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ANNUAL MEETING of the GULF COAST BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



OCTOBER 20

6:30PM

**BEL AIRE
BAPTIST CHURCH**

15080 Dedeaux Rd.,
Gulfport

SPEAKER:

DR. BRETT GOLSON
VP OF STRATEGIC OPER., WCU



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Upcoming Events in Your Association

Office Closed for Labor Day - Sept 1

Book Reading Cohort GCBA Training Center 11:30am - Sept 2

Monthly Minister's Meeting GCBA Training Center 10:30am - Sept 11

Hancock County Coffee - Mockingbird Café 8:15am - Sept 22

Harrison County Coffee - Cracker Barrel 8am - Sept 23

Stone County Coffee - Gateway Christian Academy 8:30am - Sept 24

ACP's Due to Association - Oct 2

GCBA Executive Board Meeting Training Center 6:00pm - Oct 6

Book Reading Cohort GCBA Training Center 11:30am - Oct 7

Hancock County Coffee - Mockingbird Café 8:15am - Oct 13

Harrison County Coffee - Cracker Barrel 8am - Oct 14

Stone County Coffee - Gateway Christian Academy 8:30am - Oct 15

GCBA Annual Meeting - Bel Aire BC 6:30pm - Oct 20

Monthly Minister's Meeting GCBA Training Center 10:30am - Oct 21

MS Baptist Convention - Broadmoor BC Madison - Oct 28-29

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Isaac Sivils
Ministry Intern

**“Plan to Join Us for our GCBA Annual Meeting on Monday, Oct. 20th –
And Consider Singing in our Combined Worship Choir!”**

First, we want to invite everyone to our GCBA Annual Meeting on Monday, October 20th at 6:30pm at Bel Aire Baptist Church. We are grateful for Pastor Brian Cameron and Bel Aire Baptist hosting us this year.

**FROM THE
DESK OF**

BRIAN RUSHING

AMS

While each church has a limit to the number of voting Messengers they can bring, there is no limit to how many people can attend the meeting to participate in our time of worship, including great music and an encouraging message. (Be sure that your church family selects Messengers for the meeting and encourages them to attend, as Oct. 20 will be here before we know it!)

This year we are excited to have Dr. Brett Golson of William Carey University as our Guest Speaker. And for our music leadership this year, we are excited about having our church music ministries work together in a Combined Worship Ministry opportunity.

All Worship Leaders are invited to have their choir or team join in!
And anyone who likes to sing is invited to be part!

Through this Combined Worship Ministry, we will be able to have our various choirs, worship teams, and singers join together to provide worship leadership for our meeting. The QR code below can be scanned with your phone and will allow any Worship Leaders and Singers to listen to the songs as well as print the music. Here are the dates for you to reserve on your calendar for the rehearsals:

Rehearsal #1 - FBC Gulfport on Sunday, October 12th, at 3pm

Rehearsal #2 - Bel Aire Baptist on Sunday, October 19th, at 3pm

If you, your choir, or your worship team will be participating, please let us know, so we can add you to our contact list and keep you updated on any additional news related to the rehearsals and the Meeting. Thus far, we have eight different churches that have let us know they have people who will be participating!

And for anyone who chooses to participate in this Associational opportunity, you will also be invited to participate in singing the same music at the Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention at Broadmoor Baptist Church in Madison. Pastor Smokey Gibson of FBC Biloxi is preaching this year's MS Baptist Convention Sermon on Tuesday afternoon, October 28th, and Associate Pastor Todd Dubose is looking for willing volunteers to join their Worship Team at the MS Baptist Convention to provide worship leadership for the afternoon session.

If you have any other questions, please let us know.
Come be a part of the meeting this year!

