



**135th Annual Session
Tennessee Baptist
Convention**

November 10-11, 2009
West Jackson Baptist Church
Jackson, TN



Marvelous Mondays

Leawood Baptist will be celebrating "Marvelous Mondays" during the month of July. Everyone is invited to join us at 3638 Macon Rd. each Monday in July beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Special Guests:

July 6 – Jim Collier, Senior Pastor and Johnny Coggin, Min. of Music – Kirby Woods Baptist Church

July 13 – Wayne Marshall, Senior Pastor and Blake Krumalis, Min. of Worship – Longview Heights Baptist Church

July 20 – Tommy Vinson, Associate Pastor of Preaching and Tim Spencer, Associate Pastor of Worship – Collierville First Baptist Church

July 27 – David Dockery, President of Union University and Trent Hall, Music Evangelist



**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 *EE International* at 888-567-3543 or *www.eeworks.org*, or call *Bellevue EE Ministry* at 901-347-5210.



Leadership Training Sessions

Monday, August 24, 2009
Crosspointe Baptist Church
One Faith Fellowship Baptist Church

Tuesday, August 25, 2009
Kirby Woods Baptist Church
Union Avenue Baptist Church



Servant Leadership Deacon Conference



August 29, 2009
Bartlett Hills Baptist Church
4641 Ellendale Road
Bartlett, TN 38135
(901) 386-9763
www.bartletthills.org

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 (P/T)
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.

Music Minister

Covenant Baptist Church (F/T)
Conservative church with a traditional music style is accepting resumes for a music minister to lead all aspects of music ministry. Mail resumes to Personnel Committee, Covenant Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1165, Collierville, TN 38027 or e-mail to drsam@covenantontheweb.org.

New Life Baptist Church

Contact Dr. Kenny Hodnette at 901-452-0127 or 901-487-0207.

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.

Bartlett Hills Baptist Church (F/T)

Contact Stephen St. Clair at 901-386-9763.

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

Tennessee Baptist Children's Home Mission Project

Is your church or group looking for a mission project? The Bartlett and Millington campuses of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes are in need of paper towels and snacks for the summer. If your group can help, drop them by either campus, or call 901-386-3961 for more information.



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SBC Affirms Great Commission Resurgence; Authorizes Task Force by Dr. Michael Day

The Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville, Kentucky is now a part of Southern Baptist history. It will most likely be remembered for its intense heat and humidity (outside the meeting hall—not inside); its refreshing and visible youthfulness (I no longer represent the youth movement of the SBC); and, its affirmation of the need for a renewed commitment to the fulfillment of the Great Commission at all levels of SBC life (a Task Force was appointed to study how Southern Baptists can "work more faithfully and effectively together in serving Christ through the Great Commission.")

The *Great Commission Resurgence Task Force* will make its report and recommendations to the SBC Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida next year. Between now and then, there will be much talk about what the Task Force is doing and what they will recommend. Reporters will report, bloggers will blog, postulators will postulate, and speculators will speculate as to the purpose, priorities, plans, agendas, and motivations of the Task Force. My hope is that in the midst of the reporters, bloggers, postulators, and speculators that pray-ers will pray that God, by His power, will graciously "awaken" our churches and "adjust" our denomination so that we might indeed see a resurgence of ministry and evangelism focused upon fulfillment of the Great Commission. May I encourage you to read the basic tenets of the "Great Commission Resurgence Declaration" (printed below) and join us in praying for an outpouring of God's blessing upon His church and our denomination as we seek to get more serious than ever about completing the task and mission He has given us.



"Great Commission Resurgence Declaration"

Then Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20, HCSB).

