



"What would happen if we saw students in greater numbers going on short-term mission projects that launch permanent missional ministries and new churches in the cities of North America? What would happen if we saw more students saying I want to be a missionary to reach

North America for Christ? Could that be the catalyst for a wave of mission involvement where all people groups might come to know Christ within this generation, within our continent, with God receiving the glory?" Well, such a mission effort has occurred in the city of Memphis the past three years where students from all over the United States have spent a week of their summer vacation sharing the Gospel of Christ in our city.

This summer there were 120 students and adults from six states in Memphis as part of PowerPlant, a ministry of the North American Mission Board (NAMB), designed to engage middle-school through college students, along with their adult leaders, with practical training in church planting and evangelism. The students learned church planting principles and evangelism skills each morning, then had a chance to put what they learned into practice through various mission projects throughout our city in the afternoon. They went out into the real world with church planters to share Christ through ministry activities like sports evangelism, block parties, tract distribution, door-to-door evangelism, VBS, Backyard Bible Clubs, servant evangelism, prayer walking and whatever else the host church needed. The students slept in classrooms and ate their meals at Colonial Baptist Church and showered in trailers.

The theme for PowerPlant 2011 was "Unless." The students and adults were challenged each morning with a high energy look at the cause and effect of going on mission with God in church planting sessions led by Jordan Thomas, a church planter and pastor-teacher at Grace Church in downtown Memphis. And in the evening they were further challenged in a time of worship, "Gathering," where Jeremy Webb shared that the "Unless" is when what happens at PowerPlant becomes a life-changing encounter with God, when God's ability meets our responsibility. During the week the students and adults began to see there are lots of lost people who need Christ and that the church is not about the buildings, but all about people. In this week of Power Plant we saw students who made professions of faith as well as several students sensing God's leading to church planting and full-time Christian service and ministry/missions. One such student was Mario Perez, of Marietta First Baptist Church, Marietta, OK and in his words he shares about his PowerPlant experience:

"Coming into PowerPlant, I thought it would be nothing but a review. I was going to Memphis because my youth pastor, aka, my white Dad, paid for it. I was thinking a free trip with my friends would be fun. PowerPlant was so much fun, with the portable shower, helping out churches and chilling with friends.

I thought I was alright with my walk with God, but hearing Jordan (Thomas) speak made me realize that I was walking by myself. After my youth pastor invited Eric (Watkins) to preach to us, I knew I had to get my relationship with God right. I was saved, and this time it felt real. The first time around, I did it because everyone else was doing it. This time was because I wanted to give my life over to God.

PowerPlant is way better than church camp, because you are not in that bubble, but out in the real world...listening, speaking to, and seeing the power of the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of others. So when you leave, you won't feel lost; the best feeling in the world is spreading the Gospel, and that's what you get at PowerPlant."

(Eric Watkins served as onsite coordinator for PowerPlant Memphis 2011 that was conducted the week of June 13-18. Michael Day served as pre-event planner.)



Opportunities Within Our Churches

Pastor

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

Worship Leader

Berclair Baptist Church (P/T)
Send resume to: Personnel Committee, 4584 Summer Ave., Memphis, TN 38122.

Minister of Music

Providence Baptist Church (P/T)
Send resume to: Music Committee, 4351 Germantown Rd., Arlington, TN 38002 or e-mail: spetty7880@aol.com.

Children's Minister

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

Preschool/Children's Minister

Ellendale Baptist Church
Mail resume to Tommy Webster, 3861 Broadway Rd., Bartlett, TN 38135 or e-mail twebster@ebcbartlett.org.

Minister of Youth

Piperton Baptist Church
Send resume to: Search Committee, 205 Old State Line Dr., Collierville, TN 38017, or e-mail to pipbap@bellsouth.net
Richland Baptist Church (P/T)
Contact the church office at 170 N. Oak Grove Rd., 38120 or 901-683-2451.

Covenant Baptist Church (youth/recreation)
Mail resume to Personnel Committee, P.O. Box 1165, Collierville, TN 38027.

Pianist

Cordova Baptist Church (P/T)
Call 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 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 Josh Carter and Mullins Station Baptist Church by Stuart McCollough

The first time you talk with Pastor Josh Carter, you realize that he's not from around here. He doesn't have the southern accent, but he does have the "Aw shucks," laid-back persona of a man who can't believe that God has given him the privilege to be used by Him to do something he loves and feels so passionate about. Born outside Columbus, OH, Josh grew up in Cincinnati, OH, upstate New York and Greenville, SC. After attending seminary and ministering in New Orleans, LA for over four years, God brought Josh and his family to serve at Mullins Station Baptist Church. Josh began his duties as Senior Pastor June 27 and preached his first sermon there on Sunday, July 3.

Bro. Josh was saved in a Bible study during his eighth-grade year. One night after reading Isaiah 6 with the group, he came home and accepted Christ as his Savior. When he was in 10th grade, his home church split, and his youth group went from about 30 members down to 10. Because of his experience in concert choir at school, Josh found himself helping lead worship for this new group with one of his best friends named Mandy who would eventually become his wife. The small group got together everyday for an hour before school to get into the Word of God and share what God was showing them through the scripture. God blessed the group tremendously and by youth camp that summer, it had grown to over 80 young people. Josh felt God's call on his life into full-time ministry the following summer following his junior year in high school.

Bro. Josh received his B.A. in Religious studies and European History from Charleston Baptist University, in Charleston, SC. He and Mandy married during their senior year of college and felt God's call to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Josh received his M.Div. with a specialization in Church Growth and Revitalization while in New Orleans. Arriving in New Orleans soon after Hurricane Katrina hit, Josh and Mandy had many opportunities to serve and minister to those affected by the hurricane. Josh felt it was God's perfect timing to have them there during that time and learned a great deal about ministering to hurting people.

