

Baptist Women's Hospital Seminars

Emergency Safety for Infants and Children

Tuesday, August 7 • 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Rosalee Thompson, R.N., Mgr., Staff Development
Baptist Women's Hospital

Managing Parental Stress

Tuesday, August 21 • 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
Kristi Davis, R.N., Certified Childbirth Educator
Cathy Ayres, R.N., Certified Childbirth Educator
Baptist Women's Hospital

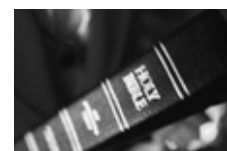
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Wednesday, August 22 • 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Laura Bishop, M.D., Obstetrician/Gynecologist
Ruch Clinic

Keeping Kids Safe in a Not So Safe World

Friday, August 31 • 1:00 -2:00 p.m.
Cathy Ayres, R.N., Certified Childbirth Educator
Kristi Davis, R.N., Certified Childbirth Educator
Baptist Women's Hospital

Please call 901-227-8478 or 800-4-BAPTIST
for reservations between 9:00 a.m.
and 6:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.
Visit www.baptistonline.org



Bible Conference August 9-11, 2007

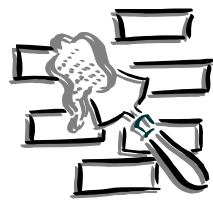
Magnolia Baptist Church is hosting a Bible Conference on Thursday-Saturday evenings, August 9-11, 2007, at 7 p.m. each evening. The four sponsoring churches are: Greenbrook Baptist, Grace Thru Faith, Carriage Hills and Magnolia.

The conference is dealing with the Cardinal doctrines of faith; (1) The Authority of Scripture; (2) The Doctrine of the Church; (3) The Holy Spirit; (4) The Atonement of Christ; (5) Christ's Second Coming; and (6) The Doctrine of Salvation. There will be two messages each evening, 30 minutes each.

"It is my deep conviction that we must teach and preach these tried and proven doctrines with a burning heart, a heart set on fire with compassion; preach these old truths with a deep love that those who listen will have the greatest reward."

— Vaughn Denton, pastor

Magnolia Baptist Church is located at 8494 Pleasant Hill Rd., Olive Branch, MS. Call Randy Mooney at 662-342-0800 or Rev. Vaughn Denton at 901-413-0737 for more information.



Men's Discipleship Conference

Learn the foundation for building world-visionary, world-impacting, reproducing disciples – the methods used by Jesus Christ.

DATE: Friday, September 7
6:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 8
8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Kirby Woods Baptist Church
6325 Poplar Ave.
Memphis, TN 38119

COST: \$20 per person (includes lunch on Sat.)

SPEAKERS: Herb Hodges Dan Baugh
Mike Woods Ricky Pearson
Jim Douglas Soup Campbell

MUSIC: Fred Kelly

REGISTER: Contact Sharon Waits at 901-682-2220.



Mid-South Baptist Conference Center

A retreat: a place to rest; to get away; to break away from the everyday routines in order to pray, play, rest, worship, regroup, refocus, train, plan etc.

Campground: a place of beauty; restful; plenty of elbow room; a place to fish, boat, swim, walk, play softball, basketball, volleyball, soccer; a place to just relax.

MSBCC is the place for all this and more (thirty cabins; one large lodge with dorms and meeting room; two medium meeting rooms; auditorium/activities building for 400+; dining hall for 350+). We can provide for large and small groups. Call us! Let us set up your next camping, retreat, picnic or banquet date.

Here's a thought for your retreat devotion time: "How big is your God?" Know this: (1) God is bigger than our fears (Isa. 41:10); (2) God is better than our faith (Matt. 17:20); It's not the size of our faith but the size of our Lord; (3) God is richer than our debts (Phil. 4:10); (4) God is stronger than our enemies (Ps. 18:3). Bottom line: God is big enough! God can solve all of our problems, meet all our needs, defeat all of our enemies and calm all our fears. Have you trusted God with your life?

