

# THE TIDE

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## Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions

### What can your church do?

- ⇒ Lead your church to pray for and give generously to the Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions
- ⇒ Set a date between August and October for your offering emphasis
- ⇒ Set an offering goal and challenge your members to participate
- ⇒ Visit [www.mbc.org](http://www.mbc.org) for additional resources
- ⇒ Celebrate the grace of God and the power of Christ to include us to "Tell This People".

**"SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!"**

PSALM 100:2A

**OFFERING GOAL**

**\$2,100,000**

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## Upcoming Events in Your Association

- Church Leader Training Kickoff-FBC Long Beach 9am Aug 3
- Shepherd's Staff-GCBA Training Center 11:30am Aug 6
- Hancock County Cluster-Mockingbird Café, Aug 19  
Bay St. Louis 8:30-9:30am
- Budget Planning Meeting-GCBA Conference Rm 5:30pm Aug 19
- Harrison County Cluster-Cracker Barrel 8-9am Aug 20
- Stone County Cluster-Sawmill Rest. 9-10am Aug 21
- Beach Club Information Meeting-GCBA Trng Ctr. 11:30am Aug 29
- Office Closed for Labor Day Sept 2
- Shepherd's Staff-GCBA Training Center 11:30am Sept 3

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FROM  
THE DESK  
OF

STEVE MOONEYHAM

AMD

### *Does your church display the fruits of the Spirit?*

During the GCBA-sponsored Deacon Training event earlier in the year, our conference leader talked about the importance of deacons displaying the fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5 tells us what those are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. These are the fruit, or the evidence of the presence of the Spirit in a believer's life. (Notice that there is no mention of tongues speaking as an indicator. Anyway, moving on....)

One might argue that the reason for much of the trouble and strife in the church is a lack of displaying the fruit of the Spirit. I have been in those meetings where there was more concern for gaining the upper hand than there was for exhibiting gentleness or self-control.

In Acts 2:47, Luke noted that the disciples were "having favor with all the people." One thing to be taken from that is the people of Jerusalem were seeing something different and winsome in the lives of the disciples which attracted them to the disciples. I believe there was an attraction to the Gospel, but also to the "something different" they saw in the disciples. Their lives matched their message. They spoke about love and they demonstrated love; they talked about patience and kindness and all the others AND they lived those things out in their lives.

Much is said about the effectiveness and impact the contemporary church has, or doesn't have, on its community and the culture. There are complaints that the church is losing its voice in the community. We are preaching the Gospel, but churches are dying and closing. Could the reason be that there is a disconnect in what we say and how we live? The world can't hear our words because our actions are drowning out the sound of our message.

Churches have reputations. Through the years, I have heard variations of this story. A new pastor starts to visit people in the community. He won't make it to very many houses before he hears something like this, "Preacher, I used to go to that church, but "somebody done me wrong." At another house, he might hear, "Preacher, all they want to do down at that church is fuss and fight."

It seems that too often we exhibit the works of the flesh instead of the fruit of the Spirit. Maybe it is little wonder why people are disenchanted with the church; they can't hear our message because of it!

Just sayin'....

Summer schedules will soon give way to back-to-school and the beginning of a new church year.

Now is the time to begin thinking about electing messengers to the Associational Meeting in October and whom you will elect to join your pastor as your lay representative to the GCBA Executive Board.

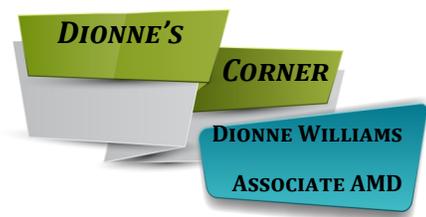
Don't forget the **Church Leader Kickoff** training event scheduled for **Saturday August 3, 9-Noon at FBC, Long Beach**. We will have sessions for: Deacons, Treasurers/Church Finance committee folks, Sunday School Directors and Teachers, WMU leaders, (includes GAs), Men's Ministry (includes RAs). If you have questions just give us a call.

Your associational staff is ready and eager to help your church. We can help you design conferences and training specific to your church needs. Help is just a phone call or email away.

It is my joy to serve you on our journey toward the Father.

Blessings,

Dr. Steve



## 2020—Discipling Disciples to Disciple



That's the theme for GCBA this coming year. Lots of training opportunities to help churches make disciples. Those can be found on the GCBA Website, but there is one event that you need to get on your church calendar NOW. On **March 7, 2020 at FBC Long Beach from 8 am to Noon**, we will host **Old Testament LIVE**, a ministry of Walk Thru the Bible. This event will help church folks learn and remember the major themes of each Old Testament book. The cost is \$10.00 per person and this includes the workbook. All participants must have a workbook. Mark your calendar for this event. Watch my article in the TIDE each month for more information.



