

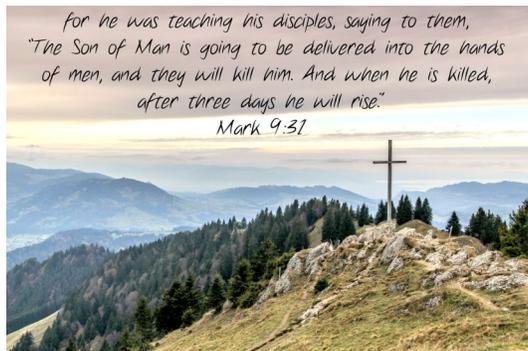
THE TIDE



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HAPPY EASTER!



for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise."
Mark 9:31

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GCBA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Monday April 4th, 2022 @ 7PM

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

GCBA TRAINING CENTER

SPRING MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

Monday April 4th, 2022 @ 7PM
(6:45 Pession Music Begins)

HANDBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

1421 E. Pass Road, Gulfport

(Don't forget to update your messengers at

www.sbcworkspace.com)

Upcoming Events in Your Association

- 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 & Rev Dionne's Retirement Celebration -Handsboro B.C. 7pm **April 18**
- Hancock County Cluster 8:30-9:30am Mockingbird Café, **Apr 18**
Bay St. Louis
- Harrison County Cluster-Cracker Barrel 8-9am **Apr 19**
- Stone County Cluster-Sawmill Restaurant 9-10am **Apr 20**

Staff:

Dr. Steve Mooneyham-Executive Director/Treasurer

Rev. Dionne Williams-Associate Associational Missions Director

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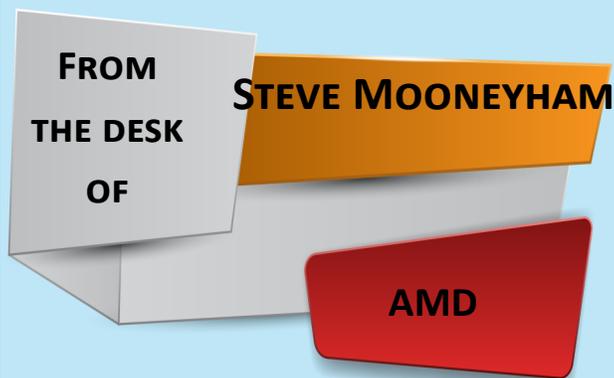
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Grayson Orman-Ministry Strategist

Robin Knapp-Executive Ministry/Financial Assistant



Easter. To many, it is just another day on the calendar. To others, it is simply a special day for those religious folks. To Christians, it is a day that celebrates the very thing that separates Christianity from every other religion, the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Of the perceived crazy and ridiculous things we believe, the belief that a man actually rose from the dead surely ranks at the top. We not only believe that, but we also insist that his death and resurrection have implications for all the world. We believe that his death was to pay for the sins of all men.

Consequently, we believe that it is required by a Holy God to trust in Jesus for our sin to be forgiven and to gain heaven. Man, we are a crazy bunch!

These beliefs separate us from everyone else. They are why we celebrate. May your celebration of His resurrection be joyful and exuberant!

Several important meetings will occur in the next few weeks. Our GCBA Executive Board meeting will occur on Monday, April 4, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the GCBA Training Center. Every pastor is automatically a board member. Additionally, each church is allowed one additional member from their church to represent them on the Executive Board. If you have not elected that person yet, this would be a good time to do so and inform us who that person is. Send a letter on your church letterhead with the name before that meeting. This is how your church has a voice in the ministry of the association. Encourage and expect your pastor and board member to attend each meeting and give a report to your church about each meeting.

Also, mark your calendar for our Spring Meeting Monday, April 18, 2022, meeting with Handsboro Baptist Church. Pre-session music begins at 6:45 p.m. The session starts at 7:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Rev. Dionne Williams, who is retiring in June. The further significance of the evening will be a reception celebrating his retirement. We will do the business we must take care of then proceed to the Activities Building at Handsboro for the reception. I hope you will be there to help celebrate his ministry.

