

## Bellevue Baptist Church to Host Church Security Conference

Thursday, October 16, 2008 • 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

### Purpose:

To provide church security related information including cost-effective ways to enhance the physical security of your church and guidance to surviving an active shooter incident.

### Who should attend:

Security directors, ministerial staff and key lay leaders

### For more information:

Contact Jerry McConnell, Outreach Minister, Center for Personal Protection and Safety at 509-252-8533 ([www.safe-travels.com](http://www.safe-travels.com)) or Ralph Anderson at 901-347-5231.



## Senior Adult Rally

The Senior Adult Rally will be held on Tuesday, August 19, at 10:30 a.m. at the Mid-South Baptist Conference Center. Gordon Pfund will provide the program. The cost is \$7 per person. Call Leawood Baptist Church at 901-324-7169 by August 13 to make reservations.

## SECULAR AND SACRED CONCERT

**Don Bennett, Tenor**  
**Tommy Gaines, Piano**  
**Richard Wright, Organ**

Sunday, August 10, 2008  
6:00 p.m.

Union Ave. Baptist Church  
2181 Union Ave. • Memphis

Admission is free. A homemade ice cream fellowship will follow.

## A Unique Opportunity for the Churches of the Mid-South

Bellevue Baptist Church, 2000 Appling Road, Cordova, is inviting churches of the MSBA to participate in a Bible-based prayer seminar to be held Monday, August 25 through Wednesday, August 27 at Bellevue. Conference sessions will be daily from 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.. The \$5.00 per person registration fee includes all seminar materials, and lunch will be provided each day at no additional charge. Don Miller, the highly-respected and effective teacher of God's Word as it is related to prayer, will lead the three-day event.

Over the past 32 years, Don and Libby Miller have traveled more than 2 million miles, leading 50 to 60 prayer seminars each year. "I always focus on Jesus' example," Don says. "Jesus said men ought always to pray. We complicate prayer, but it should be natural." In his seminars, Don teaches that praying the Word of God is always in the will of God. "Talking to God is the most powerful thing we can do on this Earth. It's a matter of companionship and communication," he says. "The Master made it so simple."

AUGUST 25-27, 2008  
8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. daily

Call 901-327-5750 or 901-347-5800  
for additional 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  
Highland Heights Baptist Church  
Mail resume to 675 National St., Memphis, 38122  
Union Avenue Baptist Church  
Contact Mike Elkins, 183 Marrakesh Circle,  
Memphis, TN 38103 or e-mail  
[melkins@trojungbrannen.com](mailto:melkins@trojungbrannen.com)  
Wells Station Baptist Church  
Contact the church office at 901-682-2295,  
or e-mail [djar3435@aol.com](mailto:djar3435@aol.com).

### Minister of Education

Covenant Baptist Church (F/T)  
Mail resume to Dr. Sam Brassell, P.O. Box 1165,  
Collierville, TN 38027 or e-mail  
[office@covenantontheweb.org](mailto:office@covenantontheweb.org).

### Minister to Children/Youth

Eudora Baptist Church (P/T)  
Contact the church office at 901-888-7800.

### Minister to Young Adults

Eudora Baptist Church (P/T)  
Contact the church office at 901-888-7800.

### Secretary/Financial Secretary

Baptist Church in Bartlett Area (F/T)  
Must have accounting experience.  
Send resume to Personnel Chairman, P.O. Box  
487, Ellendale, TN 38029.

### Music Minister

Berclair Baptist Church (P/T) God Called  
Send resume to 4584 Summer Ave., Memphis,  
TN 383122, Attn: Personnel Committee.  
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.  
Magnolia Baptist Church (Sunday morning only)  
Contact Pastor Vaughn Denton at 662-890-0680.

### Pre-K Lead Teacher

Bartlett Baptist Church  
Contact Pam Crawford at 901-373-8919 or  
[bbps@bartlett baptist.org](mailto:bbps@bartlett baptist.org).

