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Upcoming Events in Your Association

- Hancock County Cluster 8:30-9:30am Mockingbird Café, **Nov 15**
Bay St. Louis
- Harrison County Cluster-Cracker Barrel 8-9am **Nov 16**
- Stone County Cluster-Sawmill Restaurant 9-10am **Nov 17**
- Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday **Nov 25**
- Seamen's Center Luncheon, Great Southern Club 12-1pm **Dec 10**
(Reservations required, see pg. 9)
- Hancock County Cluster 8:30-9:30am Mockingbird Café, **Dec 20**
Bay St. Louis
- Harrison County Cluster-Cracker Barrel 8-9am **Dec 21**
- Stone County Cluster-Sawmill Restaurant 9-10am **Dec 22**
- Office closed for Christmas/New Year Holidays Noon **Dec 23-Jan 2**
Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year,
from your Association Staff

Pray for Missions

Week of Prayer

November 28—December 5, 2021

Every day, 155,473 people enter eternity without the hope of Jesus. Please join us as we observe the Week of Prayer for International Missions, where Southern Baptists pray for IMB missionaries, their ministries and the unreached people and places they serve. To learn more about their stories and how you may pray for them [click here](#).

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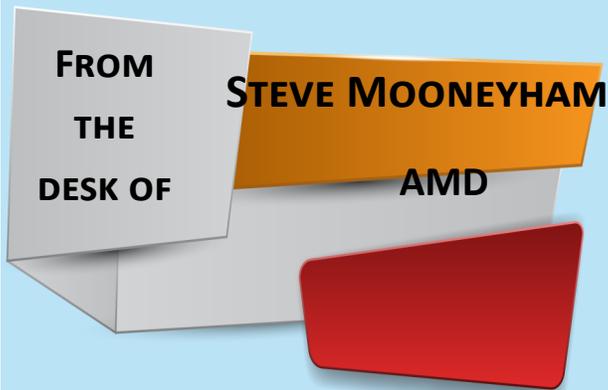
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The Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is quickly approaching. We say these words so often we may fail to recall their significance.

The first thought that may come to mind is that this is just another appeal for money. Well, it does involve money, that is true. But it is about more than just giving dollars. The LMCO is about investing in the gospel, endeavoring to make the gospel known around the world. Your LMCO gift makes it possible for SBC missionaries to be “on the field” without

having to wonder when their support might run out. Your gift helps make resources available to missionaries to share the gospel. It helps make it possible for them to travel to remote locations to reach people who have never heard the gospel. Your gift does this and so much more. In short, your gift to the LMCO is a lifeline of ministry to make Jesus known.

But, included in this phrase is also a call to prayer. During this time Southern Baptists are challenged to PRAY specifically for international missions. Just like your gifts to the LMCO provide a lifeline, through your prayers we are holding the lifeline of spiritual support and encouragement for our missionaries and those they endeavor to reach. But be honest. Do you REALLY pray? Are you praying for the gospel to be known, for the lost to be drawn to Jesus, for strongholds (like governmental interference, spiritual oppression and hostilities, etc.) to be torn down so that God’s Word can be proclaimed? Do you pray that the work of the missionaries will be fruitful?

If we pray, *really* pray, and if we *really* give sacrificially, there is no limit on what God will do. I would like to see that happen, wouldn’t you?

This edition of *THE TIDE* will be our last for the year. In mid-December we will send a brief reminder of the events happening in January as a quick reminder to you. Until then, I pray you and yours enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving, a merry, blessed and joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Blessings,

Dr. Steve



My wife has already put up our Christmas trees (the regular tree and the Mississippi State tree), and it is not even Thanksgiving. My granddaughter and I fuss because we believe she is skipping Thanksgiving. I love Thanksgiving, making it my favorite holiday. No gifts, no decorations, just food and a time of remembering the blessings from our Lord. My family has much to be thankful. By the end of this month,

there will be a new Williams in this world named Merrell Elizabeth. Susie and I will be thankful for our three grandchildren. We have enjoyed good health. We have many good friends and have made new friends this year. We have a good church. I can go on and on. As we enter this holiday season, let us not forget to praise the Lord for His blessings from salvation to the food on our table.

