

THE TIDE

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What Does the Bible Say About Love?

Let all that you do be done in love

1 Corinthians 16:14 ESV

Anyone who does not love does not know God,
because God is love.

1 John 4:8 ESV

And above all these put on love, which binds
everything together in perfect harmony

1 Peter 4:8 ESV

With all humility and gentleness, with
patience, bearing with one another in love,
Ephesians 4:2 ESV

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or
boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not
insist on its own way; it is not irritable or
resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing,
but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all
things, believes all things, hopes all things,
endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 ESV

"FOR GOD
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♥ JOHN 3:16

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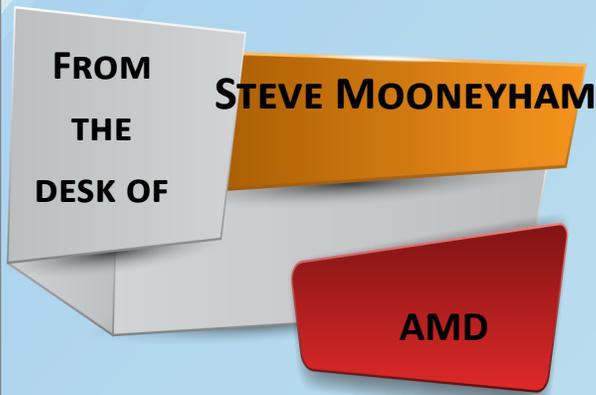
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Greetings!

Last week a fellow AMD sent an email about the future of ministry as we deal with life and ministry in a COVID-19 world. To be sure, COVID-19 has changed how we live (masks, hand sanitizer, distancing, etc.) and minister (on-line, distancing, etc.). We long for a return to the "normal" of the past. The reality is that this probably will not happen (Sorry to burst your bubble!). It may be true that some things could look similar to before, but it may be more true that we have crossed a bridge that cannot be un-crossed.

It is not uncommon for pastors and members to ask, "Well, what are we going to do from here on out?"

In the email, my friend referenced an article by Carey Nieuwhof entitled, "*5 Simple Questions About the Future Every Leader Should Be Asking Right Now.*"

Consider these questions and the authors brief comments. [My comments are in brackets].

1. *How much of the current change is permanent?* Nieuwhof states, "People in the midst of a revolution often don't realize they're in the middle of a revolution. It's not like people woke up on November 1, 1517--the day after Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to a cathedral door--and said, 'Hey, it's day 2 of the Reformation'. They didn't realize a seismic shift was underway that would change the course not just of the church, but of human history." He goes on, "Crisis is an accelerator, and many of the 'temporary' trends we're seeing right now likely are more permanent than we realize . . . Culture never asks permission to change. It just changes". [Everything changes...get used to it]

2. *What do I now have permission to stop doing?* Nieuwhof points out, "Remember all those things pre-disruption you wished you weren't doing but didn't have the courage or the energy to kill? Yep, now's the time. If you haven't gone back to 'normal' yet, this is the time to redefine what normal is. He wisely notes, Remember to focus on the *why* of change, not just the *what and how*." [Doing something just because we've always done it is CRAZY]

3. *What would I do if I were leading a start-up?* He asks, "If you were a brand-new church plant, opening a new restaurant, launching a new business, how would you approach it?" Nieuwhof continues, "Existing organizations who behave like startups will have a much better future than organizations that don't . . . You can bet the future on things changing, or you can change. The second is a much wiser strategy." [Think strategically. Make a plan and work the plan]

4. *Where are we seeing real momentum?* Nieuwhof writes, "You likely have momentum somewhere and chances are it's happening somewhere different than it did before." As an example, he mentions an increase in YouTube channel viewers and a far bigger open rate on your emails. He recommends, "Study it. Try to figure it out. Ask yourself why that's growing and how you can leverage it to reach more people. If you want to get your mission going, fuel what's growing, not what's declining." [Remember Blackaby said to look where God is moving and join Him there]

5. *How will I find a sustainable pace?* Nieuwhof, in referencing a season of his life when burnout could have taken him out of ministry, says, "My heart for leaders is that you find a sustainable pace heading into year two of the crisis that will give you the regular rest and renewal you need. He advises, "So as you move forward, ask yourself: what changes can you make spiritually, emotionally, relationally, physically and even financially (financial stress is stress) that can help you thrive moving forward?" He concludes, "If the crisis is a long-term thing, which it appears to be, you need a longer-term strategy for personal renewal. Occasional time off isn't the solution for an unsustainable pace. A sustainable pace is the solution for an unsustainable one." [Pastor -- take care of yourself. Congregation -- make sure he and staff do so!]