### 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.*

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# The Mid-South Baptist

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## Mid-South Ministry Profile

Dr. Mitch Martin, MSBA Church Leadership Development Strategist by Stuart McCollough

Dr. Mitch Martin comes to the position of Church Leadership Development Strategist for the Mid-South Baptist Association with deep roots in associational ministry and service to churches. Dr. Martin began his service to our association in July and has already hit the ground running. In this month's Ministry Profile, we want to give you a chance to get to know Mitch and hear his heart for the churches in our association.

Although born in Oklahoma, Mitch grew up in Oregon. He was saved at the age of 10 and felt the call to the ministry at the age of 12 at Grant Ave. Baptist Church in Corvallis, OR. He graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University in 1980 with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. His Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees would follow from Golden Gate Theological Seminary in 1983 and 1994 respectively. Mitch served for nearly 20 years in churches in California, Washington, Oregon and Utah as a Summer Missionary, Associate Pastor, Business Minister and Pastor.

In 1997, Mitch began serving as Director of Missions for the Golden Spike Association in Layton, UT. The following year, he was appointed and commissioned as a missionary by the North American Mission Board and then began serving as the Missions and Leadership Development Consultant for the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist State Convention in Draper, UT. Mitch's responsibilities included partnering with churches and associations to develop and implement mission projects, directing church planting and growth strategies and leadership development programs.

Mitch and his family moved to Nashville, TN in 2002, and he began work for LifeWay Christian Resources as Editor-in-Chief for *Leader Life*, *Growing Churches*, *Church Administration* and *Secretary FYI* magazines. In 2003, he became the Pastoral Ministries Specialist for LifeWay where he developed and implemented strategies for training and supporting church pastors in professional skills such as leadership, conflict resolution, preaching, teamwork and church growth. During his time of service at LifeWay, Mitch also served as Pastor of Westwood Baptist Church and Transitional Pastor at Whitsitt Chapel Baptist Church.

Mitch is excited about what God is presently doing and looking forward to what God's going to do in the Mid-South Baptist Association. He hopes to see both ministerial staffs and lay people in our churches trained and equipped for every type of ministry. One of his favorite verses and one that points to the vision that he has for the churches in our association is Colossians 1:28 where the Apostle Paul writes, "We proclaim Him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ." He desires to help everyone grow and become more Christ-like so that we can all be about the kingdom work that we are called to do.



Dr. Mitch Martin is the newest addition to the staff of the Mid-South Baptist Association.

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## 134th Tennessee Baptist Convention Annual Meeting

FBC, Hendersonville, TN • November 11-12, 2008

Tennessee Baptist Convention Annual Meeting information (including housing information) is available at [www.tnbaptist.org](http://www.tnbaptist.org). Click "About Us" on the left-hand side of the home page, then click on "Annual Meeting," and "Download Housing Brochure" or a link is provided from the Mid-South Baptist Association website at [msbac.org](http://msbac.org).





**What is it?**

The Royal Ambassador (RA) Camp-O-Ree is a competitive campcraft and mission-oriented event for boys between the grades of one to twelve.

**Where is it?**

Camp-O-Ree will be held for the first time at Linden Valley Camp – five miles south of Linden, TN on the Buffalo River.

**Why attend?**

The real reward will be in association with others celebrating what Christ can and will do through His people. Community is important! A missionary once said, "sharing with others what God is about made me what I am today."

Visit [www.racamporee.org](http://www.racamporee.org) for details and registration.



**Strengthen the Power of Your Ministry**

Union University  
Shelby County  
Christian Studies  
Courses  
Fall 2008

Enroll now for the fall semester courses at Union University's beautiful Stephen Olford Center. There are now two educational options available for those desiring to gain biblical insight coupled with ministry skills. All classes are taught at night. The fall semester begins right after Labor Day. Call now for class schedules.

**Graduate Courses for Master of Christian Studies**

Bible Study Preaching and Teaching (Tues.)  
Christian Leadership (Tues.)  
Communicating Biblical Truth (Thurs.)  
Introduction to Christian Ethics (Thurs.)

**Undergraduate Courses for Associate of Divinity**

Studies in the Tentateuch (Thurs.)  
The Life of Christ (Thurs.)  
Essentials of Expository Preaching and Teaching (Mon.)

