

# THE TIDE



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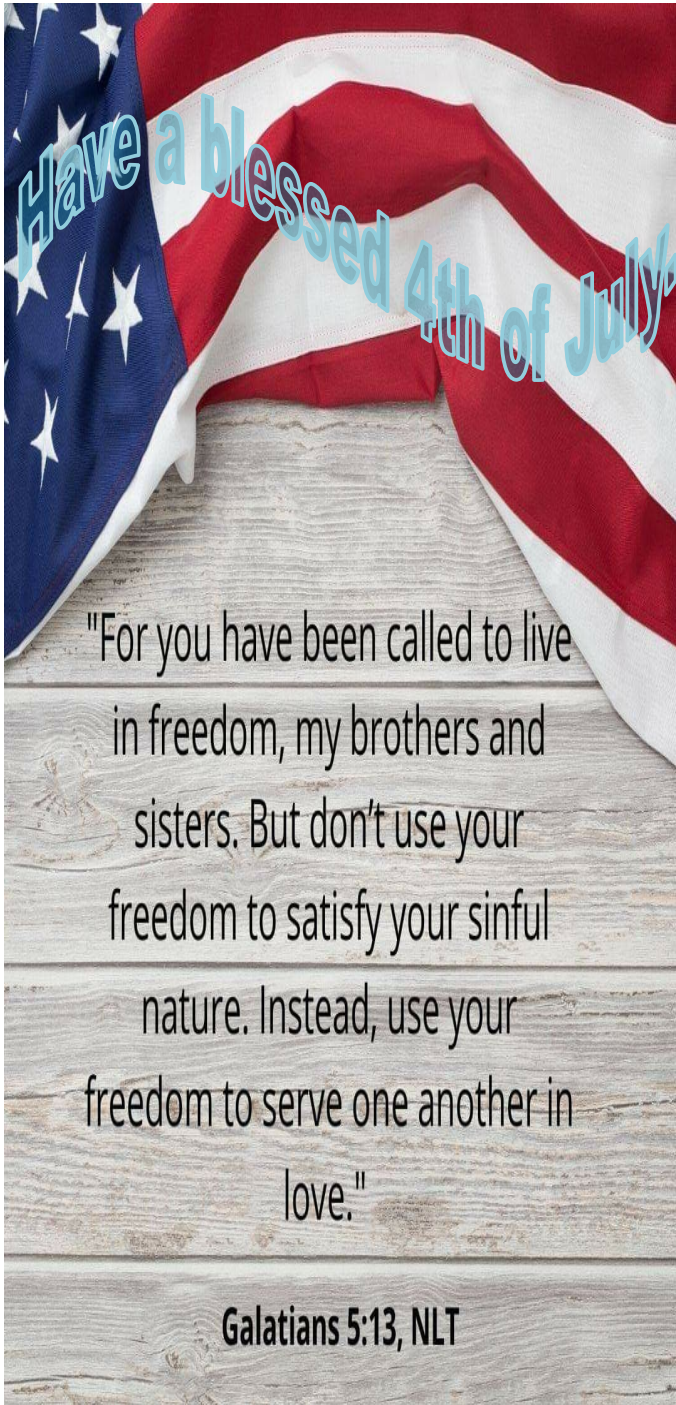
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## Upcoming Events in Your Association

Office Closed for Independence Day - July 4

Thailand First Interest Meeting - GCBA 6pm - July 6

Strategy Team Meeting - GCBA 7:30am - July 13

Hancock Cluster - Mockingbird Café 8:30-9:30am - July 17

Harrison County Cluster - Cracker Barrel 8-9am - July 18

Admin Team Meeting - GCBA 12pm - July 18

Stone County Cluster 9-10am - July 19

Finance Team Meeting - GCBA 12pm - July 20

Thailand Mission Participants Meeting - GCBA 6pm - July 20

Executive Board Meeting - Harvest Church 7pm - July 31

Staff:

Dr. Brian Rushing-  
Executive Director/Treasurer

Rev. Grayson Orman-  
Interim Assoc. AMS

Robin Knapp - Executive Ministry/  
Financial Assistant

### **The Local Church Is Most Important!**

I am so grateful to once again be part of our Association. Last month, several of us enjoyed attending our annual Southern Baptist Convention, which reminds us that we are “better together!” As we cooperate at that national level, we find we can do more together than an individual church can do alone. And this is also true at the local Association level. Our partnership with each other is important in pushing back the lostness of the MS Gulf Coast.

