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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

Harrison County Cluster - Cracker Barrel 8-9am - Dec 7

Hancock Cluster - Mockingbird Café 8:15-9:15am - Dec 11

Minister's Meeting - GCBA Training Center 10:30am - Dec 12

Stone County Cluster - Gateway Christian Academy 8:30-9:30am - Dec 13

Thailand Trip Meeting - GCBA Training Center 6pm - Dec 14

Office Closed for Christmas Holiday 12pm - Dec 21

Office Reopens - Jan 2, 2024

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Financial Assistant

### **Excelling Still More**

Thank you for a great first Fall Meeting as your AMS! We had great hosts at Michael Memorial with Pastor Tony and his team. And their worship leader, Mr. Colby Amis, and worship team did a fantastic job of leading us in praise of our great God. I was grateful to get to meet more of our GCBA people, and reconnecting with others. I am excited about what God is going to do through us as we work together for God's Kingdom here on the Gulf Coast.

**FROM THE  
DESK OF**

**BRIAN RUSHING**

**AMS**

I was also honored to be able to preach the message for the Fall Meeting. A few items that I shared that I want to remind you of:

- We live in the most spiritually-resistant area of our State.
- We have the fewest number of churches for our population size.
- Which means we have great opportunity and great responsibility.

Sometimes the spiritual resistance and the magnitude of the problem can leave us a bit overwhelmed. That is one reason I love 1 Thessalonians 4:1-10. In this passage, Paul is speaking to the believers in Thessalonica, who also lived in a very spiritually-resistant area. But even in the hostility, God was at work, and the kingdom grew as the church was faithful to obey God and preach the message of Jesus with their words and their lives. And for us, God is also at work along the Coast, and we can continue to be obedient as we share about Jesus with our words and our lives.

In 1 Thess. 4:1 and 4:10, Paul tells the believers to excel still more, or to continue doing what they have been doing even more. This is not an encouragement to a works-based salvation, but rather, Paul is saying to the believers to not become discouraged, and for them to continue speaking the name of Jesus and loving each other as a witness to the world of Jesus. And I would say the same to all of us.

You already know the salvation of Jesus. And now you have been called to share the message of reconciliation to God through Jesus with the people around you. You are already doing it! And it is making a difference as God is using your words and lives to help people in our three counties know that they can be reconciled to Him. So keep pressing on. Continue to excel in what you are already doing to exalt Jesus in your family, your church, your community, and our MS Gulf Coast. It is making a difference. And I am excited that God has brought me here to be a part of what God is doing in and through us – the Gulf Coast Baptist Association of churches – as we are “better together!”

I am grateful for you and your church family!

**Brian**



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ASSOCIATE

## Conferences, Roundtables, and Missions, ohh my!



The Mississippi Baptist Convention in Jackson ended on October 25, 2023. The preacher's conference, and the business meetings went well. The worship time was wonderful, and the preaching was great. I enjoyed seeing so many people from our association in attendance. Many of us sat together, as was convenient, to listen to preaching and to worship together.

Roundtables are underway. As the association continues doing our best to meet the needs of our churches, these meetings have given great insight and brought about relevant ideas regarding how we may better serve your church. The attendance so far has been incredible. I am so encouraged by the turn out for these meetings. There is so much to be gained when groups come together and are open and transparent.

Mission activity is picking up. We just received word that Bel Aire Baptist is putting together a Belize mission trip, and all association members are encouraged to learn more by contacting Grady Floyd at Bel Aire Baptist for details. In addition, we now have 9 people from 4 churches in the Association traveling to Thailand in March to share the gospel, meet needs of the community, and do their part in fulfilling the mandate to go to all nations and make disciples.



This month has been packed with activity. The Gulf Coast Baptist Association is alive and well. Help us continue in this pattern by attending GCBA events and praying for the Association as you are able.