I want to express my appreciation to all who prayed for me during my recent medical issue. I am recovering well. Thanks.

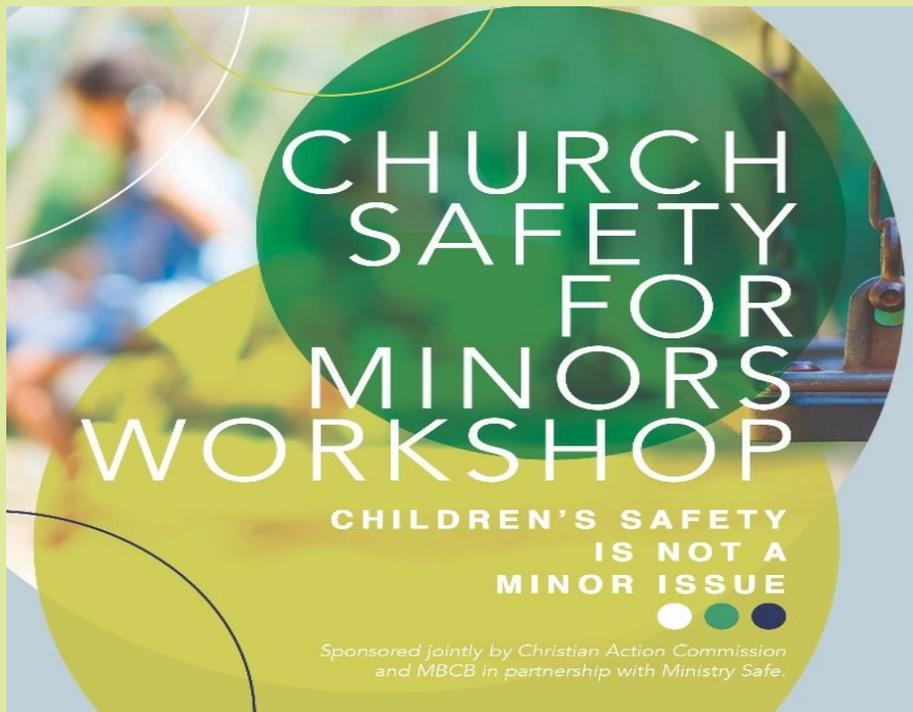
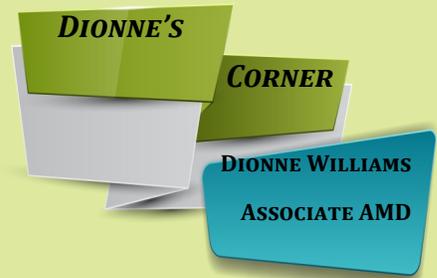
Grateful to God for you all,

Dr. Steve

One of the greatest services that GCBA provides for our churches is the ability to do background checks on prospective and/or new staff plus on all workers with preschool through youth. Some of our churches have their own accounts with different providers, but many of our churches do not. The cost may seem high, but if it keeps our children safe, it is well worth the expense. Partnership Gulf Coast does checks on everyone coming with a mission team who is 18 or older to protect GCBA, the host church and the children who participate. We might think that it will never happen in our church, but my wife also thought she would never have an emergency appendectomy until it happened last Saturday. Someone said, "I thought that only happened to young people."

Protecting our children and youth should be of highest priority in our churches. There are many things we have done as Baptists in trying to provide for those under eighteen that we need to correct. How do you find all these things out?

Here's an answer.



SEPTEMBER 12: Agricola BC, Lucedale
Registration: 8:30am
Event: 9am-2:30pm
Cost: \$25 pre-registration
\$30 at the door

**Cost includes lunch and materials*

I plan on taking the workers from the church I am interim Pastor to this meeting. I hope to see you there.