Preamble

Southern Baptists have always been a Great Commission people. Christ's command to go, disciple, baptize, and teach is woven into the very DNA of our church. It is our conviction that a Great Commission Resurgence must embrace the following ten commitments:

I. A Commitment to Christ's Lordship.

We call upon all Southern Baptists to submit to the absolute Lordship of Jesus Christ in all things at the personal, local church, and denominational levels. (Col. 1:18; 3:16-17, 23-24)

II. A Commitment to Gospel-Centeredness.

We call upon all Southern Baptists to make the gospel of Jesus Christ central in our lives, our churches, and our convention ministries. (Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 15:1-4; 2 Cor. 5:17-21)

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The Mid-South
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Mid-South Ministry Profile

Pastor Shun Abram and Binghampton Community Church by Stuart McCollough

When you hear the names Binghampton community and Lester Street, thoughts often turn to boarded up homes, overgrown lots and crime statistics. But one local pastor and his congregation are working to change that perception. Pastor Shun Abram and the congregation of Binghampton Community Church are reaching out in their community and making a difference in the lives of their neighbors.

Shun Abrams grew up in Southaven, MS, the son of a pastor. He was in church everytime the doors were open and was baptized at the age of seven, but he didn't know Jesus. While in college at the age of 21, Shun hit bottom and realized that he had never had a real relationship with God. He asked Jesus to save him and be the Lord of his life.

After graduating with a bachelors degree from the University of Memphis in 2005, Shun began working for Youth Villages. He knew that God wanted him to build his knowledge of the Word, so he began seminary in the summer of 2006. Shun tried to take every opportunity God provided to tell others about what God had done in his life. While working part time at FedEx in 2007, Shun felt God was calling him to leave his job and spend that time witnessing to others. Shun wrestled with the decision because he had a wife and two kids at home and another one on the way. Yet, he chose to be obedient and follow the Lord's lead. He began witnessing five days a week and praying that God would provide a way for him to support his family. About two weeks later, Shun received a call from another seminary student telling him about a new paid internship at Germantown Baptist Church in the T.E.A.M. (Taking Evangelism Across Memphis) program based on witnessing and teaching others to witness. God was faithful and rewarded Shun's obedience with this new assignment that would help him provide for his family. Shun began working with other interns going door-to-door witnessing in troubled neighborhoods all over the city.

In May, 2008, Shun felt God calling him to plant a church in Binghampton to follow up on the evangelism blitz they were doing in the area. A former cafe and malt shop was converted into a meeting space, and Binghampton Community Church officially launched on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009. Presently running between 20-35 each week, the church meets for Sunday worship, Wednesday night Bible study and also offers small group home Bible Studies. They have a vision for the future and are already talking about planting another congregation.

Artist Richard Murley from Faith Baptist Church, Bartlett creates a painting of Jesus for children attending the Easter Weekend Block Party at Lester Community Center.

that comes in, Bro. Shun wants the church to be a hub of information to connect the community to other organizations that do have the resources to meet needs. By linking up with other churches, the pastor sees the church as a whole as the vehicle that God is going to use to resurrect their community.

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Pastor Shun Abram stands outside the building God has provided for Binghampton Community Church.



Important Dates for July

- 3 MSBA Office Closed for Independence Day
- 6 Pastors' Conference
Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m.
(Dr. Mitch Martin, Speaker)
- 9 Foundation Board Meeting
MSBA Office – 8:30 a.m.
- 11 MSBA WMU Annual Planning Meeting – MSBA Office – 9:30 a.m.
- 13 Administrative Leadership Council
Bellevue B.C. 10:00 a.m.
- 13 Pastors' Conference
Bellevue B.C. 11:30 a.m.
(Music Group High Roads)
- 20 Pastors' Conference
Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m.
(Rev. James Kendrick, Speaker)
- 25 M & M Summer Celebration
- 27 Pastors' Conference
Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m.
(Rev. J. Mark Wilson, Speaker)

Church Needs

Oaklawn Baptist Church is looking for a volunteer sign language interpreter for their worship services. ASL format preferred. If you have this training and would like to volunteer, contact Bro. Ken Stead at oaklawnpastor@aol.com or 901-353-4730.

Upcoming Events

Wells Station Baptist Church, 1510 Wells Station Road will host a gospel concert beginning at 7:00 p.m. on July 24, featuring The Barnetts from Stanton, TN. Call Debby at 901-682-2295 for more information.

Ridgeway Baptist Church will host the Senior Adult Rally on Tuesday, August 18, at 10:30 a.m. Mark this date on your calendar.