Serving Him and serving you,

Bro. Dale Gravatt, Manager of Operations
Deut. 23:14

Opportunities Within Our Churches

Pastor

Big Creek Baptist Church (Bi-vocational)
Mail resume to Sid Fulghum, P.O. Box 126
Millington, TN 38083-0126

Elliston Baptist Church
Mail resume to Hugh Garner, 4179 Elliston Rd.,
Memphis, TN 38111

Hartland Baptist Church
Contact James Shivers at 901-388-2040, or mail
resume to 1820 Hartland, Memphis, TN 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.

Secretary/Financial Secretary

Georgian Hills Baptist Church (P/T)
Contact Rev. Tim Vassar at 901-357-5333.

Weekday Preschool Teacher

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

Kids' Day Out Teacher (3 days a week)

Bartlett Baptist Church
Contact Martha Shaeffer at 901-387-0827

Youth Pastor

Broadmoor Baptist Church
Contact Rev. Bo Grace
P.O. Box 280649, Memphis, TN 38168
Range Hills Baptist Church (P/T)
2741 Frayser Blvd., Memphis, TN 38127
Richland Baptist Church (P/T)
Contact Dr. Jerry Paul or Laurie at 901-683-2451
or e-mail at richlandbaptist@comcast.net

Music Minister

Forest Hill Baptist Church (P/T)
Contact Rev. Tommy Snyder at 901-754-7455 or
e-mail at tommysnyder@foresthillbc.com.

Gateway Baptist Church, Atoka, TN (P/T)
Contact Rev. Billy Skinner at 901-837-8087 or
901-840-4309.

Grace Baptist Church (Music/Youth)
Contact Rev. Bill Harrauld, 901-872-4294 or
901-849-0252.

Hope Baptist Church (Worship Leader)
Contact Rev. Burr Lovett at 662-890-4673 or
901-526-4573 or e-mail at hope@hopeinhim.org.

Oaklawn Baptist Church (P/T)
Personnel Committee
5714 Benjestown Rd., Memphis, TN 38127

Keyboardist

Balmoral Baptist Church (Sundays and Wednesday night)
Send resume to church at 3676 Kirby Rd.,
Memphis, TN 38119, or call 901-754-2300.



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A Word from the Executive Director of Missions

Dr. Michael Day

Called Meeting of MSBA Executive Board

Mid-South Baptist Association Moderator Don Marston and the MSBA Officers have called for a *Special Session* of the MSBA Executive Board on August 14, 2007 in Fellowship Hall II at Bellevue Baptist Church, 2000 Appling Road in Cordova, Tennessee. The *Special Session* will begin with lunch at 11:30 a.m., and will conclude by 1:30 p.m. In accordance with the *Mid-South Baptist Association Constitution*, (Article 5, Section I.A.2.b.), the member churches of the Association have been "notified of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting at least two weeks in advance."

The purpose of the *Special Session* is for presentation and discussion of a recommendation in regard to the future use of the Mid-South Baptist Conference Center as a resource to benefit accomplishment of MSBA priority strategies. The recommendation, printed in full on page 2 of this edition of the *Mid-South Baptist*, has been approved by the Associational Resource Development Team (ARDT) and the Administrative Leadership Council (ALC). The ALC has now submitted the recommendation to the Executive Board for consideration. In issuing the call for the Special Session, the Moderator emphasized that the August 14, 2007 meeting is for **presentation and discussion of the recommendation only** and that **no vote will be taken** on the recommendation until the regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Board on September 17, 2007. The full member churches of the MSBA are encouraged to send their Executive Board members.



