



God's Game Plan for a Man and His Family

This Biblically based, life-application conference is for the leader who understands the times in which he lives and leads. Are you a man who wants to be faithful to your wife, raise Godly children, lead and protect your family and gain the tools of spiritual leadership to make a difference? Men Leading the Charge is powerful and relative to the times and culture of the new millennium, and is not for the weak-hearted or those who want to just "play church."

Dr. Steve Farrar is the author of the best-selling book, *Point Man: How a Man Can Lead His Family*. With over 400,000 copies in print, *Point Man* was the catalyst for his leaving the pastorate after 15 years and focusing his ministry on equipping men for spiritual leadership. Steve has also authored nine other books and has been a frequent speaker for Men's Leadership Ministry conferences, Promise Keepers and other events throughout the nation.

Tony Porter is an award-winning arranger and composer. He has been involved in the worship and music leadership of his home church, Faith Baptist Bartlett and also Centrifuge, Ministry to Men, Campus Crusade for Christ, Christian Youth Conferences and Faith Walk International. He resides near Memphis, TN with his wife and collaborator, Ginger and their two children.

Call Don Freudenberg at 901-486-2738 for more information.

Friday, May 2, 2008
7:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 3, 2008
8:30-11:45 a.m.

Ellendale Baptist Church
3861 Broadway Rd. • Bartlett
901-386-4676

Registration: \$40
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Get One Free

Be a Missionary Encourager

Personalize missions for your church by adopting a North American Missionary/Missionary Family. Everyone loves to cheer for the home team! Your "home" team is your North American Mission Board missionaries. They are in the game and are serious about and committed to winning N. America for Christ. Your encouragement and support will minister and motivate them to continue the excellent work to which God has called them.

"The godly people in the land are my true heroes! I take pleasure in them."
– Psalm 16:3, (NLT)

Commitment:

- Prayer support – develop a plan to pray for missionary regularly
- Notes of encouragement – send email, notes and letters
- Care packages – send items the missionary/family enjoys
- Partnership – send volunteers/mission teams to the missionary's field of service
- Speaking invitations – include them in mission fairs/conferences

If you have any questions please contact missionaryencourager@namb.net



A Cerebral Palsy victim shares how he became a Cerebral Palsy VICTOR!

Sunday, May 25, 2008
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
Crosspointe Baptist Church
8850 Highway 51 N.
Millington, TN 38053

David Ring is a nationally-known speaker and author. Come hear how God has worked in his life and allowed him to overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

Call 901-872-4413 for more information.

Opportunities Within Our Churches

Pastor

Forest Hill Baptist Church
Mail resume to Pastor Search Committee,
3645 Forest Hill Irene Rd., Germantown, 38138
Hartland Baptist Church
Contact James Shivers at 901-388-2040, or
mail resume to 1820 Hartland, Memphis, 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

Faith Baptist Church, Bartlett (F/T)
Mail resume to 3755 N. Germantown Rd,
Bartlett, TN 38133, or e-mail Brenda Splean
at brendas@faithbaptistbartlett.org.
Piperton Baptist Church (F/T)
Contact Mrs. Penny Jones or Bro. Thomas Foy at
901-853-1711.

Secretary/Financial Secretary

Berclair Baptist Church (P/T: 20-25 hours/week)
Contact the church office at 901-583-3585 or
Joe Burnette at 901-685-0896.
Union Ave. Baptist Church (P/T)
Must have experience in Shelby Systems, posting,
payroll and monthly, quarterly and yearly financial
reports. Send resume to Rev. Jeff Williamson, 2128
Union Ave., 38104, or call 901-276-5422, or
e-mail williamson@unionavenue.org.

Music Assistant

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

Music Minister

Balmoral Baptist Church (P/T)
Send resume to 2676 Kirby Rd., Memphis, TN
38119, or call 901-754-2300, e-mail
balmoralchurch@bellsouth.net.
Grace Baptist Church (Music/Youth)
Contact Rev. Bill Harrald, 901-872-4294 or
901-849-0252.
Oakland First Baptist Church (Bi-vocational)
Contact J.R. Doyle at 901-485-0625.

Keyboardist/Pianist

Balmoral Baptist Church (Sundays and Wed. night)
Send resume to church at 2676 Kirby Rd.,
Memphis, TN 38119, or call 901-754-2300.

Weekday Teacher (incl. Kindergarten)

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

*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

Pastor Michael Ellis and Impact Baptist Church by Stuart McCollough



Pastor Michael Ellis and his wife Angela

After completing a 21-year career in the Navy and being stationed all over the world, Pastor Michael Ellis and his family have dropped anchor at Impact Baptist Church in inner-city Memphis. Following his retirement from active duty in 2000, Pastor Ellis served in several positions before planting the Bellevue Baptist Church-sponsored Impact Baptist Church in the Northgate Shopping Center in Frayser. The church and its connected Ministry Center are making an impact in the community around them by fulfilling their vision of "reaching out, finding out and helping out."

