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Whitten Memorial Baptist Church
6773 Macon Rd.

Fridays at 6:45 p.m. beginning Sept. 14, 2007
Call 901-386-5444 for more information.

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Wednesday, September 5 • Noon-1:30 p.m.
Rebecca Veneklasen, Landscape Designer
Carmel Hopper and Melissa Douglas, Home
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RENEW

Monday, September 10 • 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

For more information about RENEW or to
register for the class, please call 901-227-9133.

Please call 901-227-8478 or 800-4-BAPTIST
for reservations between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.,
Monday-Friday. Visit www.baptistonline.org



WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

October 6, 2007 • 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

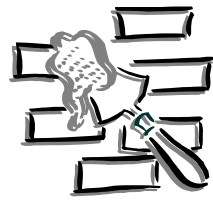
Leawood Baptist Church
3638 Macon Rd., Memphis

Speaker: Diane McNeil
(Author of this Bible study)

Cost: \$30 (includes Bible study material)
\$15 (no Bible study material)
Cost includes continental breakfast
and box lunch.

Deadline for registration is September 17.
Childcare available (birth-age 5) by advanced
registration only (901-324-7169).

Fourth- through sixth-grade girls are also
invited to participate in Bible study, games, crafts
and fellowship from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Registration fee is \$5 and bring a sack lunch.



Men's Discipleship Conference

Learn the foundation for building world-visionary,
world-impacting, reproducing disciples – the meth-
ods used by Jesus Christ.

DATE: Friday, September 7
6:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 8
8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Kirby Woods Baptist Church
6325 Poplar Ave.
Memphis, TN 38119

COST: \$20 per person (includes lunch on Sat.)

SPEAKERS: Herb Hodges Dan Baugh
Mike Woods Ricky Pearson
Jim Douglas Soup Campbell

MUSIC: Fred Kelly

REGISTER: Contact Sharon Waits at 901-682-2220.



Mid-South Baptist Conference Center

What a wonderful summer we have had. Thank
the Lord and thanks to all our campers. It has
been a joy to work with you. May the Lord bless
you as you continue to do His will.

Hey, it's retreat and banquet season. We still
have seven weekends open for overnight
retreats. Check your calendar and let us know
as soon as possible the dates you would like to
have. We will try our best to accommodate you.
Banquets are being scheduled for the fall and a
few have been set already for December. Make
your plans, and give us a call. We have a variety
of banquet menus to choose from. Call when
you are ready to book a date.

It is a privilege to serve as your
camp manager.

Serving our Lord Jesus and serving you,

Bro. Dale Gravatt, Manager of Operations
901-754-7028
Deut. 23:14

Opportunities Within Our Churches

Pastor

Big Creek Baptist Church (Bi-vocational)
Mail resume to Sid Fulghum, P.O. Box 126
Millington, TN 38083-0126

Elliston Baptist Church
Mail resume to Hugh Garner, 4179 Elliston Rd.,
Memphis, TN 38111

Hartland Baptist Church
Contact James Shivers at 901-388-2040, or mail
resume to 1820 Hartland, Memphis, TN 38128

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

Wells Station Baptist Church
Contact the church office at 901-682-2295,
or e-mail djar3435@aol.com.

Associate Pastor/Minister of Students

Piperton Baptist Church (F/T)
Contact Mrs. Penny Jones or Bro. Thomas Foy at
901-853-1711.

Secretary/Financial Secretary

Georgian Hills Baptist Church (P/T)
Contact Rev. Tim Vassar at 901-357-5333.

Weekday Preschool Teacher

Bartlett Baptist Church
Contact Pam Crawford at 901-373-8919 or
e-mail at bbps@bartlett baptist.org.

Youth Pastor

Broadmoor Baptist Church
Contact Rev. Bo Grace
P.O. Box 280649, Memphis, TN 38168

Hope Baptist Church
Contact Rev. Burr Lovett at 662-890-4673 or
901-526-4673 or e-mail hope@hopeinhim.org.