There are times still available for our 2022 MISSIONARIES IN RESIDENCE week. Jared and Tara Jones, IMB missionaries to South Asia will be in GCBA the week of February 13-16 and are available to speak in any of our churches about their work. Your generous gifts through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering make their work possible. They will talk even if to a few. The more our people know about Southern Baptist mission efforts, the more willing they are to give and go. Invite the Joneses to come on Monday or Tuesday evening to share. Don't worry about numbers. It will be very effective in our young people surrendering for mission work as a vocation. Here are the available times. Call me to schedule.

The missionaries can be scheduled most anytime 11am - 3pm M, T, W during the day.

Sunday AM - Big Ridge BC 915 AM

Sunday PM -

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Wednesday evening service - Church at Windance 6 pm

Important to You...

**BI-VOCATIONAL PASTOR OF THE YEAR
Dr. Bill Warren, pastor of Jacob's Well**



was recognized on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 in Jackson, MS at the Mississippi Baptist Convention meeting. In addition to serving as pastor, Dr. Warren is Professor of New Testament at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans, LA. *Congratulations, Dr. Warren!!!*

Save the Date 01/24/22

**Free
Employment Skills Classes**

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.

Our upcoming **2022 Class Session** starts **January 24th** and runs through **March 15th** and will include classes in: Work Force Development, Microsoft Office, Communications, Money Management, Life Skills and more. Classes meet every week on Monday and Tuesday from 9am to 3pm at the Center, off Hwy 603 in Bay St. Louis. Call Today to Pre-Register for this upcoming Class Session (228) 586-3510.

Hospital Chaplaincy Opportunity

If you enjoy serving people who are in need there is no better ministry than hospital chaplaincy. We are looking for a chaplain volunteer for each of our three hospitals. (Gulfport, Ocean Springs and Pascagoula.

Requirements are to be an ordained minister or deacon with some Christian education as a plus. Applicants must be vaccinated against Covid or be willing to be vaccinated. Applicant must be able to pass an FBI background check and will be medically screened. Applicant will be required to go through a four to eight-week training period which will be two to three hours, one day a week.

Duties would include visiting and praying for patients and hospital staff for a two to three-hour time frame, one day a week. A meal will be provided on duty days.

Please contact Chaplain Gil Johnson at 228-697-9243 or at Gilbert.Johnson@mysrhs.com.



Condolences to Mrs. Julie Akins (wife of Dr. Evan Akins, pastor, Faithview B.C.) in the passing of her father, Thomas (Tommy) Lambert on October 18, 2021 in Cullman, AL. Please remember the Akins/Lambert family during this time.

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Mrs. Annie Lois Chestnut of Philadelphia, MS, grandmother of Irene Magee (wife of Rev. Gregg Magee, Sr., pastor, Empowerment Ministries Christian Center), departed this life on September 23, 2021. Mrs. Chestnut resided with the Magee family at the time of her passing. Join us in lifting these families in prayer.

