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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Monday, October 2 @ 7pm

GCBA Training Center

The Executive Board is comprised of all GCBA pastors and one elected representative from each church.

ANNUAL FALL MEETING

OF THE ASSOCIATION

Monday, October 16 @ 7pm

(Presession Music @ 6:45pm)

Michael Memorial Baptist Church

15053 John Clark Rd., Gulfport

Don't forget to elect your messengers and update the Leadership Survey in

SBCWorkspace.com or

contact Robin 228.832.4311/

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Note: All churches have 5 messengers including the pastor, for the first 50 members; and one additional messenger for each additional 50 members, allowing no more than 10 messengers per church.

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Upcoming Events in Your Association

Executive Board Meeting - GCBA Training Center 7pm - Oct 2

ACP's Due to Association - Oct 5

Hancock Cluster - Mockingbird Café 8:15-9:15am - Oct 9

Minister's Meeting - GCBA Training Center 10:30am - Oct 10

GCBA Annual Fall Meeting - Michael Memorial BC 7pm - Oct 16

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

Stone County Cluster - Gateway Christian Academy 8:30-9:30am - Oct 18

MS Baptist Convention - FBC Jackson - Oct 24-25

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

Hancock Cluster - Mockingbird Café 8:15-9:15am - Nov 13

Minister's Meeting - GCBA Training Center 10:30am - Nov 14

Stone County Cluster - Gateway Christian Academy 8:30-9:30am - Nov 15

Office Closed for Thanksgiving - Nov 22-23

Staff:

Dr. Brian Rushing-
Executive Director/Treasurer

Rev. Grayson Orman-
Interim Assoc. AMS

Robin Knapp - Executive Ministry/
Financial Assistant

Our GCBA Annual Fall Meeting Is Here!
(And some other news of interest)

After being introduced (or re-introduced) during our 2023 Spring Meeting, I am excited that we have made it to our Annual Fall Meeting! I want to extend an invitation to every church member of our GCBA churches to come be a part of our meeting. While it is true that every church has a limited number of voting Messengers, there is no limit to the number of people who can come to participate in the meeting, which will include worship and a message from God's Word. Here are the details of when and where we will have the meeting:

**FROM
THE DESK**

BRIAN RUSHING

AMS

Monday, October 16th at Michael Memorial Baptist Church at 7pm

The Fall Meeting is a great time for us to see members of our 64 churches and worship together as we celebrate working together to make a difference for Jesus and His Kingdom in our three counties.

We live in the most spiritually-resistant area of our State, and we have a great task before us to be the salt and light of Jesus to the Gulf Coast. In Mississippi, we have a population of 3 million, with about 1800 Southern Baptist Churches. So for the whole State, this is a ratio of 1 church for every 1,700 people. But we are on the "wrong" end of the numbers.

In Stone County, the ratio is 1 church for every 2,500 people.

In Harrison County, we have 1 church for every 4,385 people.

In Hancock County, there is 1 church for every 6,715 people.

We are in a location with a great need for Gospel ministry and more workers in the harvest. And we are the Jesus-followers that God has placed in this spiritually-resistant area. We need to come together to pray for more laborers and greater Kingdom harvests in the future. And we need to come together to encourage each other in the work to be salt and light. So come join us on Monday, October 16th at Michael Memorial as we support and encourage each other in this Kingdom-focused task!

October is Bobby C. Perry Associational Missions Offering Month

We continue to ask our churches to give to the annual Associational Missions Offering each year in October. This offering is used to provide additional funding for three specific ministry areas:

1. Planting New Churches,
2. Assisting with Disaster Relief Efforts, and
3. Engaging in Global Missions.

I hope you will consider giving to this important fund for these ongoing tasks. Thank you for your on-going partnership. We are better together!