MID-SOUTH BAPTIST CONFERENCE CENTER RECOMMENDATION DISCUSSION SESSIONS SET

The *Mid-South Baptist Conference Center Recommendation* will generate substantial and significant discussion among the member churches of the Mid-South Baptist Association in the weeks to come. In order to facilitate that open and positive discussion, the Administrative Leadership Council will host several *Recommendation Discussion Sessions*. Each of the sessions will be held at the Mid-South Baptist Conference Center on Rocky Point Road and will include a meal provided by the Association. Members of the Resource Development Team and the Administrative Leadership Council will be present to share information and facilitate discussion of the proposal. Members of Mid-South Baptist Association member churches are encouraged to attend and participate. The current schedule for *Discussion Sessions* includes:

Thursday, August 16, 2007	10:00 AM-12 Noon	(Lunch Included)
Tuesday, August 28, 2007	7:30 AM.-9:30 AM	(Breakfast Included)
Tuesday, August 28, 2007	10:00 AM.-12 Noon	(Lunch Included)
Tuesday, September 4, 2007	10:00 AM-12 Noon	(Lunch Included)
Thursday, September 6, 2007	6:00 PM.-8:00 PM	(Dinner Included)

Additional sessions may be scheduled as needed.

PLEASE CALL THE ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICE AT 373-6161 AND INDICATE WHICH SESSION YOU PLAN TO ATTEND SO THAT WE MAY HAVE AN ACCURATE MEAL COUNT!

We look forward to seeing you at the session of your choice!



Mid-South Baptist Conference Center Recommendation

Since January of 2007, the *Resource Development Team* of the Mid-South Baptist Association has been engaged in a discussion of the past, present, and future of the Mid-South Baptist Conference Center (formerly known as Camp Cordova). The discussion and study was prompted by: (1) The **steady increases** in operational costs; (2) The **limited usage** of the facility by MSBA churches; (3) The **lack of sufficient funds** to develop the Conference Center for viable future ministry opportunities; and, (4) The **commitment to utilize the resources of the Association** for assisting churches in starting new churches, revitalizing and strengthening existing churches, involving church members in missions, and developing church leaders. As a result of our study, the *Associational Resource Development Team* recommends to the Administrative Leadership Council, the MSBA Executive Board, and the Mid-South Baptist Association, the following actions in regard to the future use of the MSBCC as a resource to benefit accomplishment of MSBA priority strategies:

1. That MSBA cease operation of Mid-South Baptist Conference Center as a residential Christian encampment effective January 1, 2008.
2. That MSBA retain a tract of approximately 5-acres (inclusive of Palmer Center, upper and lower parking space, and residence with frontage on Rocky Point Road from existing entrance to North boundary) for day use and future development of MSBA Operations Center.
3. That MSBA authorize a "Mid-South Conference Center Property Task Force" to negotiate the divestiture of the remaining 69.53 acres of real property and attached assets of MSBCC in a manner that is beneficial to achievement of the priority strategies of the MSBA. The Task Force shall consist of the *MSBA Trustees* and the members of the *Associational Resource Development Team* and shall seek to negotiate divestiture of the property and assets within the following parameters:
 - a. Sale of the property for real estate development; or,
 - b. Sale of the property for development as a Christian encampment; or,
 - c. Sale of the property for other ministry purposes; or,
 - d. Exchange of the property for other real properties or in-kind services of equal value that will benefit accomplishment of MSBA priority strategies for church planting and revitalization, church leadership development, church mobilization, and associational resource development; or,
 - e. Donation of the real property to ministry institutions that will include and facilitate accomplishment of MSBA strategy priorities of church planting and revitalization, church leadership development, church mobilization, and associational resource development as part of their long-term ministry plan.
4. That MSBA authorize the *Trustee Members of the Property Task Force* to:
 - a. Select and Contract appropriate brokers/agents to represent MSBA in sale or divestiture of the property;
 - b. Secure legal services and documentation necessary to the sale/divestiture of the property and pay accompanying fee from the Retreat Center Development account;
 - c. Receive and review offers in regard to sale/divestiture of the property for a period not to exceed six months;
 - d. Recommend the appropriate offer for approval of the MSBA Executive Board by June of 2008; and upon approval by the Executive Board, "close" the sale/divestiture of the property.
 - e. Determine the disposition of the accompanying assets of the Mid-South Conference Center.
5. That MSBA authorize the *Resource Development Team Members of the Property Task Force* to:
 - a. Develop a proposal for investment of potential net proceeds and subsequent allocation of investment earnings toward the priority ministries of the Association.
 - b. Develop a reasonable and appropriate "Transition Plan" for current MSBCC staff. (Inclusive of, but not limited to, severance pay, assistance with future placement, etc.)
6. That MSBA authorize the *Administrative Leadership Council* to:
 - a. Review, revise, approve and implement the proposal for investment of net proceeds and subsequent allocation of investment earnings toward the priority ministries of the Association.
 - b. Review, revise, approve and implement a proposal for the transition of current MSBCC staff within the parameters established by MSBA operational policies.