Contributions for September 2021

CHURCH	MONTHLY	YR. TO DATE
Back Bay	\$0.00	\$1,567.61
Bay St Louis	\$1,445.20	\$13,067.48
Bay Vista	\$231.36	\$2,608.71
Bayou Talla	\$25.00	\$225.00
Bayou View	\$166.66	\$1,499.94
Bayside	\$0.00	\$200.00
Bel Aire	\$1,628.00	\$13,637.00
Big Level	\$1,052.25	\$9,470.25
Big Ridge	\$247.56	\$3,282.65
Biloxi FBC	\$395.53	\$4,604.55
Bond	\$903.40	\$6,671.25
Bridge Community	\$0.00	\$1,024.00
Brodie Road	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chinese Grace Bible	\$0.00	\$600.00
Christ Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Connect Community	\$585.00	\$1,496.00
Cornerstone	\$0.00	\$675.00
Crosspoint	\$121.37	\$1,273.96
Delisle FBC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Desired Nation	\$100.00	\$1,225.00
Emmanuel	\$0.00	\$175.00
Empowerment Min.	\$300.00	\$900.00
Faithview	\$542.62	\$4,613.52
Family Worship	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faro de Esperanza	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fernwood	\$320.00	\$1,440.00
Grace Chapel	\$0.00	\$2,342.04
Grace Memorial	\$654.23	\$7,539.45
Grace Temple	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
GracePoint Church	\$36.00	\$331.00
Gtr. Mt Rest	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulf Gardens	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulfport FBC	\$1,863.66	\$22,564.97
Handsboro	\$0.00	\$5,419.68
Harbor City	\$175.00	\$1,650.00
Harvest Church	\$1,627.00	\$11,968.00
Highland	\$0.00	\$433.74
Iglesia Emanuel	\$194.19	\$351.53
Jacob's Well	\$1,326.00	\$11,495.82
Lakeshore	\$0.00	\$50.00
Lizana FBC	\$0.00	\$1,888.83
Long Beach FBC	\$1,587.92	\$16,460.96
Lyman FBC	\$201.00	\$2,024.00
McHenry FBC	\$201.01	\$1,629.66
Michael Memorial	\$2,733.08	\$15,321.66
MS Korean	\$401.62	\$4,247.34
Mt. Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$2,395.56	\$11,840.28
North Hills	\$37.97	\$531.21
North Long Beach	\$216.71	\$860.70
Old Spanish Trail	\$50.00	\$200.00
Parkway	\$548.72	\$4,788.33
Pass Christian FBC	\$0.00	\$157.04
Peace	\$50.00	\$450.00
Pearlington FSBC	\$0.00	\$450.00
Perkinston	\$174.00	\$1,825.00
Popps Ferry	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside	\$45.00	\$598.00
Robinwood	\$481.10	\$4,715.31
Shoreline Park	\$100.00	\$900.00
Success	\$443.60	\$1,397.58
The Church at Windance	\$285.72	\$1,475.81
Trinity	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tuxehena	\$122.33	\$1,284.23
Vardaman Street	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vidalia's Bridge	\$0.00	\$0.00
West Gulfport	\$0.00	\$767.75
Wiggins FBC	\$2,344.00	\$26,683.00
Woolmarket	\$1,414.92	\$14,467.73

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 Children's Minister. Please submit resumes to Dr. Raymond Grabert. Email: brbcpastor@cableone.net or call the church office for more information 228-392-4387.

CONNECT COMMUNITY is in search of a part-time Worship Pastor 15 hours per week with salary. Please contact Pastor Steven Simon at: steven@connectcommunitygc.org/228-209-7779.

HANDBORO has a special "raised bed" vegetable garden and is inviting other churches to join. Email: jstrubelboy@aol.com or cell/tx: 214-240-5256 for more information.

NEW HOPE is in search of an administrative assistant. If interested contact the church office at 228- 832-1975 or email newhopegulfport@gmail.com.

PERKINSTON is seeking a part-time Minister of Youth. Email resume to Clarice Dedeaux cdedeaux1@yahoo.com or mail to church, P.O. Box 263, Perkinston, 39573.

ROBINWOOD is in search of a Part-Time Minister of Music. Send resume to robinwoodbaptist@bellsouth.net.

SHORELINE PARK is looking for a Youth Pastor Intern. 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:

FBC Pass Christian
FBC Wiggins
Greater Mount Rest
McHenry FBC



Greetings Gulf Coast Baptist Association Family! As we are nearing the end of the Fall Semester and also 2021, I rejoice for God's faithfulness in all He has done on our Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College campuses through the ministry of the Baptist Student Union.

Speaking of God's faithfulness, in the month of October we had a BSU Fall Retreat for our students. The theme of this retreat was "The Steadfastness of God" and since God is steadfast to us, we can cling to Him as we walk out our faith. I want to share one of the key passages we looked at during the retreat, for I believe it will encourage you just as it did me.

2 Corinthians 4:8-9, 15, "We are afflicted in every way but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed... For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God." So let us remember, brothers and sisters, that in spite of whatever hardships or persecution we face God is steadfast in remaining faithful to us and using it all for His glory.

The BSU was also able to partner with FBC Wiggins twice by helping with Ida disaster relief projects in Louisiana. On the second, one we were mudding out Christ Baptist Church in Houma, LA, and I had the pleasure of meeting their pastor, Bro. Herman. At the age of eighty-two, Bro. Herman has still been faithfully serving the Lord and his congregation. Since Ida, he had been working fervently, every day, to clean his church out so that his congregation would be able to worship in it again as soon as possible. The Lord used this to encourage and convict me that as Christians we all need to be like Bro. Herman, a faithful servant to Christ and His church no matter our age or circumstances.

Thank you all for your continued support both financially, with resources, encouragement, and prayers. May the Lord bless each one of you, and I pray that you would cling to Christ amidst the storms, for He is steadfast.



David MacLellan
Director of the MGCCC Baptist Student Union
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