Partnership Gulf Coast

GRAYSON ORMAN

MINISTRY
STRATEGIST

For more information on any event, please call the Association Office or visit our website at www.gulfcoastba.com and click the **Training and Events** tab.

Associational work was extra exciting this month. Several out-of-town church teams came to help in mission efforts on the Gulf Coast and they were amazing! Not only did they join us in **Multi-Family Housing Outreach**, but they also spent time in the Community **distributing materials** about local churches and helping **update** and **clean** church locations. I love the idea of cooperation between churches.



Churches should work together but for some reason this only happens sporadically. Seeing cooperation between churches is an associational victory. It is so simple to gather people and **tell them about Jesus.**



The most difficult part of **Multi-Family Outreach** is getting started. One of the most notable events was a **block party** at a 28th Street apartment community.



One visiting group along with a local church group threw a **Block Party**. To everyone's surprise over **100 people** were present. Information about the church was distributed, and the children played games.



As people were coming and going, several young people and adults **shared the Gospel** with the apartment residents. At the end of the party, the **Gospel was shared** again but this time with the crowd and we invited them to attend church. What a great and easy way to see the love of Jesus shared with our communities.

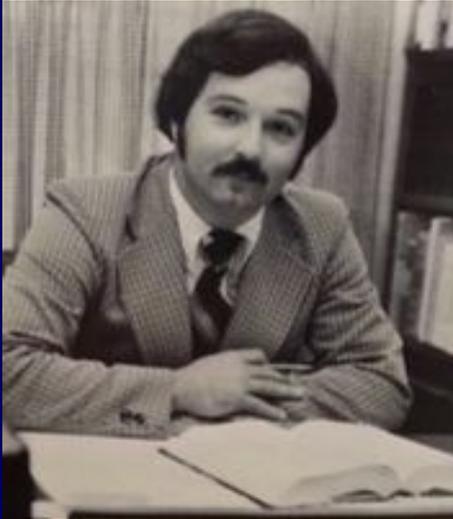
Thank you visiting teams.

If you have partnered with a sister GCBA church on a ministry project, tell us *your* story so we can include it in a future edition of THE TIDE!



Important to You...

Join us as we honor Rev Dionne Williams At his Retirement Celebration!



When:
Monday, 18th April

Where:
**Handsboro Baptist Church
Activity Center**

**(Reception directly following
conclusion of the spring
meeting, which starts at
7pm)**



Good News Jail & Prison Ministry: *UKRAINE TEAM*

As you pray for the people of Ukraine, we ask that you also lift up our team of three chaplains and committed volunteers in Dnipro, the fourth largest city. May God Protect them and the city and keep them safe as they continue to minister to the incarcerated. If you would like to send a message of encouragement and prayer to the team, please email your message to INTL@goodnewsjail.org and we will forward it on to them. Thank you for your partnership in bringing hope to the forgotten.

Your **Baptist Children's Village** is preparing for its annual **Mother's Day Offering** Sunday, May 8. All Mississippi Baptist churches will be receiving an information packet in early April with a colorful poster, bulletin inserts, and offering envelopes for you to use to promote this special offering.



Mother's Day is set aside by the Mississippi Baptist Convention to celebrate the Lord's work in the lives of children ministered to by your Baptist Children's Village. Please prayerfully consider promoting this special day to your church families on or around Mother's Day.

For more information, contact The Baptist Children's Village at 601.952.2422 or email Tim McWilliams, Director of Partner Ministries, at tmcwilliams@bcvms.org

In 1898 Mrs. Dora R. Greenlaw of Hazlehurst challenged Mississippi Baptists, "Behind the movement to provide for our orphans lies the great Baptist heart of Mississippi, And back of that, God."

We are grateful for a legacy that acknowledges the sovereignty of God in our ministry and in the hearts of our partners. Mississippi Baptist churches have faithfully responded to the needs of children for now 125 years. We look forward to continuing that legacy as we work to reach more children and families with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

HELP NEEDED!