**FROM THE  
DESK OF**

**BRIAN RUSHING**

**AMS**

However, as an entity, “the Association” is not as important as each individual church. That might sound strange coming from the guy who is leading our Association, but we know that the local church is God's plan for growing the kingdom. Therefore, the local churches are to be the stars (or in our context, the lighthouses!) in our Kingdom work. And that means that the role of the Association is to be behind the scenes helping our churches shine brighter and farther as the lights in our Gulf Coast communities.

I agree with Dr. Shawn Parker's statement about the role of the MS Baptist Convention – the Convention exists to equip local churches to make disciples. The work of the Convention is successful only if it is helping the local church be more effective. And that is our Association's marker for success as well – to help our churches be as healthy and effective as possible, so that you and your church family can be highly effective at making disciples and living on mission.

As your Associational Mission Strategist, at the end of each day I want to be able to answer the important question:

***“How did I help the local church today?”***

Therefore, I hope you will share with me how to help you and your church. As you think about your own church's context and direction, I hope you will be thinking of your answers to these two questions:

- How can I be praying for you and your church?
- What do you think the Association can/should do to come alongside to help you, your leadership team, and your church family?

Your answers will be helpful as I continue planning how to serve well. I look forward to asking you these questions face to face, but you don't have to wait until that happens to send me your answers! Feel free to share any of your answers to the above questions to me by a phone call, text, or email. I look forward to hearing from you!

Grateful For You and Your Church,  
**Brian**



**The “Cat is Out of the Bag.” Thailand mission efforts are growing.**

**Will you lead your church to the foreign mission field?**

God is moving the hearts of people from all over the world to be on mission and to be on mission in Southeast Asia. Thailand is uniquely situated and closely connects to six countries that do not allow the Gospel to be preached openly. Thailand is the “Gateway to West Mainland.” By reaching Thailand for Christ, we could launch full evangelistic, church planting, and compassion ministries throughout West Mainland – a geographic region that is widely closed to the Gospel. With God’s help we can make a difference.



The first interest meeting for the March 18-28, 2024, Mission Journey to Thailand is set for July 6, 2023. This meeting is for any member of a Mississippi Southern Baptist church and especially for those located in Stone, Hancock, and Harrison counties. In this meeting we will pray together for Thailand and Missionaries serving there. We will recap the recent trip to Thailand to give you context and information about the region, security, and evangelistic possibilities. We will discuss the timeline and expectations to clarify the process and answer questions. Please stop what you are doing now and set your calendar for July 6, 2023, to take time to see if this is something God would have you and your church be involved in. Take a look on the next page to see what is happening in your Association regarding Thailand.

Associational relations with Thailand are exploding. With Crosspoint Church in Gulfport leading the charge, Lyman FBC on the ground this week, Bel Aire Baptist on the ground in two weeks (that’s my team) and Michael Memorial and Big Level Baptist having sent people already, the enthusiasm and excitement is growing exponentially. Not just that, but cooperation between churches is happening. Crosspoint and Lyman FBC are in Thailand together this week. How exciting is that? You could be next. Be thinking about another church you could partner with to make the possibility of going to the NATIONS a reality.

This week I had the pleasure of meeting with Jimmy Stewart from FBC, Gulfport, and Smokey Gibson from FBC, Biloxi to talk through the possibility of jumping on board with what could be the largest overseas mission collaboration in GCBA History. Don’t forget about Bay St. Louis and Wiggins FBC who are talking through what it could look like to send people from their congregations to share the Gospel with the Thai people, help teach in the Christian schools, and train pastors.

**To make this happen we need cooperation.**

Brian Cameron did an outstanding job asking his congregation to participate this Sunday and I am expecting many more of you have questions and want to know how to get involved. We have full-color flyers you can share with your congregation. Just send us a message and we will send you some flyers to pass out. Share the content of the flyer with your congregation or call me and I will make time to come and talk to your church about missions and missions to Thailand. Take a look at the flyer on the next page and call the office today if you need some for your congregation. God is blessing the Gulf Coast Baptist Association and is leading us to missions in Thailand.

**Will you lead your church to the foreign mission field?**

# MISSION OPPORTUNITY

## YOU ARE INVITED!!!

TO AN INTEREST MEETING  
ABOUT MISSION EFFORTS  
IN THAILAND

We will discuss the need for missionaries and mission teams to work in Bangkok and surrounding cities.