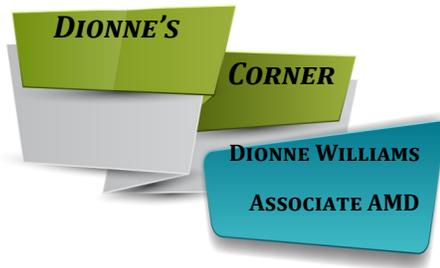
Pastors and leaders need to deal with these matters now so that the church is ready to surge forward as opportunities allow in the days ahead.

Better days *are* ahead. Be patient. Be prepared. Behold what the Lord is about to do!

Just a note to let you know that, as difficult as 2020 was, God's people remained faithful. Financial support of your GCBA was strong. Thank you for your faithful giving to local missions through the GCBA.

What a joy is mine to serve the wonderful churches of the Gulf Coast Baptist Association!

Dr. Steve



BIBLE DRILLS, PGC AND OUTREACH DURING COVID-19

MAJOR CHANGE IN HOW WE DO ASSOCIATIONAL BIBLE DRILLS THIS YEAR! Rather than having all the participating churches gather in one place with COVID restrictions in place, we are combining the church drills and associational drills together. GCBA will provide a caller, timer and three judges for your church drill so it can also be the associational drill. It is a two for one! Each church sets their own COVID guidelines for the drillers and their families. To do it all together, GCBA would have to set more restrictive guidelines and many folks would not be happy. Please contact me by March 28 with your drill date so we can schedule the judging team.

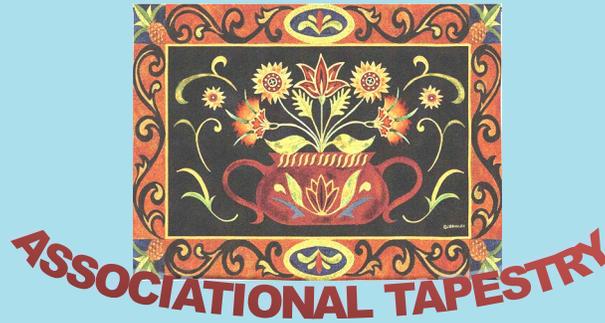
We have four mission teams scheduled for Partnership Gulf Coast for this summer. Most of those have been assigned partner churches. We believe that we will have others sign up to come to the Gulf Coast for ministry. If your church has a need for a PGC team, please contact me so I can have you on my list. Beginning this year, one of our former interns, Mindy Mathias, will be serving as the Director of PGC. Mindy, a member at Faithview, served for two summers as one of our interns. We are excited for her to take on this new responsibility. Pray for Mindy as she works with the teams and our churches.

A COVID related outreach idea: Some of you may have already thought of this but this idea was shared by a former GCBA pastor. He reviews the comments from the live stream of his previous service. He discovered a family looking for a church home who attended the service and used the comment section to share feelings about the service. He was able to use Messenger to reach out to that family and engage them in a continuing dialogue. Reviewing the comments may help you find hurting people and seeking people. If you have a good COVID related outreach idea, please share it with me or post it on the Mississippi Gulf Coast Baptist Association Facebook page.

