spanish Trail | \$50.00 | \$300.00 |
| Parkway | \$535.57 | \$4,939.82 |
| Pass Christian FBC | \$0.00 | \$53.55 |
| Peace | \$50.00 | \$450.00 |
| Pearlington FSBC | \$0.00 | \$1,010.76 |
| Perkinston | \$229.37 | \$2,149.52 |
| Popps Ferry | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Riverside | \$52.00 | \$802.00 |
| Robinwood | \$533.08 | \$5,114.21 |
| Shoreline Park | \$0.00 | \$800.00 |
| Success | \$0.00 | \$1,111.23 |
| The Church at Windance | \$283.82 | \$3,135.33 |
| Tuxechena | \$55.41 | \$732.05 |
| Vardaman Street | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Vidalia's Bridge | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| West Gulfport | \$66.30 | \$975.32 |
| Wiggins FBC | \$4,128.00 | \$29,520.00 |
| Woolmarket | \$1,468.14 | \$13,955.49 |

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 LYMAN is looking for a Part time Youth Pastor/ Director. Please contact Pastor Josh Cogle at josh@joshcogle.com.

FBC WIGGINS is in search of a part time Financial Assistant. Please email resumes to: fbcwreception@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 Vollm.

HANDBORO BC is filling their flower beds. Contact Dr. John Barrett at 214-240-5256 for more information.

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.



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

REACHING THE NATIONS, TOGETHER.

2022 LOTTIE MOON
OFFERING GOAL:
\$196 Million

100% of every gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering directly supports missionaries and their ministry overseas.

Southern Baptists observe a Week of Prayer for International Missions each year before the annual Lottie Moon offering emphasis.

Will you join your heart with others to pray for missionaries around the world who are faithfully sharing the gospel?

Week of Prayer: December 4-11

Read full week of prayer stories at imb.org/weekofprayer



INTERNATIONAL
MISSION BOARD

Bless a Pastor through The SUIT PROJECT

Since the ministry's inception in 1963, Mississippi Baptists have provided more than 8,000 suits and close to 2600 gift cards to pastors and their wives in "new work" areas. Many of these pastors have no suit nor do they have money to buy one. A new suit is a thoughtful gesture; letting these pastors know that we care about them and that we support their work.

Raising money for the Suit Project Ministry can be a special project for any group in your church: Men's Ministry, Sunday School/Life Groups, WMU groups, Girls in Action or Youth. Monetary gifts are accepted year round.

Questions regarding **The Suit Project** can be directed to **Deanna Vail, 601.292.3335.**

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



Ministers and Mates Banquet

Thursday, November 17, 2022 6:30pm

Crosspoint Church

15046 North Swan Rd. Gulfport

\$25 per couple \$15 Single

RSVP by November 10, 2022

Click here [iDonate](#) to register and purchase tickets.

Entertainment provided by Zak Mirz

★★★★★

"He is the best!"