Discussion will revolve around these topics:

1. Requirements
2. Process
3. Itinerary
4. Cost

### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

- Work with on-the-field missionaries
- Take supplies
- Work as teachers in the Baptist Student Center
- Work with local churches to provide aid for refugees
- Visit the site for Pastor Training Initiative

### ITINERARY:

Thursday July 6, 2023 (6pm Gulf Coast Baptist Association)  
First Interest Meeting / Discussion to include:

- Prayer for Thailand and Missionaries
- Recent travel to Thailand recap
- Introduction to ministry opportunities
- Dates and Timeline for upcoming journey
- Clarifying the Process

Thursday July 20, 2023 (6pm GCBA Training Center)  
Meeting for all participants going to Thailand.

- Prayer for Thailand and Missionaries
- Discuss the Thailand trip and make plans for ministry
- Bring Passport and/or application for passport/discuss appointment for walk through New Orleans
- Fill out paperwork for MBCB together (deadline)
- Deposit due (\$500) Not refundable

Thursday August 17, 2023 (6pm GCBA Training Center)

- Prayer for Thailand and Missionaries
- 1st payment due (\$1000)
- Explain trip details – cities, durations, and on-ground personnel

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

## THAILAND



### 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

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Attend scheduled team meetings
- Good health, able to walk for miles in tropical heat, sometimes up steep hills – total travel time is approximately 48 hours
- Passport must have 6 months of time left and 3 blank VISA pages at time of travel
- Vaccinations as required (No vaccinations required at this time)
- \*\*Complete MBCB scholarship application \*\*
- Complete Mississippi Baptist Sentinal Training (Required by MBCB)
- Complete IMB GO Method – including background check and child safety course and travel insurance. (Required by IMB)
- Deposit of \$500 (non-refundable) to secure flights and lodging

### PROCESS:

- Pray
- Attend Interest Meeting
- Make Deposit (\$500 non-refundable)
- Produce Passport
- Complete MBCB paperwork (Your church must be a Southern Baptist Church giving to the Margaret Lackey Missions Offering to receive funds. All funds will be sent to your church, not to an individual.)
- Attend Sentinal Training
- Register for GO Method
- Secure Insurance
- Complete and upload required documents
- Receive acceptance e-mail
- Complete background check
- Complete Go Method Child Safety Training
- Upload certificate of Child Safety Training, Passport Photo, and Insurance Card
- Receive confirmation e-mail
- Pack your bags and get ready to go!!





## Contributions for May 2023

CHURCH	MONTHLY	YR. TO DATE
Back Bay	\$0.00	\$706.80
Bay St Louis	\$1,243.12	\$7,396.30
Bay Vista	\$242.14	\$1,068.75
Bayou Talla	\$25.00	\$125.00
Bayou View	\$83.33	\$416.65
Bayside	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bel Aire	\$1,611.00	\$10,231.00
Big Level	\$1,250.00	\$6,250.00
Big Ridge	\$0.00	\$1,120.36
Biloxi FBC	\$596.67	\$2,525.01
Bond	\$1,545.30	\$3,469.20
Brodie Road	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chinese Grace Bible	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Church	\$671.00	\$1,802.00
Cornerstone	\$100.00	\$600.00
Crosspoint	\$178.82	\$836.95
Delisle FBC	\$0.00	\$25.00
Desired Nation	\$100.00	\$425.00
Empowerment Min.	\$200.00	\$400.00
Faithview	\$522.18	\$2,900.12
Family Worship	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faro de Esperanza	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fernwood	\$160.00	\$800.50
Grace Chapel	\$517.78	\$1,753.15
Grace Memorial	\$637.03	\$3,803.37
Grace Temple	\$200.00	\$650.00
Gulf Gardens	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulfport FBC	\$2,053.85	\$13,840.89
Handsboro	\$876.28	\$4,034.10
Harbor City	\$150.00	\$900.00
Harvest Church	\$1,595.34	\$7,402.08
Highland	\$0.00	\$314.00
Iglesia Emanuel	\$0.00	\$148.20
Jacob's Well	\$1,476.02	\$6,891.41
Lakeshore	\$100.00	\$250.00
Live Oak (C3)	\$0.00	\$155.00
Lizana FBC	\$0.00	\$961.17
Long Beach FBC	\$1,914.14	\$8,823.62
Lyman FBC	\$252.00	\$1,273.00
McHenry FBC	\$242.18	\$874.21
Michael Memorial	\$2,304.98	\$7,078.54
MS Korean	\$706.28	\$2,730.77
Mt. Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$1,735.47	\$7,415.35
North Hills	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Long Beach	\$220.29	\$1,217.37
Old Spanish Trail	\$50.00	\$250.00
Parkway	\$666.94	\$3,285.58
Pass Christian FBC	\$140.00	\$284.93
Peace	\$50.00	\$250.00
Pearlington FSBC	\$0.00	\$303.00
Perkinston	\$224.72	\$1,661.48
Popps Ferry	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside	\$76.00	\$467.50
Robinwood	\$595.40	\$2,986.24
Shoreline Park	\$100.00	\$200.00
Success	\$374.84	\$714.39
The Church at Windance	\$304.98	\$1,287.54
Tuxechena	\$90.04	\$403.79
Vardaman Street	\$0.00	\$0.00
West Gulfport	\$189.35	\$570.77
Wiggins FBC	\$3,709.16	\$18,283.16
Woolmarket	\$1,244.50	\$8,277.54