We are just a few weeks away from State Bible Drill, and we are hoping participation will be up over last year.

Because of the anticipated numbers, we need additional judges. We would appreciate Volunteers, so please share this need with your church and with key leaders.



Those willing to serve as a judge may contact Tasha Presson at tpresson@mbcb.org or 601.292.3284.

Dates & locations:

April 5 – FBC Philadelphia

April 7 – Belden Baptist, Tupelo

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April 11 – Morrison Heights, Clinton

April 11 – Longview Point Baptist

April 12 – Hillcrest Baptist, New Albany

April 21 – Emmanuel Baptist, Grenada

April 23 – Crossgates Baptist, Brandon

April 23 – Petal-Harvey Baptist Church, Petal

April 25 – FBC Starkville

April 30 – Colonial Heights Baptist * Selection Tournament

Contributions for February 2022

CHURCH	MONTHLY	YR. TO DATE
Back Bay	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bay St Louis	\$1,035.38	\$2,870.06
Bay Vista	\$247.52	\$579.05
Bayou Talla	\$25.00	\$50.00
Bayou View	\$166.66	\$333.32
Bayside	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bel Aire	\$1,364.00	\$3,553.00
Big Level	\$3,156.75	\$3,156.75
Big Ridge	\$373.94	\$721.84
Biloxi FBC	\$408.18	\$1007.05
Bond	\$608.65	\$1660.76
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	\$185.00	\$320.00
Cornerstone	\$100.00	\$100.00
Crosspoint	\$128.72	\$292.52
Delisle FBC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Desired Nation	\$200.00	\$200.00
Empowerment Min.	\$0.00	\$500.00
Faithview	\$409.77	\$960.90
Family Worship	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faro de Esperanza	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fernwood	\$320.00	\$320.00
Grace Chapel	\$475.57	\$758.03
Grace Memorial	\$772.89	\$1562.04
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	\$2,173.67	\$5,537.91
Handsboro	\$206.72	\$887.12
Harbor City	\$175.00	\$350.00
Harvest Church	\$1,237.44	\$2,783.73
Highland	\$62.00	\$119.00
Iglesia Emanuel	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jacob's Well	\$961.00	\$3,183.00
Lakeshore	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lizana FBC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Long Beach FBC	\$0.00	\$2,275.42
Lyman FBC	\$225.00	\$723.00
McHenry FBC	\$161.01	\$341.25
Michael Memorial	\$1,503.28	\$3,092.50
MS Korean	\$719.56	\$1,295.95
Mt. Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$1,291.82	\$1,291.82
North Hills	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Long Beach	\$285.85	\$285.00
Old Spanish Trail	\$50.00	\$100.00
Parkway	\$531.12	\$1,146.15
Pass Christian FBC	\$53.55	\$53.55
Peace	\$50.00	\$100.00
Pearlington FSBC	\$0.00	\$134.00
Perkinston	\$325.15	\$640.15
Popps Ferry	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside	\$99.00	\$184.00
Robinwood	\$541.15	\$1,170.59
Shoreline Park	\$100.00	\$200.00
Success	\$366.77	\$366.77
The Church at Windance	\$375.97	\$375.97
Tuxechena	\$71.23	\$177.18
Vardaman Street	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vidalia's Bridge	\$0.00	\$0.00
West Gulfport	\$104.28	\$285.42
Wiggins FBC	\$2,762.00	\$7,275.00
Woolmarket	\$1,329.56	\$3,333.36

CHURCH *News*

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

Mississippi Gulf Coast Baptist Association

CORNERSTONE is seeking a part-time Associate Pastor/Youth Director. For more information contact Pastor Don Bearden at 228-324-5982.

HANDBORO would like to announce they have called Rev. Dionne Williams as their interim pastor. Please pray for the church during this transition time.

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 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 Bay St. Louis
FBC Pass Christian
FBC Wiggins
Greater Mount Rest
Handsboro
McHenry FBC
North Long Beach

ONLINE GIVING

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

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.

