

## 135th Annual Session Tennessee Baptist Convention

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



## Servant Leadership Deacon Conference

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

### Upcoming Events

The Mid-South Baptist Secretaries Association will sponsor a conference on Tuesday, August 18, at 12:30 p.m., at Crosspointe Baptist Church in Millington. Lunch will be followed by an afternoon conference on organizing your office and proper dress for the church office. Conference leader is Joy Clay-Corby of the Church Health Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Cost for lunch is \$5. Reservations should be made by Thursday, August 13, by calling Melba at Crosspointe (901-872-4413) or Janice at Leawood East (901-507-0680).

The Southern Gospel Singing group "The Dixie Echoes" will be in concert at Grace Baptist Church, 9171 Brunswick Road in Rosemark on Friday, August 21, at 7:00 p.m. There will be no admission charged, but a love offering will be received. For more information, contact Dr. Billy Harrald at 901-475-2695 or 901-849-0252.

### Association Welcomes Two New Pastors to Local Churches

Ridgeway Baptist Church has called Rev. Ashley Ray as their pastor. His first Sunday in the pulpit will be August 23. Rev. Ray, his wife, Carrie and their two small children will be moving to Memphis from Indianapolis, IN.

Union Avenue Baptist Church has also called a new pastor. Dr. Travis D. Fleming's first service at Union Avenue will be September 6. Dr. Fleming and his wife, Jenna, will be moving to Memphis from New Orleans, LA.

### Executive Board Meeting

Monday, August 31, 2009 • 11:15 a.m. • Bellevue Baptist Church  
(Lunch served at 11:15 a.m. – Meeting begins at noon.)

#### IMPORTANT MEETING

- 2010 Operations Budget Presentation
- New Member Church Application
- Report and Recommendation Regarding Sale of MSBCC

### Opportunities Within Our Churches

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.

Financial Secretary  
Eudora Baptist Church (P/T)  
Shelby System experience required.  
Call 901-888-7800 for more information.

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

### Church Needs

Highland Heights Baptist Church is in need  
of a set of drums. Contact the church at  
901-454-0546 if you have a set to sell.

### Church Resources

Mark Branson has served as Minister of  
Music in several local churches and is now  
available on a part-time basis. If you need  
permanent part-time or interim or need a  
supply, contact Mark at 901-373-7193.

### TBCH Mission Project

Is your church or group looking for a  
mission project? Both 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, you can drop items  
by either campus, or call 901-386-3961 for  
more information.

Periodical Postage Paid at Memphis,  
Tennessee and additional entries.

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# The Mid-South Baptist

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### Mid-South Ministry Profile

Holy Calling Ministries and New Church Memphis by Stuart McCollough

On Sunday, June 28, Holy Calling Ministries officially launched at the former National Avenue Baptist Church campus in Memphis. Holy Calling is a church plant of New Church Memphis. When National Avenue and Leclair merged last year to form New Church, the leadership and members hoped to turn the National Ave. campus into a ministry center to provide food and clothing for the community and to plant a church there. After study and consideration, they realized that the campus was right in between two thriving ministry centers at Brinkley Heights and Leawood, so they began praying about how God would have them use the facilities. God orchestrated events and brought people together that share a common desire and passion for reaching the community surrounding National Ave. for the Lord.



New Church Memphis Pastor Rick Isbell (right) congratulates Bro. Marvin Jones, Pastor of Holy Calling Ministries at his licensing service.

Holy Calling Pastor Marvin Jones had felt a strong urge to evangelize and disciple people when he was called to the pastorate back in 1993. He began a church and continued to work in the banking industry. Bro. Marvin had lots of ideas but struggled with how to implement them. He began praying that God would send him a mentor to teach him to be a pastor. John Harrison, then pastor of Crestview Baptist, became that mentor. Bro. John introduced Bro. Marvin to Willie Jacobs, Church Planting, NAMB and Greg Spears, Church Planting Strategist from the association. Greg was offering a Church Planting Class that Bro. Marvin started attending. In sharing with Willie Jacobs about his desire to begin a ministry that might offer counseling, a trade center, GED classes and ministry to children, he learned that New Church Memphis was also looking at the same ideas.