- Mike Huckabee

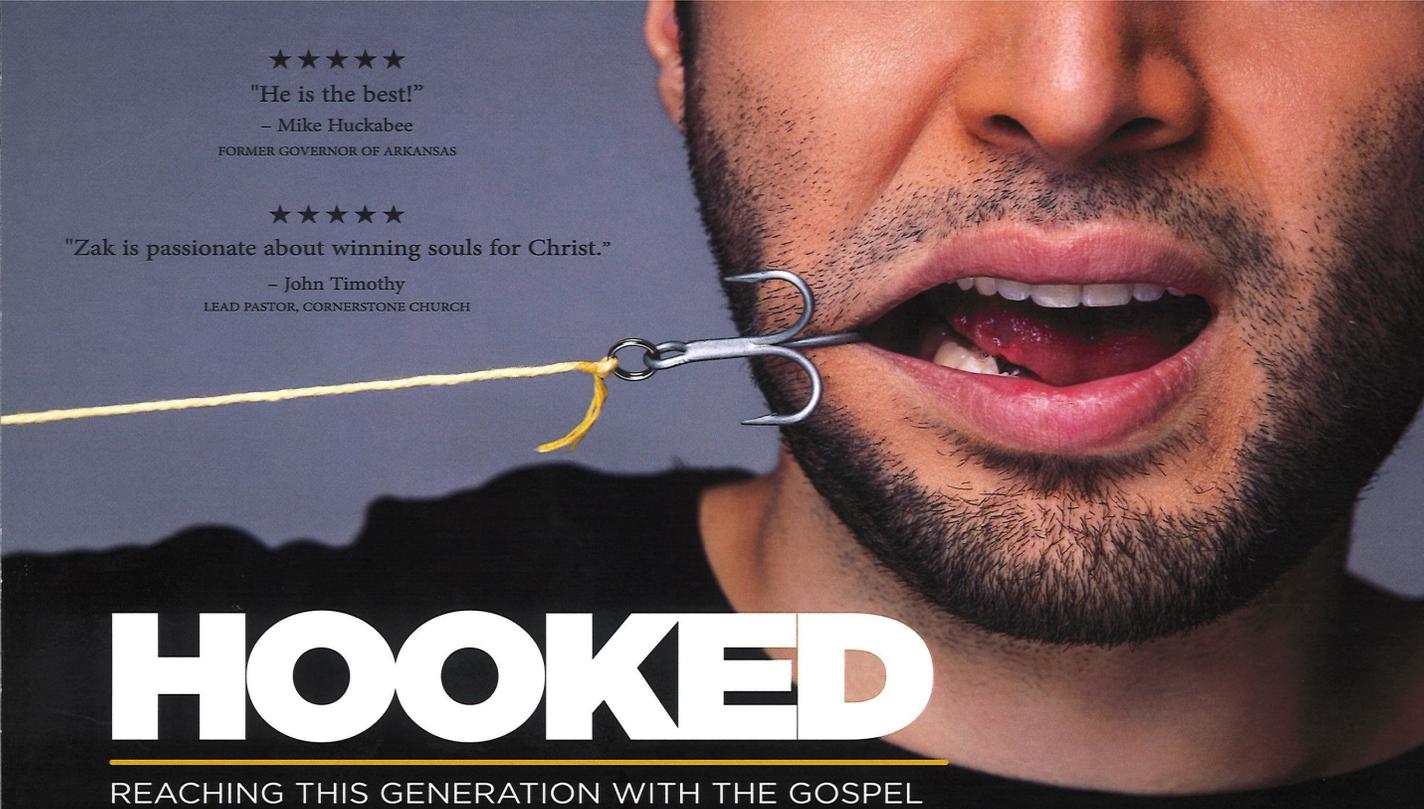
FORMER GOVERNOR OF ARKANSAS

★★★★★

"Zak is passionate about winning souls for Christ."

- John Timothy

LEAD PASTOR, CORNERSTONE CHURCH



HOOKED

REACHING THIS GENERATION WITH THE GOSPEL

**DOOR
PRIZES!**

BIBLE DRILL SUMMIT

November 1 @ FBC Philadelphia

November 15 @ FBC Ellisville

November 17 @ Emmanuel BC, Grenada

November 29 @ Calvary BC, Tupelo

December 1 @ Star BC, Star

*All events will be from 7:00-8:00pm

Topics to Expect

- **Award updates/changes**
- **State Drill Standards**
- **Panel Discussions**
- **and more...**



Scan to Register
or www.tinyurl.com/bdsummit

*Each attending church will have the option to receive **five drill bibles** or a copy of Lifeway's curriculum/companion piece ***Bible Drills Skills & Thrills***



Missionary in Residence

Dr. Michael Lee, CSO

Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

February 19-22, 2023

Call Dr. Steve Mooneyham
for more information, or to
schedule as a guest speaker
at your church.