Grateful for you and your church family,
Brian

Contributions for August 2023

CHURCH	MONTHLY	YR. TO DATE
Back Bay	\$0.00	\$706.80
Bay St Louis	\$1,991.39	\$10,909.61
Bay Vista	\$0.00	\$1,736.24
Bayou Talla	\$25.00	\$200.00
Bayou View	\$83.33	\$666.64
Bayside	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bel Aire	\$1,828.77	\$14,704.77
Big Level	\$1,250.00	\$10,000.00
Big Ridge	\$0.00	\$1,895.02
Biloxi FBC	\$507.99	\$3,936.21
Bond	\$901.60	\$5,455.30
Brodie Road	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chinese Grace Bible	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Church	\$131.00	\$2,398.00
Cornerstone	\$200.00	\$900.00
Crosspoint	\$270.84	\$1,488.87
Delisle FBC	\$0.00	\$25.00
Desired Nation	\$125.00	\$775.00
Empowerment Min.	\$0.00	\$400.00
Faithview	\$671.58	\$4,561.28
Family Worship	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faro de Esperanza	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fernwood	\$0.00	\$960.50
Grace Chapel	\$543.60	\$3,089.93
Grace Memorial	\$667.57	\$5,480.34
Grace Temple	\$150.00	\$1,150.00
Gulf Gardens	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulfport FBC	\$3,194.76	\$22,385.28
Handsboro	\$725.95	\$5,794.57
Harbor City	\$150.00	\$1,350.00
Harvest Church	\$1,564.14	\$11,351.89
Highland	\$0.00	\$314.00
Iglesia Emanuel	\$0.00	\$296.18
Jacob's Well	\$1,620.11	\$11,468.68
Lakeshore	\$0.00	\$300.00
Live Oak (C3)	\$200.00	\$765.00
Lizana FBC	\$385.27	\$2,206.35
Long Beach FBC	\$1,776.65	\$13,717.69
Lyman FBC	\$270.00	\$1,978.00
McHenry FBC	\$136.34	\$1,397.50
Michael Memorial	\$3,088.42	\$13,918.50
MS Korean	\$686.59	\$4,460.22
Mt. Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$2,833.64	\$12,574.53
North Hills	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Long Beach	\$141.48	\$1,671.95
Old Spanish Trail	\$50.00	\$450.00
Parkway	\$580.77	\$4,858.04
Pass Christian FBC	\$187.21	\$472.14
Peace	\$50.00	\$400.00
Pearlington FSBC	\$0.00	\$437.00
Perkinston	\$432.09	\$2,532.34
Popps Ferry	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside	\$204.00	\$781.50
Robinwood	\$588.20	\$4,566.77
Shoreline Park	\$100.00	\$500.00
Success	\$0.00	\$1,169.81
The Church at Windance	\$382.05	\$2,317.14
Tuxechena	\$77.44	\$682.48
Vardaman Street	\$0.00	\$0.00
West Gulfport	\$157.44	\$993.23
Wiggins FBC	\$3,424.00	\$28,038.16
Woolmarket	\$1,127.14	\$12,233.91

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 worship leader.

Resumes may be submitted to:

bigridgegulfcoast@yahoo.com.

BILOXI FBC has a job opportunity for a full-time Facilities and Maintenance Supervisor. Submit resumes to tjoubert@fbcbiloxi.org by Sept. 30.

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

FSBC PEARLINGTON is excited to announce they have called Adam Blair as their new pastor. Join us in welcoming Adam and his wife Amanda to our association.

GRACE MEMORIAL is in need of a pianist for Wed. pm choir practice and Sun. am services, as well as special events. If interested contact the church office 228-863-5096.

HANDBORO is in search of a senior pastor. Submit resumes to: pastorsearchcommittee@handsborobaptist.org.

LIVE OAK BC has the need for a part-time worship leader who can lead Sunday worship. If interested contact Steven Simon, pastor 228-209-7779 or steven@liveoakchurch.net.

OLD SPANISH TRAIL BC is looking for a piano player. Please call Pastor Paul Burdic at the church 228-344-3109 or 228-304-0652 (cell).

SHORELINE PARK is looking for an Interim Children's Pastor. Contact the church office at 228-467-9461.

TUXECHENA is overjoyed to share they have called Derek Bryant as their pastor. Let's welcome to the Association Derek and his wife Tabatha.



**PASTOR
SEARCH**

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

- **Big Level**
- **Handsboro**



Please remember in prayer:

Joe Holder, pastor of Success B.C. and his family in the passing of his wife, Lillie Lavada "Blossom" Holder on September 14, 2023.

Don Elbourne, pastor of Lakeshore B.C. and his family. On the morning of September 28, 2023, Don's mother, Myra Elbourne of Baton Rouge, LA. went home to be with the Lord.

Our deepest condolences to these families.