God allowed Bro. Josh to serve in several different ministries during college and seminary from Youth Pastor to Young Adult Outreach Minister. He most recently served as Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church St. Rose in St. Rose, LA. When he arrived, there were 12 senior adults meeting. Currently, the church is averaging over 100 members in worship. The ethnically-blended church became very community minded and ministered to those in great need following the hurricane and rebuilding process.

Earlier this year, God began stirring Josh and Mandy's hearts about a change in ministry, and Josh sent a resume to Mullins Station after having met the chairperson of their pastor search committee at a conference in New Orleans. They believe that God has prepared the church's heart for them and their heart for the church. Bro. Josh is excited about the growing young families ministry at Mullins Station and is looking forward to God raising up leaders within the congregation for the future. He has a heart desire to disciple people and believes that this is the way a church grows and reaches the community. He says, "When we teach people how to stop just being Christians and become followers of Christ — get into the Word, have authentic worship — it creates a lifestyle of discipleship making that becomes contagious."

Bro. Josh, Mandy and their 14-month-old son Kai have settled in and purchased a home in the Bartlett community. Mandy, a licensed clinical counselor is looking for a position in the area. In his little spare time, Bro. Josh enjoys almost any sport (golf, football, basketball). He ran his first marathon in Columbus, OH in 2007 and would like to start training for one of the Memphis marathons soon.



Pastor Josh Carter, his wife Mandy and son Kai began their ministry at Mullins Station Baptist Church June 27.

Important Dates for August

- 1 Pastor's Conference
Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m.
Stephen Brannon, speaker
- 2 Leadership Development Team Mtg.
MSBA Office - 1:30 p.m.
- 5 Baptist Hospital Auxillary
Women's Hospital - 10:30 a.m.
- 8 Pastor's Conference
Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m.
John Harrison, speaker
- 12-13 RA University
Carson Springs Conference Center
Administrative Leadership Council
Bellevue Baptist Church, Fireside B
10:00 a.m.
- 15 MSBA Executive Board Meeting
Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m.
- 16 Senior Adult Rally
Ridgeway Baptist Church - 10:30 a.m.
- 20 TRANSFORM (SS Leadership Training)
Kirby Woods Baptist Church
8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- 22 Pastor's Conference
Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m.
Ashley Ray, speaker
- 23 Youth Ministers' Lunch - noon
- 29 Pastor's Conference
Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m.
Bobby Owensby, speaker

RA University

Whether you are new or experienced, small or large church Royal Ambassador leadership, RA University is for you! Training will be held on August 12-13, at Carson Springs Conference Center in Newport, TN. Cost is \$75 and includes overnight reservations, three meals, participant notebook and CDs/DVDs. A flyer can be downloaded at www.tnbaptist.org/pdf/2011-rauniv.pdf. Call Ken Cole at 901-604-6055 or Herschel Wells at 901-568-0466 for more information.

Crossroads Baptist Church to Hold Revival

Crossroads Baptist Church, 6601 Austin Peay Hwy., in Arlington, will hold revival services Sunday August 7-Wednesday, August 10. Sunday services will be at 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Weeknight services will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Evangelist and Bible Teacher Richard Green will be the speaker. Born and educated in Johannesburg, South Africa, Rev. Green has conducted evangelistic crusades in 60 countries around the world. The public is invited to join Crossroads nightly as Rev. Green shares from God's Word.

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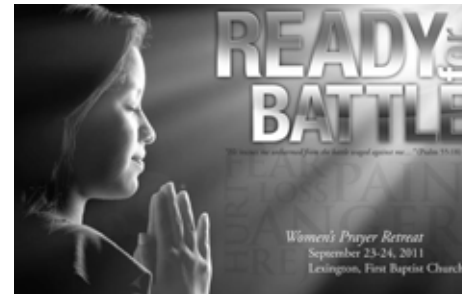
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Women's Prayer Retreat

September 23-24, 2011
Lexington, First Baptist Church

Speaker:

Tina Hutchison, Smyrna

Worship Leader:

Cindy Ellis, Murfreesboro

Registration is \$25 postmarked on or before September 3. After September 3, the registration fee is \$35. Fee is transferable, but non-refundable and does not include lodging or meals.

For more information or to register, go to www.tnwmu.org.



ESL Workshops

English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher Training will be held Friday, August 12, from 6:00-9:00 p.m., Saturday, August 13, from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and on Sunday, August 14, from 1:00-4:00 p.m., at Kirby Woods Baptist Church. This is a 14-hour workshop, and a NAMB ESL Certificate will be awarded. Cost is \$25 to cover manual and materials. Call Minne Garrett at 901-853-2491 or 901-283-6609 for more information or to register.

An ESL Workshop will be held for current or future teachers on Saturdays, August 13 and 20, at Bellevue Baptist Church. Cost is \$35 including materials and lunch. Attendance both Saturdays is required for certification. Register by August 8 by calling 901-347-5730.

Need a Break from the Heat?

Register for the Bivocational Pastors and Wives Retreat in Pigeon Forge

All MSBA bivocational pastors and wives are invited to the Tennessee Baptist Convention Bivocational Ministers and Wives Retreat in Pigeon Forge, February 2-4, 2012. Contact Mitch Martin at 901-373-6161 for more information.

Relax...Take a Lunch Break!

The Mid-South Baptist Secretaries Association Quarterly Meeting will be Thursday, August 4, at noon, at Leewood East Baptist Church, at 1620 Houston Levee Rd. in Cordova. The cost of the meal is \$5. Please R.S.V.P. by calling Janice at 901-507-0680 to make your reservation before Monday, August 1.

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