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MARGARET LACKEY OFFERING

MISSISSIPPIANS ON MISSION

What does your Margaret Lackey State Offering support? MLSMO supports Mississippi ministries such as church planting, camps, collegiate outreach, men's and women's job corps, and literacy missions ministry. The offering trains and mobilizes volunteers in North American and international missions, disaster relief, criminal justice, and cross-cultural outreach. Also, it works hand-in-hand with evangelistic and compassionate ministries funded through the Cooperative Program.

Why is your Margaret Lackey State Offering important? Today, more than 61.5% of the state's population indicates they do not have a personal relationship with Jesus. The mission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board is to help churches reach their communities for Christ. Through the Margaret Lackey State Offering resources are provided to facilitate these efforts. The impact of your gifts will be felt in Mississippi and around the world!

Where do you get promotional materials for the MLSMO?



www.margaretlackey.com

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Upcoming Events in Your Association

Office Closed Labor Day	- Sept 4
Hancock Cluster - Mockingbird Café	8:30-9:30am - Sept 11
Harrison County Cluster - Cracker Barrel	8-9am - Sept 12
Stone County Cluster - Gateway Christian Academy	9-10am - Sept 13
Minister's Meeting - GCBA Training Center	10:30am - Sept 19
GCBA Administrative Team meeting - GCBA office	Noon - Sept 21
GCBA Strategy Team meeting - GCBA office	7:30am - Sept 28
GCBA Finance Team meeting - GCBA office	Noon - Sept 28
Executive Board Meeting - GCBA Training Center	7pm - Oct 2
ACP's Due to Association	- Oct 5
GCBA Annual Fall Meeting - Michael Memorial BC	7pm - Oct 16

Staff:

Dr. Brian Rushing-
Executive Director/Treasurer

Rev. Grayson Orman-
Interim Assoc. AMS

Robin Knapp - Executive Ministry/
Financial Assistant

Church Planting, Disaster Relief, and Missions Partnership

We are one month away from asking our churches to give to the annual Bobby C. Perry Associational Missions Offering. 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.

**FROM
THE DESK**

BRIAN RUSHING

AMS

Planting New Churches

We live in the most unreached and spiritually-resistant area of Mississippi – the Gulf Coast. We have a growing population, and our church growth is not keeping up with population growth. While we need to see many of our existing churches revitalized, we also need additional new churches along the Coast.

The population of our three counties are 19,000 in Stone County, 46,000 in Hancock County, and 209,000 in Harrison county – 274,000 people. If we determined that the Southern Baptists would be responsible for just ¼ of that number (since there are other denominations on the coast), that would make us responsible for approximately 69,000 people. If you then divided those 69,000 people into our 64 churches, it means each church is responsible for just over 1,000 people. This alone tells us that we do not have enough churches to meet the population demand we currently have.

Disaster Relief

Our nation and world are constantly dealing with a natural disaster somewhere on the globe. We need more people engaged in Disaster Relief efforts. As we personally have seen the benefit of Disaster Relief efforts in our own area, I hope we can see more of our Gulf Coast Baptists trained in Disaster Relief in the near future.

Missions Partnership

And as those called to be the Salt of the earth and the Light of the world, we want to see each of our churches more engaged in missions. We look forward to ways we can draw more of us together for missions both at home and globally.

It is for these reasons that we hope you will encourage your church family to give to the Bobby C. Perry Associational Missions Offering on October 8th, 2023.

Thank you for your on-going partnership. We are better together!