Pathway to Abuse Prevention & Response Luncheon



Join us for **FREE** training and lunch during the Mississippi Baptist Convention IMPACT Annual Meeting. Greg Love, MinistrySafe, and James Reeves, Fearless Series, will lead the training.

Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 11:35 a.m.
(immediately following the
First Session of the Convention)
First Baptist Jackson
Christian Life Center (CLC) – Dining Room

Deadline to register: October 17, 2023
Register online at mbcb.org/events
Space is limited so sign up now!



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The
Gateway to
West Mainland

MARCH 18 – 28
2024

COST:

The cost of this trip is \$3,000.
Airlines continue to raise prices on flights to Asia and this is reflected in the cost of this trip.

Together the cost of this trip will cover:

- Airfare
- Lodging
- Local Thai Food
- All Ground Transport

Other costs associated with this trip:

- Passport
- Sentinal Training \$45 required
- Cost of Insurance \$35 – \$45
- Any food or other souvenirs, drinks or snacks different from what is provided

ITINERARY:

Saturday October 21, 2023 (8am GCBA Training Center)

- Prayer for Thailand and Missionaries
- Meet at GCBA for Sentinal Training (One Chance Training)
- 2nd payment due (\$1000)
- Meeting for final planning

Thursday December 14, 2023 (6pm GCBA Training Center)

- Prayer for Thailand and Missionaries
- IMB GO Method deadline
- Final payment due (\$500)
- Meeting for specific details related to trip
– Packing suggestions, Ministry assignments



5K RUN RACE TO EMBRACE

November 18th

7am check in
Race starts at 8am
at East Rec Pool, Diamondhead, MS
EARLY ENTRY FEE \$25
RACE DAY ENTRY FEE \$30

Name _____ Sex: M F
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ DOB _____
T Shirt Size circle one: Youth M XS S M L XL
Email _____

** Race Waiver to be acknowledged and signed by participants prior to picking up bib assignments.

Mail checks to GCCWJC-Magdalene House
P.O. Box 6023, Diamondhead, MS 39525

- Awards will be given to winners in each age division.
- There will be refreshments during the race and post race.
- There will be tshirts for all preregistered runners, and for day of race registrants while supplies last.

Proceeds will benefit:
Gulf Coast Christian Women's Job Corps
& Magdalene House
www.womenscommunitysupport.org

Magdalene  House

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Register on line at:

www.raceroster.com



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Women's Community Support Center Free Employment Skills Classes – Daytime Classes New Nighttime Classes start in October

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.

We are in need of female volunteer instructors for all class schedules daytime and nighttime. Training is available at our facility for both our **Gulf Coast Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC)** and **Hancock County Correctional Facility** instructor courses. We are now accepting inquiries for all positions.

Our **CWJC** program is offered on an eight (8) week schedule. The classes include Bible Study, Career Skills, Relationship Building, Conflict Resolution, Computer Skills and Money Management.

Our daytime classes will begin soon and held on Mondays and Tuesdays. Starting in October, we will offer an Evening class on Mondays, 5-8:00pm. For students and instructors, please call as soon as possible at 228-586-3510.

Our next fundraiser will be a 5K Run, "**Race to Embrace**" held on 11/18/23 in Diamondhead. For more information contact our Center, or register at www.raceroster.com. See registration form above.

To learn more about our mission and to offer your time or financial support, please visit our website at www.womenscommunitysupport.org or call 228-586-3510.

Magdalene  House

What a mighty God we serve!



September 22-23, we had our Mississippi Baptist Student Union Fall Conference. This is a time for students from all around Mississippi to gather together to fellowship, worship the Lord, hear preaching from God's Word, and be challenged to be obedient to the calling the Lord has placed on their lives.

Two of our MGCCC students responded to this call by surrendering their lives to the Lord and walking from death into life at the conference! I ask you to pray for our two new brothers in Christ, Tristan and Travis, as they begin their new life as born-again followers of Christ.

On top of these two salvations, as I spoke with all of our students on the bus ride back; it was just so encouraging to hear how the Lord was working in the hearts of each one of them. Please pray that those who the Lord is calling to serve as BSU Summer Missionaries this upcoming summer would be obedient to do so and that their family would be supportive of that calling.

