

THE TIDE



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Greetings Dear Friends,

I trust you are safe and well as we continue enduring this pandemic experience. There are a couple of things to remember. One... God's got this. Two...this will not last forever. I keep reminding myself that one day this will all be a memory and school children will learn about it in history class!

Even though this has put a good-sized kink in typical ministry plans and activities, I hear very good things from our churches. Several of our churches have had members participate in Disaster Relief efforts in response to the severe weather across central and south Mississippi. Our Disaster Relief response is being led by our D.R. Coordinator Rev. Chip Williams. Two trips have been made, one to Bassfield/Collins and another to Columbia.

I also hear very good things about how church members are being faithful in giving through this time. I have not heard of any of our churches experiencing financial distress, to this point due to COVID-19. In fact, I received word from Shoreline Park; that their tithing is at 100%! What a testimony and a challenge for all of us to continue placing our focus on the Father and not fear of the pandemic.

One of the other interesting discoveries through this time is how our churches have made the transition to digital worship platforms. Some of you might have never given any thought to such before. Now it is becoming second nature to you. This begs the question of how (hopefully not if) to continue when these days pass. Soon we will transition to some sort of allowance to in-person worship gatherings. Churches should consider how they make worship opportunities possible for those who are still at risk. If you stop online services, are you suggesting those folks are not important or their need to worship is any less real? Hopefully, we have discovered that an online presence is an ongoing need and an opportunity to share the gospel. Many folks will use the platform to give your service a "test run" before they ever step foot into your facility. So perhaps there needs to be discussion around how you can make it a better experience for them, not how to end it.

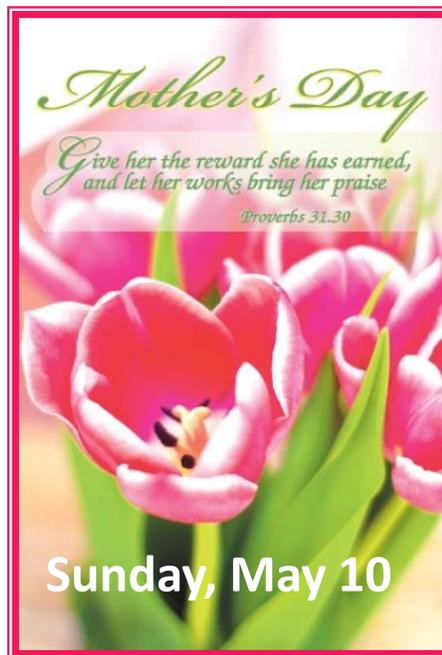
In short, ministry sure looks different right now. It may not ever return to what it was. Maybe that is a good thing, because maybe, just maybe, it will be better!

Your association's staff is always available to you. Call us to let us know how we can serve you in these days.

It is my joy to journey with you!

Blessings,

Dr. Steve



COVID-19 has caused several of our churches to cancel their summer youth trips whether they were going to camp or on mission. Most are planning to do something "in house."

COVID-19 has also caused at least two of the visiting churches to cancel their Partnership Gulf Coast reservations.

Since this is called the "novel" corona virus, here is a "novel" idea should restrictions be eased. If your youth had to cancel their summer trip, consider adopting one of our GCBA churches and doing outside Backyard Bible Clubs to help them reach their communities. We have the material to facilitate your preparation. If your group is interested, contact me at dionne@gulfcoastba.com or text me at 228-233-9833.

Be safe and God bless,

Dionne

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Contributions for March 2020

CHURCH	MONTHLY	YR. TO DATE
Back Bay	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bay St Louis	\$1,118.60	\$5,162.98
Bay Vista	\$266.74	\$874.22
Bayou Talla	\$25.00	\$75.00
Bayou View	\$166.66	\$499.98
Bayside	\$25.00	\$75.00
Bel Aire	\$1,270.21	\$4,317.03
Big Level	\$1,183.00	\$3,549.00
Big Ridge	\$337.16	\$1,194.58
Biloxi FBC	\$523.32	\$2,098.96
Bond	\$0.00	\$2,195.59
Bridge Community	\$0.00	\$0.00
Brodie Road	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chinese Grace Bible	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Christ Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Connect Community	\$65.00	\$251.00
Cornerstone	\$0.00	\$0.00
Crosspoint	\$115.94	\$473.27
Delisle FBC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Desired Nation	\$112.63	\$291.40
Emmanuel	\$25.00	\$75.00
Faithview	\$481.50	\$1,510.63
Family Worship	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faro de Esperanza	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fernwood	\$160.00	\$480.00
Grace Chapel	\$220.71	\$783.63
Grace Memorial	\$863.49	\$2,621.42
GracePoint Church	\$0.00	\$50.00
Grace Temple	\$200.00	\$800.00
Gtr. Mt Rest	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulf Gardens	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulfport FBC	\$0.00	\$9,110.94
Handsboro	\$381.31	\$1,878.26
Harbor City	\$0.00	\$135.00
Highland	\$53.91	\$250.71
Iglesia Emanuel	\$0.00	\$44.87
Jacob's Well	\$1,032.69	\$3,134.67
Lakeshore	\$50.00	\$100.00
Lizana FBC	\$161.05	\$548.35
Long Beach FBC	\$1,783.87	\$5,732.58
Lyman FBC	\$201.00	\$625.00
McHenry FBC	\$0.00	\$558.08
Michael Memorial	\$1,265.36	\$4,432.73
MS Korean	\$379.89	\$1,218.68
Mt. Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$0.00	\$4,115.26
North Hills	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Long Beach	\$0.00	\$244.62
Old Spanish Trail	\$0.00	\$0.00
Parkway	\$419.25	\$1,794.45
Pass Christian FBC	\$35.54	\$178.63
Peace	\$50.00	\$150.00
Pearlington FSBC	\$0.00	\$528.96
Perkinston	\$211.00	\$402.39
Popps Ferry	\$0.00	\$184.98
Riverside	\$54.00	\$114.00
Robinwood	\$690.26	\$1,795.34
Saucier FBC	\$0.00	\$100.00
Shoreline Park	\$100.00	\$300.00
Success	\$0.00	\$306.94
The Church at Windance	\$0.00	\$660.70
Trinity	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tuxechena	\$169.91	\$448.08
Vardaman Street	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vidalia's Bridge	\$0.00	\$0.00
West Gulfport	\$102.00	\$294.12
Wiggins FBC	\$2,347.00	\$9,004.00
Woolmarket	\$1,439.00	\$4,927.75

CHURCH *News*

Please check our Group Page on **Facebook**

for additional church news:

Mississippi Gulf Coast
Baptist Association

BOND located just north of Wiggins, is in search of a part-time Music Minister. Please direct inquiries and resumes to:

Dale Davis @ 601-528-0121 or email stoneprint1@gmail.com.

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.

GRACE CHAPEL has a 2003 Ford F-350 20 passenger bus for sale. For more information contact Pastor Stan Proctor at 228-493-0709. See the GCBA Facebook page for details.



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

Emmanuel
New Hope
North Long Beach
Trinity



2020 CHURCH FINANCIAL LEADERS TRAINING

JULY 24-25, 2020

GARAYWA CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER | CLINTON, MS

SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY

Check-In – 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Dinner – 5:30 p.m.

First Session – 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Breakfast – 7:00-8:00 a.m.

First Session – 8:00 a.m.

Conclusion – 12:30 p.m.

SPEAKER:

JOHNNY RAKESTRAW, CPA/Pastor

Wallerville Baptist Church | New Albany, MS

\$40 per person – overnight and two meals

Registration: www.tinyurl.com/qp4b8s8

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