



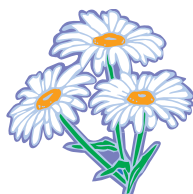
If you are over 60 years of age,
this message is for you!

An exciting new educational program
designed for seniors is now being offered at
Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary.

The program is called

SEMINARY STUDIES FOR SENIORS

Seniors may enroll as an audit student in
classes offered at the seminary. The cost of
each class is only \$50. For more information
and class schedule for the Spring 2011 term,
please call 901-751-3060 or e-mail:
info@mabts.edu.



Garden of Grace Spring Women's Conference 2011

FBC, Collierville
Saturday, April 2
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25 (includes boxed lunch)

Featuring Pam Tebow

Other speakers include:

- Joyce Rogers
- Nancy Binkley
- Buna Sorrell
- Tina Thompson
- Ellen Olford
- Melanie Redd
- Susan Wilson
- Jean Stockdale
- Renee Columbus
- Denise Turner

Break Out Sessions:

- How to Build the Best Marriage
- This is Not How Things Were Supposed to Turn Out
- Passing It On - Your Legacy
- Walking Through the Valley of Grace
- Renewing Your Spiritual Passion
- Making Your Children Mind Without Losing Yours
- Released - Setting Your Spirit Free
- Women Leading Women: the Lifestyle of Discipleship
- Leading Women to the Heart of God
- Homeschooling for Today

Call the church office at 901-853-2668
or e-mail Shari Richmond at
srichmond@fbccoll.org. for more
information.

OUTDATED LITERATURE

Outdated literature can be dropped off
at QS Moving & Storage, 1492 S. Rozelle
in Memphis, Covenant Warehouse, 6235
Hwy. 305 in Olive Branch, MS and
Broadmoor Baptist Church, 3824 Austin
Peay Highway in Memphis. For futher
information on church pick-up sites,
contact Bob Noel at 270-886-5316.

RA NIGHT AT CIRCLE CROSS RODEO

Saturday, April 9
Agricenter Showplace Arena

- Free Admission!!!
- Family Festival from 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- Autograph session
- Pet the horses
- Cowboy Church Service at 5:00 p.m.
- Grand Rodeo Entrance at 7 p.m.
- Concessions available
- WEAR YOUR RA VEST!

For more information, contact Mike
Freeman at 901-849-0856 or visit
www.midsouthras.org

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Habitat for Humanity and several other
partners in their neighborhood. They are
also in the last stages of planning for a
new international partnership in the
Dominican Republic, where they will send
a team in late May for work on an
orphanage and water purification
projects. A steering team has been put
together to begin making plans to
celebrate the 50th anniversary of the
church next year. Based on the biblical
precedent of a year of jubilee, the
church plans to spend all of 2012
commemorating what God has done and
looking to the future to what God is
going to continue to do there.

When not busy at the church, Bro.
Stephen enjoys traveling, sports and
spending time with his family exploring
what their new city has to offer young
families.

Opportunities Within Our Churches

Pastor

Berclair Baptist Church (bi-vocational)
Mail resume to: Pastor Search
Committee, 4584 Summer Ave.,
Memphis, TN 38122.

Associate Pastor/Minister of Music

Whitten Memorial Baptist Church (P/T)
Send resume to church attn: Search
Committee, 5773 Macon Rd.,
Memphis, TN 38134.

Minister of Music

Berclair Baptist Church (P/T)
Send resume to: Personnel Committee,
4584 Summer Ave., Memphis, TN 38122.
Hartland Baptist Church (P/T)
Contact the pastor at 901-870-6834.

Children's Minister

Highland Heights Baptist Church (P/T)
Mail resume to 675 National Ave.,
Memphis, TN 38122.

Minister of Youth

Cherokee Baptist Church (P/T)
Mail resume to Rev. John Eubank at
5356 Quince Rd., Memphis, TN 38119,
or e-mail john@cherokeebaptist.org.
Highland Heights Baptist Church (P/T)
Mail resume to 675 National Ave.,
Memphis, TN 38122.

Richland Baptist Church (P/T)
Contact the church office at 170 N. Oak
Grove Rd., 38120 or 901-683-2451.

Minister of Youth and Recreation

Covenant Baptist Church
Mail resume by April 15 to Personnel
Committee, P.O. Box 1165, Collierville,
TN 38027-1165.

Pianist

Cordova Baptist Church (P/T)
Call the church office at 901-754-1064
or mail resume to P.O. Box 174,
Cordova, TN 38088.
Elliston Baptist Church
Contact the church office at 901-743-
4250 or elliston@comcast.net.
First Baptist Church, Lakeland
Contact Mike McCrory at 901-494-2276
or e-mail MHMcCrory@ftb.com.
Gateway Baptist Church
Contact Phil McKibben at 901-837-8087
or 901-937-9682.

Childcare

Balmoral Baptist (M-F; 9 a.m.-6 p.m.)
Contact Connie at 901-754-2302.