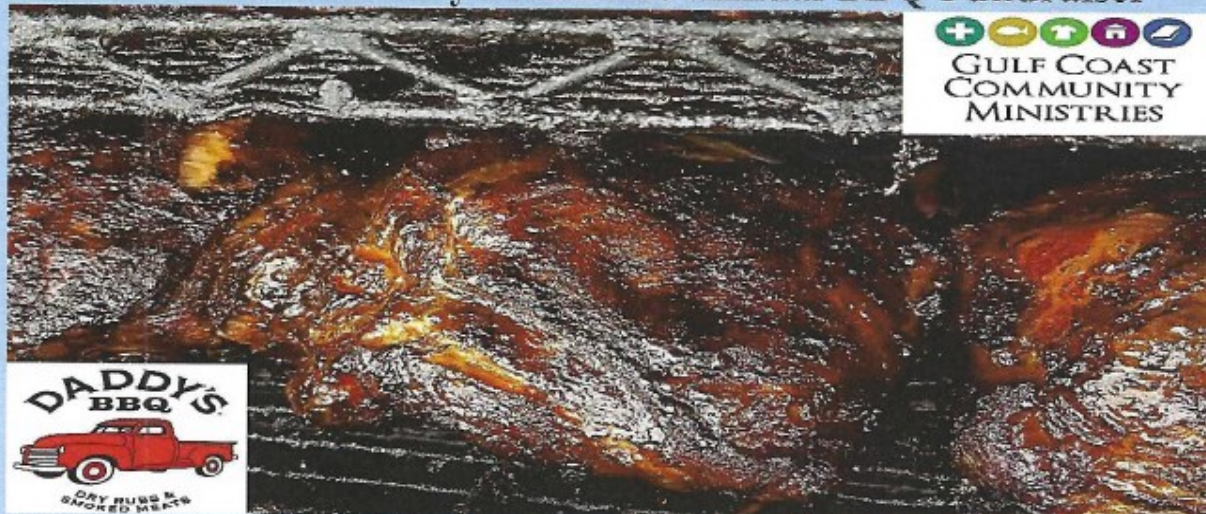
God is working in the hearts of this generation of students not just at MGCCC but around our nation (Gen Z)! The students who are coming to the Lord are coming with a deep hunger for His Word and Righteousness and a desire to make His name known to their peers. Continue to pray for the ministry of MGCCC Baptist Student Union. And also pray for and minister to the college students in your churches, and your families. May the Lord bless you all in your ministries!



David MacLellan – Director of the MGCCC Baptist Student Union
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Gulf Coast Community Ministries Annual BBQ Fundraiser



🌟 Get Fired Up for a Good Cause! Pre-order Daddy's BBQ Whole Port Butts & St. Louis Rib Racks! Join Us for our annual BBQ Fundraiser! 🌟

Hungry for a delicious way to make a difference? Look no further!

📞 Secure Your tickets by contacting Geremey Merritt, Executive Director, at director@gulfcoastministry.org or call 228-868-8202.

Link to purchase tickets online is www.gulfcoastministry.org

Date: Oct 26, 2023, **Time:** 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. **Location:** Bayou View Baptist Church, 4709 Chamberlain Ave, Gulfport, MS 39507.

🔥 **Savor the Flavor:** 🔥 Prepare your taste buds for an unforgettable BBQ experience like no other! Our seasoned pitmaster is firing up the grill to serve you mouthwatering delights:

🔥 Succulent Slow Smoked 'Daddy's BBQ' St. Louis Ribs 🔥 Slow Smoked 'Daddy's BBQ' **AWARD-WINNING** pork butts.

🌟 **Why It Matters:** 🌟 Poverty affects our community, and together, we can be the change-makers! Your support will: 🏠 Free Medical Clinic 🍲 Food Pantry 📖 Homeless Outreach Services 🗑️ Clothing Closet. Join us as we unite to raise funds and awareness for the Mississippi Gulf Coast, offering them hope for a brighter future.

Ticket Information: 📅 Slow Smoked 'Daddy's BBQ' St. Louis Ribs: \$25 📅 Slow Smoked 'Daddy's BBQ' **AWARD-WINNING** pork butts: \$45 **100% of Proceeds Benefit Gulf Coast Community Ministries**

Volunteer, Sponsor, Donation Opportunities: You can sponsor a pork butt or ribs for GCCM food pantry distribution. We welcome volunteers and additional donations to help us reach our goal. Contact Geremey Merritt, Executive Director, at director@gulfcoastministry.org or call 228-868-8202 to learn how you can contribute.