Grateful for you and your church family,

Brian

Contributions for July 2023

CHURCH	MONTHLY	YR. TO DATE
Back Bay	\$0.00	\$706.80
Bay St Louis	\$0.00	\$8,918.22
Bay Vista	\$228.02	\$1,736.24
Bayou Talla	\$25.00	\$175.00
Bayou View	\$83.33	\$583.31
Bayside	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bel Aire	\$1,311.00	\$12,876.00
Big Level	\$1,250.00	\$8,750.00
Big Ridge	\$372.64	\$1,895.02
Biloxi FBC	\$474.15	\$3,428.22
Bond	\$498.30	\$4,553.70
Brodie Road	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chinese Grace Bible	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Church	\$252.00	\$2,267.00
Cornerstone	\$0.00	\$700.00
Crosspoint	\$225.20	\$1,218.03
Delisle FBC	\$0.00	\$25.00
Desired Nation	\$0.00	\$650.00
Empowerment Min.	\$0.00	\$400.00
Faithview	\$470.82	\$3,889.70
Family Worship	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faro de Esperanza	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fernwood	\$0.00	\$960.50
Grace Chapel	\$350.52	\$2,546.33
Grace Memorial	\$483.67	\$4,812.77
Grace Temple	\$150.00	\$1,000.00
Gulf Gardens	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulfport FBC	\$2,755.88	\$19,190.52
Handsboro	\$572.91	\$5,068.62
Harbor City	\$150.00	\$1,200.00
Harvest Church	\$1,143.15	\$9,787.75
Highland	\$0.00	\$314.00
Iglesia Emanuel	\$0.00	\$296.18
Jacob's Well	\$1,216.48	\$9,848.57
Lakeshore	\$50.00	\$300.00
Live Oak (C3)	\$0.00	\$565.00
Lizana FBC	\$261.45	\$1,821.08
Long Beach FBC	\$1,533.18	\$11,941.04
Lyman FBC	\$234.00	\$1,708.00
McHenry FBC	\$142.11	\$1,261.16
Michael Memorial	\$1,446.56	\$10,830.08
MS Korean	\$470.35	\$3,773.63
Mt. Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$1,260.00	\$9,740.89
North Hills	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Long Beach	\$162.11	\$1,530.47
Old Spanish Trail	\$100.00	\$400.00
Parkway	\$470.81	\$4,277.27
Pass Christian FBC	\$0.00	\$284.93
Peace	\$50.00	\$350.00
Pearlington FSBC	\$134.00	\$437.00
Perkinston	\$251.58	\$2,100.25
Popps Ferry	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside	\$82.00	\$577.50
Robinwood	\$511.55	\$3,978.57
Shoreline Park	\$200.00	\$400.00
Success	\$455.42	\$1,169.81
The Church at Windance	\$381.28	\$1,935.09
Tuxechena	\$88.33	\$605.04
Vardaman Street	\$0.00	\$0.00
West Gulfport	\$141.96	\$835.79
Wiggins FBC	\$3,425.00	\$24,614.16
Woolmarket	\$1,606.45	\$11,106.77

CHURCH *News*

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

Mississippi Gulf Coast Baptist Association

BACK BAY has just celebrated their 5 year anniversary. Congratulations, Back Bay Church and Adam Bennett, pastor.

BEL AIRE is looking to hire a Church Secretary/Ministry Assistant. Contact the church office 228-832-1966 or office@belairebaptist.org for an application and job description.

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@fcbiloxi.org by Sept. 30.

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

HANDSBORO 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.

NEW HOPE is overjoyed to share they have called John Simmons as their worship leader. Join us in welcoming him to our Association.

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
- Tuxechena

Ministers' Wives Appreciation Luncheon

The Gulf Coast Baptist Association wants to recognize our current ministers' wives with an appreciation luncheon. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, so we are putting together a special event by ministers' wives for ministers' wives.

Join us for a time of worship, fellowship and fun. Our guest speaker is Diane Nix of Contagious Joy 4 Him. Our Worship Leader for the event is Tammy Pepin.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

11:00 AM

THE AMP AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GULFPORT
12190 HIGHWAY 605
GULFPORT, MS 39503

AS THIS IS A CATERED EVENT, PLEASE RSVP BY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH
TO SHARON SMITH AT 205-394-0312 OR
SHARONRRSMITH@YAHOO.COM

DRESS IS CASUAL.

CHILDREN'S SAFETY
IS NOT A MINOR ISSUE

CHURCH SAFETY FOR MINORS WORKSHOP

*Sponsored jointly by Christian Action Commission and MBCB
in partnership with Ministry Safe.*

SEPTEMBER 11
NORTHCREST BC, MERIDIAN

SEPTEMBER 12
WEST ELLISVILLE BC, ELLISVILLE

Dr. James Reeves will speak on
"Survivor care in the church"
during each workshop.

For more info and a special
discount code for your church
to join Ministry Safe:
www.ministrysafe.com/mbcb

Register online at mbcb.org/events



[Click Here
to Register](#)

Big Ridge Baptist Church & The Mississippi Cyber Crime Division
Presents

INTERNET SAFETY FOR FAMILIES



Learn tips to address
cyberbullying, trolling,
online predators,
social media, privacy,
and guidelines for
proper internet safety.

