

THE TIDE

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Check out the GCBA Fall Line Up ...

- **September 5–10**-Annual Church Profiles (ACP) will go out to churches electronically. Please contact the office for a printed copy.
- **September 26**-Administrative Assistants' Luncheon— GCBA Training Ctr 11:30am-1pm .
- **October 1**-Shepherd's Staff– Topic of discussion "After a Disaster: Avoiding Being Ripped Off" at 11:30am
- **October 7**-ACP's Due to GCBA electronically or by mail/person
- **October 7**-Executive Board Meeting 7pm-Vote to recommend 2020 Budget to Association for vote at Fall Meeting plus other exciting news
- **October 21**-Fall Meeting of the Association with Vardaman Street Baptist Church, 334 S. Vardaman St., Wiggins— 7pm (Music begins 6:45pm)

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Upcoming Events in Your Association

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

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

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

Shepherd's Staff-GCBA Training Center 11:30am Oct 1

ACP's Due to GCBA Oct 7
(completed online or received in office)

Executive Board-GCBA Training Center 7pm Oct 7

Fall Meeting of the Association 7pm Oct 21
Vardaman St. Baptist Church (Presession Music 6:45pm)

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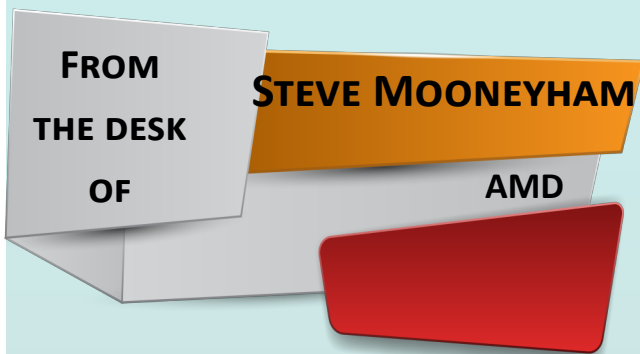
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Jesus told the parable in Luke 14:16-23 of the man who prepared a great banquet. He sent his servant to invite his guests. When the day for the event arrived, excuses began to pour in for why they could not come. In response, he instructed his servant to go into the city, to the streets and alleys, to bring the sick and infirmed to the party. Yet there was still room. So, he sent his servant out to the highways and hedges to compel people to come, so that “my house may be filled,” he said.

A number of years ago I sat in a meeting with fellow pastors. The topic of conversation focused on evangelism efforts of our churches. One pastor remarked how churches seemed to be focusing their evangelistic efforts on a certain segment of the population and overlooking others. He said, “If I were lost, I’m afraid I would not be reached by a Baptist church. Baptist churches today seem to be focusing less on the poorer folks and focusing more on those with more money.”

When those invited would not come, the master of the house swung the door open wide to include those who otherwise were not invited. Ultimately, he sent his servant to compel them to come, to coerce and to insist that they come. There was an urgency involved. It was time for the banquet to begin.

Do we drive through our community thinking we have gone into every nook and cranny, every highway and alleyway, with the gospel, inviting all who live there to “the party,” only to realize there are many to whom we have not given an invitation? The master of the house could have been satisfied with the invitations and resulting excuses and simply said, “well I tried!”

He didn’t; but I’m afraid we do.

There are many who are out of sight, out of mind; many who we have invited before and our invitation was rebuffed. There are others who are waiting on our urgent invitation, but they are not on our radar, simply because either we or they think they don’t fit. They are in an out of the way place physically, socially or geographically. We, the servants of the Master, must urgently compel them to the banquet He is preparing.

Who are you overlooking?

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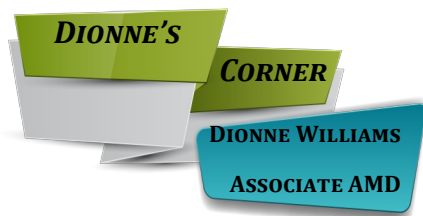
As the calendar turns to September, it is a reminder that our Fall meeting approaches. The date is **Monday October 21, 2019**. This year we will meet with the Vardaman St. Baptist Church, Wiggins. Please remember to elect your messengers. You can include them in your ACP or you can forward their names to us on your church stationery. That way we will know who is authorized to vote.