GRAYSON ORMAN

MINISTRY
STRATEGIST

This has been a crazy start to what I am hoping to be an amazing year. One of the things I've written about several times is the opportunity to serve our communities through Multi-family Housing efforts. This is when we go into our communities and engage one of the largest segments of our population, apartment communities and manufactured housing home sites with the love and message of Jesus. I have been able to help in this area for over a year now, and I have to say it has not been easy. We never know who will come or what will happen. The weather here on the coast makes things a guessing game, but we have been faithful. Several things have happened this year. First, we have seen that consistency is the key to getting to know our community. As we show up week after week in sun and rain, heat and cold, the hearts of the community have opened to us. Another thing we have learned is people are people. They have similar struggles, temptations, and cares. Mothers love their children, fathers go to work every day, and grandmothers are protective of their little grandchildren. In addition, people have needs. They have need of encouragement. They have physical needs and emotional needs. But what we have seen most is people have Spiritual needs. As we have tried to meet the needs of our community through bringing the Gospel to our community, opportunities open up to help those in need. We are meeting more and more people, and people are beginning to open their homes to us for us to pray for them and talk with them. It has been a long road, but we have been faithful and consistent in our approach, and God is blessing the work of our hands. All of this is to say, if you have apartment communities or manufactured homes in your community, reach out. The people we have met are apprehensive because so many people start but don't stay, but if you stay and commit; they will respond. I just wanted to give you hope that even in COVID-19 one area you can still serve is in Multi-family Housing. Everything meets outside and social distancing is an easy thing to achieve. Please pray for the areas in your community that are often overlooked and start with the apartments right down the street.



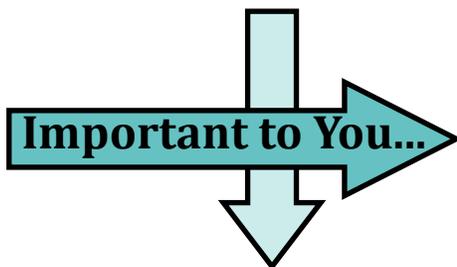
Revelation speaks of people from every tongue and tribe gathering around the throne giving praise to the Father. Can't you just see folks from every background imaginable standing together praising Him who makes us all one?

Over the course of this year, I want to celebrate the rich tapestry of faith that is the Gulf Coast Baptist Association. Among our churches are people from different backgrounds and races. We are different in many ways, but we are also ONE in Him.

Every year during the month of February our nation observes Black History Month, celebrating the contributions of African Americans to the history of this great nation. For several decades, the GCBA has included African American churches among the list of congregations. I may be wrong (and someone please correct me if so!), but at least as far back as the mid-1980s there has been at least one such congregation as part of the GCBA. Rev. Rossie Francis started what was then Faith Obedience Baptist Church in cooperation with GCBA leadership. While that congregation no longer exists, Pastor Rossie started and continues to pastor Grace Chapel.

There are several other churches who are part of the GCBA. They are: Desired Nation, Gulfport (Dr. Jonathan Anderson, pastor), Empowerment Ministries Christian Center, Gulfport (Rev. Gregg Magee, Sr., pastor), Greater Mt. Rest Baptist Church, Gulfport (currently without a pastor) and Mt. Chapel Baptist Church, Waveland (Rev. Renell Singleton, pastor).

Thank you to these pastors and congregations for your cooperation in the Gospel as we work together to reach our Coast for Christ.



Sentinel Training

Saturday, February 27

8am-1pm

Michael Memorial Baptist Church
15053 John Clark Rd., Gulfport

Safeguarding Mission Volunteers in International Travel

Michael Memorial Baptist Church will be hosting **Sentinel Training** which is sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board to assist volunteers in traveling safely.

During the training, the MS Baptist Convention Board Safety & Security policies that have been developed by a team of Mississippi leaders under the advisement of Fort Sherman Academy's expertise will be introduced. They will also introduce the Crowning Shield program (a contingency support service provided by Fort Sherman) that will be available to volunteers that complete the Sentinel Training.

Please note that volunteers and team leaders receiving Margaret Lackey State Missions offering financial assistance from MBCB for mission trips will be required to complete the training.

The cost of the training is \$45 per person and includes materials. Space is limited so register early. [Click here to register.](#)