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.**

If you've not made reservations, please call GCBA Office at 228-832-4311

Join us in welcoming Crossroads to the Gulf Coast,
a Christian Marriage & Family Counseling center

Crossroads serves individuals and families by providing Christ-centered professional counseling that guides clients towards abundant living. To schedule an appointment, call 855-939-6634 or visit Crossroadscounselingms.com.



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1. Through Your Gulf Coast Baptist Association at www.gulfcoastba.com or with your monthly Associational Missions Giving.

2. Through Your State Convention, 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

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How Your Gifts Resource Missionaries

\$25

Meal with an
unreached person

\$100

Subscriptions for
training resources

\$300

Bibles and discipleship
materials

\$500

Neighborhood
outreach event

\$1,000

Emergency travel
assistance for
missionary family

\$1,500

Monthly worship
facility rent

\$10,000

Worship and office
equipment for a new
church plant

\$30,000

One year of support
for a church planter

United to Reach the Nations in our Neighborhoods

These are big numbers.

275 million people are estimated lost in North America. That's men, women, young adults and children. Among that population is more than 40 million people living in the United States who were born in another country. That's about 1/5th of the world's migrant population—more than any other country.

Almost every nation in the world is represented in North America, making it one of the most complex mission fields. And immigrants continue to come here for a better life, even from countries closed to the gospel.

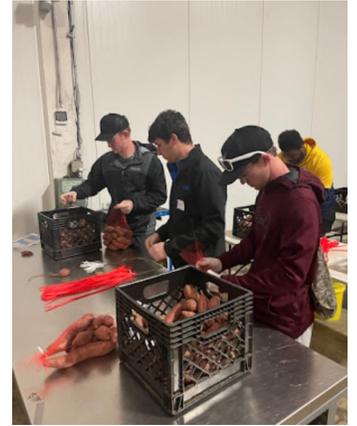
But these aren't just numbers. They represent people made in God's image—people in need of gospel hope.

When we come together to reach the nations and our own neighborhoods, the Church becomes a beautiful representation of God's vision for every nation, tribe and tongue to be saved and united in praise to Him. Through all our differences, we can be transformed and united by the unchanging, life-giving gospel of Jesus.

Statistics from Pew Research and NAMB Missional Research

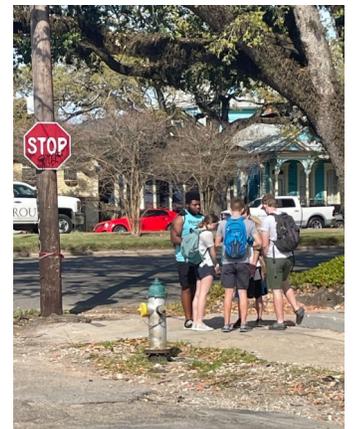


Greetings Gulf Coast Baptist Association Family! A lot has been going on at the MGCCC Baptist Student Unions. Student leaders on both the Perkinston and the Harrison County Campuses continue to be faithful to the call to share the Gospel on their campus and to make disciples.

