

THE TIDE



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Dear Friends,

What an "adventure" we have been on the last few months! It was March when everything seemed to be normal. Now, as businesses and churches begin to open back up, we are staring at June and the year is almost half over.

Speaking of opening back up, the GCBA offices will reopen for regular hours on Monday, June 1, 2020. We closed the office back in March and allowed staff to work from home. We will all return on Monday. Also, we will resume limited activities in the facility. As of now, the first scheduled GCBA meetings are the Team meetings the week of July 20 and the GCBA Executive Board meeting on Monday July 27, 2020. Check upcoming issues of the TIDE for information about other events.

Most of our churches have begun to have services in person. By the end of June, I expect that all will have done so to some degree or another. Although these have been challenging days, I have been very proud of the way our churches have responded to this opportunity. As was true in the days following Katrina, so now, our churches have rolled up their sleeves and gotten the job done. Churches have discovered that this "online" thing was not as big of a bear as they thought. In fact, most are making plans to continue an online presence for services. I believe that this will become the way prospects will check out your church before they ever step foot on the property. So, do it well.

Our churches have also proven the faithfulness of our God during this time of uncertainty and confusion. Many of our pastors have shared with me that giving to their churches has increased over this time. Praise the Lord!

Churches have responded to human needs as well. I know of many who have found ways to distribute food to those who need it during this time. May God bless you for lifting your eyes to see needs around you and not just concentrating on your own issues.

Church may look different going forward as we grapple with new realities. Maybe that is not a bad thing. Perhaps we have discovered, or should I say re-discovered, what is most important. If so, I pray we do not lose that vision.

Blessings,

Dr. Steve



Tuesday, August 4

Senior Adult Revival

Faithview Baptist Church, Saucier

10:30am-2pm

Dr. Frank Gunn, speaker

Saturday, August 15

GCBA Church Leader Training

Parkway Baptist Church

8:30-11:30am (see pg. 3)

Upcoming Events in Your Association

Hancock County Cluster-Mockingbird Café, June 15

Bay St. Louis 8:30-9:30am

Harrison County Cluster-Cracker Barrel 8-9am June 16

Stone County Cluster-Sawmill Rest. 9-10am June 17

Hancock County Cluster-Mockingbird Café, July 20

Bay St. Louis 8:30-9:30am

Harrison County Cluster-Cracker Barrel 8-9am July 21

Stone County Cluster-Sawmill Rest. 9-10am July 22

Administrative Team Meeting-GCBA Office Noon July 21

Strategy Team Meeting-GCBA Office 7:30am July 23

Finance Team Meeting-GCBA Office Noon July 23

Executive Board Meeting-GCBA Trng Ctr 7pm July 27

Staff:

Dr. Steve Mooneyham-Executive Director/Treasurer

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Grayson Orman-Ministry Strategist

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Contributions for April 2020

CHURCH	MONTHLY	YR. TO DATE
Back Bay	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bay St Louis	\$1,076.59	\$6,239.57
Bay Vista	\$413.99	\$1,288.21
Bayou Talla	\$25.00	\$100.00
Bayou View	\$166.66	\$666.64
Bayside	\$25.00	\$100.00
Bel Aire	\$1,136.00	\$5,453.03
Big Level	\$1,183.00	\$4,732.00
Big Ridge	\$460.99	\$1,655.57
Biloxi FBC	\$712.53	\$2,811.49
Bond	\$1,140.33	\$3,335.92
Bridge Community	\$345.58	\$345.58
Brodie Road	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chinese Grace Bible	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Christ Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Connect Community	\$120.00	\$371.00
Cornerstone	\$0.00	\$0.00
Crosspoint	\$171.60	\$644.87
Delisle FBC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Desired Nation	\$100.00	\$391.40
Emmanuel	\$25.00	\$100.00
Faithview	\$625.79	\$2,136.42
Family Worship	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faro de Esperanza	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fernwood	\$160.00	\$640.00
Grace Chapel	\$257.86	\$1,041.49
Grace Memorial	\$552.99	\$3,174.41
GracePoint Church	\$65.67	\$115.67
Grace Temple	\$200.00	\$1,000.00
Gtr. Mt Rest	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulf Gardens	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulfport FBC	\$5,330.02	\$14,440.96
Handsboro	\$723.81	\$2,602.07
Harbor City	\$100.00	\$235.00
Highland	\$0.00	\$250.71
Iglesia Emanuel	\$0.00	\$44.87
Jacob's Well	\$1,039.44	\$4,174.11
Lakeshore	\$0.00	\$100.00
Lizana FBC	\$414.87	\$963.22
Long Beach FBC	\$1,800.02	\$7,532.60
Lyman FBC	\$177.00	\$802.00
McHenry FBC	\$169.43	\$727.51
Michael Memorial	\$1,773.48	\$6,206.21
MS Korean	\$0.00	\$1,218.68
Mt. Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$1,867.65	\$5,982.91
North Hills	\$0.00	\$0.00
North Long Beach	\$71.25	\$315.87
Old Spanish Trail	\$0.00	\$0.00
Parkway	\$451.34	\$2,245.79
Pass Christian FBC	\$51.89	\$230.52
Peace	\$50.00	\$200.00
Pearlinton FSBC	\$0.00	\$528.96
Perkinston	\$143.00	\$545.39
Popps Ferry	\$0.00	\$184.98
Riverside	\$72.00	\$186.00
Robinwood	\$514.84	\$2,310.18
Saucier FBC	\$0.00	\$100.00
Shoreline Park	\$100.00	\$400.00
Success	\$0.00	\$306.94
The Church at Windance	\$0.00	\$660.70
Trinity	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tuxechena	\$132.20	\$580.26
Vardaman Street	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vidalia's Bridge	\$0.00	\$0.00
West Gulfport	\$81.69	\$375.81
Wiggins FBC	\$3,192.00	\$12,196.00
Woolmarket	\$2,792.20	\$7,719.95