**CORRECTION**

The Mid-South Ministry Profile in the June issue of *The Baptist* erroneously identified the pastor of Leawood Baptist Church as Marc Boyd. **The pastor's name is Marc Byrd.** We apologize to Rev. Byrd and members of Leawood Baptist Church.

**Tell THE Nations**

Isaiah 12:4

**ESLebration  
English As A Second Language**

September 25-27, 2008  
Tennessee Baptist Convention  
Brentwood, TN

ESLebration will include training times for worship, testimonies, sharing of resources, updates on ESL Ministries, breakout sessions, panel discussions, fellowship and a 14-hour workshop. Two tracks will be available: track one is for those who have some experience in ESL ministry; and track two is for those who have little or no experience, but wish to get some initial training in how to lead such a ministry in the local church. The cost is \$65 if registered before September 19 and \$75 after September 19. Register online at [www.tnbaptist.org](http://www.tnbaptist.org). For more information, contact Tim Hill at 800-558-2090, ext. 2032 or e-mail [thill@tnbaptist.org](mailto:thill@tnbaptist.org).

**Ministry Spotlight**

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Mitch and his wife Myra have been married for 28 years and have two children. Their son Dustin is 23 and lives in Louisville, KY., and their daughter Kristin is 21 and lives in Chicago where she attends Moody Bible Institute. The Martins are still transitioning to Memphis but are starting to get settled in and are excited about the new ministry where God has placed them. While Mitch admits he doesn't have all the answers, he knows that God does and he wants to be a servant to pastors and churches and work with them so that we can see a mighty movement of God in our association. Welcome Dr. Mitch Martin to MSBA.

**Upcoming Important Dates**

**August**

- 4 MSBA Staff Meeting – 8:30 a.m.
- 4 Pastors' Conference (James Nobel, speaker)  
Ministers of Music Fellowship  
Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m.
- 7 MSBA Secretary's Fellowship  
Crosspointe B.C. – 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Baptist Hospital Auxiliary  
Baptist Women's Hospital – 10:30 a.m.
- 8 *Mid-South Baptist* articles due
- 11 Pastors' Conference (Bill Street, speaker)  
Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m.
- 12 Administrative Leadership Council  
Bellevue B.C. – 7:30 a.m.
- 18 Pastors' Conference  
Olford Center – 11:30 a.m.
- 19 Senior Adult Rally  
MSBCC – 10:30 a.m.
- 20-22 Professional Certification for  
Ministry Assistants – Brentwood
- 23 West TN WMU Leadership Training
- 25 Pastors' Conference (Bill Watters, speaker)  
Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m.

**Missionaries Needed**

**Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes**

The Bartlett Campus at 6896 Highway 70 and the Double "B" Boys' Ranch in Millington are taking applications for Houseparents, a married couple whose primary work assignment is to maintain the day-to-day ministry of a campus home and its residents. Please contact Troy Styers, Ranch Program Director at 901-872-0839 or Darren Andrus, Bartlett Program Director at 901-386-3961.

**English as a Second Language  
(ESL) Workshop**

August 16 and 23  
Bellevue Baptist Church  
Call Dee Weddle at 901-347-5442 for more information or to register.

**Mid-South Baptist Associational  
Secretaries Banquet**

*An Evening with Speaker Tony Rankin*  
August 7, 2008 • 6:30 p.m.  
Crosspointe Baptist Church  
8850 U.S. Hwy. 51, N. • Millington  
Cost: \$8 per person  
Call Melba Deese at 901-872-4413 for reservations.



**Church Missions Leader Training and Missions Fair**

Saturday, August 23, 2008 • 9:30-12:30 p.m.  
Crossroads Baptist Church  
6601 Austin Peay Hwy., Arlington  
Sponsored by Mid-South WMU and Big Hatchie Association WMU

- Age-level conferences with a mission leader forum and fellowship
- Come and connect with leaders who are doing, praying and learning about missions throughout the Mid-South area.