**ONE GREAT DAY**  
TRAINING FOR BIBLE STUDY LEADERS

**AUGUST 25, 2019**  
**Free Admission • No Registration**

FBC New Albany • FBC Biloxi • FBC Cleveland • FBC Petal

**\*UPDATED TIME CHANGE\***

3:00 P.M. Large Group Gathering  
3:15 P.M. Age Group Training (Preschool-Adults)  
4:30 P.M. Time of Fellowship

Contact Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries at  
601-292-3291 or [slee@mcb.org](mailto:slee@mcb.org) for more information.

# The Shepherd's Staff



## 2019

August 6 – Scams and Frauds

September 3 – Resourcing

October 1 – Cyberbullying

## 2020

January 7 – Sexting

February 4 – Domestic Violence

March 3 – Vulnerable Adults/Elder Abuse

April 7 – Child Abuse

May 5 – Emergency Preparedness

June 2 – Pornography

July 7 – Human Trafficking

August 4 – Church Liability Issues

September 1 – 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.

# TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

## CHURCH LEADER TRAINING

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2019**

**9 AM –NOON**

**FBC LONG BEACH**

**Training for:**

**Sunday School Leaders of all Age groups**

**Finance Team/Treasurers  
Men's Ministry**

**WMU/Women's Ministries**

**Pastors and Staff**

**Discipleship Directors**

**Deacons**

## Women's Ministry & WMU Missions Leadership Training 2019



### **NORTH MISSISSIPPI**

**AUGUST 9-10**

**Harrisburg Baptist Church  
Tupelo, MS**

Friday night/Saturday morning  
with the *Growing Churches Conference*  
Go to: [www.growingchurches.info](http://www.growingchurches.info)  
for cost and registration information

### **CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI**

**AUGUST 17**

**Garaywa Camp & Conference Center  
Clinton, MS**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
No cost / No registration

### **SOUTH MISSISSIPPI**

**AUGUST 3**

**FBC Long Beach, MS**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
with *Gulf Coast Association*  
No Cost / No Registration

For more information contact MS WMU/Women's  
Ministries at 601-292-3319 or [amasseymbcb.org](http://amasseymbcb.org).



**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COURSE  
& SKILLSHOPS  
FOR MINISTRY ASSISTANTS**

### **2019 Professional Training Course & SkillShops for Ministry Assistants**

*Calling all Ministry Assistants and Church Secretaries!*

August 20-22, 2019

Garaywa Camp and Conference Center, Clinton

**Professional Training Course**—full 3 day course for  
New Ministry Assistants

**SKILLSHOPS** (join us for both or just one):

Understanding Myself and Others  
(Tuesday/Wednesday-August 20-21)

Church Financial Management  
(Wednesday/Thursday-August 21-22)

Link to Registration: <http://www.tinyurl.com/MATraining-Skillshops2019>

Registration deadline: Tuesday, August 6, 2019

For questions or concerns, please contact Vesta Clary

At [vclary@mbcb.org](mailto:vclary@mbcb.org) or 601-292-3310

# Important to You...

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.