Approved by *Associational Resource Development Team* – June 18, 2007
 Approved by *Administrative Leadership Council* – July 10, 2007
 Submitted to *Executive Board for Consideration* – August 14, 2007

Important Dates for August

- 2 MSBA Secretaries' Luncheon – Noon
Leawood Baptist Church
- 6 Pastors' Conference
Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m.
- 8 *Mid-South Baptist* articles due
- 13 MSBA Staff Meeting – 8:30 a.m.
- 13 Pastors' Conference
Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m.
- 14 Called Meeting of MSBA Executive Board
Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m.
- 18 *Beautiful Feet* Women's Evangelism Conf.
TBC – Nashville
- 20 Pastors' Conference
Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m.
- 21 Senior Adult Rally – MSBCC -10:30 a.m.
- 27 Pastors' Conference - Bellevue B.C.
11:30 a.m.

Face Painting at Your Next Event

Mrs. Janey Twaddle is offering her talent in service to her Lord in face painting for church picnics and children's events. She does not charge for her services but does ask that you provide transportation to and from the event. You can contact her at 901-682-6369. If you'd like a reference, call Billy Becker at Ridgeway Baptist Church at 901-761-1110.

Praise!

Three churches in our association have recently called pastors, and we join them in praise for answered prayer:

- Colonial Baptist Church called Dr. James Adams to begin his ministry August 19, 2007.
- Crosspointe Baptist Church called Rev. Jim Perdue to begin his ministry August 12, 2007.
- Rosemark Baptist Church called Rev. Steven Curtis and his wife Sarah who began their ministry July 22, 2007. They also called Harold Simpson and his wife Linda as Minister of Music who also began their ministry July 22, 2007.

Pianos for Sale

- Call 901-373-7193 for information.

Mission Project

Is your church or mission group looking for a hands-on mission project? The Tennessee Baptist Children's Home is running low on paper towels. Also, with school starting back, they are in need of after-school snacks. If your group can help out, you can drop off donations at the Bartlett Campus or at the Boys' Ranch in Millington. Call Diane Chavers at 901-386-3961 for more information or for other mission opportunities at either campus. Thank you for your ministry to the children and houseparents of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes.



Call Julie at 901-373-6161 for information about any of these events.

Christian Women's Job Corps and webs

Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC) assists women with a hand up through Christian mentoring. webs (Women Empowered to Become Self-Sufficient), a CWJC site in Memphis, witnesses to women behind bars. A transition house for women coming out of prison is part of their ministry plan. Can you provide furnishings, help with one month's rent or mentor a woman? Please call Pat Culp at 901-281-1717 to offer to help or arrange for someone to talk to your organization about this need.

