

Holy Land Trip



Dr. Greg Love, pastor of Leawood Baptist Church, will be leading a trip to the Holy Land November 5-14, 2007, and would like to invite members from other churches to join those from Leawood who will be going. They will visit Galilee, Capernaum, the Dead Sea, Masada, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. The cost of the trip is \$2,249 per person which includes transportation, lodging and two meals per day. Contact Dr. Love at 901-324-7169 for more info.



That all peoples
may know Him

Week of Prayer for
International
Missions
and
International
Mission Study
Dec. 3-10, 2006

Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering
National Goal:
\$150 million



Regional Vacation Bible School Clinic

March 1, 2007
Bartlett Baptist Church

Make plans to attend and preview the new 2007 VBS literature. Contact Dr. Greg Spears at 901-373-6161 for more details.



Mid-South Baptist
Conference Center

Contact the MSBCC Office to schedule Winter and Spring retreats, activities and events. Or call and schedule banquets for the Winter season. You and your group are sure to enjoy fine dining, our dining center and the Christian atmosphere of the Mid-South Baptist Conference Center. Request our banquet menu, and schedule your event with us.

Wednesday Dinner to Go Meals is a great resource for churches wanting to provide Wednesday evening meals. Contact the MSBCC Office for more information and for reservations (901-754-7028).

We look forward to serving you and your group as you use *your* conference center.

In Christ,

David Rouse
Manager of Operations

Opportunities Within Our Churches

Pastor

Elliston Baptist Church
Contact Hugh Garner, 4179 Elliston Rd.
Memphis, TN 38111
Hope Baptist Church
Contact Charles Hall, 6800 Center Hill Rd.
Olive Branch, MS 38654
Iglesia Labuena Esperanza
1304 N. Graham, Memphis, TN 38122
Contact Marvin Fitts at 901-377-1855
Labelle Haven Baptist Church
labellehaven@bellsouth.net or FAX: 901-547-1650
Rosemark Baptist Church
9037 E. Kerrville, Rosemark Rd., Millington, TN 38053

Children's Minister

Labelle Haven Baptist Church
6825 E. Holmes Rd., Memphis, TN 38141
Fax: 901-547-1650 or labellehaven@bellsouth.net

Youth Pastor

Highland Heights Baptist Church
675 National St., Memphis, TN 38122
McLean Baptist Church (P/T)
815 N. McLean, Memphis, TN 38107
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2741 Frayser Blvd., Memphis, TN 38127

Music Minister

Grace Baptist Church (Music/Youth)
Bill Harrauld, 901-872-4294 or 849-0252
Oaklawn Baptist Church (P/T)
Personnel Committee
5714 Benjestown Rd., Memphis, TN 38127
Providence Baptist Church (P/T)
901-837-6924 or 901-734-6330
White Station Baptist Church (P/T)
621 S. White Station, Memphis, TN 38117

Intern in Student Ministries

Bartlett Baptist Church (P/T)
Contact Mark Vigus at info@bartlett baptist.org

Maintenance

Kirby Woods Baptist Church (P/T)
6325 Poplar, Memphis, TN 38119

Nursery

Life Church at Schilling Farms
901-850-0012 or lgreen@findlife.org

Financial Secretary

Leawood East Baptist Church (P/T)
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rayscott@eaglemphs.com.



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Mid-South Ministry Profile

Sam Brassell, Pastor, Covenant Baptist Church by Stuart McCollough

As one of the newest pastors in our association, Dr. Sam Brassell has already hit the ground running at Covenant Baptist Church in Collierville. Bro. Sam came to Covenant as only the second pastor to ever lead the church following the death of founding pastor, Bro. Davy Henderson. In the four months since Bro. Sam's arrival, 37 people have united with the fellowship at Covenant.

Bro. Sam was born in Memphis and raised in Montgomery, AL. Bro. Sam was saved at the age of nine and felt the call to preach at the age of 18. After graduating from Samford University in 1984, he received his Master of Divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1987. He later attended Luther Rice Seminary and received his Doctor of Ministry degree in 1992. Before coming to Covenant, Bro. Sam pastored churches in Ramer, AL, Wetumpka, AL and Piedmont, AL. He was pastoring at Southside Baptist in Dothan, AL when he accepted the call from Covenant.



Q. *What do you want people to know about the ministry of Covenant Baptist Church?*

A. We have a wide variety of ministries for the whole family. These include Men's, Women's, Children's, Youth and Recreation ministries among others. These compliment our ongoing Sunday School. Recently, we started a new outreach program. Our participation has been excellent. We have about 20 people doing outreach every Monday night. We are also beginning a Discipleship Training ministry during the month of January. There are plans to work to build upon our present ministries and to start new ministries in 2007. A prayer ministry is definitely in the plans for sometime in the new year.

Q. *What is your passion and heart for your ministry?*

A. My real passion is preaching God's Word. The most important time for me during any week is the preaching moment. I have the greatest opportunity to make the greatest impact when I stand to preach the Word of God. It is so important to give instruction to God's people from God's Word. Once we have heard, it is imperative for us to take that word into the world in which we live so that we can make a difference for Jesus.

Q. *What is your vision for Covenant Baptist and her members?*

A. I want to see Covenant become a biblically-strong body of believers with a burden for the world. I want people to look at our church as the standard bearer for truth. I do not want there to be any mistake about where we stand. Along with that, we must also have a burden for lost people in other parts of the world. If we can accomplish that, I believe that the Lord will be pleased.

Q. *What would you want people to know about your heart for ministry?*

A. My desire is to be balanced. I have a heart for lost souls and a desire to see believers grow into the likeness of Jesus Christ. Both are necessary and important. I want to see people come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, but we cannot stop there. We must help them to become a faithful follower of Jesus as well.