All for His Glory,

*Grayson*

## Contributions for September 2023

CHURCH	MONTHLY	YR. TO DATE
Back Bay	\$0.00	\$706.80
Bay St Louis	\$1,056.53	\$11,966.14
Bay Vista	\$221.09	\$1,957.33
Bayou Talla	\$25.00	\$225.00
Bayou View	\$83.33	\$749.97
Bayside	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bel Aire	\$1,295.40	\$16,000.17
Big Level	\$1,250.00	\$11,250.00
Big Ridge	\$0.00	\$1,895.02
Biloxi FBC	\$518.95	\$4,455.16
Bond	\$572.70	\$6,028.00
Brodie Road	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chinese Grace Bible	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Church	\$0.00	\$2,398.00
Cornerstone	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Crosspoint	\$271.88	\$1,760.75
Delisle FBC	\$50.00	\$75.00
Desired Nation	\$125.00	\$900.00
Empowerment Min. CC	\$250.00	\$650.00
Faithview	\$1,502.52	\$6,063.80
Family Worship	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faro de Esperanza	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fernwood	\$320.00	\$1,280.50
Grace Chapel	\$392.94	\$3,482.87
Grace Memorial	\$355.98	\$5,836.32
Grace Temple	\$0.00	\$1,150.00
Gulf Gardens	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulfport FBC	\$1,945.91	\$24,331.19
Handsboro	\$580.64	\$6,375.21
Harbor City	\$150.00	\$1,500.00
Harvest Church	\$1,499.63	\$12,851.52
Highland	\$0.00	\$314.00
Iglesia Emanuel	\$163.98	\$460.16
Jacob's Well	\$1,986.07	\$13,454.75
Lakeshore	\$0.00	\$300.00
Live Oak (C3)	\$0.00	\$765.00
Lizana FBC	\$71.02	\$2,277.37
Long Beach FBC	\$1,936.00	\$15,653.69
Lyman FBC	\$218.00	\$2,196.00
McHenry FBC	\$173.64	\$1,571.14
Michael Memorial	\$0.00	\$13,918.50
MS Korean	\$524.42	\$4,984.64
Mt. Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$1,374.00	\$13,948.53
North Long Beach	\$293.80	\$1,965.75
Old Spanish Trail	\$0.00	\$450.00
Parkway	\$493.88	\$5,351.92
Pass Christian FBC	\$72.90	\$545.04
Peace	\$50.00	\$450.00
Pearlington FSBC	\$0.00	\$437.00
Perkinston	\$201.22	\$2,733.56
Popps Ferry	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside	\$70.00	\$851.50
Robinwood	\$529.24	\$5,096.01
Shoreline Park	\$0.00	\$500.00
Success	\$0.00	\$1,169.81
The Church at Windance	\$413.30	\$2,730.44
The Ch. Of Turning Points	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tuxechena	\$63.98	\$746.46
Vardaman Street	\$0.00	\$0.00
West Gulfport	\$164.24	\$1,157.47
Wiggins FBC	\$3,780.55	\$31,818.71
Woolmarket	\$1,474.65	\$13,708.56

# 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](mailto:bigridgegulfcoast@yahoo.com).

**BILOXI FBC** has a job opportunity for a full-time Facilities and Maintenance Supervisor. Submit resumes to

[tjoubert@fbcbiloxi.org](mailto:tjoubert@fbcbiloxi.org).

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

**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](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).

**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.



**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**



Our deepest condolences  
to Steve and Tammy  
Mooneyham in the passing  
of Tammy's mother,  
Mrs. Dolly A. Weger of  
Hattiesburg. Mrs. Weger  
passed away Thursday,  
October 26, 2023. A  
private graveside service  
will be held.



**3,072  
PEOPLE  
GROUPS**

*No one is engaging them.  
Until now.*

We've identified 3,072 people groups across the globe who have no missionary presence and likely no gospel access.

They live in jungles and across deserts. They are on islands and across mountains. Their villages are remote. Some live in cities, others in isolated communities.

So we're preparing to go to the deepest part of lostness to find the people no one else is looking for.



**LEAD YOUR CHURCH TO GIVE TO  
THE LOTTE MOON OFFERING.  
PREPARE:**

- Pray about your church's involvement.
- Set a giving goal for your church. This year's national goal is \$200 million.
- Participate in the Week of Prayer December 3-10. Resources can be found at [imb.org/weekofprayer](http://imb.org/weekofprayer)

**LOSTNESS  
IS GROWING  
EVERY DAY**

**WE WILL NOT IGNORE IT.**

**WE WON'T BE SILENT.**

**WE WON'T STAND STILL.**

**WE WILL REACH THE NATIONS,  
NO MATTER THE COST.**

**WE WILL BRING  
THE SOLUTION  
— THE GOSPEL —  
TO THE WORLD'S  
GREATEST PROBLEM,  
LOSTNESS.**

## **THE COST OF MISSIONARY PRESENCE AROUND THE WORLD**

### **HOUSING FOR ONE MISSIONARY FAMILY**

Rural Lesotho .....	\$110 per month
Singapore .....	\$2,500 per month
Japan .....	\$3,166 per month

### **LANGUAGE LEARNING FOR A MISSIONARY COUPLE**

Hungary .....	\$134 per month
West Africa .....	\$1,231 per month
Mexico .....	\$1,833 per month

### **MISSIONARY KID EDUCATION**

Czech Republic .....	\$575 per month
Thailand .....	\$975 per month
Malaysia .....	\$1,114 per month







Greetings, Churches of the Gulf Coast Baptist Association!