In April, 2009, a meeting was set up with Rick Isbell, pastor of New Church and Gary Griffis, New Church Teaching Pastor. Bro. Marvin said he immediately knew after meeting with them that they shared the same vision for evangelizing and discipling people. New Church had the building, resources and staff to help plant a new work. So on June 28, Holy Calling Ministries officially became a church.

New Church not only provided space, but they provided manpower as well. A block party was held to get to know the people in the neighborhood and they helped canvas the area and invite people to visit the new church. On the Sunday of the launch, they had 37 visitors; 12 of those joined. Bro. Marvin not only serves as pastor of Holy Calling, but he also serves as Staff Church Planter at New Church. New Church arranged for Power Plant Teams from Topeka, KS and Middleton, TN to come this summer to provide much-needed assistance getting the word out about the new church.

There are lots of plans and goals for the future of Holy Calling Ministries. In September, the church will become a site for Christian Women's Job Corps. Jennifer York, Director of Education at New Church, will serve as site director. Church members

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**Faith Family Festival**  
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Family Fun for Everyone!  
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Be Inspired by Clay's Skill & Testimony

**Nationally Known Guest Speakers**  
**HANK HOUGH AND HIS KINGDOM DOGS**  
**CLAY DYER PROFESSIONAL BASS FISHERMAN**

**Friday, August 7**  
**Bar-B-Q and Catfish Dinner**  
Tickets \$8 - Children 8 and under **FREE**  
Doors Open at 3:30 pm - Dinner 5:00 - 6:30 pm  
See the Church Office for More Information



### 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

### Mid-South Baptist Association SENIOR ADULT RALLY

Tuesday, August 18  
10:30 a.m.  
Ridgeway Baptist Church  
Cost: \$7 per person

- Music by Curt Davis
- Door Prizes • Delicious Lunch
- Meet MSBA Church Leader Development Strategist Mitch Martin

Group reservations are required by August 6, and can be made with Sue at 901-757-7855, or Jewel at 901-759-0152. Make checks payable to Ridgeway Baptist Church.

(Con't. from front cover)

are also being trained to teach AWANAs so classes can begin in the near future. Presently, about 35 children from the area are being bussed to New Church each week to participate in AWANAs. New Church presently offers Celebrate Recovery and hopes to expand it to the Holy Calling campus in 2010. They will begin offering an after school tutoring program called "Next Generation" when school starts back and plan to offer GED classes by the end of the year. Long-term goals include a multi-purpose trade and counseling service where small vendors from the community can offer their services to the community, and they hope to plant another church within three years.

Holy Calling offers Sunday School, Morning Worship, Wednesday Night Bible Study and a Friday Night Youth Service. Bro. Marvin asks for prayers for the leadership of the ministry and that God would provide a Hispanic pastor. Bro. Rick is excited that the vision is coming together and that the model is working. Both pastors are grateful to MSBAC and thankful to God for bringing them together to reach people for Jesus.

### Important Dates for August

- 1 African American S.S. Training Monument of Love B.C. - 9:00 a.m.
- 3 Pastors' Conference Bellevue B.C. - 11:30 a.m. (M.O. Eckel, Pastor, Faith Heritage, speaker)
- 7 Baptist Hospital Auxiliary Women's Hospital - 10:30 a.m.
- 8 WMU Mission Leader Training Eudora Baptist Church 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 10 Pastors' Conference Bellevue B.C. 11:30 a.m. (Dr. Gray Allison, speaker)
- 16 Baptist and Reflector Day
- 17 Adm. Leadership Council Bellevue B.C. - 10:00 a.m.
- 17 Pastors' Conference Bellevue B.C. - 11:30 a.m. (Greg Spears, MSBA, speaker)
- 18 Senior Adult Rally Ridgeway B.C. - 10:30 a.m.
- 18 Secretaries' Luncheon and Conf. Crosspointe B.C. - 12:30 p.m.
- 24 Pastors' Conference Bellevue B.C. - 11:30 a.m. (Ted Rendell, Olford Ministries, speaker)
- 24 Sunday School University Crosspointe B.C. One Faith Fellowship 6:30 - 8:45 p.m.
- 25 Sunday School University Kirby Woods B.C./Union Ave. B.C. 6:30 - 8:45 p.m.
- 27 Small Groups Conference Cherokee B.C. - 6:30 p.m.
- 29 Deacon Training Conference Bartlett Hills B.C. - 8:00 a.m. - noon
- 31 MSBA Executive Board Meeting Bellevue B.C. - 11:15 a.m.