Our speaker this year is Dr. Waylon Bailey, pastor of FBC, Covington, LA.

Finally, I want to express my appreciation to our churches for their faithful giving to Associational missions this year. Your giving reflects your cooperative spirit which enables us all to be more effective in this part of Kingdom.

I am honored beyond measure to be your AMD,

Dr. Steve



Discipling Disciples to Disciple... Children?

2020 will be The Year of Discipling Disciples to Disciple! When we talk discipleship, we tend to think youth and adults. What about our elementary kids? Some of the best and most unashamed witnesses are children. We should certainly give emphasis to beginning and improving discipling of our children.

On Thursday, October 10 at 6:30pm in the GCBA Training Center, Angie Boydstun, Sunday School and Small Groups Consultant with MBCB will share insights on the proper discipling of children. Please plan to attend and bring your children's workers in all programs to this event. If you follow Strauss and Howe's generational theory, our children (Generation Z) are our next greatest hope for the church, our nation and the world. Come learn to obey the Great Commission as it applies to discipling children.

On Saturday, March 7, 2020, GCBA and Walk Thru the Bible will present Old Testament LIVE, a cool and effective way to learn the books of the Old Testament and their major themes. The cost is 10 per person for 5th graders through senior adults. The location is FBC Long Beach from 8 AM to Noon.



The Shepherd's Staff



Schedule

2019

October 1 – After a Disaster: Avoiding Being Ripped Off

2020

January 7 – Cyber-bullying

February 4 – Sexting

March 3 – Domestic Violence

April 7 – Vulnerable Adults/Elder Abuse

May 5 – Child Abuse

June 2 – Emergency Preparedness

July 7 – Pornography

August 4 – Human trafficking

September 1—Church Liability Issues

October 6—Church and LGBTQ Issues

Pastors! Threats to the modern church seem to come from every angle. Your GCBA has developed a new resource to help you in your role as *shepherd*.. **The Shepherd's Staff** is a once-per-month lunch-time gathering which will focus on information and resources intended to help you shepherd those whom the Father has entrusted to your care. These gatherings will meet at the GCBA Training Center from 11:30a.m.–1:00p.m. Cost will be \$10.00 which will include the meal.

The sessions will be led by Linda Davis, who is uniquely trained and experienced to lead on these topics. Linda Davis holds a Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) degree from Mississippi College School of Law. She served as a criminal prosecutor with the Mississippi Attorney General's Office for fourteen years. During her tenure with the Attorney General's Office she served in: the Public Integrity Division, CyberCrime Unit, prosecuting crimes involving the exploitation of children; the Prosecutors' Training Division, providing legal training to law enforcement officers across the State; and the Consumer Protection Division where she prosecuted fraud cases and advocated for the public. Prior to that, she served in the Office of the Senate Chief Counsel for Employment at the United States Senate in Washington, D.C. and at the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in Washington, D.C. Linda was baptized at Heritage Baptist Church, Biloxi, MS, in September 2013 where she is now a member. She currently maintains Heritage's prayer list, writes its weekly bulletin, leads a Bible study on Friday evenings, and makes a joyful noise in the choir.



Israel 2020 Opportunities



January 21, 2020—February 1, 2020

Biblical Study Tour of Israel
with First Baptist Gulfport

Contact the church office at
228-831-3400 for more information
or you may register at the link below.

[<Click Here>](#)

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March 16, 2020– March 27, 2020

Jacob's Well Israel Pilgrimage with
Dr. Bill Warren, professor of New
Testament, NOBTS

For more information please contact
Dr. Bill Warren at 228-547-4523 or
wwarren@nobts.edu

First Baptist Church of Wiggins is taking applications for the position of Church Secretary. Persons interested in this position should have a relationship with Christ that is exhibited in their daily walk. This individual is expected to be knowledgeable in technologies such as Microsoft Office as well as social media platforms. In addition to greeting individuals who visit the church office, this position will maintain and manage files, design and produce weekly mail outs and worship bulletins, assist office personnel, and other duties as required. Interested applicants are directed to email a resume' to:

Rick Burris rick.burris22@gmail.com.

Something New Is Coming!

*You're going to love **Missions Journey: Students!***

Missions Journey: Students, WMU's new monthly resource for student groups, will empower students to discover their own roles as disciples of Jesus who live on mission.