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023
5:00-6:00PM

LOCATION: BIG RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH SANCTUARY
3230 BIG RIDGE RD, D'IBERVILLE

Due to the nature of the topics discussed, we ask that only middle school
and high school students attend with their parents/guardians.
Free child care is provided for babies through 5th grade.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
BY SEPTEMBER 20, 2024
FREE CHILDCARE LIMITED

**SCAN
ME**

Annual Church Profile

Do's & Don'ts

Yes, it's that time again. In the past, the mention of ACP has sent many running in the opposite direction, but not so this year. Lifeway has scaled down the survey to 15 questions (less than a page and 1/2)! With the MS Supplemental Survey only having 6 questions, what are you waiting for? Get started, surveys are live now!



ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE

COMPLETE YOUR REPORT TODAY

DO...

- ⇒ Look for an email from robin@gulfcoastba.com with your .pdf survey attached the week of Sept. 5.
- ⇒ Gather the information needed to complete the surveys according to your church's previous fiscal year.
- ⇒ Update your Leadership Survey to keep communication lines open for your staff and laypeople.
- ⇒ Use the following link for [Training](#) if you are new to the ACP or just need a refresher. Vesta did a great job putting this resource together, so use it!

DON'T...

- ⇒ Sweat the load! This isn't rocket science. Be as accurate as possible but no one is going to grade you.
- ⇒ Hesitate to call or email Robin at the GCBA office if you have questions or need help, 228-832-4311 or robin@gulfcoastba.com.
- ⇒ Forget to submit your surveys online at SBCWorkspace.com or to GCBA office by **October 5**.
- ⇒ Forget to click **"Save and Submit"** when you are finished entering the information online.

THAILAND

CONTACT GRAYSON ORMAN
FOR MORE INFORMATION

504-952-7857

OR

GRAYSON@GULFCOASTBA.COM

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



Greetings from the BSU!

Students are back on campus and ministry is in full swing at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Baptist Student Union! We kicked off this semester with a retreat for our BSU Leadership Team. This was a great time of fellowship and equipping for the ministry that the Lord has for each one of these student leaders this year.



Despite the grueling heat we've all been battling, we had a massive turnout for our Kickoff Cookout here at Perk. We hosted over 250 students during the event. It was a great time of connecting with new and returning



students, as well as opportunities to share the Gospel. Myself and several other believers had the privilege of participating in one on one Gospel conversations with students. Be in prayer that the seeds planted at this event will come to fruition. I also want to give a special thanks to FBC Wiggins and Big Level Baptist Church for helping provide the food for this event.



By the time this article is published, we will have resumed our regular ministry activities: Ignite (Worship Night), Student Led Bible Studies, and Free Lunch. Be in prayer for these events as we use these to reach lost students with the Gospel, provide Christian community amidst the darkness, and disciple student believers. Pray these believers will then seek to reach their campus for the Gospel, serve their local church, and be obedient to the Lord's calling on their life.



Lastly, it is with great joy that I can say our conference room renovations are done! There are still a few aesthetics to complete but the room is now being put to use. Just this past week, there were students studying for school and studying God's Word in our beautiful new conference room.

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers for the BSU!

*David MacLellan – Director of the MGCCC Baptist Student Union
(228)-327-6240 or davidbeckettmac@gmail.com*

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 or mdd1gr@gmail.com

COMMUNITY GARDENS

HANDBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

Yes, it is STILL HOT and our garden is now in "resting-stage", but we will trust in the Lord to give us cooler/wetter weather late September/October as we first plant our "greens". This year we will be trying out some unusual types, including FLOWERS. If you would like to participate, just contact me.

If you know someone who has visited our Food Pantry and wishes to be at least partly SELF-SUFFICIENT in growing their own food (as our LORD meant it to be), we would be happy to show them how it is done.

The garden is located less than 1/2 mile from Handsboro Baptist Church, 1421 E. Pass Rd., Gulfport. Please call/text/email for more information to Dr. John at 214-240-5256 or jstrubelboy@aol.com.

The Lord be with you!
John Barrett, Ph.D.



Women's
RESOURCE CENTER

Drop off all donations at:
9155 Lorraine Road, Gulfport
228-897-8958

Women's Resource Center is in need of the following items:

Baby wash

Baby shampoo

Baby lotion

Baby blankets

Baby swaddles

Bibs

Booties and Socks

Baby shoes for up to age 2 children, boys and girls

Nursing pads

Pacifiers