Michael Ellis was born and raised in New Orleans, LA, where he was saved and baptized at the age of 18. He joined the Navy the next year

and served his first duty station in Italy. After returning to New Orleans, he married his wife Angela in 1984, and they have been blessed with six children. Accepting the call to preach the gospel in 1988, he was licensed the following year and graduated with his B.A. in Theology from Union Theological Seminary in 1990. After his ordination in 1991, Pastor Ellis and his family were transferred to San Diego, CA and later to Point Mugu, CA. While in California, he served in various capacities from Sunday School Teacher to Young Adult Minister and Associate Pastor. While stationed in Point Mugu, Pastor Ellis earned his Master of Arts in Theology and Doctorate of Theology degrees from Golden Grain Bible College and Seminary.

In 1997, the Ellis family was transferred by the Navy to Millington, TN. While stationed in Millington, Pastor Ellis and his family became members of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church where he served as Assistant Pastor, Youth Pastor, Sunday School Teacher, Minister of Evangelism and Director of the Johnnie Early Family Life Center. Since his retirement from active duty, he has worked for several area agencies and ministries, including Youth Villages, Porter-Leath Children's Center and as the Director of the Brinkley Heights Sports Center through Memphis Athletic Ministries. In 2003, Pastor Ellis earned his Doctor of Religious Philosophy in Christian Counseling from Jacksonville Theological Seminary.

Impact Baptist Church was planted in April, 2006 with a handful of believers in a storefront in the Northgate Shopping Center. Only two years later, God has increased the body to over 300 members with an average Sunday attendance of over 100. God is adding new believers every month through salvation and baptism. The church has outgrown its present location and is praying for God to provide a larger building or campus in the Frayser community.

Impact offers a food ministry where almost every Saturday 150 families from the community receive seven days worth of groceries and have the gospel shared with them. They also run a thrift store ministry where clothing can be purchased for only \$1 or less and appliances and furniture is \$25 or less. A partnership with the Uptown Resource Center allows them to offer job training. A GED program, computer training, after-school Bible clubs, after-school tutoring and Evangelism Explosion classes are some of the other ministries offered each week. A VBS is offered every week in June and July for neighborhood children to learn about the love of God. Pastor Michael Ellis and the members of Impact Baptist Church are truly making an impact on the area God has placed them in by "Building a body of believers who intentionally reach out to the community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ."





Mid-South Baptist
Conference Center

"...God of all comfort, who comforts us..." - 2 Cor. 1:3-4

What comes to mind when you hear the word, "comfort?" You might think of a good air conditioner, or a dependable heater, or a nice soft bed, or a fine easy chair (with remote), etc.

What comes from God's mind about, "comfort?"

First, we might imagine a fireman or policeman coming to our rescue; or a pastor helping a grief stricken family; or a deeply troubled person being helped by a capable lawyer. These are closer to the biblical meaning of the word, "comfort."

In John's gospel, Jesus used the same term for the Holy Spirit as John did in 1 John 2:1 for Jesus. Jesus called the Holy Spirit our "comforter." John called Jesus our advocate. The primary idea for the word comfort is "to come along side" to give aid in time of need. This is the true meaning. This is what comfort is all about.

Our Lord is concerned about our comfort not about our being comfortable. If we are comforted, then we are being helped by the Holy Spirit in our Christian living, service and ministry. If we are comfortable, I wonder how much Christian living and service and ministry we are getting accomplished for the Kingdom of our God and of our Christ?

In His service,
Bro. Dale Gravatt

English as a Second Language (ESL) Workshop

April 12 and 19
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Germantown Baptist Church
Acts 1:8 Center (Rm.W110)

Cost: \$25 (includes materials)

Call Kathy at 901-756-9450 or
Minne at 662-890-6046, or
e-mail minne@dsq.us to
make reservations.

The Mother's Day Offering

to support
Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes

State Goal: \$2,250,000.00

This offering represents 35% of the
annual operating budget of TBCH.

For more information, or to request materials,
visit www.tbch4kids.org.

Upcoming Important Dates

APRIL

- 12 ESL Workshop - Germantown B.C. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- 12 Children and Youth Associational Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament Faith Baptist Church
- 13 Cooperative Program Sunday
- 14 Pastors' Conference - Bellevue B.C. 11:30 a.m. - Frederick Tappan, speaker
- 14 Ministers' Wives Fellowship Bellevue B.C. -11:30 a.m.
- 14-16 TN Baptist Secretaries Meeting
- 17 Sisters-Who-Care Event
- 18-20 Campers on Mission Spring Rally
- 19 ESL Workshop - Germantown B.C. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- 19 WMU Leadership Team Meeting MSBA Office - 10:00 a.m.
- 21 Pastors' Conference - Bellevue B.C. 11:30 a.m. - Kevin Ferrell, speaker
- 26 Children and Youth State Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament Ellendale Baptist Church
- 28 Pastors' Conference - Bellevue B.C. 11:30 a.m. - Danny Sinquefield, speaker

Hymnals Needed

Does your church have hymnals in good condition that you no longer use? There is a church in our association that needs 100 hymnals. Please call the association office (901-373-6161) if your church can help.