Contributions for December 2020

CHURCH	MONTHLY	YR. TO DATE
Back Bay	\$0.00	\$1913.35
Bay St Louis	\$0.00	\$15,113.72
Bay Vista	\$200.25	\$3,834.55
Bayou Talla	\$25.00	\$300.00
Bayou View	\$166.66	\$1,999.92
Bayside	\$25.00	\$300.00
Bel Aire	\$1,351.00	\$16,637.03
Big Level	\$1,052.25	\$13,803.75
Big Ridge	\$348.22	\$4,947.07
Biloxi FBC	\$728.95	\$7,970.27
Bond	\$767.43	\$8,414.40
Bridge Community	\$0.00	\$900.33
Brodie Road	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chinese Grace Bible	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Christ Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Connect Community	\$260.00	\$971.00
Cornerstone	\$150.00	\$500.00
Crosspoint	\$191.68	\$1,651.94
Delisle FBC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Desired Nation	\$250.00	\$1,241.58
Emmanuel	\$50.00	\$300.02
Empowerment Min.	\$0.00	\$550.00
Faithview	\$498.51	\$6,146.79
Family Worship	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faro de Esperanza	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fernwood	\$160.00	\$1,920.00
Grace Chapel	\$415.66	\$2,799.94
Grace Memorial	\$602.07	\$8,748.93
Grace Temple	\$200.00	\$2,400.00
GracePoint Church	\$0.00	\$478.67
Gtr. Mt Rest	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulf Gardens	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulfport FBC	\$4,138.74	\$36,356.36
Handsboro	\$437.80	\$7,249.57
Harbor City	\$0.00	\$635.00
Harvest Church	\$1,148.38	\$2,666.78
Highland	\$0.00	\$435.83
Iglesia Emanuel	\$187.68	\$232.55
Jacob's Well	\$1,901.91	\$13,371.67
Lakeshore	\$100.00	\$300.00
Lizana FBC	\$369.55	\$3,436.51
Long Beach FBC	\$1,522.92	\$20,880.32
Lyman FBC	\$238.00	\$2,617.00
McHenry FBC	\$206.50	\$2,187.24
Michael Memorial	\$1,151.92	\$18,213.01
MS Korean	\$525.05	\$4,460.72
Mt. Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$2,752.84	\$14,941.02
North Hills	\$42.60	\$675.70
North Long Beach	\$167.55	\$1,286.28
Old Spanish Trail	\$0.00	\$0.00
Parkway	\$434.10	\$5,947.31
Pass Christian FBC	\$56.87	\$588.23
Peace	\$50.00	\$600.00
Pearlington FSBC	\$0.00	\$1,132.52
Perkinston	\$122.00	\$1,661.92
Pops Ferry	\$0.00	\$184.98
Riverside	\$43.00	\$675.00
Robinwood	\$572.74	\$6,957.37
Saucier FBC	\$0.00	\$100.00
Shoreline Park	\$200.00	\$1,100.00
Success	\$0.00	\$1,528.15
The Church at Windance	\$212.00	\$2,166.80
Trinity	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tuxechna	\$355.61	\$1,873.28
Vardaman Street	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vidalia's Bridge	\$0.00	\$0.00
West Gulfport	\$85.26	\$1,092.44
Wiggins FBC	\$2,662.00	\$33,546.00
Woolmarket	\$1,798.25	\$20,863.82

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.

CHINESE GRACE BIBLE CHURCH is overjoyed to call their first full-time pastor. Please welcome Rev. Leo Hung and his wife Phoebe Tsai.

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 or 228-209-7779.

GRACE MEMORIAL is in search of a part-time music minister. For more information email Pam Raybourn at pamraybourn66@gmail.com.

NORTH HILLS is excited to announce they have called Rev. Steve Dauenhauer (everyone knows him as Bear) as their new pastor. Join us in welcoming Brother Bear to the Association.



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

**Emmanuel
Greater Mount Rest
Robinwood
Trinity
FBC Wiggins**



'Arise, My Love... ...the Winter is Past'