Missions Journey: Students is available in a variety of formats:

- Introductory Offer on One Year of Lessons (12, 4-lesson units): \$99.00 **Introductory offer is only available through March 2020!**
- After March 2020, One Year (12, 4-lesson units): \$199.99
- One Monthly Unit (4 lessons): \$19.99
- Monthly Drop-In (1 lesson): \$9.99
- **Visit wmu.com/students to learn the latest updates!**

Is your church going on a mission trip this year? **"Busy Hands"**, a ladies sewing group from North Long Beach Baptist Church, has been sewing children's clothing, sizes 3-8. We have boy's shirts and shorts and girl's dresses. In the Love of Christ, we would like to donate these pieces of clothing for your mission trip. If interested, please call **228-864-1258** leave a message and your number. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

Contributions for July 2019

CHURCH	MONTHLY	YR. TO DATE
Back Bay	\$188.25	\$947.74
Bay St Louis	\$1,913.57	\$13,268.38
Bay Vista	\$273.30	\$2,225.93
Bayou Talla	\$25.00	\$175.00
Bayou View	\$166.66	\$1,166.62
Bayside	\$25.00	\$175.00
Bel Aire	\$1,684.29	\$10,174.17
Big Level	\$1,183.00	\$8,281.00
Big Ridge	\$534.66	\$3,059.42
Biloxi FBC	\$722.21	\$4,723.06
Bond	\$643.85	\$4,602.88
Bridge Community	\$165.00	\$1,352.37
Brodie Road	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chinese Grace Bible	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Christ Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Connect Community	\$50.00	\$362.74
Church @Windance	\$387.00	\$1,294.00
Cornerstone	\$0.00	\$350.00
Crosspoint	\$123.47	\$902.89
Delisle FBC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Desired Nation	\$0.00	\$400.00
Emmanuel	\$25.00	\$175.00
Faithview	\$642.60	\$4,509.88
Family Worship	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fernwood	\$160.00	\$1,120.00
Grace Chapel	\$560.80	\$2,109.20
Grace Memorial	\$694.98	\$5,909.64
Grace Temple	\$100.00	\$1,800.00
Gtr. Mt Rest	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulf Gardens	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulfport FBC	\$2,444.70	\$21,042.09
Handsboro	\$787.67	\$5,255.32
Highland	\$104.36	\$506.28
Iglesia Emanuel	\$47.91	\$158.81
Iglesia Herebad	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jacob's Well	\$960.38	\$6,814.07
Lakeshore	\$0.00	\$300.00
Lizana FBC	\$0.00	\$92.21
Long Beach FBC	\$1,647.99	\$11,465.09
Lyman FBC	\$217.00	\$1,210.00
McHenry FBC	\$178.30	\$986.64
Michael Memorial	\$0.00	\$8,655.01
MS Korean	\$429.19	\$3,389.09
Mt. Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$2,409.50	\$11,810.27
North Hills	\$0.00	\$963.52
North Long Beach	\$0.00	\$750.29
Old Spanish Trail	\$0.00	\$0.00
Olivet	\$0.00	\$0.00
Parkway	\$425.27	\$3,312.07
Pass Christian FBC	\$0.00	\$372.92
Peace	\$50.00	\$335.00
Pearlington FSBC	\$638.24	\$1,240.17
Perkinston	\$135.17	\$973.06
Popps Ferry	\$0.00	\$338.62
Riverside	\$0.00	\$542.00
Robinwood	\$523.15	\$3,958.91
Saucier FBC	\$50.00	\$350.00
Shoreline Park	\$0.00	\$600.00
Stable	\$32.47	\$287.09
Success	\$0.00	\$1,272.70
Trinity	\$0.00	\$400.00
Tuxechena	\$139.17	\$1,051.77
Vardaman Street	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vidalia's Bridge	\$0.00	\$0.00
West Gulfport	\$88.40	\$693.34
Wiggins FBC	\$3,080.00	\$20,466.51
Woolmarket	\$1,298.55	\$10,180.94

CHURCH *News*

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

Mississippi Gulf Coast Baptist Association

BAYSIDE is in need of a used van (12-15 passengers) to assist in their ministry to their community. For more information contact Rev. Richard DeVault, 205-725-1136.