Range Hills Baptist Church (P/T)
2741 Frayser Blvd., Memphis, TN 38127

Richland Baptist Church (P/T)
Contact Dr. Jerry Paul or Laurie at 901-683-2451
or e-mail at richlandbaptist@comcast.net

Music Minister

Bartlett Hills Baptist Church (P/T)
Contact Stephen St. Clair at 901-386-9763.

Forest Hill Baptist Church (P/T)
Contact Rev. Tommy Snyder at 901-754-7455 or
e-mail at tommysnyder@foresthillbc.com.

Gateway Baptist Church, Atoka, TN (P/T)
Contact Rev. Billy Skinner at 901-837-8087 or
901-840-4309.

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

Hope Baptist Church (Worship Leader)
Contact Rev. Burr Lovett at 662-890-4673 or
901-526-4573 or e-mail at hope@hopeinhim.org.

Keyboardist

Balmoral Baptist Church (Sundays and Wednesday night)
Send resume to church at 3676 Kirby Rd.,
Memphis, TN 38119, or call 901-754-2300.

Pianist

Merton Avenue Baptist Church
Contact Richard Carter at 901-755-7487 or
901-382-5833 or the church at 901-458-4469.

Rosemark Baptist Church
Contact Steven Curtis at 901-481-0198 or Beth
Campbell at 901-829-3396.

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Mid-South Ministry Profile

Pastor James Adams and Colonial Baptist Church by Stuart McCollough

Several months ago, God began preparing the hearts of Dr. James Adams and his wife Charline for a possible move from First Baptist Church, Caruthersville, MO, where he had served as pastor since 1999. Little did they know that God would bring them back to their hometown of Memphis to serve as pastor of Colonial Baptist Church. But He did, and on Sunday, August 19, 2007, Dr. Adams preached his first sermon to the congregation of Colonial Baptist as their new pastor.



Above: Pastor James and wife Charline began their ministry at Colonial Baptist Church on August 19,



Right: Children enjoy VBS at Colonial Baptist Church this summer.

Born and raised in Memphis, Bro. James graduated from Central High School. Shortly thereafter, he married his high-school sweetheart, Charline, and began attending church with her at Merton Ave. Baptist. That's where he was saved and began to feel the call of the Lord on his life to preach. Even though he fought that call for months, he ultimately surrendered and was licensed and ordained into the gospel ministry at Merton Ave. He enrolled and graduated from Mid-South Bible College with a BA in Pastoral Ministry. Content with that degree, he would soon find out that God had other plans. He enrolled at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary where he earned Master of Divinity and Doctor of Philosophy degrees.

Since that time, Bro. James has served on staff at Graham Heights Baptist and served as Pastor of Woodstock Baptist in Memphis and New Hope Baptist in Dyer, TN. God then called Bro. James and his family to Caruthersville, MO, where he served for the last eight years as Pastor of First Baptist Church there. The Adams' have been married 32 years and have one adult daughter and one granddaughter. Their daughter and son-in-law are currently involved in planting a Hispanic church in Southaven, MS. When he's not working, Bro. James enjoys playing bluegrass music with his family of three brothers and their dad.

Colonial Baptist Church began as a mission of Highland Heights Baptist Church in 1952. The church was constituted in October, 1954 with 179 charter members. The following year, they were admitted into the Shelby Baptist Association. Even though the community around them has changed drastically over the last few years, the members of Colonial Baptist are committed to reaching those around them with the gospel of Christ. They host neighborhood association monthly meetings, sponsor health fairs, allow a home-school association use of their gym and even open their doors to an area high school for use at various times of the year in an effort to show the community the love of Christ. Colonial has a vital Women on Missions ministry, youth ministry and outreach ministry that seeks to meet the physical needs of people in order to meet the spiritual needs. They also provide lunches for the Church Without Doors and supplies for the International Baptist Church clothes closet and food pantry.