**Sippin' With the Sisters**

*Women Empowered by Women of the Bible*  
September 8, 2008 • 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Union Ave. Baptist Church

Leah and Rachel and Mary and Martha will **teach** you. Fellowship with mission-minded ladies from diverse backgrounds will **reward** you. Refreshments will **sweeten** your spirit. There is no cost, but an offering will be taken to support mission work in Memphis. **All** mission-minded women are invited to this fourth-annual Sisters Who Care event. Contact Jeanette West at 901-362-7642 or Martha Pitts at 901-270-3994 for more information.

**Children's Mission Celebration**

Memphis Queen Boat Ride  
Saturday, September 27, 2008  
Contact Titus Mason at 901-377-6866 for more information.

**Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer Brunch**

Saturday, October 25, 2008 • 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
Baptist Children's Home Activities Building  
6896 U.S. Highway 70  
Contact LouAnn Bennett at 901-725-0634 for more information.

Contact Julie Binford at 901-373-6161 if you have any questions about upcoming events.

**Pastors' Conference at Olford Center/  
Union University on August 18**

The Olford Center/Union University has invited the Pastors' Conference to be their guests on Monday, August 18. They are located at 4000 Riverdale Rd., Memphis. Please make note of this one-time change in location.



Ronnie Tullos  
Evangelistic  
Association  
Golf Tournament

September 5, 2008

The Ronnie Tullos Evangelistic Association is sponsoring the Sean Tullos Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit the New Promise Land Camp. The tournament will be held Friday, September 5, at Wedgewood Golf Club in Olive Branch, MS. The cost is \$100 per player, which includes golf, dinner and door prizes. Registration deadline is August 27. Contact Susan Tullos at 901-358-6778 or [info@rtea.net](mailto:info@rtea.net) for more information.



**Mid-South  
Youth Conference**

August 8-9, 2008

Hosted and sponsored by:  
Kirby Woods Baptist Church  
6325 Poplar Ave.  
Memphis

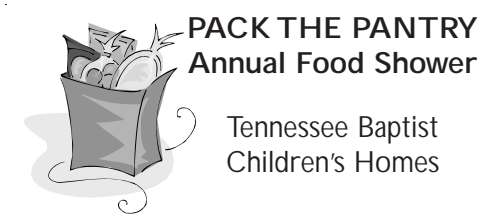
Cost: \$30  
(checks payable to KWBC)

**Speakers:**

Josh Malone  
Ed Newton  
Sammy Nuckolls

**Worship music by:**  
Philadelphia

For additional information or a registration form, go to [www.kwbc.org](http://www.kwbc.org) or call the church office at 901-682-2220.



**By Sunday, August 31**

Pick up your special grocery bag(s) and wish list at church.

**By Sunday, September 28**

Bring your filled bag(s) back to church to be delivered to the Children's Home.

**Anytime between September 22 and October 6**

Deliver your church's filled bags to the TBCH campus.

**Monday, October 6**

Food sorting at the Memphis Campus from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Packets have been mailed to the churches. If your church did not receive one, or if you have questions, call 901-386-3961.

**10 Ways To Be On Mission This Summer**

1. Cover your community in prayer. As the days get longer, begin or end each day by prayer walking through your neighborhood or other areas of your city. Pray specifically for non-believers on your street and for opportunities to tell them about Jesus.
2. Be prepared to give a clear explanation so a person will know how to invite Christ into his life.
3. Grab some popcorn, warm up the DVD player, and invite your neighbors to watch a Christ-centered movie.
4. Start a book club. Choose books that encourage spiritual discussion.
5. Turn your vacation into an on mission project. Partner with a resort missionary to reach vacationers with the gospel. Visit [www.thebridge.net](http://www.thebridge.net).
6. Watch for moving vans in your neighborhood. A new neighbor may respond positively to an invitation to church.
7. Host a Backyard Bible Club in your neighborhood. Such clubs can build bridges to entire families.
8. Participate in the WMU's annual Christmas in August missions project. Visit [www.wmu.com](http://www.wmu.com) for information.
9. Volunteer at your church to conduct an event that is intentionally evangelistic.
10. Choose three nonbelievers to call and ask, "How can I pray for you?" (OnMission, Summer 2008)