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**HAPPY
EASTER!**

For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him
should not perish but have
eternal life.

John 3:16



Matthew
28:6

from Brian, Robin, Dave
and Noah

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Upcoming Events in Your Association

Book Reading Group Lunch GCBA Training Center 11:30am - Apr 1

Monthly Minister's Meeting GCBA Training Center 10:30am - Apr 8

Hancock County Coffee - Mockingbird Café 8:15am - Apr 14

Harrison County Coffee - Cracker Barrel 8am - Apr 15

Stone County Coffee - Gateway Christian Academy 8:30am - Apr 16

Office Closed for Easter - Apr 17

GCBA Executive Board Meeting GCBA Training Center 6pm - Apr 28

Harrison County Coffee - Cracker Barrel 8am - May 8

Hancock County Coffee - Mockingbird Café 8:15am - May 12

Book Reading Group Lunch GCBA Training Center 11:30am - May 13

Stone County Coffee - Gateway Christian Academy 8:30am - May 14

Monthly Minister's Meeting GCBA Training Center 10:30am - May 20

Office Closed for Memorial Day - May 26

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“Great News as We Approach Resurrection Sunday!”

As I write this month’s article for the newsletter, I’m torn as to what to write about. First and foremost, we have now come to the month where we celebrate Easter! I am excited about all of our churches sharing the wonderful gospel message that sin, death, Satan, and Hell have been defeated by Jesus’s atoning sacrifice on the Cross, and that we can celebrate the truth of His promises because of His glorious resurrection!

FROM THE
DESK OF

BRIAN RUSHING

AMS

Let me ask you right now to pause for just a moment and to pray for your pastor who will be preaching this truth throughout the Easter season, and also to pray for people to be transformed by their hearing the gospel this year.

So many of our churches are engaging in special Easter outreaches and services to impact our Gulf Coast with this glorious news! Thank you for your involvement with your church to share the gospel with people of all ages from the youngest to the oldest during this important season of celebration!

Tied to this idea of lifting Jesus together along the Coast, I want to celebrate some of the ways our various churches are finding ways to serve and minister together. We had three different joint D’Nows (DiscipleNow weekend events) in early 2025 where sister churches came together to minister to students together. We have four churches that continue doing joint revival services twice a year. We have four different churches working together to provide special Holy Week services this year. We had 11 churches take part in the Billy Graham Evangelism Training in January, and we have even more expressing an interest in a future training and evangelism event. I am excited about how the Lord is bringing our churches together for ministry and outreach to exalt Jesus on the Gulf Coast!

And the last exciting thing I want to share with you is that we had a great Bible Drill season this year. While even more were involved in their Church Drills, we had 12 children and 4 students take part in our Associational Bible Drill this year. It is amazing to see these young people hiding God’s Word in their hearts! We already have a fifth church planning to participate next year. And if your church would like to participate in the future, contact us and we’ll be sure to help you get started. (And thank you to New Hope Baptist for hosting! And for Dionne, Susie, Anita, and Caleb for serving as our Caller, Judges, and Timer!)



Grateful for our Great Association!
Brian

Contributions for February 2025

CHURCH	MONTHLY	YR. TO DATE
Back Bay	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bay St Louis	\$0.00	\$2,198.00
Bay Vista	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bayou Church	\$25.00	\$50.00
Bayou View	\$83.33	\$166.66
Bel Aire	\$775.00	\$2,019.00
Big Level	\$1,250.00	\$2,500.00
Big Ridge	\$394.20	\$702.12
Biloxi FBC	\$442.20	\$1,281.03
Bond	\$318.00	\$1,280.85
Brodie Road	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chinese Grace Bible	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Church	\$224.00	\$598.00
Church @ 112 (C112)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cornerstone	\$100.00	\$300.00
Crosspoint	\$533.79	\$1,102.94
Delisle FBC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Desired Nation	\$100.00	\$100.00
Empowerment Min. CC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faithview	\$776.23	\$1,369.91
Faro de Esperanza	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fernwood	\$100.00	\$100.00
Grace Chapel	\$0.00	\$357.78
Grace Memorial	\$465.00	\$1,369.09
Grace Temple	\$0.00	\$100.00
Gulf Gardens	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulfport FBC	\$1,772.12	\$4,116.00
Handsboro	\$516.79	\$1,365.96
Harbor City	\$50.00	\$50.00
Harvest Church	\$250.00	\$500.00
Highland	\$181.68	\$181.68
Hope City Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Iglesia Emanuel	\$102.33	\$102.33
Jacob's Well	\$1,888.29	\$5,319.86
Lakeshore	\$50.00	\$50.00
Live Oak (C3)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lizana FBC	\$65.10	\$65.10
Long Beach FBC	\$1,292.38	\$3,996.34
Lyman FBC	\$354.00	\$652.00
McHenry FBC	\$423.43	\$423.43
Michael Memorial	\$1,218.54	\$2,540.39
MS Korean	\$295.12	\$668.75
Mt. Chapel	\$25.00	\$25.00
New Hope	\$1,443.21	\$4,854.21
North Long Beach	\$0.00	\$930.22
Old Spanish Trail	\$50.00	\$100.00
Parkway	\$489.20	\$1,471.14
Pass Christian FBC	\$215.69	\$215.69
Peace	\$50.00	\$100.00
Pearlington FSBC	\$279.00	\$279.00
Perkinston	\$235.47	\$488.00
Popps Ferry	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside	\$98.00	\$302.00
Robinwood	\$552.48	\$1,125.12
Shoreline Park	\$100.00	\$200.00
Success	\$216.22	\$216.22
The Church at Windance	\$376.68	\$849.75
The Ch. Of Turning Points	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tuxechna	\$83.13	\$174.81
West Gulfport	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wiggins FBC	\$2,853.33	\$10,103.83
Woolmarket	\$1,805.66	\$3,124.84

CHURCH*News*

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

Mississippi Gulf Coast Baptist Association

If your church has a vacancy for a position you would like us to publicize, please contact the office. We will post the information at: [Open Church Positions | Gulf Coast Baptist](#) .