Bro. James' vision for Colonial Baptist Church is that it be a church that uplifts the name of Jesus Christ and reaches people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He looks forward to reaching many young couples who live in the community and to continue to develop the children and youth ministries of the church. He truly wants Colonial Baptist to be a place where "friends meets friends and sinners meet Jesus."

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A Word from the Executive Director of Missions

Dr. Michael Day

Regular Meeting of MSBA Executive Board

The Mid-South Baptist Association Executive Board will gather for its regularly-scheduled, quarterly meeting on Monday, September 17, 2007, at the Mid-South Baptist Conference Center, 849 Rocky Point Road in Cordova. The meeting will begin with Lunch at 11:30 AM and will conclude by 1:30 p.m. The agenda for the Executive Board session includes the regular reports of the Association to the Executive Board, the presentation and discussion of a Proposed 2008 Operating Budget, and discussion and action on the *Mid-South Baptist Conference Center Recommendation*. (The MSBCC Recommendation is printed in full in this edition of *The Mid-South Baptist*.) MSBA Moderator Don Marston and the MSBA Officers encourage all member churches to send their duly-selected members of the Executive Board to this important meeting.

Mid-South Baptist Conference Center Recommendation

Discussion Sessions Continue

The *Mid-South Baptist Conference Center Recommendation* is generating substantial and significant discussion among the member churches of the Mid-South Baptist Association. In order to facilitate this open and positive discussion, the Administrative Leadership Council is hosting several *Recommendation Discussion Sessions*. The sessions are held at the Mid-South Baptist Conference Center on Rocky Point Road and include a meal provided by the Association. Members of the Resource Development Team and the Administrative Leadership Council will be present to share information and facilitate discussion of the proposal. Members of Mid-South Baptist Association member churches are encouraged to attend and participate. We are grateful for all who participated in the sessions in August. The remaining scheduled *Discussion Sessions* will be held:

Tuesday, September 4, 2007 • 10:00 a.m.-noon (Lunch Included)

Thursday, September 6, 2007 • 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. (Dinner Included)

Additional sessions may be scheduled as needed following the September 17, 2007 meeting of the MSBA Executive Board. Please call the associational office at 901-373-6161 and indicate which session you plan to attend so that we may have an accurate meal count!

In addition to the scheduled sessions, members of the Resource Development Team are available to visit in the churches and share information about the proposal. Please call the MSBA office to schedule such opportunities.

MSBA Annual Meeting in October

The 2007 Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Baptist Association is set for Monday, October 15, 2007, at Whitehaven Baptist Church, 4800 Elvis Presley Boulevard, in Memphis. We appreciate the invitation of Dr. Jim Meredith and the congregation at Whitehaven to host the annual meeting and look forward to an exciting evening of inspiration and encouragement as we meet to conduct the business of the Association. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. at a cost of \$5.00 per person. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and conclude by 9:00 p.m. If you want to join us for dinner please make a reservation with Grace Atchley at 901-373-6161 or gracea@msbac.org. Check the MSBA website (www.msbac.org) and the October issue of the *Mid-South Baptist* for additional information about the annual meeting.

Fall Library Team Training

September 22, 2007

The one-day clinic of the 2007 Fall Library Team Training is sponsored by the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and will be held at the Brownsville Baptist Church, in Brownsville, TN on September 22, with registration at 8:00 a.m. The day's activities will conclude at 4:00 p.m. The theme of the clinic is *Learn a Latte*. Conference fees are \$25 if registered seven days prior to the event. Late registrations and walk-ins are \$35, and first-time attendees are only \$15. For more information, go to www.tnbaptist.org, or call 800-558-2090.



Missionaries Needed

Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc.

