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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Sunday,
June 15, 2025

Point your kids
in the right
direction—
when they're
old they
won't be lost.

Proverbs 22:6 (MSG)



2025 Associational Meetings

July 28 Executive Board
Monday at 6pm
GCBA Training Center

Oct 6 Executive Board
Monday at 6pm
GCBA Training Center

**Oct 20 Annual Meeting
of the Association**
Monday at 6:30pm
Bel Aire Baptist Church

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Upcoming Events in Your Association

SBC Annual Meeting Dallas, TX - June 8-11

Monthly Minister's Meeting GCBA Training Center 10:30am - June 17

Hancock County Coffee - Mockingbird Café 8:15am - June 23

Harrison County Coffee - Cracker Barrel 8am - June 24

Stone County Coffee - Gateway Christian Academy 8:30am - June 25

Office Closed for Independence Day - July 3

Monthly Minister's Meeting GCBA Training Center 10:30am - July 15

Hancock County Coffee - Mockingbird Café 8:15am - July 21

Stone County Coffee - Gateway Christian Academy 8:30am - July 23

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

Harrison County Coffee - Cracker Barrel 8am - July 29

Staff:

Dr. Brian Rushing
Executive Director/Treasurer

David Knapp
Facilities/Maintenance

Robin Knapp
Executive Ministry/Financial Assistant

Noah Stanley
Ministry Intern

"100th Birthday of the Baptist Faith & Message & the Cooperative Program"

As we approach this year's annual Southern Baptist Convention, I want to point out two important anniversaries that we are celebrating this year. In 1925, Southern Baptists launched the Cooperative Program and adopted the Baptist Faith & Message.

**FROM THE
DESK OF**

BRIAN RUSHING

AMS

The Cooperative Program (CP) was a "never-before-attempted method" of funding for helping SBC churches combine their finances for ministry and mission efforts. As each church gives to their State Convention, a portion of the funds are then forwarded to the SBC for its work. The CP has allowed us to become a great mission-sending, church planting, and ministry training convention. We have six of the largest seminaries in the nation. We currently support just over 3500 overseas missionaries. We have planted more than 11,000 churches in North America in the past 15 years. From this giving model, we are able to do amazing work that allows more people around the world to hear the Gospel and receive Christ! Thank you for giving to CP to support our Mississippi Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Convention. (Thank you also for your additional giving to the Association!)

The Baptist Faith and Message (BF&M) was originally adopted to provide a unified statement of faith as a response to theological challenges in the early 1900s. The BF&M gives basic statements on our Southern Baptist beliefs and provides a guide for doctrinal accountability. The doctrines serve as a theological anchor for our churches and SBC institutions.

(Just as a side-note, all of our GCBA churches are SBC churches. The second sentence of our GCBA Constitution indicates: "This Association shall be composed of persons who have been duly elected as messengers by Southern Baptist Churches, cooperating with the Gulf Coast Baptist Association....")

Historically, the BF&M was crafted to define our beliefs while also defending our Baptist faith against cultural, political, and theological challenges. It has been revised three times (1963, 2000, 2023), and each revision reflects our effort to remain faithful to Scripture while also dealing with the needs of the current times. Therefore, many of our churches use the BF&M as a teaching tool to help church members know what we believe as Southern Baptists.

If you haven't looked at the BF&M in a while, I would encourage you to do so. You can find it online at <https://bfm.sbc.net/bfm2000/>

I am so grateful for what we Southern Baptists have been able to accomplish through our combined giving to the CP and through our fidelity to our beliefs in the BF&M! Happy 100th Birthday to both the CP & the BF&M! The strength of both prove that we continue to be *Better Together!*

