

Bellevue Baptist Church to Host Evangelism Explosion Clinic

July 13-17, 2009

Purpose:

To equip church leaders with the tools necessary to implement an effective, intentional and proven evangelism training ministry and to train new teachers for churches that currently have an EE ministry in place.

Who should attend:

Pastors, ministerial staff and key lay leaders

For more information, contact Evangelism Explosion International at 888-567-3543 or www.eeworks.org, or call Bellevue EE Ministry at 901-347-5210.



May 9, 2009

Madison Chester Baptist Association
Jackson, TN

This event is designed to engage all participants on a personal journey of financial freedom and show pastors, staff and church leaders how their churches can build cultural bridges in the community around them.

Cost is \$20 and includes all conference material and lunch. Spouses are encouraged to attend at no additional charge. Register at www.sbc.net/newday

Sponsored by the Tennessee Baptist Convention and Executive Staff of the SBC in partnership with Crown Financial Ministries.



GETTING BACK TO THE BASICS RA Leadership Training

April 4 • 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Second Baptist Church
Lunch included with R.S.V.P.

Don't miss a great opportunity for the new or seasoned RA leader with training covering all aspects of the RA program along with great tips for growth and managing. Call 901-849-0867 to register.

2009 Circle Cross Rodeo Crusade

Saturday, April 18 • Agricenter Showplace Arena • Memphis, TN

World-Class Rodeo with a World-Changing Message

- Pre-rodeo ministry time for youth provided by rodeo contestants (including a message by World-Champion Bull Rider Cody Custer) - 5:30 p.m.
- Christian concert provided by Joe Arview and the Thunder Band - 6:00 p.m.
- Autograph Session with contestants open to all spectators - 6:00 p.m.
- Rodeo begins - 7:00 p.m.
- World-Class Competition in the arena featuring world-class bulls, horses and champion bull riders and barrel racers
- Spiritual support team and ministry area available before, during and after event

FREE ADMISSION

A ministry of:

Gates open at 5:00 p.m.

For more information, visit www.thecirclecross.com, or call 901-233-4182.



Opportunities Within Our Churches

Pastor

Union Avenue Baptist Church
Contact Mike Elkins, 183 Marrakesh Circle, Memphis, TN 38103 or e-mail melkins@trojungbrannen.com

Associate Pastor/Minister of Music

Whitten Memorial Baptist Church
Send resume to church attn: Search Committee, 6773 Macon Rd., Memphis, TN 38134.

Minister to Young Families and Singles

Eudora Baptist Church (P/T)
Contact the church office at 901-888-7800.

Minister to Youth

Wells Station Baptist Church (P/T)
Call the church office at 901-682-2295 or e-mail DJar3435@aol.com

Music Minister

Grace Baptist Church (Music/Youth)
Contact Rev. Bill Harrald, 901-872-4294 or 901-849-0252.

Keyboardist/Pianist

Balmoral Baptist Church (Sun./Wed.)
Send resume to church at 2676 Kirby Rd., Memphis, TN 38119, or e-mail to balmoralchurch@bellsouth.net, or call 901-754-2300.

Magnolia Baptist Church (Sun. A.M. only)
Contact Pastor Vaughn Denton at 662-890-0680.

Range Hills Baptist Church
Contact Allen Moody at 901-353-5213 or the church at 901-357-5560.

Whitehaven Baptist Church (P/T organist)
Contact the church office at 901-332-4642 and speak to the Minister of Music.

Childcare

Balmoral Baptist Church
Two positions are available: Infant Class - 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., M-F; and Three-Year-Old Class - 6:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., M-F. Call Connie Concklin at 901-754-2302 for more information.

If your church has filled a position, please call 901-373-6161 to remove it from the list.

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Mid-South Ministry Profile

Circle Cross Cowboy Church Constitution Service by Stuart McCollough

On Wednesday night, January 21, Circle Cross Cowboy Church held a constitution service at the Mid-South Baptist Conference Center. Thus began the official ministry of a special group of believers that God had been forming through a divine appointment over two years earlier at a Missouri rodeo.