# CHURCH*News*

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

**Mississippi Gulf Coast Baptist Association**

**BEL AIRE** has a 2-drawer fire safe filing cabinet and large set of 8" sign letters for a church in need.

**BIG RIDGE** is hiring preschool teachers for their new weekday ministry. Resumes may be submitted to:

[brbcchildrensministry@gmail.com](mailto:brbcchildrensministry@gmail.com).

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

**HANDBORO** is in search of a senior pastor. Resumes may be submitted to: [pastorsearchcommittee@handsborobaptist.org](mailto: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](mailto:steven@liveoakchurch.net).

**MC HENRY FBC** would like to announce they have called Dr. David Taylor as their pastor. Join us in welcoming him to our Association.

**NEW HOPE** is looking for a Music Director. Please email [newhopegulfport@gmail.com](mailto: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).

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



Our deepest condolences  
to the family of  
Dr. Raymond Grabert,  
pastor Big Ridge B.C. and  
his wife Jennifer in the  
passing of Jennifer's  
mother, Bea Knight of  
Raceland, LA on  
June 26, 2023.



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

- **FSB Pearlington**
- **Handsboro**
- **The Church at Windance**
- **Tuxechena**

Dear Friends,

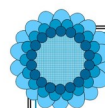
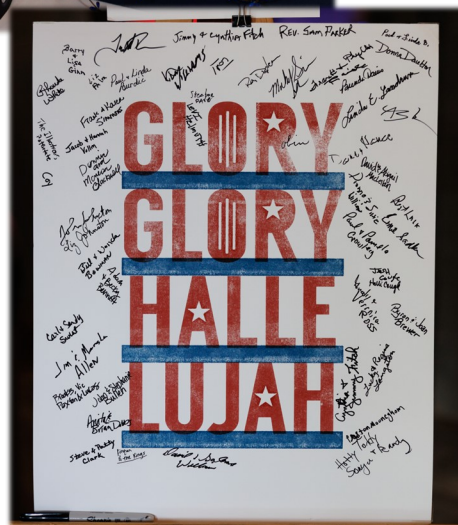
Tammy and I have made the transition to our new home in Georgia. We are getting everything in order very slowly.

Our hearts still overflow with appreciation for the time we were allowed to join you all on this journey of faith. We have many precious memories and treasured friendships from these last 18+ years.

Thank you so much for all the kind wishes expressed in so many ways over these last several weeks. Thank you, also for the generous gift given to us at the reception. May our Father continue to bless the GCBA in measures far beyond your generosity to us.

With great love for you all,

**Dr. Steve and Tammy Mooneyham**



THANK YOU



# IMPACT

## Training

### August 24: Roseland Park Baptist Church, Picayune

2130 Hwy 11 N, Picayune, MS 39466

Time: 5:15-8:30

Impact will provide training for pastors, church staff, and volunteer leaders of adults, youth, children, and preschool. The focus of this training is to equip all leaders and volunteers to serve.