Brian

Contributions for April 2025

CHURCH	MONTHLY	YR. TO DATE
Back Bay	\$180.00	\$180.00
Bay St Louis	\$1,212.00	\$6,488.00
Bay Vista	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bayou Church	\$25.00	\$100.00
Bayou View	\$83.33	\$333.32
Bel Aire	\$1,005.00	\$3,928.00
Big Level	\$1,250.00	\$5,000.00
Big Ridge	\$375.40	\$1,479.11
Biloxi FBC	\$548.40	\$2,296.91
Bond	\$651.25	\$2,572.75
Brodie Road	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chinese Grace Bible	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Church	\$238.00	\$1,070.00
Church @ 112 (C112)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cornerstone	\$100.00	\$500.00
Crosspoint	\$333.71	\$1,672.92
Delisle FBC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Desired Nation	\$0.00	\$200.00
Empowerment Min. CC	\$0.00	\$200.00
Faithview	\$741.47	\$2,654.14
Faro de Esperanza	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fernwood	\$0.00	\$200.00
Grace Chapel	\$0.00	\$1,188.54
Grace Memorial	\$676.34	\$2,662.80
Grace Temple	\$0.00	\$100.00
Gulf Gardens	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulfport FBC	\$2,170.99	\$8,739.74
Handsboro	\$741.31	\$2,686.13
Harbor City	\$50.00	\$150.00
Harvest Church	\$250.00	\$1,000.00
Highland	\$0.00	\$181.68
Hope City Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Iglesia Emanuel	\$41.94	\$203.13
Jacob's Well	\$1,808.95	\$8,721.96
Lakeshore	\$0.00	\$50.00
Lizana FBC	\$0.00	\$65.10
Long Beach FBC	\$1,801.12	\$7,672.62
Lyman FBC	\$0.00	\$950.00
McHenry FBC	\$0.00	\$1,051.94
Michael Memorial	\$1,839.54	\$5,928.93
MS Korean	\$405.41	\$1,378.24
Mt. Chapel	\$25.00	\$75.00
New Hope	\$3,089.00	\$7,943.21
North Long Beach	\$657.94	\$1,842.86
Old Spanish Trail	\$50.00	\$200.00
Parkway	\$637.81	\$2,640.49
Pass Christian FBC	\$0.00	\$215.69
Peace	\$55.00	\$205.00
Pearlington FSBC	\$0.00	\$279.00
Perkinston	\$344.66	\$951.31
Popps Ferry	\$0.00	\$270.00
Riverside	\$176.00	\$678.00
Robinwood	\$738.23	\$2,437.51
Shoreline Park	\$0.00	\$300.00
Success	\$318.42	\$534.64
The Church at Windance	\$517.50	\$1,831.73
The Ch. Of Turning Points	\$0.00	\$30.00
Tuxechena	\$72.52	\$319.85
West Gulfport	\$0.00	\$254.24
Wiggins FBC	\$4,376.13	\$17,809.52
Woolmarket	\$1,159.18	\$5,485.50

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 .

We always enjoy visiting our churches during VBS. Please contact the office to let us know your VBS dates.

Bel Aire would like to announce the retirement of Alan Stevens, their Music and Media Pastor. Please join them in thanking Alan for 21 years of service with Bel Aire and over 50 years in ministry! Please pray for Alan and Dee as they make this transition.

Jacobs Well is excited to share the following staff additions; Bob Guidry, Worship Minister, Josh Fisher, Associate Pastor, Lacey Vitalec, Associate Music Minister. Congratulations to all!

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



As mentioned in last month's article, we have a new Campus Missionary for the Harrison County Campus, Isaac Sivils. Isaac is no stranger to BSU or the community college campus. He served as the BSU President when he was a student at Copiah-Lincoln Community College and served as the International Student Ministry Coordinator with the BSU at Mississippi State University. He served as a MS BSU Summer Missionary the past three summers and will be attending seminary at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in the Fall. I am excited for Isaac to join us on June 4th and believe he will be an exceptional addition to the team.

On the line of Summer Missionaries, we have 5 students serving as summer missionaries from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Baptist Student Union this summer! They will be serving in Australia, Mexico, the Philippines, Northern Africa, and the Himalayas. I would ask that you be in prayer for these and all our MS BSU Summer Missionaries as they are serving the Lord in different contexts this summer.

The 2024-25 Academic Year was a great year of fruitfulness at both the Perkinston and Harrison County Campus BSUs. I want to thank all of you for your continued support of the BSU through your giving to the Cooperative Program, Margaret Lackey, GCBA, and to the Gulf Coast BSU. I also want to thank all the churches who have provided a meal for our BSU lunches and the volunteers who have been a part of pouring into college students. I'd love to extend the invitation to anyone in the GCBA who would like to come be a part of what the Lord is doing through Gulf Coast BSU next year. May the Lord bless you all as you seek to make Christ known in your communities this summer!



David MacLellan
Director, MGCCC Baptist Student Union





Gospel Music & BBQ

Fundraiser for

Magdalene House - Christian Women's Job Corps

**Music, BBQ dinner,
& Silent Auction**

Featuring the

Gospel Grass Revival

THURS, JULY 10, 2025

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Bay St Louis Community Hall

301 Blaize Ave, Bay St Louis, MS

Tickets: \$25 Adults & \$15 for children (ages 2-12)

For tickets call 228-493-0504 or 228-324-6687

For more information about the Ministry visit:

www.womenscommunitysupport.org

Gulf Coast Christian Women's Job Corp/Magdalene House is a federally recognized tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organ.
All contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law.



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; CA, GA, and RA 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



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

AUGUST 22-23, 2025
BRANDON BAPTIST CHURCH

ESSENTIAL TOOLS

for Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry,
Multicultural and WMU Leaders



EQUIPPING LEADERS WEEKEND

with Mississippi WMU Annual Meeting

SPECIAL GUESTS

Visit www.mbc.org/equippingleaders for a complete list of conference leaders, conference titles, descriptions, and schedules after June 1.