Circle Cross Minister of Missions Stan McCall was a Tennessee High School Rodeo Chaplain and Pastor J. Mark Wilson was a bullfighter living in Texas who both happened to be at the same rodeo that night in Missouri. J. Mark wasn't even supposed to be there. He was covering for a friend that couldn't attend. But God brought these two men together for a purpose. Both had a burden and passion for the rodeo/equine community. Stan would lead worship services during rodeos and would see many of the same families as regular attendees each week, but he came to find out that most of them didn't have church homes or pastors.

J. Mark Wilson grew up in Memphis. His father was the manager of Camp Cordova and the Youth Director for what was then the Shelby Baptist Association from 1961-1968. J. Mark felt called to the ministry in 1973 while at Ridgecrest and attended Union University. He graduated from Midwestern Seminary and served as pastor at churches in Tennessee and Kentucky. He earned his doctorate from Southern Seminary. While pastoring in Kentucky, J. Mark felt called into the rodeo-related ministry.



Above: Pastor J. Mark Wilson baptizes one of the first founding members.

Below: The Constitution Service held on January 21.



After their initial meeting and much prayer, Stan and J. Mark felt called to begin a cowboy fellowship in Memphis. J. Mark and his wife left Texas and moved back here. Although that original fellowship stopped meeting, Stan and J. Mark realized God was still calling them to lead a ministry to this unique community of believers and began seeking His will for direction. The first-annual Circle Cross Rodeo Crusade was held March 22, 2008 at the Agricenter Showplace Arena. It was a huge event with championship riders and world-class animals. The fact that it was free brought spectators from all over the region. It was a great success and a great opportunity to show the love of Christ to people, some of whom may never darken the door of a conventional church.

After the success of the crusade, plans moved ahead to organize and begin the ministry that would become Circle Cross Cowboy Church. The group began meeting at the Moore Lodge at the camp. Discovery weekends were held to share the *Baptist Faith and Message* and to discuss church governance and other topics. Three weeks before the constitution service, the first invitation was offered for founding members to come forward. On January 21, a baptism service was held with nine candidates being baptized in a 300-gallon water trough. Then on Wednesday night, January 21, the church was constituted in a service that involved Dr. Michael Day, Exec. Director of the Mid-South Baptist Association. Bro. Mike offered a challenge to the staff and members and asked witnesses present to commit to pray for the future of the church.

J. Mark and Stan want people to know that Circle Cross is not just comprised of cowboys and cowgirls, but of people who are committed and called to do ministry to that culture through rodeos, trial rides, horse shows or whatever other opportunity God provides. They presently meet in Moore Lodge on Wednesday nights. The second-annual Circle Cross Rodeo Crusade will be held Saturday, April 18. You can find out more information in this newsletter or at www.thecirclecross.com.

Christian Mobile Dental Clinic Ministry Launched

"In 2005 when we moved to Memphis, the Lord laid it upon our hearts to love this city in a tangible way. We came up with a theme: To find a need and meet it, to find a hurt and heal it," said Dr. Steve Gaines, senior pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church.

On February 19, the church launched the Christian Mobile Dental Clinic, an innovative ministry that will do just that: meet the needs and heal the hurts of

underprivileged Memphis residents. The clinic will operate 150 days a year, traveling to the higher-need areas of the city to provide basic dental services free of charge to residents. "Our goal," says Steve Marcum, Bellevue's Missions Minister, "is to provide free dental care for the people of Memphis who need it most, regardless of race, religion, or anything else, and at the same time to be able to share the Gospel of Christ."

The Christian Mobile Dental Clinic began as part of the *Bellevue Loves Memphis* initiative in 2007. The effort has provided Bellevue members the opportunity to be involved in community service projects around Memphis all for the purpose of sharing God's love in a tangible way. Bellevue has worked with city schools through tutoring and campus improvements, opened a college student center near the University of Memphis, and organized practical service projects for community parks, hospitals, and other local organizations.