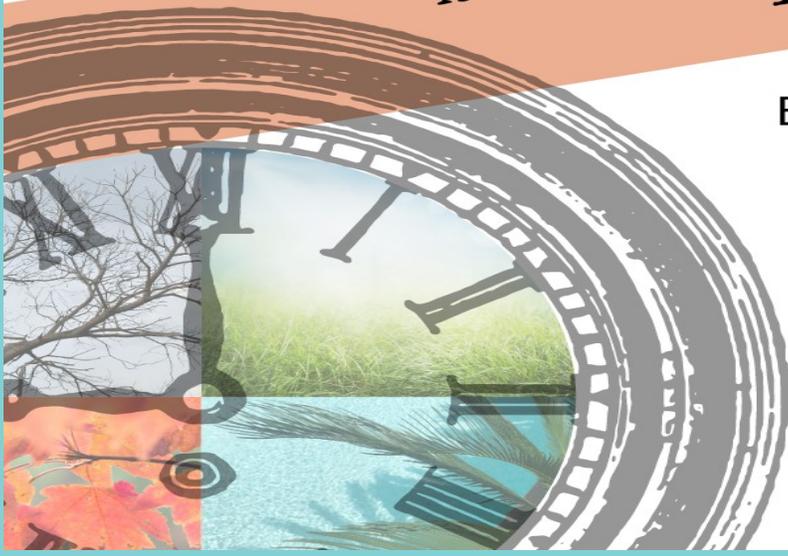
A FLOURISHING MARRIAGE
IN EVERY SEASON

2021 MARRIAGE CONFERENCE
BAYOU VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20
5:00 - 7:30

LED BY
STEVE & LOIS KROGH

DINNER AND CHILDCARE
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Short bio for Steve and Lois Krogh:

Steve and Lois have been married for 39 years and have 6 kids and 4 grandsons, with a fifth coming in a few months! Their daughter, Susannah, is getting married in June and the newlyweds are headed to Birmingham, Alabama to attend Beeson Divinity School.

Steve currently serves with Training Leaders International, a missions organization providing theological training for pastors around the world who have little or no access to pastoral education. Prior to this he was the Senior Pastor at Grace Community Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan (1998-2014) and the Orland Evangelical Free Church in Orland, California (1985-1998). He is a graduate of Biola University and Dallas Theological Seminary (ThM, 1985).

Steve is the author of *Topography: A Pastor's Reflection on the Terrain Between Sundays*. Lois is the author of *Pour Out Your Heart: A Prayer Journal for Life* (Crossway, to be published March 2022).

Steve was the Senior Pastor at the Orland Evangelical Free Church in Orland, California for fifteen years, and then the Senior Pastor at Grace Community Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan for fifteen years. In 2014 he began serving with Training Leaders International, a missions organization providing theological training for pastors around the world who have little or no access to pastoral education.

Steve and Lois currently live in West Chicago, Illinois and are members of College Church in Wheaton. They will soon be heading South, as College Church is sending them this summer to be part of the leadership of Christ Church, a new church plant in the South Metro area of Atlanta, Georgia.

Click this link <https://lucidbrevity.libsyn.com/> for an interview about this conference.



Christian Women's Job Corps News

Despite all of the challenges in 2020, we believe we will still look back with gratitude on what God has done both in and through our lives as an organization. God has been so good to Gulf Coast Christian Women's Job Corps/Magdalene House. In spite of the many challenges, we have faced this year, we have experienced so many blessings. As we look forward to all God has for us in 2021, let's also celebrate what God has done in and through our lives this year!

GULF COAST CHRISTIAN WOMENS JOB CORPS- MAGDALENE HOUSE IMPACT THIS PAST YEAR:

What a joy it is to look back over this past year to see all God has done as we continue to fulfill the vision of *Empowering Women to Change their lives!*

NEW PARTICIPANTS!

Ten ladies found a safe place to live in 2020. Four of the ladies have already moved on. Three have found employment and become self-sufficient.

As we celebrate this Christmas season, we have five ladies living at Magdalene House. Three have employment and are moving toward the next phase independent living.



GRADUATION 2020

On December 20th we had a celebration ceremony recognizing the milestones of nine women who graduated from the Gulf Coast Christian Women's Job Corps program.



SUCCESS STORY!

Melody Dahn was our first resident at Magdalene House. After completing the Program, several months ago, she moved out and in to her own home. She now has a full-time job with the County, she continues to attend church and volunteers at Magdalene House on a regular basis.

We are so proud of Melody and what God has done in her life!!!



FUNDRAISERS & GRANTS

This year we had two very successful fundraisers. In February we joined in on the Birdies for Charities Golf Tournament and in November we held our first annual 5k run, Race to Embrace.

This year we had the opportunity to visit and share our story with several local churches. We now have five churches in the area that give either monthly or annually.

Also, we received a grant from the Hancock County Rotary Club and a large donation from the Hancock County Women's Republican Club.



We want to thank the 20+ volunteers that give hours a week investing in the lives of the women at our Center. Whether they are mentors, teachers, provide transportation, or volunteer in the office, we could not run the ministry without you.

One final thought, because of your generosity, our organization is making a big difference in our community and beyond! We believe the best is yet to come!

TWO SIMPLE WAYS TO GIVE: ONLINE- [Women's Community Support Center](#) ~ BY MAIL-P.O. Box 6023, Diamondhead, MS 39525