It was a blessing to be able to bring my report about what the Lord has been doing through MGCCC Baptist Student Union at our Fall Annual meeting this past month. This year of ministry we have had 10 students give their life to the Lord! We've seen many students who are believers grow in their faith. And the Gospel is being declared on all three MGCCC Campuses.

This year for MGCCC's Homecoming we had an open house at the BSU and invited all MGCCC BSU Alumni to attend. It was a blessing getting to see some of our alums. I plan on this becoming an annual homecoming event, and my hope is to see it grow in the coming years.

As we are nearing the end of the semester, I ask you to pray specifically, for two things. First, for students who are being called to serve as Summer Missionaries. The deadline to apply for Summer Missions is at the end of November. I know there are students involved with the BSU at all three of our campuses that would be great summer missionaries. So, be in prayer that they would be obedient to the call to serve and that their parents would be willing to let them go on mission.

The second prayer is for our directors and student leaders. Pray we would boldly take every opportunity that is left in this semester to share the Gospel with those who need to hear it. It can be easy during the time of the holidays to get too "busy" to miss out on these opportunities. But I believe there are more students God wants to hear the Gospel before this semester is over.



We deeply appreciate all of your support for the BSU and ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers. May the Lord bless you all as you seek to reach your community for the Gospel!

*David MacLellan –  
Director of the MGCCC  
Baptist Student Union*

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




*Magdalene House*



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JOB CORPS®**  
a ministry of WMU®

Click here to register online:

[www.raceroster.com](http://www.raceroster.com)



Women's  
RESOURCE CENTER

# OPEN HOUSE

Have you ever wondered what it looks like behind the doors of the  
Women's Resource Center?

You are invited to take a peek and see what they do to help  
women and families in our community.

**Tuesday, November 28**

**4pm until 7pm**

**9155 Lorraine Road, Gulfport**



DOING THE  
MOST GOOD™



**MAKE  
CHANGE  
HAPPEN.**

**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.

Contact Wanda Lowe at [228-374-9099] or email [Wanda.Lowe@uss.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Wanda.Lowe@uss.salvationarmy.org). We look forward to scheduling a time that works for you and your congregation.



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (OCC) SHOEBOXES



We are so grateful for all the churches, groups, and individuals who have packed shoebox gifts. We especially give thanks for the prayers for each child who will receive a gift that is a tangible expression of God's love and to open their heart to know Jesus. Every 60 seconds five children make a Profession of Faith.

The OCC's National Collection Week, November 13-20, is just days away. Every shoebox gift donated is an opportunity to share the Gospel message with a boy or girl around the world. Last year, more than 76,000 churches in eleven countries collected over 10.6 million shoebox gifts. Everyday over 2,800 children on average receive a shoebox gift. OCC's intent is to give one shoebox to a child in their lifetime. Our partnering receiving churches and/or missionaries distribute shoebox gifts in different communities **each year** to avoid giving the same children gifts year after year.

We hear all the time "we had no idea there were ways to serve!" We want everyone to know that there is a way to do more than packing a shoebox. For a few hours during the week of November 13-20, there are opportunities to serve at our team's Drop-Off Locations. Opportunities include welcoming and encouraging shoebox donors, praying over shoeboxes, sharing the Operation Christmas Child story, and organizing shoeboxes into shipping cartons. There are opportunities not only to celebrate with our shoebox donors as they bring in their shoebox gifts, but also to provide them with an amazing experience as they send their boxes on the journey to share the gospel with children around the world.

Building A Shoebox Online is a way to pack a shoebox year-round. Pack a shoebox from the comfort of your home. No need to go to the store & shop. You will be guided through the easy process of packing the box online and will be able to choose great items to put in the box. Each box is providing the gospel message to a child in their own language. Online boxes are carefully prepared, abiding by strict customs regulations to safeguard partners who will deliver the gifts, as well as the boys and girls who receive them. These boxes go to children around the world to spread the love of Jesus through a simple Christmas gift. The cost is \$25 for each online box which covers the cost of the donated items regardless of the items chosen and the cost of shipping the shoebox.

Use this link to access the page to build an online shoebox:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline>

Go to the following link to find the Drop Off Location and Operation Times nearest to you:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations>

Go to the following link for stories about how the Gospel is being shared where the Name of Jesus has never been heard:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/endsoftheearth>

The impact of one small shoebox in sharing the Gospel around the world is incredible, and we would like for you to be a part of the excitement. The goal is for our Gulf Coast Area Team to collect over 9,000 boxes this year.

Please contact Doug Bradford, 504-722-6568, Email: [occgulfcoastteam@gmail.com](mailto:occgulfcoastteam@gmail.com), for information about or being a part of this amazing ministry experience.