The Bartlett Campus at 6896 Highway 70 and the Double B Boys' Ranch in Millington are taking applications for Houseparents, a married couple whose primary work assignment is to maintain the day-to-day ministry of a Campus Home and its residents. Please contact Troy Styers, Program Director at the Ranch (901-872-0839) or Darren Andrus, Program Director at Bartlett (901-386-3961)

Important Dates for September

- 3 Labor Day - MSBA Office Closed
- 3 No Pastors' Conference
- 9-15 Week of Prayer for State Missions – Golden Missions Emphasis
- 10 *Mid-South Baptist* articles due
- 10 MSBA Staff Meeting – MSBA Office
- 10 Pastors' Conference and Ministers' Wives' Fellowship – Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m.
- 13 Foundation Board Meeting MSBA Office – 8:30 a.m.
- 17 Administrative Leadership Council MSBCC – 10:00 a.m.
- 17 Executive Board Meeting – MSBCC – Noon
- 22 Children's Mission Celebration Cordova Skating Rink – 6:00-10:00 p.m.
- 22 West TN Church Library Conference Brownsville Baptist Church, Brownsville, TN
- 24 Pastors' Conference - Bellevue B.C. 11:30 a.m.

Upcoming Church Events

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY
Thursdays, September 13-December 13, 2007
Whitten Memorial Baptist Church
To register, go to daveramsey.com, or call the church office at 901-386-5444.

REVIVAL MEETING

September 23-26, 2007 • 7:00 p.m.
Magnolia Baptist Church
8491 Pleasant Hill, Olive Branch, MS 38654
Evangelist: James Shutt
For more information, contact Rev. Vaughn Denton at 901-413-0737.

FINCHERS SOUTHERN GOSPEL CONCERT
Saturday, September 29, 2007 • 7:00 p.m.
Whitten Memorial Baptist Church
Public is invited. • Love offering will be received.

PRAISE GATHERING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 • 6:00 P.M.
Leawood Baptist Church

FIRST-ANNUAL BBQ AND AUCTION

Benefitting the Inner-City Outreach Center
October 4, 2007 • 6:00 p.m. • Cost: \$10/person
Kirby Woods Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
For more info., contact Susan Tullos at 901-382-1517.

Church Resources and Needs

- New and Living Way Ministries needs a small bus to use for outreach ministry. Call 901-332-7778.
- Nancy Jennings has a Singer 900 Kimball Organ she would like to donate to a small church. Contact her at 901-388-5740 or ncj20@hotmail.com.
- Kimball Grand Piano for sale. Call Sharon Brown at 901-757-0095. Discount to a church.
- Rodgers 770 Exter Organ for sale. Rugby Hills Baptist Church, 901-358-9321.
- Need Schofield Bibles for mission Bible Study. Bring with outdated literature to MSBA office.



Call Julie at 901-373-6161 for information about any of these events.

Prayer Retreat for Women

September 14-15, 2007
West Jackson Baptist Church
Jackson, TN

Guest Speaker: Jennifer Kennedy Dean

Children's Mission Celebration

Saturday, September 22, 2007
6:00-10:00 p.m.
Cordova Skating Rink
Cost: \$6.50 per person



Mark Your Calendar!

National WMU Event

October 17-20, 2007
Little Rock, AR

World Day of Prayer Brunch

Saturday, October 27, 2007
9:30-11:30 a.m.

Tennessee Baptist Children's Home Bartlett Campus
Guest Speaker: Pam Wafler, missionary to Uganda

Fall Missions Celebration

Friday, November 16, 2007
6:00 p.m.
Mid-South Baptist Conference Center
Cost: \$8.00 per person



Opportunity Camp

Sponsor a child for Opportunity Camp next summer for \$150. Send checks to MSBA, 6896 Hwy. 70, Memphis, TN 38133.

Leadership Team Vacancies

There are several vacancies on the Associational Leadership Team for the coming year. If you are interested in serving, please contact Ashley McCollough at 901-382-8582.

Resource Guide

The 2007-2008 edition of the *Ministry and Mission Opportunity Resource Guide* is now available through the WMU office at the Mid-South Baptist Association. For your copy, contact Julie Binford at 901-373-6161.