- Brian



Contributions for July 2025

CHURCH	MONTHLY	YR. TO DATE
Back Bay	\$180.00	\$720.00
Bay St Louis	\$1,912.00	\$11,966.00
Bay Vista	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bayou Church	\$25.00	\$175.00
Bayou View	\$83.33	\$583.31
Bel Aire	\$1,027.00	\$6,835.00
Big Level	\$1,250.00	\$8,750.00
Big Ridge	\$372.04	\$2,620.73
Biloxi FBC	\$490.42	\$3,893.30
Bond	\$731.20	\$4,714.70
Brodie Road	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chinese Grace Bible	\$0.00	\$800.00
Christ Church	\$197.00	\$1,629.35
Church @ 112 (C112)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cornerstone	\$100.00	\$800.00
Crosspoint	\$429.86	\$2,944.97
Delisle FBC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Desired Nation	\$100.00	\$392.56
Empowerment Min. CC	\$0.00	\$200.00
Faithview	\$690.86	\$4,630.62
Faro de Esperanza	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fernwood	\$0.00	\$300.00
Grace Chapel	\$0.00	\$1,920.46
Grace Memorial	\$666.20	\$4,415.14
Grace Temple	\$0.00	\$100.00
Gulf Gardens	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulfport FBC	\$3,057.71	\$15,849.22
Handsboro	\$622.62	\$4,567.14
Harbor City	\$50.00	\$300.00
Harvest Church	\$250.00	\$1,750.00
Highland	\$93.18	\$445.83
Hope City Church	\$50.00	\$100.00
Iglesia Emanuel	\$0.00	\$274.62
Jacob's Well	\$1,849.20	\$13,844.25
Lakeshore	\$0.00	\$150.00
Lizana FBC	\$0.00	\$65.10
Long Beach FBC	\$1,683.67	\$12,321.10
Lyman FBC	\$0.00	\$1,453.00
McHenry FBC	\$0.00	\$1,449.65
Michael Memorial	\$1,679.52	\$10,735.23
MS Korean	\$497.18	\$2,503.69
Mt. Chapel	\$25.00	\$150.00
New Hope	\$1,649.05	\$11,072.37
North Long Beach	\$1,060.03	\$2,902.89
Old Spanish Trail	\$50.00	\$350.00
Parkway	\$679.92	\$4,378.17
Pass Christian FBC	\$0.00	\$215.69
Peace	\$65.00	\$270.00
Pearlington FSBC	\$300.00	\$579.00
Perkinson	\$348.13	\$1,759.68
Popps Ferry	\$0.00	\$405.00
Riverside	\$144.00	\$1,173.00
Robinwood	\$620.55	\$4,092.16
Shoreline Park	\$400.00	\$700.00
Success	\$399.92	\$934.56
The Church at Windance	\$403.31	\$3,031.14
The Ch. Of Turning Points	\$15.00	\$60.00
Tuxechena	\$72.52	\$537.41
West Gulfport	\$0.00	\$469.70
Wiggins FBC	\$3,785.75	\$29,362.38
Woolmarket	\$1,224.32	\$9,048.53

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.

**“So let’s not get tired of
doing what is good. At just
the right time we will reap a
harvest of blessing if we
don’t give up.”**

GALATIANS 6:9

As we rest from our labors this Labor Day,
remember your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

**HAPPY LABOR DAY,
Brian, Robin, Dave and Isaac**

PASTOR SEARCH

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

- Chinese Grace
- Pearlington FSBC
- Success



The 2025-26 School Year is here, and you can already feel the groundwork the Lord is doing in students' hearts to be open to Him this semester. At the time of writing this article, we are not even a full week into the semester, but I have had so many conversations with students that have blown me away. At our Kickoff Cookout at **Perk BSU**, I had student after student tell me what a blessing and/or answered prayer the BSU was and that they were excited to get plugged in. I also had students asking me questions about Jesus and the Gospel with genuine interest in what it means to follow Jesus.



the faith and obedience to be faithful laborers this semester.

I ask you to be in prayer for the Harvest at our MGCCC Campuses in our association. My student leaders are passionately sharing the Gospel on campus and inviting believers to join with them, but the enemy is also throwing flaming darts to seek to discourage. Pray for us all to have

David MacLellan
Director, MGCCC Baptist Student Union

A lot of excitement has been happening on campus with students starting classes this past week at the **Harrison County (HC) Campus**. I was able to join student activities on campus during our first day of classes to welcome students and help them find their classrooms. I met so many awesome students which I was super grateful for! We ended the day at HC BSU with Waffle & Game Night that was an absolute blast! I was able to connect with most of the students who attended that night and each of them were excited to have a place like the BSU on a commuter campus where there are less activities. Throughout the first week of school, I was able to have several meaningful conversations and the Lord brought about many opportunities to share the Gospel with students! Please be in prayer that the Lord will continue to work in and through the BSU to be a light for Him on campus!