Magdalene  House

Women's Community Support Center!
Free Employment Skill Classes – October 17th to December 13th

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 **10/17/22** and runs through **12/13/22** 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.

For more information go to: www.womenscommunitysupport.org



FBC LONG BEACH
300 N. CLEVELAND AVE.
MARCH 4, 2023 9AM-12
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



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES:

WAYS YOU CAN HELP MAKE THIS COLLECTION YEAR A SUCCESS

Operation Christmas Child for 2022 is underway. Every Operation Christmas Shoebox gift is an opportunity to share the message of the Gospel with a boy or girl around the world. The National Collection Week is November 14-21, 2022.

How do shoebox gifts impact your church? In more than 100 receiving countries, shoebox gifts will be used by your church as a strategy for evangelism, discipleship, and the multiplication of believers and churches around the world. More important than the items inside the shoebox, the gifts are an opportunity to share God's love and the Good News of Jesus Christ with children in need. Local Christians in these countries know the culture and language that will be the best effective resources in their own language to provide a solid Biblical foundation. This will enable them to be able to communicate the Gospel within their own communities through shoebox outreach events and The Greatest Journey discipleship program.

BUILD A SHOEBOX ONLINE! Pack a shoebox from the comfort of your home. No need to go to the store & shop. You will be guided through the easy process of packing the box online and will be able to choose great items to put in the box. Each box is providing the gospel message in their own language. Online boxes are carefully prepared, abiding by strict customs regulations to safeguard partners who will deliver the gifts, as well as the boys and girls who receive them. These boxes go to children around the world to spread the love of Jesus through a simple Christmas gift. The cost is \$25 for each online box which covers the cost of the donated items regardless of the items chosen and the cost of shipping the shoebox. Use this link to access the page to build an online shoebox.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline>

OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER: The National Collection Week is scheduled for November 14-21, 2022. Volunteering is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to welcome and pray with people who bring gift-filled shoeboxes to one of the Gulf Coast's Drop Off Locations. You can volunteer to greet, host, count, fill cartons or load trailers with the thousands of shoeboxes that we prayerfully will receive. To volunteer just go to one of the Drop Off Locations. There is no minimum or maximum time that you must commit to volunteer. You will be greatly blessed for the time you volunteer.

To find the Drop Off Location nearest to you and the operation times go to:
<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations>



Greetings Gulf Coast Baptist Association family! It was a blessing getting to worship with you and share a report of what the Lord has done this past year through BSU at our GCBA Annual Fall Meeting in October. For those of you who weren't there, I encourage you to reach out to our Association's Office for a copy of not only the BSU report but of all the reports of the great things the Lord is doing in our Association.

For the month of October, the Lord has been doing some incredible things through Gulf Coast BSU. This month we had our BSU Statewide Fall College Student Conference for the first time since 2019! I am very grateful that we are not having to restrict what we do due to Covid. We had 28 students go from our BSU and it was a blast! I've enjoyed the conversations I have had with students since discussing what the Lord taught them through the sermons preached by our speaker Dr. Jamie Dew, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

November is the last month for students to apply to serve as a summer missionary for 2023. At the time of writing (Oct. 21), I have had 2 students apply and 5 more that are in the application process. Be in prayer for all the students that the Lord is calling to serve this summer to say, "YES!".

Lastly, for those who were not at the Fall Meeting, I introduced that I am starting a BSU Impact Team. The purpose of the name "Impact" is because I see this team as having a twofold purpose. One, to be able to report back to their local church on the impact the BSU is having at MGCCC and how their church can help with the ministry. And two, to contribute to the conversation on how we can impact MGCCC even more effectively with the Gospel. My desire is to have 1-2 representatives from every church in our association that supports the BSU to serve



on the team. If you are interested in being on it and/or would like more details, please reach out to me. May the Lord bless you in your ministries.

David MacLellan,

MGCCC BSU Director

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