Stay Connected: Let's come together, have a blast, and make a meaningful impact on our Mississippi Gulf Coast Community. Your presence matters! Questions? Contact Geremey Merritt, Executive Director, director@gulfcoastministry.org or call 228-868-8202. Thank you for your support, and we can't wait to see you at the Annual BBQ Fundraiser

WRC Bi-Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser
Friday, October 27 and Saturday, October 28

This is the gift that keeps on giving! WRC makes money, the community gets some really great items for a very reasonable price and left overs are donated to Youth for Christ, who serve the youth of our community. Everyone wins!!!

NEW LOCATION FOR YARD SALE

Youth for Christ Parking Lot
351 Pass Road
Gulfport MS 39507



Drop off all donations at WRC:

9155 Lorraine Road, Gulfport
228-897-8958

Drop Off Times:

Mon & Tues 10am-5pm

Wed 10am-1:30pm

Thursday 10am-5pm



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Operation Christmas Child for 2023 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 13-20 November 2023.

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.

There are over 900 million children in the world between the ages of 2 to 14. The shoe box gifts are prepared specifically for this age group. Around the world there are over 153 million children that are orphans, 100 million that live in the streets, 160 million that are child laborers, and there are countless numbers of children refugees. In many cases this is the first and only gift a child may receive in their life time.

Over the course of the year there are over 75,000 distribution events that are planned and conducted in over 100 countries.

To date, more than 50 million children have enrolled in "The Greatest Journey", the 12 lesson Discipleship Program, with over 21 million children graduating. On average every 60 seconds 5 children accept Christ Jesus as their savior. Over 17 million children have professed Jesus as their Savior.

Contact Doug Bradford, occgulfcoastteam@gmail.com for information about how your church can partner with Operation Christmas Child and other local churches to send the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Free shoeboxes are available for first time participating churches or groups that want to experience the Joy in sharing the Good News of the Gospel.



DOING THE MOST GOOD™



MAKE CHANGE HAPPEN.

As the holiday season approaches, The Salvation Army Mississippi Gulf Coast is launching its' "Kettles of HOPE" Red Kettle Campaign. This campaign serves as a vital source of support for those in need within our local community and funds raised during the campaign sustain programming all year long. The Salvation Army has been a beacon of hope and assistance for countless individuals and families, and we believe it is our Christian duty.

The Salvation Army Mission:

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

We would like to invite the churches and members of our community to join us in this wonderful endeavor. We have decided to set up a friendly competition, aiming to make a significant impact during a single day of volunteering and fundraising for The Salvation Army. Here are the details of our proposal:

Campaign Season: November 11- December 23

Ways you can contribute:

- **Bell Ringing:** We encourage volunteers to ring bells traditionally with a kettle at a store front, spreading the joy of the holiday season and collecting donations for The Salvation Army.
- **Church Kettle:** We invite you to host a kettle at your church during the day, allowing church members to contribute to this meaningful cause.
- **Donate:** For those unable to participate in person, we encourage online donations through The Salvation Army's website at <https://southernusa.salvationarmy.org/ms-gulf-coast/red-kettle-campaign> or checks may be mailed to 575 Division St., Biloxi, MS 39530.

Competition: Church groups will compete to make the largest donation for their chosen day. The church group with the highest donation will receive a special reward—a free 2-hour pool party on a Sunday after church at The Salvation Army Kroc Center, open to 100 guests. Learn more about The Salvation Army Kroc Center visit our website at KrocMSCoast.org.

By participating in this initiative, we can not only make a substantial impact on our community but also strengthen the bonds within our church family. We hope this friendly competition will inspire everyone to contribute generously and help us collectively make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

We kindly request your support and participation in this event, which we believe will not only bring joy and hope to those in need but also serve as a memorable experience for our church members.

To confirm your participation and discuss further details, please contact Wanda Lowe at [228-374-9099] or email Wanda.Lowe@uss.salvationarmy.org. We look forward to scheduling a time that works for you and your congregation.

Let us come together in the true spirit of giving and make a significant impact in this year's "Kettles of HOPE" Red Kettle Campaign. Together, we can bring hope, joy, and blessings to our community.

Thank you for your consideration and support.