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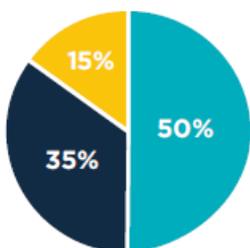
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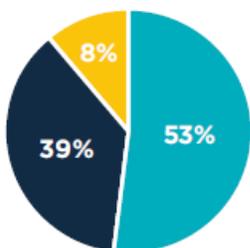
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REVENUE

The North American Mission Board is supported through three main sources:

- Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- Cooperative Program
- Other Revenue Sources



ALLOCATIONS

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering 2018-2019

Total Gifts: \$61,600,104

- Missionary Mobilization
- Church Planting
- Evangelism

YOUR GIFTS

2021 National Goal: \$70 million

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FROM
THE
DESK OF

STEVE MOONEYHAM

AMD

I'm tired of talking about COVID-19. You are tired of hearing about COVID-19 incessantly. We've heard it so much over the last year that we may want to turn a deaf ear to any conversation about it. We have "COVID-19 fatigue."

Times of fatigue may make us want to cut corners, find an easier way or just give up entirely saying, "what's the use?"

I imagine the Apostle Paul felt that way at times. If we are honest, we've all been there. We've bucked the crowd, fought endless battles unsuccessfully. If we are *really* honest sometimes it is due to church work. Yep, I've been there, too.

Does God's Word have anything to say to us? Certainly!

In Galatians 6:9, Paul gave us a gem of encouragement. "And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." (ASV)

Because of the "tyranny of the immediate and urgent" we can let ourselves become overwhelmed. We can get tired even doing good things.

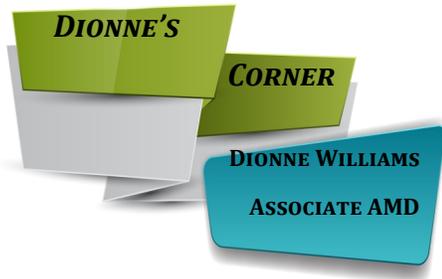
Through this Covid-19 season, you may have tried to keep up the good work only to see few if any results. You may be struggling with when will this ever end?

Let me encourage you to look beyond these immediate days and not let weariness cause us to stop. My grandmother was a share-cropper's wife on a cotton farm. She often talked about those long rows of cotton to be hoed. It seemed like they never got any shorter no matter how much she worked. But she knew that there was a reward in the labor. Friends, there is a much greater reward in our labor for the Lord. Let's not faint or lose heart. There is a great harvest to be had. Continue on! Be faithful!

In March we will observe the Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. I encourage you to lead your church to give generously and sacrificially so that the Gospel may go out to our Nation. If not now, when?

On the journey with you,

Dr. Steve



I believe I can see the light at the end of the tunnel! Could it be the end of COVID 19 restrictions? Will we be able to do things like we did before? I believe we can but only BETTER! I pray that through this quarantine we have rediscovered our need for outreach, in-reach, ministry and worship. Now that we see a renewed need for these, we can endeavor to do more than we did in the years before. That said, we have not reached the end of the tunnel. We need to be

vigilant in safeguarding ourselves and each other until through recovery and vaccinations, we reach that ultimate goal of herd immunity. My prayer is that in Mississippi we will reach that point in April!

Because of the effects of COVID-19, we are modifying our **VBS training for the association**. Some of our churches who bought last year's material but did not use it, are planning to use it in VBS this summer. Others have moved on to new material. The diversity in materials this year causes us to rethink having a VBS clinic of only this year's Lifeway material. On April 20, we will post the following videos to www.gulfcoastba.com:

- Classroom Management: Help in dealing with difficult children that come to VBS
- Child Evangelism: How to share the Gospel with a child so they understand
- Inventive Recreation Ideas
- Creative Refreshments

Let me suggest that for classroom management and child evangelism that all the VBS teachers meet as one group and train together to facilitate discussion. This will build camaraderie within the group.

We have FIVE 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. Most of the teams are able to conduct VBS, BBC, MFH ministry, sports camps, survey, and witnessing. The cost to your church is absolutely nothing except maybe a little time. Need prospects to grow your church? Get a PGC team. Need help with VBS? Get a PGC team. Need some light construction? Get a PGC team. They are coming to SERVE.