Call Julie at 901-373-6161 or e-mail her at midsouthbaptistwmu@msbac.org for more information on any of the above events.

Mid-South Baptist Conference Center Recommendation

Since January of 2007, the *Resource Development Team* of the Mid-South Baptist Association has been engaged in a discussion of the past, present, and future of the Mid-South Baptist Conference Center (formerly known as Camp Cordova). The discussion and study was prompted by: (1) The **steady increases** in operational costs; (2) The **limited usage** of the facility by MSBA churches; (3) The **lack of sufficient funds** to develop the Conference Center for viable future ministry opportunities; and, (4) The **commitment to utilize the resources of the Association** for assisting churches in starting new churches, revitalizing and strengthening existing churches, involving church members in missions, and developing church leaders. As a result of our study, the *Associational Resource Development Team* recommends to the Administrative Leadership Council, the MSBA Executive Board, and the Mid-South Baptist Association, the following actions in regard to the future use of the MSBCC as a resource to benefit accomplishment of MSBA priority strategies:

1. That MSBA cease operation of Mid-South Baptist Conference Center as a residential Christian encampment effective January 1, 2008.
2. That MSBA retain a tract of approximately 5-acres (inclusive of Palmer Center, upper and lower parking space, and residence with frontage on Rocky Point Road from existing entrance to North boundary) for day use and future development of MSBA Operations Center.
3. That MSBA authorize a "Mid-South Conference Center Property Task Force" to negotiate the divestiture of the remaining 69.53 acres of real property and attached assets of MSBCC in a manner that is beneficial to achievement of the priority strategies of the MSBA. The Task Force shall consist of the *MSBA Trustees* and the members of the *Associational Resource Development Team* and shall seek to negotiate divestiture of the property and assets within the following parameters:
 - a. Sale of the property for real estate development; or,
 - b. Sale of the property for development as a Christian encampment; or,
 - c. Sale of the property for other ministry purposes; or,
 - d. Exchange of the property for other real properties or in-kind services of equal value that will benefit accomplishment of MSBA priority strategies for church planting and revitalization, church leadership development, church mobilization, and associational resource development; or,
 - e. Donation of the real property to ministry institutions that will include and facilitate accomplishment of MSBA strategy priorities of church planting and revitalization, church leadership development, church mobilization, and associational resource development as part of their long-term ministry plan.
4. That MSBA authorize the *Trustee Members of the Property Task Force* to:
 - a. Select and Contract appropriate brokers/agents to represent MSBA in sale or divestiture of the property;
 - b. Secure legal services and documentation necessary to the sale/divestiture of the property and pay accompanying fee from the Retreat Center Development account;
 - c. Receive and review offers in regard to sale/divestiture of the property for a period not to exceed six months;
 - d. Recommend the appropriate offer for approval of the MSBA Executive Board by June of 2008; and upon approval by the Executive Board, "close" the sale/divestiture of the property.
 - e. Determine the disposition of the accompanying assets of the Mid-South Conference Center.
5. That MSBA authorize the *Resource Development Team Members of the Property Task Force* to:
 - a. Develop a proposal for investment of potential net proceeds and subsequent allocation of investment earnings toward the priority ministries of the Association.
 - b. Develop a reasonable and appropriate "Transition Plan" for current MSBCC staff. (Inclusive of, but not limited to, severance pay, assistance with future placement, etc.)
6. That MSBA authorize the *Administrative Leadership Council* to:
 - a. Review, revise, approve and implement the proposal for investment of net proceeds and subsequent allocation of investment earnings toward the priority ministries of the Association.
 - b. Review, revise, approve and implement a proposal for the transition of current MSBCC staff within the parameters established by MSBA operational policies.

Approved by Associational Resource Development Team – June 18, 2007

Approved by Administrative Leadership Council – July 10, 2007

Submitted to Executive Board for Consideration – August 14, 2007