One of the highlights of *Bellevue Loves Memphis*, according to Mike Day, Director of Missions for the Mid-South Baptist Association, is that the effort has grown beyond the walls of the church and extended beyond the reach of the

membership. "Several of our Mid-South churches have benefitted from the *Bellevue Loves Memphis* projects in their communities and churches," says Day. "And several of our churches have

contributed resources and volunteers to work alongside Bellevue volunteers in those projects," Day adds.

That kind of partnership is also evident in the Dental Clinic Ministry. "We have known from

day one that this was a larger project than Bellevue could handle alone, and we are grateful for many partners," says Steve Marcum. Initial partners include

Trinity Baptist Church (Cordova), the Mid-South Baptist Association, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Baptist Memorial Health Care, Christian Medical and Dental Association, Second Presbyterian

Church, and UT Health Science Center's Department of Dental Hygiene in addition to several dental equipment providers.

"We believe that we're helping put hands, and feet and even wheels on the Gospel through participation in this ministry, and hope that the number of partners will increase," says Mike Day. "Some of our churches can partner financially and some of our churches can partner by providing volunteer dental professionals. Still others can partner by providing venues where this ministry can happen, says Day. "We want to encourage that kind of partnership—for the sake of our city and for the sake of the Gospel."

For more information about the Christian Mobile Dental Clinic and partnership opportunities, contact Kim Bell, Clinic Director, at 901-347-5546.



Important Dates for April

- 3 Baptist Hospital Auxiliary Women's Hospital - 10:30 a.m.
- 6 Pastors' Conference Hosted by TBCH Bellevue B.C. - 11:30 a.m. (Dr. Michael Day, Speaker)
- 9 WMU TBCH Quarterly Meeting
- 10 Good Friday - MSBA Office Closed
- 12 Easter Sunday
- 13 Administrative Leadership Council Meeting Bellevue B.C. - 10:00 a.m.
- 13 Pastors' Conference Bellevue B.C. - 11:30 a.m. (Rev. Benny Jackson, Speaker)
- 13 Ministers' Wives' Fellowship Bellevue B.C. - 11:30 a.m.
- 18 Assoc. Children's Bible Drill Kirby Woods Baptist
- 20 Pastors' Conference Bellevue B.C. - 11:30 a.m. (Dr. Willie Jacobs, Speaker)
- 22 Administrative Professional Day
- 25 Regional Children's Bible Drill Bellevue Baptist Church
- 25 Youth Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament - Nashville
- 27 Pastors' Conference Bellevue B.C. - 11:30 a.m. (Dr. Mike Day, Speaker)

Church Needs/Resources

- The Vietnamese Church needs (2) 15'-20' sections of folding wall partitions. Please call Rev. Doug Kellum at 901-406-1537 if you can help.
- New Life Church of Eads is a new church plant in the Mid-South Baptist Association. Pastor Keith Blessing and the church are planning to conduct their first service on Easter Sunday, April 12, and are in need of a few items and are hoping that their sister churches might be able to assist them.
 - 30 hymn books (all the same book)
 - Rectangle folding tables.
 Please contact Stephanie Blessing at 901-382-2892 if you are able to donate any of these items.
- Divine Providence Baptist Church has a need for a church van/bus. If you have a vehicle you can donate to them, please call Pastor Dyron Kent at 901-452-3839 or 901-834-9624.

WMU HAPPENINGS

Opportunity Camp for International Children

May 31-June 5, 2009
Sponsors and volunteers are needed. Cost is \$175 per camper, and this year we are expecting over 160 children. Please pray about your church's involvement.

Adventures in Missions Girls' Camp

June 28-29 - Overnight Camp (gr. 1-3)
June 29-July 3 - Weeklong Camp (gr. 3-6)
Cost: \$55 for overnight camp
\$200 for weeklong camp

Contact Julie for registration forms.

Mission Project Idea

Because of the worsening economy, Brinkley Heights Ministries is in dire need of underwear for men, women and children. They also need diapers and men's socks. If your missions group would like for someone to come to your church and speak about the ministry, or if you have any questions, please contact Bobbye Clark at 901-386-8141.