The Association has been working on a church planting strategy for our ministry area for more than a year. In this endeavor, we successfully mapped, identified, visited, and chose twenty-three locations in our geographic area that we feel are lacking in profound Spiritual influence and are void of Southern Baptist exposure.



Presently we are coordinating catalytic efforts with the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (NOBTS) to spark interest in the Gulf Coast's need for new churches. Some may feel we do not need new churches. One complaint may be church plants limit struggling churches already active in an area, or more churches incentivize people to "church shop" or move from one church location to another. Other concerns include feelings of invasion by planting churches in an area that already has a church with long lasting church history in a given community, or that many struggling churches should be the target of our affection and resources to keep them viable or begin again as needed.

The purpose behind the strategy for planting new churches is not to infringe upon existing churches, or to limit, in any way, churches that have claimed a region for their ministry efforts or to muddle or confuse current church attenders but to provide adequate options for worship and a broad platform for evangelistic efforts within the Association. In addition, the Association prioritizes struggling churches and churches reaching the end of their effective ministry cycle by offering resources including, but not limited to, financial assistance, counseling, advice and providing transitional assistance in the case of a re-start or closure.

The identified locations throughout our Association have been carefully selected through good process and much prayer. None of the locations selected, visibly, show a negative impact on any given area but indicate excellent prospect of creating interest in Spiritual growth and are viable sites to launch Biblical teaching, and evangelistic undertakings. We are excited to see how God will use this strategy for His glory and we are proud to be completing a lengthy process that we feel God will use to advance Kingdom growth of churches in Harrison, Hancock, and Stone county.

Please continue to pray for us as we share our process and findings with NOBTS. We pray that many young men and women will respond to our appeal and that God will be glorified though the process and bless the work of our hands.

Important to You...

Positions Available in the Association:

Part-time Children's Minister is available with Big Ridge Baptist Church in D'Iberville. Please submit resumes to Dr. Raymond Grabert. Email: brbcpastor@cablone.net or call the church office for more information 228-392-4387.

Part-time Worship Pastor for 15 hours per week with salary is needed at Connect Community Church in Long Beach. Contact Pastor Steven Simon at steven@connectcommunitygc.org or 228-209-7779.

Part-time Music Minister is wanted at Grace Memorial For more information email Pam Raybourn at pamraybourn66@gmail.com.

Piano Supply

If you are in need of a pianist please contact Wanza McGuffie at 601-754-5000 or by email wanzamcguffie@gmail.com. You may also reach her by Facebook as Wanza McGuffie.

Attention Social Media Lovers

Please join our Facebook group:

Mississippi Gulf Coast Baptist Association



You're welcome to post what God is doing in your church but please note all posts will be delayed pending GCBA approval.

ONLINE GIVING

Check out the new **Online Giving** feature on our website www.gulfcoastba.com. You can use this option for Associational Missions giving or any other special offerings; such as Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, Disaster Relief, Margaret Lackey, Lottie Moon, Bobby C. Perry Associational Missions, etc.