### In Sympathy

Thurman B. Prewett of Memphis, 86, a retired MSBA (formerly Shelby Baptist Association) employee, died April 30. He returned to Memphis after World War II, attended Carson-Newman College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, from which he earned a doctorate. Prewett served as a minister at churches in Texas and Tennessee including minister of education at Frayser Baptist Church. Then Prewett was named director of education and promotion, Shelby Baptist Association in 1959 where he served for 30 years. He was named a distinguished leader of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association in 1990. Prewett was a member of Bellevue Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Catherine Jones Prewett; two children; and two grandchildren.

### WMU™ HAPPENINGS

#### Called to Love Your Neighbor (Matthew 22:29)

##### Mission Leader Training

*Equipping mission leaders in area churches to show others how to "love their neighbor."*

Saturday, August 8 • 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Eudora Baptist Church • 4684 Poplar

##### Emphasis:

Ministry Involvement Fair  
How to Minister to a Missionary Church to Church: Partnering with other churches to live out the Great Commission  
Girls/Children in Action  
Women on Mission  
WMU Leaders  
Preschoolers  
Families on Mission

A nursery will be provided. Contact Sherry Hall (901-299-0599) or Julie Binford (901-373-6161) for more information, or visit the website [www.msba.org/wmu](http://www.msba.org/wmu).



### Royal Ambassador University

August 14-15, 2009  
Linden Valley Conference Center  
Linden, TN

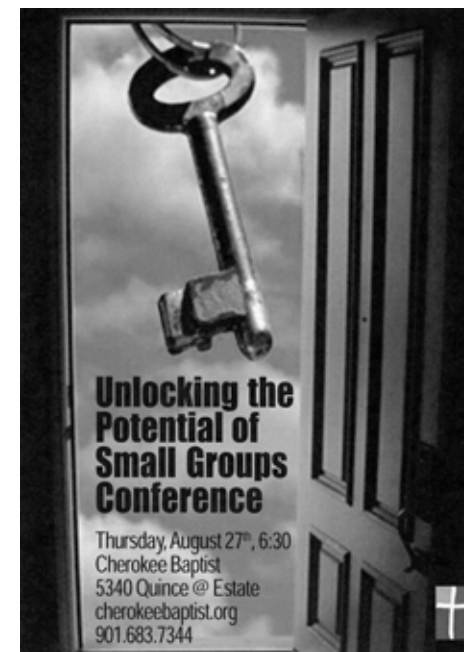
Cost: \$45 (includes overnight accommodations and three meals)

Dinner begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday, followed by the first session at 7:30 p.m. Training concludes at 4:00 p.m. Saturday.

Contact Ken Cole at 901-604-6055, or visit [www.midsouthras.org](http://www.midsouthras.org) for additional information.

Contact Bob Smith at 901-606-9624 or Herschel Wells at 901-568-0466 to register.

*Prepare your RA leadership for the new church year and for a positive mission education experience for their boys.*



### Orchestra Concert with guest conductor Camp Kirkland

Sunday, August 30  
6:00 p.m.  
FBC, Millington  
5010 W. Union  
Millington, TN



Xtreme Bible Challenge for 2009-2010 is an intensive Bible Study of II Timothy designed for students in grades 10-12. Students who participate in the Bible Study will have a wealth of knowledge about this book, the background surrounding the writings, and the authorship and life of Paul. The study will be available at the end of August.

Youth who complete the Bible Study will have the option of forming a team to represent their church in a "Jeopardy-style" competition which will be held on regional and state levels in the spring of 2010. Teams consist of at least three members with one optional team alternate. Churches that intend to compete in the spring should complete the Bible Study during September through December, 2009.

For additional information regarding Xtreme Bible Challenge, please contact Mike and Nancy Nesbit, Associational and Regional Directors for Youth Bible Drill, Speakers' Tournament and Xtreme Bible Challenge, at 901-388-0022; Bruce Edwards, Youth Ministry Specialist for the TN Baptist Convention, at 800-558-2090, ext. 2094; or visit the Tennessee Baptist Convention website at [www.tnbaptist.org](http://www.tnbaptist.org) under the "Youth" category.



### 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

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