## 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](mailto:wwarren@nobts.edu)

## First Baptist Lizana Homecoming Revival

**Sunday August 4– Wednesday August 7**

**Sunday August 4**

- ◇ 11am Rev. Donnie Parker
- ◇ 2pm Rev. Charles Bonner

**Monday August 5-Wednesday August 7**

- ◇ 7pm Rev. Ken Sharp

**23132 Highway 53  
Gulfport  
228-832-6519**

## 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](http://wmu.com/students) to learn the latest updates!**

## Contributions for June 2019

CHURCH	MONTHLY	YR. TO DATE
Back Bay	\$0.00	\$759.49
Bay St Louis	\$1,150.79	\$11,354.81
Bay Vista	\$315.25	\$1,952.63
Bayou Talla	\$25.00	\$150.00
Bayou View	\$166.66	\$999.96
Bayside	\$25.00	\$150.00
Bel Aire	\$1,174.77	\$8,489.88
Big Level	\$1,183.00	\$7,098.00
Big Ridge	\$385.75	\$2,524.76
Biloxi FBC	\$624.12	\$4,000.85
Bond	\$731.55	\$3,959.03
Bridge Community	\$184.05	\$1,187.37
Brodie Road	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chinese Grace Bible	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Christ Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Connect Community	\$111.00	\$312.74
Church @Windance	\$150.00	\$907.00
Cornerstone	\$0.00	\$350.00
Crosspoint	\$133.18	\$779.42
Delisle FBC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Desired Nation	\$100.00	\$400.00
Emmanuel	\$25.00	\$150.00
Faithview	\$515.60	\$3,867.28
Family Worship	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fernwood	\$160.00	\$960.00
Grace Chapel	\$561.92	\$1,548.40
Grace Memorial	\$480.12	\$5,214.66
Grace Temple	\$200.00	\$1,700.00
Gtr. Mt Rest	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulf Gardens	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulfport FBC	\$2,838.89	\$18,597.39
Handsboro	\$582.95	\$4,467.65
Highland	\$74.37	\$401.92
Iglesia Emanuel	\$0.00	\$110.90
Iglesia Herebad	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jacob's Well	\$810.73	\$5,853.69
Lakeshore	\$50.00	\$300.00
Lizana FBC	\$0.00	\$92.21
Long Beach FBC	\$1,407.29	\$9,817.10
Lyman FBC	\$0.00	\$993.00
McHenry FBC	\$0.00	\$808.34
Michael Memorial	\$1,597.55	\$8,655.01
MS Korean	\$704.29	\$2,959.90
Mt. Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$0.00	\$9,400.77
North Hills	\$0.00	\$963.52
North Long Beach	\$121.56	\$750.29
Old Spanish Trail	\$0.00	\$0.00
Olivet	\$0.00	\$0.00
Parkway	\$387.78	\$2,886.80
Pass Christian FBC	\$40.70	\$372.92
Peace	\$50.00	\$285.00
Pearlington FSBC	\$0.00	\$601.93
Perkinston	\$106.59	\$837.89
Popps Ferry	\$0.00	\$338.62
Riverside	\$82.00	\$542.00
Robinwood	\$510.20	\$3,435.76
Saucier FBC	\$50.00	\$300.00
Shoreline Park	\$100.00	\$600.00
Stable	\$67.19	\$254.62
Success	\$0.00	\$1,272.70
Trinity	\$0.00	\$400.00
Tuxechena	\$185.86	\$912.60
Vardaman Street	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vidalia's Bridge	\$0.00	\$0.00
West Gulfport	\$97.86	\$604.94
Wiggins FBC	\$2,145.00	\$17,386.51
Woolmarket	\$1,658.04	\$8,882.39

# 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.

**FIRST GULFPORT** is excited to announce a new alignment in their staff structure. Rev. Eric Smith who is currently serving as Sr. Assoc. Pastor will now serve as Executive Pastor for Ministries. In addition, they are welcoming Bryan Billings, a long time member of FBCG, to their staff as Church Administrator. Congratulations to both!

**FIRST LONG BEACH** is receiving resumes for Minister of Music. Send all inquiries to: [fbclbsearchcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:fbclbsearchcommittee@gmail.com) or FBC Long Beach, Attn: Music Search Committee.

**FIRST PASS CHRISTIAN** is delighted to announce they have called Aaron Crowley as their pastor. Join them in prayer for his new ministry.

**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

- ◆ Conducted their very first Easter Service!

#### Prayer Needs

- ◆ Pray for Associate Pastor Justin Daniel and his wife with the birth of their baby.
  - ◆ We want churches to partner with us by sending a group of 5-10 people to serve and worship with us on Sunday
  - ◆ Pray for our small groups. Our mid-week group has a man attending who does not attend anywhere else.
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### **Connect Community Church, Long Beach, Steven Simon, pastor**

#### Ministry Highlights

- ◆ Much of our focus for June was on local missions in and around Long Beach.
- ◆ Helped a single mom secure and seal her home by doing some repair and maintenance around the house. Youth from Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Natchez, MS helped with the project.
- ◆ We have had multiple Gospel Conversations. Pray that God uses those conversations to draw people to Him.

#### Prayer Needs

- ◆ Pray we keep meeting people and being faithful
- ◆ Pray for Kingdom growth as we partner with sister churches and the GCBA
- ◆ Pray for Steven. He has had to take on additional responsibility with his secular job.