HEATHER KELLER
Student Missions
National WMU



ALICIA WONG
Women's Ministry
LifeWay



ANN RIALS
Children's Missions
WM/WMU



MIKE LAZENBY
Representative
IMB



PRESTON CROWE
Counseling Pastor
Broadmoor BC



JOSH KUBLER
Associate Pastor
Redeemer BC



JESS DILLEY
Pastor
FBC Lake



JUSTIN CRAFT
IA/Challengers
Trinity BC



VICKY STUART
Deaf Ministry
MBCB



DWAYNE PARKER
Discipleship/SS
MBCB



PAULA SMITH
Multicultural
MBCB



TAMMY SMITH
Children's Ministry
Parkway BC



STEPHANIE NEWTON
Adult Missions
National WMU



TAMMY ANDERSON
Women's Ministries/WMU
MBCB



MATT & SHEA WILLIAMS
IMB Representatives
Southeast Asia

SCHEDULE

Friday, August 22

- 2:00 PM Registration/Exhibits Available
- 3:00 PM Conference Session #1
- 4:00 PM Conference Session #2
- 5:00 PM Dinner (Multipurpose Building)
- 6:00 PM General Session
- 7:30 PM Conference Session #3
- 8:30 PM Dismiss

Saturday, August 23

Doors Open: 8:00 AM - Exhibits Available

- 8:30 AM Conference Session #4
- 9:30 AM Conference Session #5
- 10:30 AM Grab & Go Break
- 10:45 AM Conference Session #6
- 11:45 AM General Session
- 12:45 PM Lunch (Multipurpose Building)
- 1:45 PM MS WMU Annual Meeting
- 2:45 PM Dismiss

REGISTRATION

\$15 Program Fee • Saturday Lunch Provided
No refunds after August 15, substitutions allowed.

\$10 Dinner (Friday)
No refunds after August 15, substitutions allowed.

*Walk-ins can pay at the door with cash or check. Meals may not be available. Please register ahead of time if you can.

To register, make checks payable to MBCB with memo EL25, mail to MS WM/WMU, PO Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205. To register with a credit card, scan the QR code below.



This event is co-sponsored by Discipleship/Sunday School (MBCB), Multicultural Ministries (MBCB) and Women's Ministries/WMU. Mississippi WMU is a department of and an auxiliary to Mississippi Baptist Convention.

GENERAL SESSIONS

Friday @ 6:00 PM

"Sharing Your Faith"

Greg & Abby Wilton

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Saturday @ 11:45 AM

"Being Equipped and Inspired to Make Disciples"

Sandy Wisdom-Martin

National WMU

Saturday @ 1:45 PM

****Mississippi WMU Annual Meeting****

"Be A Joy Multiplier"

Sandy Wisdom-Martin

National WMU



GREG & ABBY
WILTON



SANDY
WISDOM-MARTIN

SPECIAL FEATURES

WorldCrafts Market

(Check or Credit Card Sales Only)
Friday: 2:00-6:00 PM • 7:30-8:30 PM
Saturday: 8:00-11:30 AM • 12:30-1:30 PM

Missions IDEAS Exchange with Sandy

Friday: 3:00 PM • Saturday: 9:30 AM

Missions & Ministry Exhibits

Located throughout the event, available all weekend

CONFERENCES

The list below includes topics of conferences being offered. For a complete list of conference titles, descriptions, leaders and schedule, please visit www.mbc.org/events (select Equipping Leaders 2025) after June 1.

Men's Ministry Leaders

Men's Ministry Curriculum: What is Available and How is it Used
Equipping Fathers to Disciple Their Families
Breaking Chains: Leading Men to Freedom in Christ
Building a Lasting Men's Discipleship Ministry

Women's Enrichment Leaders

Ministry to Women Essentials
Women in Biblical Perspectives

WMU Leaders

WMU Directors / Churchwide Missions
Adult Missions
Sisters Who Care (African American WOM)
Acteens/ Challengers/ Youth on Mission
Children in Action/ Girls in Action/ Royal Ambassadors
Mission Friends

Missions & Ministries

Challenges & Opportunities for Connection in YOUR Neighborhood
Compassion Ministries
Cross-Cultural Evangelism
Cross-Cultural Partnerships
Deaf Culture and Ministry in Mississippi
How Your Church Can Start a Deaf Ministry
MBCB Missions Involvement Opportunities
Missionary Conferences
Missions Opportunities with IMB

Spiritual/Personal Development

Praying for and with the Lost
Self-Care for Leaders
Starting Spiritual Conversations

Contact WM/WMU at amassey@mbcb.org or 601-292-3319 for more information.