TBCH Quarterly Meeting and Brunch Thursday, April 9, at the Bartlett Campus. We will provide brunch for the staff.

Brinkley Heights Lunches

In 2008, through Brinkley Heights Street Reach, 25 mission teams conducted Backyard Bible Clubs at eight sites. Total enrollment was 670 children. Teams also participated in community projects and conducted block parties. Teams are already committing for the Summer of 2009. We need groups to provide lunch for at least one to five days during the summer. Please contact Jamae or Hannah Zarshenas at 901-372-9020 or 901-831-3158 if your group can help.

Change in Mailing Address

The Hospital Auxiliary has elected a new treasurer. Please send any Auxiliary donations to Sandra Mayfield, 3144 Knightway St., Memphis, TN 38118.

TBC Executive Director-Treasurer Search Committee Listening Session

The TBC Search Committee will hold a "listening session" with church members on Thursday, June 11, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Lower Fellowship Hall at Faith Baptist Church in Bartlett. Everyone is invited.

Youth Worker Weekend With Richard Ross

- Date: Friday evening, May 8 through Saturday morning, May 9
- Where: First Baptist Church in Millington
- Who can come: Any youth staff member or adult worker
- What is the cost: \$ 15.00 per person. Includes 2 meals
- How do we pay: A check made out to First Baptist Church. (If you have last minute sign-ups, just bring a separate check or cash when you arrive at the conference.)
- Who do we contact for information or questions: Drew Murphy at dmurphy@fbc-millington.org or call him at (901) 825-2832.
- What is the deadline to register: All forms are due back in the mail to First Baptist Church with payment by Sunday, April 26.
- Please register early if possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ESL Workshop at Kirby Woods Baptist Church Sponsored by TBC

May 2 and 9 • 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Cost: \$25 cash or checks payable to TBC
For more info or to register, contact Minne Garrett at 901-853-2491 or rgarret@pol.net.

Sr. Adult Tune Share

May 5 • 10:00 a.m.
Leewood Baptist Church • 3638 Macon
Cost: \$7 per person (Leonards BBQ)
Call Glynda at 901-324-7169 by Wednesday, April 29 to make reservations. Make checks payable to Leewood Baptist Church.

MSBA Secretaries Association

Thursday, May 7
Leewood Baptist Church
Call 901-324-7169 to make reservations by Monday, May 4.
Program: Annie Byrd, Pastor's Wife

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Call 662-562-4900 or visit lifepointsnatobia.com to register or for more information.

Limited tickets available!!!

New GuideStone Participant Statements are Coming

GuideStone will unveil new statements for all participants in mid-2009. Through industry research and focus groups with GuideStone participants, they have developed statements that will be more understandable to participants and will provide additional information about their account, including an illustration of potential account value at retirement and an estimated monthly retirement income benefit.

GuideStone will begin replacing participants' paper statements with e-statements in mid-2009. This move will allow participants more timely access to their accounting statements, increased security of private data, more comprehensive details of the retirement funds and reduced costs to the plan.

We would like to encourage ministers and church employees to visit www.MyGuideStone.org to register or update their preferred e-mail address so GuideStone can alert them when the new e-statements are available. Once notified, participants can access the new statements by logging into their accounts at www.MyGuideStone.org.

The first-quarter issue of *resource*, the GuideStone e-newsletter, will have more details about these new statements. If you don't already subscribe to *resource*, you can sign up to receive this free newsletter by visiting the GuideStone website.



Dr. Ray Newcomb of FBC, Millington Set to Retire

Dr. Ray Newcomb, Pastor of First Baptist of Millington since 1976, has announced his retirement for May 17, 2009. During his

33 years at FBC, Dr. Newcomb has seen the church experience phenomenal growth in salvation decisions, baptisms and membership. As spiritual growth led to physical growth, Dr. Newcomb saw the need for a larger church campus to meet the needs of the expanding congregation. With the new facilities, FBC has been able to reach deeper into the community with recreation, children's programs, conferences and thriving Sunday School Ministry.