FBC PASS CHRISTIAN is excited to announce they have called Lane Thompson as their pastor. Please join us in welcoming Lane to our Association.

FBC WIGGINS is overjoyed to welcome Terrel Boger as their new music minister. Terrel is married to Sarah and they have two children, Daniel and Elizabeth. Pray for them as they make the transition from Laurel.

PASTOR SEARCH

Join us in praying for these churches as they seek God's wisdom and guidance in calling a pastor:

- Handsboro
- Parkway
- Pearlington FSBC
- Success

Come Celebrate HOLY Week with Gulf Coast Churches

*Monday
of the
Passion*



Bay Vista Baptist Church

April 14, 15, 17 & 18

*Tuesday
of the
Passion*



Fernwood Baptist Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY
DO THIS
IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME



Grace Memorial Baptist

**Services are at
6:30 pm**



TENEBRAE
A SERVICE OF SHADOWS

Handsboro Baptist Church

Monday—Bay Vista Baptist Church, 2485 Pass Road, Biloxi

Tuesday— Fernwood Baptist Church, 2307 E. Pass Road, Gulfport

Thursday—Grace Memorial Baptist Church, 2301 23rd Ave, Gulfport

Friday—Handsboro Baptist Church, 1421 E. Pass Road, Gulfport



"For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, 'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.' And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed." Acts 13:47-48

As I write this article, we are completing the second-to-last day of our Spring Break Mission Trip called Beach Reach. Like last year, we are in Panama City Beach giving free shuttle rides to Spring Breakers so that we can share the Gospel with them.

So far our team has seen 13 students pray to receive Christ as their Lord and Savior and turn away from the lives they were leading. Be in prayer for these new brothers and sisters in the faith as we get them connected with local churches in their college towns so they can continue to be discipled.

Thank you all for your prayers and support! If you'd like to hear a detailed report of our mission trip, please reach out to me as I would love to come with a student and share at your church.

- May the Lord Bless you all

David MacLellan

Director of the MGCCC Baptist Student Union

(228) 327-6240





Magdalene  House

Women's Community Support Center, located off Hwy. 603 in Bay St. Louis, is a non-profit faith based 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 **Gulf Coast Christian Women's Job Corps** free employment skills program is offered on an eight (8) week schedule. The classes include Bible Study, Career Skills, Relationship Building, Conflict Resolution, Computer Skills, Money Management, Parenting and Anger Management classes.

Our Daytime classes will be held on Monday and Tuesday. We will offer an Evening class on Mondays 5-8pm. Our Anger Management class is on Tuesdays 4pm.

For students and instructors, please call soon as possible at 228-586-3510. Registration is available now. Most classes have open enrollment at all times.

We are in need of female volunteer instructors for all class schedules daytime and nighttime. Training is available at our facility for both our **Gulf Coast Christian Women's Job Corps** and **Hancock County Correctional Facility** instructor courses. We are now accepting inquiries for all positions and can provide training at your convenience.

To learn more about our mission and to offer your time or financial support, please visit our website at www.womenscommunitysupport.org or call **228-586-3510**.

SAVE THE DATE

MISSIONS MADNESS 2025 "MOUNTIES FOR MISSIONS... ALL ABOUT CANADA"



September 13, 2025

9am-2pm

**\$10 per child to cover
snacks/meals**

FBC Gulfport

Come join us for a fun-filled day of missions. MM is for **all boys and girls 1st - 6th grades and their leaders**. Please bring your Children's groups, CA, GA, RA kids.

2025

MBCB

IMPACT

training

August 18: FBC Laurel

5:15-8:30PM • 607 W 5th St, Laurel, MS 39440

WHAT IS IMPACT TRAINING?

Impact provides training for pastors, church staff, and volunteer leaders in age group ministries.

PANELISTS

Shawn Parker • Jon Martin
Rena Register • Greg Spencer

BREAKOUT LEADERS

Engaging Your Community Through Strategic Planning

Greg Spencer, Lead Pastor, First Baptist, Ellisville

Engaging Your Community Through Small Groups

Brad Hodges, Groups Pastor, Temple Baptist, Hattiesburg

Engaging Your Community Through Events

Kelli Brent, Next Gen Director, Temple Baptist, Hattiesburg

Engaging Your Community Through Personal Evangelism

Chad McCord, Missions Mobilization Director, MBCB

Don Lum, Evangelism Director, MBCB



REGISTER HERE

2025
**ENGAGE
YOUR
COMMUNITY**
Theme

Dinner is provided
for those who
pre-register.
Deadline to register
is 1 week prior to the
event date!

SCHEDULE

5:15 PM	Dinner
6:00 PM	Welcome
6:10 PM	Panel Discussion
7:00 PM	Breakouts
8:30 PM	Dismissal

Register at mbcb.org/events

All Locations: Aug. 7 Philadelphia • Aug. 11 Greenwood • Aug. 12 Tupelo • Aug. 18 Laurel • Aug. 19 Natchez