Contributions for January 2021

| CHURCH | MONTHLY | YR. TO DATE |
|------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Back Bay | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Bay St Louis | \$2,554.96 | \$2,554.96 |
| Bay Vista | \$247.43 | \$247.43 |
| Bayou Talla | \$25.00 | \$25.00 |
| Bayou View | \$166.66 | \$166.66 |
| Bayside | \$25.00 | \$25.00 |
| Bel Aire | \$1,286.00 | \$1,286.00 |
| Big Level | \$1,052.25 | \$1,052.25 |
| Big Ridge | \$426.04 | \$426.04 |
| Biloxi FBC | \$841.40 | \$841.40 |
| Bond | \$1,188.25 | \$1,188.25 |
| Bridge Community | \$341.00 | \$341.00 |
| Brodie Road | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Chinese Grace Bible | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Christ Church | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Connect Community | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Cornerstone | \$100.00 | \$100.00 |
| Crosspoint | \$285.53 | \$285.53 |
| Delisle FBC | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Desired Nation | \$150.00 | \$150.00 |
| Emmanuel | \$25.00 | \$25.00 |
| Empowerment Min. | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Faithview | \$548.81 | \$548.81 |
| Family Worship | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Faro de Esperanza | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Fernwood | \$160.00 | \$160.00 |
| Grace Chapel | \$256.50 | \$256.50 |
| Grace Memorial | \$1,326.87 | \$1,326.87 |
| Grace Temple | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| GracePoint Church | \$53.00 | \$53.00 |
| Gtr. Mt Rest | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Gulf Gardens | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Gulfport FBC | \$2,168.00 | \$2,168.00 |
| Handsboro | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Harbor City | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Harvest Church | \$905.00 | \$905.00 |
| Highland | \$159.71 | \$159.71 |
| Iglesia Emanuel | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Jacob's Well | \$1,817.82 | \$1,817.82 |
| Lakeshore | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Lizana FBC | \$662.77 | \$662.77 |
| Long Beach FBC | \$2,299.74 | \$2,299.74 |
| Lyman FBC | \$228.00 | \$228.00 |
| McHenry FBC | \$171.23 | \$171.23 |
| Michael Memorial | \$1,953.44 | \$1,953.44 |
| MS Korean | \$554.98 | \$554.98 |
| Mt. Chapel | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| New Hope | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| North Hills | \$64.45 | \$64.45 |
| North Long Beach | \$61.64 | \$61.64 |
| Old Spanish Trail | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Parkway | \$656.96 | \$656.96 |
| Pass Christian FBC | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Peace | \$50.00 | \$50.00 |
| Pearlington FSBC | \$200.00 | \$200.00 |
| Perkinston | \$401.00 | \$401.00 |
| Popps Ferry | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Riverside | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Robinwood | \$569.24 | \$569.24 |
| Shoreline Park | \$100.00 | \$100.00 |
| Success | \$600.18 | \$600.18 |
| The Church at Windance | \$146.63 | \$146.63 |
| Trinity | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Tuxechena | \$138.60 | \$138.60 |
| Vardaman Street | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Vidalia's Bridge | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| West Gulfport | \$145.47 | \$145.47 |
| Wiggins FBC | \$4,554.00 | \$4,554.00 |
| Woolmarket | \$1,608.73 | \$1,608.73 |

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.

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

ROBINWOOD is excited to announce they have called Rev. Brad Smith as their new pastor. Please welcome Brad and his wife Sharon to our 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
Trinity
FBC Wiggins**

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SHAHID & MAROOF KAMAL—DELTA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

RYAN & TRICIA MCCAMMACK —AVONDALE ESTATES, GEORGIA

VICTOR & LUDMILA MOURA—SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

ANDERS & JESSICA SNYDER—NAMPA, IDAHO

JOSHUA VALDEZ—FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO

BOBBY & LAKEISHA WILLIAMS—SLIDELL, LOUISIANA

JACOB & FRANCINE ZAILIAN—SANGER, CALIFORNIA

Prayer Emphasis:

Sunday, March 7

through Sunday, March 14

2021 Week of Prayer Missionaries

Being a missionary is never easy. Whenever Christians answer the call to go to the mission field, they expect to encounter challenges, but no one could have planned for a global pandemic that would bring the world grinding to a halt. Our missionaries have displayed courage and vision to persist and even thrive in the midst of great challenges.

To learn more about our missionaries, visit:

[Click here: AnnieArmstrong.com/Stories](https://anniearmstrong.com/stories)

You can
send the
hope of the
gospel

How Your Gifts Resource Missionaries

- \$5** Bus fare for travel in the local community
- \$25** Meal with an unreached person
- \$85** Subscriptions for training resources
- \$100** Anniversary gift for a missionary couple
- \$300** Training and conferences for church planter's wife
- \$500** Neighborhood outreach event
- \$1,000** Emergency travel assistance for missionary family
- \$1,200** Bibles, gospel tracts and discipleship materials
- \$1,400** Monthly worship facility rent

Across North America there are 366 million people.

It's a daunting challenge to reach such a diverse mission field of cultures, languages and religions. Add the uncertainty of a pandemic and you begin to realize the challenges faced by your North American missionaries. Against all odds, they continue to move forward in their gospel mission and see lives transformed.

This week, you will read unique stories of missionaries from British Columbia, Louisiana, Massachusetts and beyond who are persevering to plant churches and meet tangible needs. These missionaries represent thousands more who are fueled by your prayers and sacrificial giving.