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 Hills
North Long Beach
Robinwood
Trinity

God is not man, that he should lie,
or a son of man, that he should change his mind.
Has he said, and will he not do it?
Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

Numbers 23:19 ESV

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MINISTRY
STRATEGIST

When we think of God many attributes come to mind. We think of Him as Omnipresent, in all places at all times, Omnipotent, having unlimited power, Omniscient, all-knowing. We may think of His unlimited Love, His Holiness, His kindness, but one characteristic of God that we often forget is His Faithfulness. The Bible has much to say on this topic and this is an important and specific attribute of God that must not be overlooked. Many stories in the Bible show the Faithfulness of God but one story, in particular, is the story of Abraham and Sarah. Abraham heard from God that he would have a son all the while knowing his wife was barren. But Abraham believed. But along the way, He took things into his own hands and had a son with another woman and called him Ishmael. Isn't this just like us? God shows us His will in an area of our lives and then we think we have a better plan than God. I chose Abraham to talk about because God was faithful in this situation and gave Sara a son and his name was called Isaac. Then God commanded Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac. In doing this, the covenant between God and Abraham would have been broken, but Abraham was obedient to God's command. At the last moment God provided another sacrifice for Abraham and the covenant stayed intact. Why? Because God is faithful to His promises. Not only does this story show the faithfulness of God at the moment, but also shows the faithfulness of God in the Past and Future as well. At the beginning of the Bible God promised a Savior, a Messiah and through Abraham, Jesus would come, and He did. Because of God's faithfulness we can trust that Jesus is coming again. God is faithful and we know He is because of His actions. In the verses above we see clearly that God cannot lie, and that God does not change His mind in regarding His promises. He does what He says He will do, and always finishes what He starts.

God's actions show us His nature. In accord with this truth, as believers in Christ it is of utmost importance that our lives show others this characteristic of God. In the same way we see God for who He is, our brothers and sisters, and the lost among us identify us as Christians through how we act. As God's actions are an overflow of His nature, our actions are an overflow of His nature through us. This idea reminds me of a phrase that was once popular among believers in Christ and goes something like this, "You may be the only Jesus some people ever see." James the half-brother of Jesus is quick to point out that, "faith without works is dead." James knew that as we get to know God more deeply, our character takes on the character of God. When we see the faithfulness of God, our relationship with God demands we be faithful to others. Just as God was faithful to His promise with Abraham, we must be faithful to our promises. Because God is truthful, so we should be truthful also. Because God is Love, we should show love to others like God has shown love to us. God is Faithful. So, let us be faithful to God and others in keeping with God's character.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Saturday, August 15

8:30 - 11:30 AM

Parkway Baptist Church
17284 Hwy 67, Biloxi

2021 Theme: Church Inside Out: Discipling Disciples to Minister

Training Sessions for:

Deacons

WMU/Women's Ministry

Youth

Church Finances

Pastors

Men's Ministry

Sunday School

Stewardship

Choir/Worship Leaders

Bible Drill

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ONE CONFERENCE / **TWO** LOCATIONS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

August 6, 2020

6-9pm

First Baptist Church Vancleave
12513 Highway 57
Vancleave, Mississippi
39565

August 7, 2020

6-9pm

Wade Baptist Church
20623 Highway 63
Moss Point, Mississippi
39562

REGISTER AT www.tinyurl.com/2020GrowingChurches



NEW DATE

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

For more information, contact Lisa Leavell at lleavell@mbcb.org or 601-292-3347.

Rick Blythe, Director of Stewardship/CP Promotion
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10:45 AM

JULY
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