## **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 Do We Need Now?**

Pool Table

Ping Pong Table

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

### **What We Have Already Received:**

Several Office Desks

Beautiful Pulpit

Foosball Table

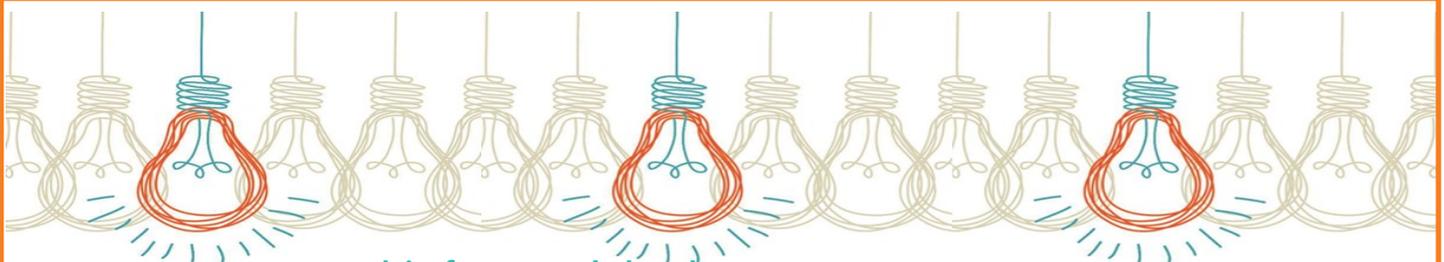
## Look at what God is doing...

I wanted to share a story concerning **VBS at Bayside Baptist Church**. Every year about the same time, we have a few churches that come from the North Georgia area to help us out with VBS. What was different this year is I had a Pastor (non SBC) come in to where I work, and I started a conversation about getting ready for VBS. He stated, "VBS is a scam." Needless to say, I was waiting for a good message out of it, but I found out very fast he wasn't kidding. He basically stated that all that VBS was there for is to have a free babysitting service for kids while they were out of school. He went on to explain that parents look up all the VBS going on in the area and use that to get free babysitting service, so they don't have to pay someone to do it.

Well here is my answer to that. Who cares if it's a free babysitting service! Just think about having 10, 20, 50 and, for some churches, hundreds of kids being exposed to Jesus Christ for 3-4 hours a day for a few days out of the week. A lot of churches complain that we need more Jesus in this sinful world. Well, here is your opportunity to do what you want. Think about how many kids, as well as adults, get to hear about Jesus. So, "No! VBS is not a scam."

Here is the report on **VBS at Bayside Baptist Church** in Bay St. Louis MS. VBS dates were June 17th - 30<sup>th</sup>. We had 200 kids and adults registered for our VBS. Our church can seat about 85 people at a time. We had an average of 148 kids a day that came to VBS. Here are the names of Churches that came to Mississippi from the North Georgia area to help us: Friendship Baptist, Mt Olivet, Poplar Springs, Oak Grove, Mission on the Mountain and West Buford. We had a total of 160 volunteers from those churches to help us. What a blessing we received from them for our community. We had a 3 on 3 basketball tournament, a new roof put on our church, and daily activities all of which resulted in 18 people accepting Jesus as their personal Savior and 24 rededicating their lives to Jesus.

God Bless!  
Pastor Richard DeVault  
Bayside Baptist Church



Would you  
like to  
change this...

this for an adult who  
struggles with  
into  
everyday reading?

Sign up now for

Hope Adult Learning Tutor Training  
Begins Tuesday, Aug. 27, 9 to Noon

LOCATION: 11201 Old Hwy 49, Gulfport  
COST: \$35. Must be paid with registration  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE –Friday, Aug. 23

MORE INFORMATION

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CONTACT Donna Daulton 228-806-4673



 hope  
ADULT LEARNING

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 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades and their leaders will have their own sessions.  
Same date, location, schedule, and program fee for both events.

## SPECIAL GUESTS for WOMEN



Marian Jordan Ellis  
San Antonio, TX  
Keynote Speaker



Joyful Praise  
Brandon, MS  
Worship Team

## 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](http://www.mbc.org/wmu) or contact Amy Massey  
at 601-292-3319 or [amassey@mbcb.org](mailto: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

## SPECIAL GUESTS for TEEN GIRLS



Amy Jo Girardier  
Brentwood, TN  
Keynote Speaker



Lauren Luckey  
Madison, MS  
Worship Leader

**What does after school programs, the beach, and Jesus have in common?**

## KIDS BEACH CLUB!

What is Kids Beach Club? It's a fun BIBLE club for kids that meets after school one day a week for one hour. It's a place for kids to connect with God on school campuses.

Why should your church get involved? Kid's beach club identifies unchurched families in your community. It is a way for your church to have direct access to children in your school district and gives you the opportunity to share the love of Jesus with them.

Kids Beach Club wants to share their vision and process with you! Please join us on **August 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am at the Gulf Coast Baptist Association Training Center** for an exciting time of sharing a way to reach unchurched families in your community through spending valuable time with children in your schools. **Complimentary lunch will be served.**

