

I HEAR AMERICA SINGING

(A Panoramic Celebration of America from 1492-Present)

Sunday, June 28, 2009
6:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church
5010 West Union • Millington, TN

Written and arranged by:
Rusty Eason, Minister of Music

Featuring:
Praise Team • Live Orchestra
• Visual Effects

Call 901-872-2264 for more information.

Recreation Summer Camps at Germantown Baptist Church

Union Univ. Basketball Camp

June 15-19 • 9 a.m. - noon

Ages: kids entering first grade and up

Cost: \$90



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June 22-26 or July 27-31

9 a.m.- noon

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Cost: \$75



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June 3 or July 15

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Ages: kids entering fifth grade and up

Cost: \$55



Visit www.gbconline.net/summercamps or call 901-260-5704 for more information.

Church News

Two New Churches Added to MSBA
At the May 18, 2009 meeting of the Executive Board of the Mid-South Baptist Association, two churches were admitted for membership: Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 183 Joubert Ave., Memphis. Rev. James E. Kendrick is pastor. Also admitted for full membership was the Circle Cross Cowboy Church meeting at 849 Rock Point Road, Memphis. Rev. J. Mark Wilson serves as pastor.

Temple Baptist Church Celebrates 100 Years of Ministry



Temple Baptist Church, located at 8432 Germantown Road, Olive Branch, MS will be celebrating their 100th anniversary on June 27-28, 2009, with the theme: "Remembering Our Past...Embracing Our Future." The schedule for the celebration is Saturday, June 27, 6:00 p.m. Worship Service and concert featuring Rev. James Pardue and Slater Murphy, followed by a reception. Sunday, June 29, there will be a 10:00 a.m. Worship Service featuring various guests and an Anniversary Choir, followed by a catered BBQ lunch at noon. Pastor James Woods and current members invite former members and friends of Temple to attend. Please R.S.V.P. for the Sunday meal by calling 662-890-9385.

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. Resumes accepted until June 15, 2009. 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.

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.

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. at Bartlett Baptist Church. Everyone is invited.

Periodical Postage Paid at Memphis, Tennessee and additional entries.

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A Word from the Executive Director of Missions Dr. Michael Day

Happy Thanksgiving

Yes, I know the sun is beating down and it is about 95-degrees in the shade. I know that the crops are barely in the ground, much less ready for harvest. I know that everybody is headed-off to the beach for summer vacation and not thinking about "over the river and through the woods, to Grandmother's house we go." I know I can't find a good football game on any channel on any television, digital or not. And, yes, I know it is June and not November! Nonetheless, it is time for Thanksgiving in the Mid-South Baptist Association! Scripture reminds us, "It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; To declare Your loving kindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night. For You, LORD, have made me glad through Your work; I will triumph in the works of Your hands." (Psalm 92:1-2; 4, NKJV) As we reach the midpoint of 2009, it is a good time and a good thing for us to pause and give thanks to God for "the works of His hands" in the Mid-South Baptist Association! And we say, "Thank you, Lord..."

For new churches...The first half of 2009 has seen the establishment of four new Southern Baptist church plants in the Mid-South Baptist Association. We praise God for the parent churches, church planters, core group members, and partners who have committed themselves and invested themselves in God's work through new churches in Southaven, Binghampton, Eads, and Cordova. In addition to the new starts, we have welcomed Temple of Praise Baptist Church (South Memphis), Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church (South Memphis), and Circle Cross Cowboy Church (Cordova) into the membership and fellowship of the Mid-South Baptist Association. These new church starts and new associational affiliates represent the cultural, racial, and ethnic diversity of our city and demonstrate the commitment of our churches to reach all "peoples" with the glorious, life-changing message of the Gospel. We are grateful to God for the "work of His hands" in new churches!

For Great Commission consistency...In a couple of weeks the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention will be held in Louisville, Kentucky. The "hot topic" for that meeting will likely be the introduction of "The Great Commission Resurgence Declaration" which calls for a re-focusing of the SBC upon the Great Commission and the work of the church as the foundation for all that we do at every level of Southern Baptist life. I look forward to hearing that discussion and seeing the results. I am grateful that our Convention leadership has called us to consider a "Great Commission Resurgence," but even more grateful for the "Great Commission Consistency" so evident in the work and ministry of so many churches in the Mid-South. We consistently hear reports of how churches in the Association are reaching into their neighborhoods and reaching out to the nations to preach the Gospel and make disciples. The "Impact Memphis" initiatives of February and April, which involved more than 600 participants in discovering and deploying strategies for reaching the city, are just one example of the Great Commission effectiveness and consistency in the churches. In even greater numbers, our churches are discovering and developing exciting methods and approaches for proclaiming the timeless Gospel message. Please pray for all of our churches as they "engage" the Gospel and "engage" the world through VBS, mission trips, summer camps, evangelistic crusades, and countless other activities this summer. We thank God for the "Great Commission Consistency" that compels and propels them to do so!

For new opportunities...The first half of 2009 has been filled with new fellowship, learning, and ministry opportunities for the churches of the Mid-South Baptist Association. It has also been filled with new opportunities for MSBA to support and encourage the work of the churches with a variety of human, material, and financial resources. Your faithful financial contributions, in difficult economic times, allow the Association to provide that support and are a testimony to both God's goodness and your faithfulness. For this year, in a challenging economic environment, MSBA total receipts are slightly ahead of last year and slightly behind budgeted expectations. I am grateful for staff and elected leaders who have provided the (con't. on inside back cover)



Mid-South Ministry Profile

Pastor Ray Newcomb Retires by Stuart McCollough



Bro. Ray Newcomb, long-time pastor of FBC, Millington, addresses the congregation on his last Sunday in the pulpit.