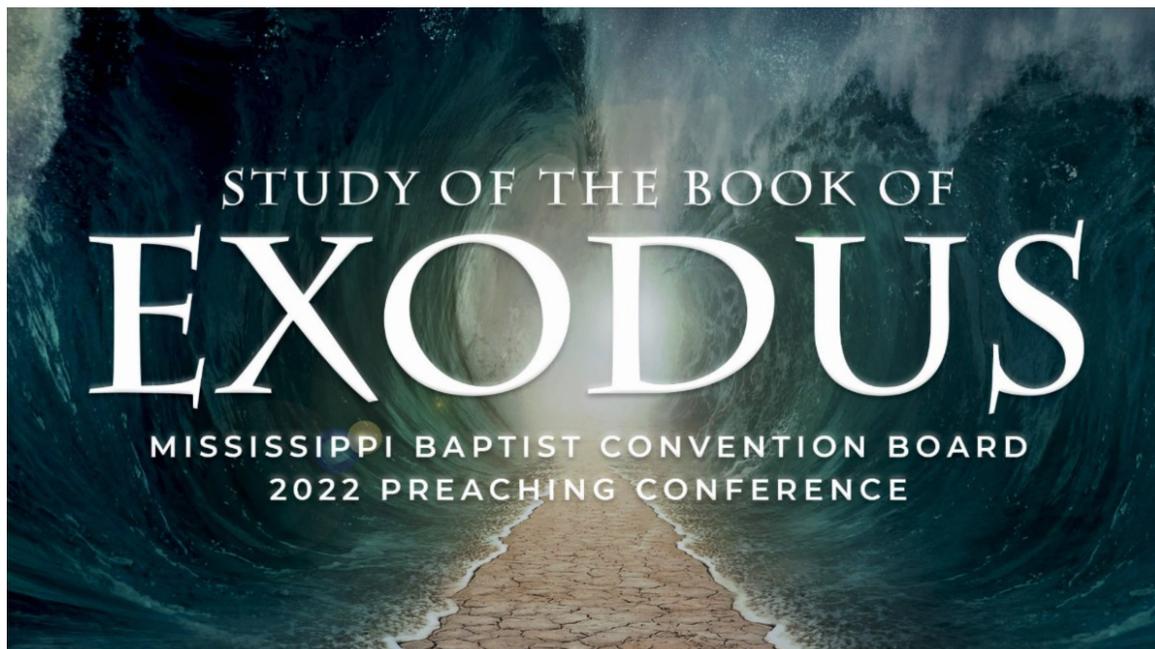


During our Spring Break, we were finally able to go on the first BSU mission trip since Covid (Praise the Lord!!!). We went and served in the city of New Orleans through Mission Lab which is affiliated with the North American Mission Board and the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Through Mission Lab, our students were given the opportunity to partner with local ministries/churches in service projects, prayer walking and evangelism.

We had twelve students from the Perkinston Campus and two students from the Harrison County Campus (formerly JD). That is FOURTEEN college students in total who decided to give up their spring break to go and serve and share the Gospel. I cannot think of a bigger praise than students being obedient to God's call to Go. At the end of the week, we had a time of debrief where I asked each student to share something the Lord had taught them. I was completely blown away by hearing how the Lord had used the trip to open each of their hearts for the lost and to see the need for missions. I want to give special thanks to all of you who supported the students going on this trip both financially and through your prayers.



Thanks also to the rest of our Association who continues to faithfully support the ministry of the BSU. I ask that you continue to pray for us as we head into the final month of this semester. I am including some pictures from the trip, but if you would like to see more or hear more details about the trip you can go to our Facebook page: [Gulf Coast BSU \(Perk Campus\)](#) or [HC BSU](#).



Please register by e-mailing elindigrin@mbcb.org.

This will reserve lunch for you (give your name, church name, city, cell phone number, & location you wish to attend).

Monday, April 18 – Blue Mountain College

Tuesday, April 19 – Garaywa Camp and Conference Center

Wednesday, April 20 – William Carey University

Schedule:

Registration: 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Conference begins 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship lunch will be provided

Conference ends around 2:00 p.m.

Background and Context of Exodus:

Dr. Brett Golson

*Vice President for Spiritual Development
and Church Relations*

*Dean of the Cooper School of Missions and
Ministry Studies*

William Carey University

Theological Themes and Discussion of Exodus:

Dr. Wayne VanHorn

Dean of the School of Christian Studies and the Arts

Professor of Christian Studies and Philosophy

Mississippi College

Preaching and Teaching Ideas from Exodus:

Dr. Ronald Meeks

Chair and Professor of Biblical Studies

*Director of Church Relations and Ministerial Re-
cruiting*

Blue Mountain College

Sponsored by the Leadership Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.