Nursery Worker

Cordova Baptist Church (P/T)
Call the church office at
901-754-1064.
Gracepoint Baptist Church
Contact the church at 901-755-7660
or info@gracepointmemphis.com.

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Mid-South Ministry Profile

Pastor Stephen Cook and Second Baptist Church, Memphis
by Stuart McCollough

As Second Baptist Church, Memphis begins to make plans to celebrate their 50th anniversary in 2012 with a year of jubilee, they are also welcoming a new pastor. Pastor Stephen Cook and his family arrived in Memphis the week before Thanksgiving, and he began his ministry on the first Sunday of Advent in December.

Although born in Greenville, SC, Bro. Stephen and his family moved to Charlotte, NC during his first grade year and he grew up there. In the sixth grade, he made a profession of faith and was baptized at Providence Baptist Church in Charlotte. Growing up across the street from the church, he loved being there and at age 14 began working his first job as a custodian at the church. Many people in the church supported and mentored him and the staff even allowed him to make hospital visits with them. It was during this time that he began to discern God's call on his life.

After graduating high school, Bro. Stephen attended Wake Forest University where he graduated with a B.A. in religion. While at Wake Forest, he was hired as a summer youth ministry intern at Ardmore Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, NC. He ended up staying at the church for three years as the full-time youth minister while he finished school. After college, Bro. Stephen earned his Masters of Divinity from Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, VA. He also earned a Masters of Theology degree with an emphasis in Pastoral Theology and Pastoral Counseling from the Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University. He is currently working on his Doctor of Ministry studies at Columbia Theological Seminary and expects to graduate next spring.

During seminary at Baptist Theological Seminary, Bro. Stephen served as a singles minister at Bon Air Baptist Church in Richmond; as the interim pastor at Fairfields Baptist Church in Burgess, VA; interim assistant pastor at Monument Heights Baptist Church in Richmond; and as pastoral associate at Derbyshire Baptist Church in Richmond. He also met his future wife Amy during that first year of seminary, and they were married three weeks after they both graduated in the spring of 2002. After graduation, Bro. Stephen served for three years as pastor of First Baptist Church, Morrow, GA, in the metro-Atlanta area, where Amy served as a hospice chaplain. He also served for four and a half years at First Baptist Church, Danville, VA prior to coming to Memphis. Amy now works as a graphic designer and writer specializing in work with churches and non-profits. They are the proud parents of two boys: four-year-old Benjamin and seven-month-old Jonathan.

Bro. Stephen is excited about what is going on at Second Baptist as they minister in their community and around the world. The church is actively committed to the Memphis Interfaith Hospitality Network, Brinkley Heights ministry, prison ministry,

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Bro. Stephen Cook is the new
pastor at Second Baptist
Church, Memphis.





Shepherd's Haven will be opening our new semi-independent home for women with developmental disabilities May 1. Shepherd's Haven currently has a Day Program located at Bellevue Baptist Church and a men's home located on the 47 acres owned by Shepherd's Haven in Arlington, TN. We have finally reached our goal to provide the same warm, Christian environment for women on the same 47 acres. Shepherd's Haven is currently accepting applications for the new ladies home. The semi-independent home will have eight private rooms, four bathrooms, a common area, a beautiful kitchen, two laundry areas and a large dining room.

The objective of Shepherd's Haven home is to minister to adults with special needs and help them grow in their independence. As the staff of Shepherd's Haven shows our participants the love of Christ and encourages them to show that love to each other, the participants will be impacted and they, in return, will impact others in the community.

Please visit our website www.shepherdshaven.org, or contact us at 901-347-5296 for more information.



Coaching 501 Building Blocks for Powerful Coaching

April 7-8

Union University
Germantown Campus
Cost: \$50 per person

Call the association office at 901-373-6161 to register.

Treasured Moments at the Grove
A Scrapbooking Connection
April 15-17, 2011
Starts Friday at 1:00 p.m.
Ends Sunday at 5:00 p.m.
Cost: \$99

Ladies, join us for fun, food and fellowship as we scrapbook our precious memories.

Contact Janine at 901-729-7292 or janinep@mygrove.org.



Sunday School Training

August 20, 2011

Kirby Woods Baptist Church

For: Church staff, Sunday School Directors and teachers

Register at: www.lifeway.com/event/360

Upcoming Associational Events

The Youth Ministers' Network will meet Tuesday, April 12, at noon, at Bellevue Baptist Church.

The monthly associational prayer gathering will be held Thursday, April 14, at noon at Bellevue Baptist Church. It is a sweet time with the Lord. Everyone is welcome.

The Ministers of Education Network will meet Thursday, April 21, at 9:00 a.m., at Bellevue Baptist Church.

The Childhood Educators' Network will meet Thursday, April 28, at 6:30 p.m., at The Grove at Red Oak Lake. A light supper will be served.