Church Missions Leadership Training

August 18, 2007
 8:30 a.m. - Noon
 Whitten Memorial Baptist Church
 6773 Macon Rd. • Memphis



Age-Level Organization Training
 Churchwide Leadership Training
 Ministry Fair • Refreshments
 Meet the state WMU President
Special Conferences for Ministers' Wives

Big Thank You

Thank you to all the churches and individuals who donated books, time, money and resources to make our Summer Celebration at First Baptist Church, Gallaway a great success. We had over 100 in attendance, and all the children left with many books. We were also able to leave books for their school and future reading clubs.

Prayer Retreat for Women

September 14-15, 2007
 West Jackson Baptist Church
 Jackson, TN
 Guest Speaker: Jennifer Kennedy Dean



Mark Your Calendar!
 National WMU Event
 October 17-20, 2007
 Little Rock, AR

World Day of Prayer Brunch

Saturday, October 27, 2007
 Tennessee Baptist Children's Home Bartlett Campus

Fall Missions Celebration

Friday, November 16, 2007
 Mid-South Baptist Conference Center

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



One More Word from the Executive Director of Missions

Dr. Michael Day

New Resources for Our Churches Coming Soon!

It is highly unusual for me to have two columns in the same issue of *The Mid-South Baptist*, but I wanted to make you aware of two new resources that will soon be available to the churches. (Also...my mother will love seeing my picture twice!) Seriously...the Mid-South Baptist Association is **VERY GRATEFUL** to the Mid-South Baptist Foundation for an allocation of \$45,000.00 that will allow us to provide two new and exciting resources for use by the churches of our Association.

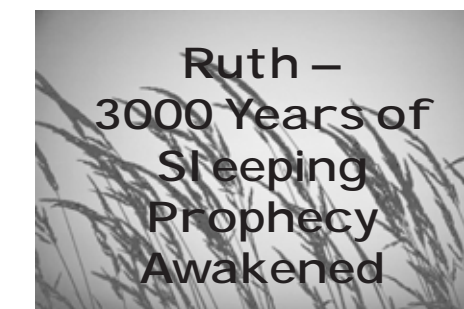
Your new Concession Trailer... will be a mobile, fully-equipped (convection oven, cook top, tilt skillet, refrigerator, generator, fresh-water tank, serving window, etc.) cooking facility that will be made available for use by the churches. MSBA Disaster Relief Coordinator Les Collier (Cherry Road Baptist Church) initiated the idea of the concession trailer and affirms that it will have multiple uses. "This trailer can be used as a portable kitchen for block parties, church picnics, mission trips, Vacation Bible Schools, etc., while doubling as a small feeding unit that can be deployed in the event of a local or regional disaster situation," says Collier.

Your new Block Party Trailer... will be a mobile, fully-equipped (sound system, CD and tape player, generator, folding tables, chairs, popcorn machine, sno-cone machine, large and small "moonwalk," outside games, table games, large grill, canopies,

etc.) unit that will be available to our churches for block parties, VBS, and other community outreach events. Given the large number of requests the Association receives for block party assistance, this "party-on-wheels" is a much-needed resource for assisting our churches in evangelism and community outreach. The idea for an "associational" Block Party Trailer was initiated by our observation of how effectively some of our churches have utilized such tools and how willingly those churches have made their trailers available to assist other churches with evangelistic events. (*That is what associationalism is about!*) This new unit will only multiply our capacity for assisting churches in reaching their communities for Christ.

I am Encouraged... by the willingness of our Association and our Foundation to provide such resources for the churches...and I hope that you, too, are encouraged. I look forward to the "arrival" of both of these new ministry tools. Now, you know how we Baptists operate, so you know it will take a few weeks to receive the units and develop the system through which they will be made available to the churches. I promise you, we will work hard to make it a simple, easily accessible system that will focus on helping the churches do what God has called them to do!

Many Blessings,
 Bro. Mike



WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

October 6, 2007 • 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
 Leawood Baptist Church
 3638 Macon Rd., Memphis

Speaker: Diane McNeil
 (Author of this Bible study)

Cost: \$30 before September 6
 \$35 after September 6

Call 901-324-7169 to register or for more information.



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