WMU Happenings

Church Leader Training
August 8 • 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Trafalgar Village Baptist Church

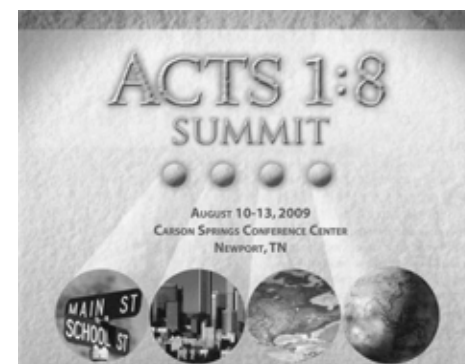
Call Julie at 901-373-6161 for more information.



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Bro. Shun and his family feel so strongly about the call God has placed on their lives, that he and his wife Mary and their four children: Mikayla (age 4); Isaac (age 3); Grace (age 1 1/2); and David (age 2 1/2 months) left their home in Southaven and moved to the Binghampton community to be closer to their ministry.

Bro. Shun and his congregation are excited about what God is doing in Binghampton and at Binghampton Community Church. He covets the prayers of other believers and invites any groups that would like to come out for a day mission trip or block party to give him a call. He can be reached at 901-315-8043.



\$110 (includes reg. fees and meals)

Lodging options available at Carson Springs Conference Center. Call 877-704-6336 for reservations.

For more information, contact Gary Rickman or Kim Margrave at 800-558-2090, or visit www.tnbaptist.org.

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III. A Commitment to the Great Commandments.

We call upon all Southern Baptists to recommit to the priority of the Great Commandments in every aspect of our lives and every priority we embrace as a network of local Baptist churches. (Matt. 22:37-40)

IV. A Commitment to Biblical Inerrancy and Sufficiency.

We call upon all Southern Baptists to unite around a firm conviction in the full truthfulness and complete sufficiency of Christian Scripture in all matters of faith and practice. (Matt 5:17-18; John 10:35; 17:17; 2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

V. A Commitment to a Healthy Confessional Center.

We call upon all Southern Baptists to look to the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 as a sufficient guide for building a theological consensus for partnership in the gospel, refusing to be sidetracked by theological agendas that distract us from our Lord's Commission. (1 Tim. 6:3-4)

VI. A Commitment to Biblically Healthy Churches.

We call upon all Southern Baptists to focus on building local churches that are thoroughly orthodox, distinctively Baptist, and passionately committed to the Great Commission. (Matt. 16:13-20, 18:15-20; Acts 2:41-47; Rom. 6:3-5; 1 Cor. 5)

VII. A Commitment to Sound Biblical Preaching.

We call upon all Southern Baptists to affirm and expect a pastoral ministry that is characterized by faithful biblical preaching that teaches both the content of the Scriptures and the theology embedded in the Scriptures. (2 Tim. 4:1-5)

VIII. A Commitment to a Methodological Diversity that is Biblically Informed.

We call upon all Southern Baptists to consider themselves and their churches to be missionaries in non-Christian cultures, each of which requires unique strategies and emphases if the gospel is to penetrate and saturate every community in North America. (Phil. 2:1-5; 4:2-9)

IX. A Commitment to a More Effective Convention Structure.

We call upon all Southern Baptists, through our valued partnerships of SBC agencies, state conventions/institutions, and Baptist associations to evaluate our Convention structures and priorities so that we can maximize our energy and resources for the health of our local churches and the fulfillment of the Great Commission. This commitment recognizes the great strength of our partnership, which has been enabled by the Cooperative Program and enhanced by a belief that we can do more together than we can separately.

X. A Commitment to Distinctively Christian Families.

We call upon all Southern Baptists to build gospel-saturated homes that see children as a gift from God and as our first and primary mission field. (Deut. 6:1-9; Psalm 127, 128; Eph. 6:4)



**A CELEBRATION OF GOD'S
ACTIVITY IN THE CHURCHES
OF THE MID-SOUTH
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

Monday, October 19, 2009 • 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary

Featuring:
Resources and Ministries Fair
Annual Business Session
Worship Celebration

Plan now to join us for a great evening of celebration!