BIG RIDGE has an paid position open for Nursery Coordinator on Sunday am and pm, Wednesday pm and special events. You may contact Jennifer Grabert in the office at 228-324-1691 or stop by the office M-Th 8-10am.

FAITHVIEW is accepting resumes for a Worship Leader who can preferably lead a blended service. To apply contact Evan Akins at 228-832-3015.

GRACE CHAPEL would like to invite all churches to attend Secret Church led by Pastor Stan Proctor following the study guide from "RADICAL" on Sept. 13 & 20 from 6-9pm. See pg. details.

NEW HOPE will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary with a Diamond Jubilee on October 20, 2019. Look for details in the October Tide.

NORTH LONG BEACH is in need of a volunteer children's minister for Wednesday pm teaching and planning monthly activities. Opportunity to become a paid position in the future. Call Pastor Rick Clark @ 601-335-1886 if you're interested.

SHORELINE PARK is looking for someone to work with children 3rd-6th grade Sunday am & pm services. Call 228-467-9461 for more information.



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

First Lyman
Grace Memorial
Popps Ferry
Trinity

Church Planting News

Back Bay Church, D'Iberville, Adam Bennett, pastor

Ministry Highlights

- ♦ Weekly Worship Attendance has almost doubled thanks to two record attendances of 53 and 61!
- ♦ Celebrated one year anniversary!!!!!!

Prayer Needs

- ♦ Pray we will be faithful with everyone who comes to our church.
 - ♦ Pray that Adam finds balance in managing his different roles.
 - ♦ Pray for persistence and clarity as we grow and are training and discipling our people.
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Connect Community Church, Long Beach, Steven Simon, pastor

Ministry Highlights

- ♦ Very busy with outreach to Long Beach schools and other miscellaneous mission efforts
- ♦ Redeemed Wrestling event allowed us to connect with around 30 families
- ♦ Women's bible study going strong and ramping up for Fall Semester of discipleship.

Prayer Needs

- ♦ Pray for our congregation and that the Lord truly invades their life and changes them.
- ♦ Pray for the development of leaders at Connect Community.
- ♦ Continue to pray for Steven's secular job and it's impact on his ministry.



A MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST WOMEN & GIRLS EVENT

the gathering

September 20 - 21, 2019

Broadmoor Baptist Church, Madison | Program fee: \$30.00

Mississippi's first "gathering" of all women and teen girls!
Girls 7th - 12th grades and their leaders will have their own sessions.
Same date, location, schedule, and program fee for both events.

SCHEDULE

Friday:

6:00 p.m. Doors Open

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. General Session

Saturday:

7:30 a.m. Doors Open

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. General Sessions

TO REGISTER

<https://tinyurl.com/MSgathering>

Deadline to register is September 5, 2019

For more information go to
www.mbc.org/wmu or contact Amy Massey
at 601-292-3319 or amassey@mbcb.org.

Sponsored by MS WMU/Women's Ministries a department
of and auxiliary to the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Jim Futral, Executive Director-Treasurer
PO Box 530, Jackson MS, 601-968-3800

GCBA MINISTRY PARTNERS

Gulf Coast Community Ministries News...

The GCCM Food Pantry serves all of Harrison County. In August alone, we served more than 400 families. Please pray for GCCM as we continue to minister to the needs of our community. Please pray how you can help us in this mission.



Mark your calendars, buy your tickets, **GCCM Annual Pork Butt Fundraiser is Thursday, October 17.** Tickets are \$40 each and for an additional \$5 the meat can be shredded for you. How convenient! Pick up will be at Bayou View Baptist Church. To reserve your pork butt call or contact GCCM at 228-868-8202 or natkins.gccm@gmail.com.

Center for International Seamen and Truckers New Facility Opening Soon!!

Please join us giving thanks to Our Lord Jesus Christ!

What Do We Need in the Near Future?

Volunteers from ALL of our Churches! (more on this later...)

If you want to volunteer at the new facility, be a driver, or donate items

contact Pastor Chris O'Brien

Office 228-868-2525

Cell 215-805-8054

iscgulfportms@gmail.com

What We Have Already Received:

Several Office Desks

Beautiful Pulpit

Foosball Table

What Do We Need Now?

Pool Table

Ping Pong Table

Living Room type Furniture; couches, chairs, end table, etc.