On Sunday, May 17, First Baptist Church, Millington said goodbye to Pastor Ray Newcomb and wife Carolyn after 33 years of faithful service. A special morning worship service was held, followed by a picnic lunch and afternoon celebration service. Many present and former members and friends of Bro. Ray and Carolyn took the opportunity to honor and bless them and celebrate their retirement and memories of their leadership at First Baptist.

First Baptist Millington has experienced tremendous growth under Bro. Ray's leadership and continually ranks among the highest in the state in baptisms annually. With a yearly average of 130, that adds up to almost 4,300 baptisms during Bro. Ray's tenure. Average Sunday morning attendance when Bro. Ray came to the church was 385; presently the church has been running over 1,400 in Sunday School and 2,200 for worship. Five years ago, the church moved to a new campus on the outskirts of Millington, from a worship center that could seat 600-700 to one that seats 1,650. Members of First Baptist are heavily involved in outreach and mission opportunities all over the world. Bro. Ray's commitment to visitation and soul winning and

personally caring for the members of the church will long be his legacy to the congregation he has served so faithfully.

Bro. Ray was saved at the age of 13 and called to preach at South Corinth Baptist Church when he was 15 years old. He and Carolyn have a son, Brent. They have built a retirement home in Counce, TN near Pickwick Lake, to be closer to pursue another of Bro. Ray's passions - fishing. Bro. Ray isn't giving up preaching though. In retirement, he hopes to help younger pastors and younger churches grow, preach revivals and provide pulpit supply for churches that don't have pastors. After a week of retirement, Bro. Ray took the time to answer a few questions for us:

Mid-South Baptist: After a whole week of retirement, is it what you thought it would be, or are you still adjusting?

RN: It has been so busy packing and unpacking the first week. I hope retirement is better than this. We like our new home and really know we are going to enjoy our days in retirement. It is good to get up and have coffee on the screen porch and listen to the stream and little water fall behind our house.

Mid-South Baptist: What are your future plans?

RN: I plan to preach in Bible conferences, revivals, supply in churches and do Harvest Day weekends. Fishing on my boat *Visitation* is also in the plans. The church gave me *Visitation* for our 30th anniversary. I named the boat *Visitation* so when people called the office, the secretary could tell them I was on *Visitation*. I plan to preach until the Lord calls me home. It will be a joy to encourage young pastors and help them plan how to reach people, teach people and send people into the harvest.

Mid-South Baptist: What are your hopes/dreams for First Baptist, Millington as you leave?

RN: My dreams for First Baptist are for them to follow the Lord and continue to reach lost people and teach them how to serve the Lord. It is my prayer they will double in size in the next five to ten years. It is a great church with great people that are willing to follow God's man and serve the Lord together. I praise the Lord for the years he gave me to build a foundation for the next pastor to build on.



On his last day as Pastor at First Baptist, Millington, Bro. Ray Newcomb baptized 10 people, including his grandson Ridge (shown above).

Important Dates for June

- 1 Pastors' Conference
Bellevue B.C. - 11:30 a.m.
(Omar Hamada, Speaker)
- 5 Baptist Hospital Auxiliary
Women's Hospital - 10:30 a.m.
- 8 Administrative Leadership
Council
Bellevue B.C. 10:00 a.m.
- 8 Pastors' Conference
Bellevue B.C. 11:30 a.m.
(Rev. Doug Kellum, Speaker)
- 11-13 Black Church Leadership
Conference
One Faith Fellowship
- 15 Pastors' Conference
Bellevue B.C. - 11:30 a.m.
- 21 Fathers Day
- 21-22 National WMU Meeting
Louisville, KY
- 22 No Pastors' Conference - SBC
- 23-24 Southern Baptist Convention
Louisville, KY
- 28-July3
AIM Girls' Camp
For the Kingdom Camp
- 29 Pastors' Conference
Bellevue B.C. - 11:30 a.m.
(Mid-America Seminary Hosting)

Church Resources

Audubon Park Baptist Church has 30-40 church pews and a number of hymnals that are not being used. They would like to donate them to a church that could use them. Contact Rev. John Harrison at 901-324-5541 if your church is interested.

Hartland Baptist Church needs a large warming oven. If you have one you will donate or sell at a good price, please call Rev. John Maley at 901-386-6000.

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.



WMU™ HAPPENINGS

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 at 901-373-6161 for registration forms.

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

Mission Project Ideas
Girls' Camp Donations
Donations are needed of sturdy paper plates, cups and plastic forks and spoons for Girls' Camp. Also needed are snack items: Little Debbie's, fruit snacks, boxed drinks, pop-ice and cookies. Please call Julie at 901-373-6161 if you or your group can donate any of these items.

Brinkley Heights Lunches for Mission Teams
Last summer, 25 mission teams



conducted Backyard Bible Clubs at eight sites through Brinkley Heights Street Reach. Total enrollment was 670 children. Teams also conducted block parties. Teams are soon to be arriving for this summer. 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.

Marvelous Mondays

Leewood 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 6:00 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



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!



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

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management and guidance to balance the budget and to keep our focus on the needs of the churches. We are grateful to God for your faithfulness and look forward to additional new opportunities for ministry support in the second half of this year. Our God is good! His mercy endures forever! We are grateful to Him! HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
- Bro. Mike



Servant Leadership Deacon Conference



August 29, 2009
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