Important Dates for April

- 1 Baptist Hospital Auxiliary Women's Hospital - 10:30 a.m.
- 4 Pastors' Conference Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m.
- 7-8 Coaching 501 Union University - Germantown
- 9 Associational Bible Drill Leawood East Baptist Church
- 9 Circle Cross Rodeo Crusade Agricenter International
- 10 Cooperative Program Sunday
- 11 Administrative Leadership Council Bellevue Baptist Church - 10:00 a.m.
- 11 Pastors' Conference Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m. Hosted by Children's Home
- 12 Youth Ministers' Network Bellevue Baptist Church
- 14 Prayer Gathering Bellevue Baptist Church - Noon
- 16 State Bible Drill Faith Baptist Church
- 17 Palm Sunday
- 18 Pastors' Conference Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m.
- 21 Minister's of Education Network Bellevue Baptist Church
- 22 Good Friday - MSBA Office Closed
- 24 Easter Sunday
- 25 Pastors' Conference Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m.
- 28 Childhood Educators' Network The Grove at Red Oak Lake 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Church Events

Magnolia Baptist Church, 8494 Pleasant Hills, Olive Branch, MS would like to invite you to a three-day revival beginning on Friday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m. Services will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 2 and at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 3, with Bro. David Ford leading. Bro. Vaughn Denton serves as pastor.

Monument of Love Baptist Church located at 3639 Lamar Avenue will host a Black Church Leadership Conference on Friday evening and Saturday morning, April 15-16. The conference is sponsored by the TBC.



Women's Prayer Breakfast Praying Together for the Community Around Us

Saturday, April 9, 2011 • 9-11:30 a.m.
Grace Thru Faith Church
3150 E. Holmes Rd.

Brenda Alexander, Pastor's wife, will be speaking about Victims to Victory Ministry. Contact Ginger McMinn at 901-380-3478 or donjmcminn@att.net for more information.

Tennessee Baptist Children's Home Quarterly Meeting Annual Luncheon

April 14, 2011 • 10:30 a.m.
TBCH Bartlett Campus

We are providing lunch for the TBCH Bartlett staff, so bring your best potluck dish and a drink. Bring someone from your church to get involved and learn what is happening at the Children's Home. Contact Julie Binford at 901-373-6161 if you have questions.

Opportunity Camp 2011

May 28-31(boys) • May 31-June 3 (girls)
The Grove at Red Oak Lake
Cost: \$175 per child

Refugee children (grades 1-5) are invited to attend this camp, and many will hear about Jesus for the very first time. Everything needed to operate camp is given through the generosity of churches, WMU groups, SS classes and individuals in the association. Checks can be made to MSBA (designate Opportunity Camp in memo) and sent to the assoc. office. Visit our website (opportunitycampmemphis.com) or e-mail Beth Cox (jgcox6@aol.com) for more information.

Adventures in Missions Girls Camp 2011

June 27-July 1, 2011

The Grove at Red Oak Lake, Cordova Overnight Camp - \$50 (grades 1-3)
Weeklong Camp - \$150 (grades 3-6)
Deadline for Registration - May 1, 2011

Contact Julia Binford at 901-428-2802 for more information. Visit www.msba.org/wmu to download a registration form.

Secret Church Simulcast

Good Friday • April 22, 2011
6:00 p.m.-Midnight
Cherokee Baptist Church
5340 Quince Rd. • Memphis
Cost: \$5 per person

For more information or to register, visit www.cherokeebaptist.org.



Secret Church is a six-hour intense time of Bible study and prayer for our persecuted brothers and sisters around the globe. This is not for the uncommitted or faint at heart. But if you desire to know God more deeply through His word and know His Church more fully around the world, then please join us for Secret Church.

Fourth-Annual Circle Cross Rodeo Crusade

Saturday, April 9, 2011 • Agricenter Showplace Arena • Memphis, TN

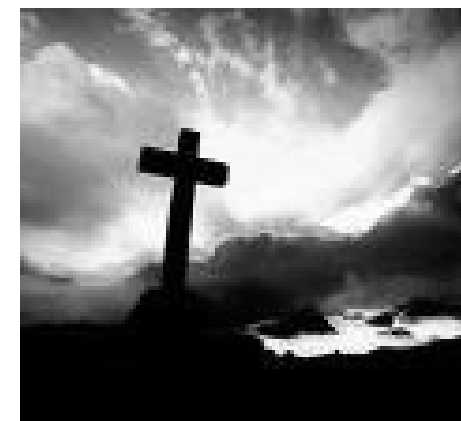
World-Class Rodeo with a World-Changing Message

- 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Family Fun Festival
- 3:00 p.m. - Children's Book Reading and Book Signing w/Wanda Lowry, author of "Tricky Ricky"
- 5:30 p.m. - Cowboy Church Service led by Joe Arview
- 7:00 p.m. - Circle Cross Rodeo
- For more information, call Stan McCall at 901-848-4959, or go to the church website at www.thecirclecross.com.



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COWBOY CHURCH



Christ is Risen!



Association Bible Drill
Saturday, April 9, 2011
Leawood East Baptist Church

State Bible Drill
Saturday, April 16, 2011
Faith Baptist Church, Bartlett

Information available at msbac.org.