#### SCHEDULE

5:15 Dinner  
6:00 Worship  
6:10 Keynote Speaker  
7:00 Breakouts  
8:30 Dismissal



#### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Jamie Dew, President of NOBTS

#### BREAKOUT FOCUS

Called to Serve: Living and Leading with a Mission

- Invest in Yourself
- Invest in Other Leaders
- Invest in Tomorrows Leaders

#### BREAKOUT LEADERS

**Pastors** Dr. Jamie Dew, President of NOBTS

**Adults** Jay Gordon, Adult & Small Groups Minister, The Church at Brook Hills, Birmingham

**Youth** Neil Tullos, Pastor FBC Wiggins

**Children / Preschool** Dr. Donna Peavey, NOBTS Professor

**Bonus Breakout** "When God Calls: A Panel Discussion with Q&A" (For teenagers and young adults interested in knowing more about a call to ministry)

**REGISTER AT [MBCB.ORG/EVENTS](https://mcbcb.org/events)**

All Locations: Aug. 3 Grenada / Aug. 8 Pontotoc / Aug. 10 Brookhaven  
Aug. 17 Meridian / Aug. 24 Picayune





Happy Mid-Summer Everyone!

It has been a joy to see and hear what God has been doing this summer through our local churches' Vacation Bible Schools. I had the privilege to go with a couple of my BSU students to New Hope Baptist Church so they could share with the kids about being on mission. It was incredible getting to not only see the amount of care the members at New Hope put into the VBS but the kids being excited about learning from God's Word and about the Gospel.

Here at the BSU we're in a time of preparation and projects. A few weeks ago, I got to be a part of a Collegiate Ministers Fellowship that took place in New Orleans right before the SBC Annual Meeting. I was able to learn from BSU Directors from all over the country and discuss strategy for MGCCC BSU. It is encouraging to hear what the Lord is doing in the hearts of college students around our nation. And I am looking forward to implementing stuff I learned into our ministry this next school year.

We have also begun renovating an unused storage room at the Perk BSU into a Conference room. This will provide a place for students to study, hold BSU leadership meetings, and an area for students to have Bible Studies without distractions. It certainly is not a one-man job, and I am greatly appreciative for those who have already helped with the work we have done. My goal is to have this room ready by the start of the Fall Semester. So, Lord willing we will soon share pictures of the finished product.

May the Lord bless you all as you seek to reach your communities with the Gospel!

David MacLellan

Director of the MGCCC Baptist Student Union

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

# Gospel Music festival

**SUNDAY,  
JULY 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
4-7 p.m.

**THE CAMELLIA**  
27360 Hwy 603,  
Kiln, MS



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S  
JOB CORPS®  
a ministry of WMU®

## Time to CRUISE

### 2023 MISSIONS MADNESS

All Children Grades 1-6 / \$10 per child, includes lunch

September 9, 2023 8:30 AM-3:00 PM

First Baptist Church of Gulfport

12190 MS-605, Gulfport, MS 39503

We will be "CRUISING THE WORLD" making stops in Indonesia, Australia, Zambia Africa, Mongolia, Spain, and our own Pascagoula, MS. Kids will experience games, culture, crafts, foods and much more throughout their visits.

To register by email (include church name, children attending and ages, along with names of adults attending):  
[dianeabennet@gmail.com](mailto:dianeabennet@gmail.com) or [mdd1gr@gmail.com](mailto:mdd1gr@gmail.com)



#### Women's Resource Center

is in need of the following items:

#### Items may be dropped off at:

9155 Lorraine Road, Gulfport  
228-897-8958

0-3 Months Boys baby clothes

3-6 Months Boys baby clothes

6-9 Months Boys baby clothes

12-18 Months Boys & Girls onesies

18-24 Months Boys & Girls onesies

Burp Cloths

Bibs

Blankets

Socks (Infant and Toddler)

Bottles

Baby Wash

**This is what the Word of God does**



**...if you can read it - 1 out of 5 can't.**

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***Give Literacy for Life  
and  
Life Forever***

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**Hope Adult Learning  
Basic Tutor Training  
5 Sessions Total**

**\*FIRST SESSION: Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023**

**\*TIME: 9:00 to Noon**

**\*LOCATION: 11201 Old Hwy 49, Gulfport**

**\*REGISTRATION FEE: Early \$35. Late \$45**

**\*Early REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Sun. Aug. 20**

**FIND OUT MORE AT [www.hopeadultlearning.com](http://www.hopeadultlearning.com)**

**\*CONTACT Donna Daulton**

**228-256-3610**

**[hopeadultlearning@gmail.com](mailto:hopeadultlearning@gmail.com)**



**Help change a life today!**