Isaac Sivils
Campus Missionary, Harrison County Campus



MISSIONS MADNESS 2025:

“MOUNTIES FOR MISSIONS...ALL ABOUT CANADA”

Come join us for a fun-filled day of missions.

Missions Madness is for all boys and girls
1st - 6th grades and their leaders.

Please bring your children's groups; GA, RA and CA kids.

\$10 per child to cover snacks/meals

To Register Online Visit:

<https://www.gulfcoastba.com/event-details/missions-madness>

Saturday, September 13, 2025

9am-2pm

First Baptist Church Gulfport

12190 Hwy 605

Gulfport 39503



**MS BAPTIST
SINGING
CHURCHWOMEN**

September 28
Parkway Baptist Church
17284 Highway 67
Biloxi MS 39532
6:00 p.m.

The Mississippi Baptist Singing Churchwomen are comprised of female worship ministry leaders—ministers of music, accompanists, children's choir coordinators, etc.—from across the state of Mississippi. Sharing a similar mission as the Singing Churchmen, these women have a long history of gathering to share testimony through song. The Churchwomen gather annually for a rehearsal retreat in the Fall and sing throughout the year.

Literacy

THE KEY
THAT UNLOCKS AND
OPENS DOORS

Hope Adult Learning Basic Tutor Training

5 Sessions Total

***FIRST SESSION:** Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2025

***TIME:** 9:00 to Noon

***LOCATION:** 11201 Old Hwy 49, Gulfport

***REGISTRATION FEE:** Early \$35. Late \$45

***EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Sun. Sept. 7

FIND OUT MORE AT

www.hopeadulthoodlearning.com

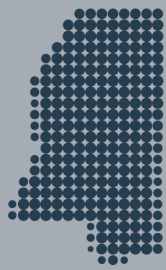
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MARGARET LACKEY STATE OFFERING

MISSISSIPPIANS ON MISSION

CHRIST'S CALL TO MAKE DISCIPLES IS BOTH PERSONAL AND FAR- REACHING.

In fact, the commission is global for every one of us as disciples and as local churches. I'm thankful for the difference Mississippi Baptists make in this global call to reach the unreached with the long arm of God's love. I'm also convinced that the global reach of Mississippi Baptists can only be sustained if we begin the ripple right here in our own backyard.



Shawn Parker
Executive
Director-Treasurer

The Margaret Lackey State Offering is an initiative to start the global ripple here in Mississippi. The MLSO provides support for ministries on collegiate campuses, camps for children and youth, church plants in less reached areas of the state, connecting churches with both national and international mission partners, and much more. All these stated ministries extend the reach of the local church into areas that go beyond the norm of church life.

Mississippi Baptists have been very faithful over many years to give generously to the MLSO, and I'm asking you to continue the spirit of generosity. I can say with confidence that the work being done through this offering is larger than any one church and allows a greater witness to be made. Thank you for your past support, and I'm praying for the Lord's deepest blessings on your church's faithfulness.

2025 ALLOCATIONS

Mississippians on Mission Serving at Camps and on Campuses

Collegiate & University Outreach 4.6%

Central Hills Baptist Retreat 19.3%

Garaywa Camp & Conference Center 19.3%

Mississippians on Mission to People in Crisis

Criminal Justice Ministry 5%

Disaster Relief 3.3%

Christian Job Corps 1.1%

Mississippians on Mission Serving In and Beyond Mississippi

Cross-Cultural Evangelism 1.5%

Port Ministry 1.1%

Short-Term Mission Servants 27.4%

Mississippians on Mission in Local Communities

Community Ministry 6.5%

Literacy Missions Ministry 1.1%

Deaf Ministry 1.1%

Church Planting/
Church Revitalization 8.7%

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**FOR RESOURCES
AND MORE
INFORMATION**

MARGARET LACKEY
STATE OFFERING
GOAL:
\$2.5 MILLION

- Pray together as a Mississippi Baptist church during your weekly worship service;
- Pray individually as a Mississippi Baptist how the Lord would have you give;
- Become familiar with and pray for the ministries supported through our cooperative efforts;
- Be reminded to pray for the lost in Mississippi and beyond.