Church Pews Available FREE

Parkway Baptist Church in Hernando, MS has 31 9 1/2-ft. light oak pews with green cushions and two pulpit chairs available. They are free on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the church office at 662-429-6045 for more information.

Revival Services Scheduled

Colonial Baptist Church will be holding revival services on Sunday, April 20, at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday services will be April 21-23, at 6:30 p.m. nightly. Bro. Benny Jackson will be the evangelist and Terry Owens will be the worship leader. Colonial Baptist Church is located at 1503 Colonial Road in Memphis. Call 901-682-6644 for more details.



WMU HAPPENINGS

Opportunity Camp Sponsors

Sponsor a child for Opportunity Camp this summer for \$150. Camp will be held May 27-31, at For the Kingdom Camp. Send checks to MSBA, 6896 Hwy. 70, Memphis, TN 38133.

GA Camp - Race for the Prize

June 1-2 - Overnight Camp
June 2-6 - Weeklong Camp
For the Kingdom Camp
Cost: \$55 (overnight); \$160 (weeklong)
Ropes course • Bible study • Crafts
Information packets have been mailed!

We need a mission team who would be willing to clean the camp on Friday afternoon. Contact Ashley McCollough at 901-382-8582 if your group can help.

Prison Ministry Thank You

Thanks to all those churches and individuals who have provided faithful support in supplying personal items for the female inmates at the Shelby County Division of Corrections. Kaye Burkhardt, who has been coordinator of this project for almost 20 years is selling her house and will not have storage space for donations, but donations can still be sent to the Mid-South Baptist Association office. Contact Julie at 901-373-6161 for more information. Kaye will also continue holding weekly Bible studies.

Baptist Collegiate Ministry Update

- Donations of an upright 5-ft. freezer and blue, gray or white kitchen towels are needed at the University of Memphis BCM.
- Mark May 2 on your calendar. This is REVERSE NOONDAY LUNCH. The University of Memphis BCM students will be serving lunch to the volunteers.
- Students at the University of Memphis BCM completed four mission trips over Spring Break. If you would like a speaker to come share with your group about one of the trips, contact Jeff Jones at 901-458-7589.
- Both UT Memphis and University of Memphis BCMs need donations of 10" styrofoam plates, bowls, dessert plates and 16 oz. cups.
- Contact Rona Hawkins at 901-525-8889 if your group can provide dessert for 50+ students at the UT Memphis BCM.

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



Multiplying Leaders for the 21st Century Harvest

Dr. Greg Spears - Leadership Development Strategist

American Christianity vs. Biblical Christianity

It is an amazing thing to note the contrast between contemporary American Christianity and Biblical Christianity. The first has become a political special interest group selling its vote to the highest bidder and seeking cultural relevance at all cost. The second was a force of revolution that shook the political world and transformed the culture in its wake! The first preaches a positive message of self-help and restoration to seekers struggling with their bad decisions and addictions. The second called sinners to repentance and confession while preaching salvation through the Gospel—via the atoning work of Christ on the cross and His resurrection power.

American Christianity has sought to embrace the cultural habits and moods of our disintegrating and increasingly hedonistic society in a belated and naïve attempt at reaching the masses of the **over two hundred million lost** in our county. The result has been the manifestation of a greatly compromised form of American Christianity that is almost unrecognizable from its historic counterpart. It is a form of Christianity that has no "otherworldliness" or transcendence to it. Worship in this type of environment is more horizontal than vertical. Piety is more psychological than moral. The gospel is more self-centered than cross-centered.

In Matthew 11:12 Jesus said that "from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force." Verse 12 is a very difficult verse to understand. What does it mean that the violent take the kingdom by force? Charles Spurgeon had this to say about this text:

"Often when our Saviour preached did the like scene occur. We find that the multitudes were immense beyond all precedent.So intense was their desire to hear the Saviour that they pressed upon him, insomuch that they trod one upon another. The crowd became so violent to approach his person, that some of the weaker ones were cast down and trodden upon. Now, our Saviour, when he witnessed all this struggling round about to get near him, said, 'This is just a picture of what is done spiritually by those who will be saved. As you press and throng about me,' said Christ, 'and thrust one another, with arm and elbow, to get within reach of my voice, even so must it be if ye would be saved, 'For the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.'"

The late great theologian Carl Henry posed some serious questions for the contemporary American church: "Can we take a holy initiative in history? Can we once more strike an apostolic stride? Can we put an ungodly world on the defensive again?"

As the national infrastructure of American Christianity continues to disintegrate the looming implosion merits our attention and energy. Churches desirous of reformation around a Biblical Christian banner must rally together and seek to form strong networking relationships to further the cause of Christ and carry on the global mission to call the lost to repentance and the planting of Biblical Christianity among every tribe and tongue. Where is your church striking an "apostolic stride" or taking a "holy initiative" to put "an ungodly world on the defensive again?"

- Bro. Greg

Bellevue Baptist Church to Host Evangelism Explosion Clinic

July 7-11, 2008



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.