Bro. Sam and his wife Cindy have two sons, Philip and Kyle. When he's not at the church, Bro. Sam enjoys spending time with his family, coaching his boys in sports and hunting.

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Suddenly, a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

— Luke 2:13-14

May You and Your Family Experience the joy of That First Christmas.

The MSBA office will be closed for the holidays from December 22-January 1. We will re-open on Tuesday, January 2.



First Baptist Church, Millington Adult Choir with Orchestra and drama present:

Christmas at First

Saturday, December 16 • 6:30 p.m.
 Sunday, December 17 • 6:30 p.m.
 5010 West Union Rd. • Millington
 Call 901-872-2264 for more information.



Housparents Needed

Tennessee Baptist Children's Home

The Bartlett Campus and the Double B Boys' Ranch Campus are taking applications for houseparents. Applicants should be a married couple whose primary work assignment is to maintain the day-to-day ministry of a campus home and its residents. Please contact Ray Moss at 901-872-0839 or rross@tbch4kids.org for more information.

MID-SOUTH MEN'S BIBLE CONFERENCE



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 Contact us at www.kwbc.org or call 901.682.2220

FEBRUARY 23-24, 2007 REGISTER NOW!

Cost is \$30 per person.

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Important Dates for December

- 1 Baptist Hospital Auxiliary Baptist Women's Hospital - 10:30 a.m.
- 2 MSBA WMU Leadership Team Meeting 9:30 a.m. - TBCH Campus
- 3-10 Week of Prayer for International Missions
- 4 Pastors' Conference - Bellevue B.C. 11:30 a.m.
- 8 Mid-South Baptist articles due
- 9 Preschool Outing - 9:00 a.m. Pink Palace - Enchanted Forest
- 11 MSBA Staff Meeting - 8:30 a.m.
- 11 Pastors' Conference - Bellevue B.C. 11:30 a.m.
- 11 Ministers Wives Fellowship - Bellevue B.C. 11:30 a.m.
- 18 Administrative Leadership Council MSBCC - 10:00 a.m.
- 18 MSBA Executive Board Meeting MSBCC - 11:15 a.m. - Lunch Noon - Meeting
- 22 - January 1 MSBA Offices closed for Christmas Holidays

Pulpit Supply

Rev. David Rogers is available for supply and interims. You can contact him at 901-487-7241 or 901-388-8936 or email at drogers78@midsouth.rr.com.



National Conference for Ministry Assistants May 2-4, 2007

It is not too early to mark the date on your calendar if you are a ministry assistant in one of our churches. LifeWay is hosting this event at LifeWay Christian Resources in Nashville, TN, on May 2-4, 2007. To learn more about this event or to register online, visit the website at www.lifeway.com/ministryassistant. You will receive a discount for registering on or before February 15, 2007.



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

Preschool Outing

Enchanted Forest at Memphis Pink Palace Saturday, December 9
 9:00 a.m. • Cost: \$3.50 adults/children
 Mission Project:
 Boxes of instant hot chocolate or hot cider for homeless ministry.

Reserve your spots by calling Pam Merz at 901-493-0739. Siblings are also invited. Make checks payable to MSBA, and mail to 6896 Highway 70, Memphis, TN 38133.

Help Needed

The Baptist Collegiate Ministries at University of Memphis is requesting donations of books that students would enjoy reading to start a library. They are planning a reading room upstairs, but books would not be checked out. Commentaries would also be appreciated. Call Jeff Jones at 901-458-7589 for more information.

The Church Without Doors has the following dates available for churches or groups willing to provide lunches following their service:

January 21, 28	February 4, 28
March 18, 25	April 1, 22, 29
May 20, 27	June 3, 24
July 15, 22, 29	August 5, 26
September 16, 23, 30	October 7, 28
November 25	December 2, 23, 30

Thank You

Thank you to all the WMU groups who provided welcome baskets for the visiting missionaries at the Missions Extravaganza during the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Thank you to the WMU groups and individuals who helped provide Thanksgiving Dinner for the international students at the U of M Baptist Collegiate Ministries on Tuesday night, November 21. We had over 75 present. If your group would be interested in providing a Friday lunch at the BCM, contact Jeff Jones at 901-458-7589.

Upcoming 2007 Events

February 20	WMU Open House and Brunch MSBAC Office
March 10	Daddy/Daughter Banquet
March 16-18	Missions Get Together Gatlinburg, TN



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 Dr. Greg Spears - Leadership Development Strategist

2007 Adventure

Over five hundred years ago Columbus was born into a world where Europe, northern Africa, and parts of Asia were known; but to the west rolled the great "Sea of Darkness," shrouded in unimaginable terrors.

Columbus had a vision for a new trade route to the eastern shore of Asia (the Indies) by sailing West across that Sea of Darkness. While this idea was not original with Columbus he was the first to doggedly persist in pursuing the adventure – to act upon the idea! Lesser men were content to stay with the familiar and to not risk livelihood and reputation to venture forth into the unknown.

This idea possessed Columbus; his sole purpose became to trample down all obstacles that might keep him from his goal. And obstacles enough there were, many years of waiting and disappointment lay before him. Years in which he was laughed at, scorned, and mocked. He begged his way from one European court to the next, to offer to the nobles the discovery of a new world. Here was his true greatness in that he did not despair, that his spirit remained unbroken and he continued to pursue the vision.

Men possess a natural inclination to be aggressive, to initiate, explore, and achieve – to be MEN OF ACTION. But the sad truth is, men, especially today, seem to have become passive where it matters the most. It is a lamentable fact that in American culture today that many leaders are characteristically passive, vague, and ill-defined. Many are dreamers but they are not possessed of a vision for the future.

Today our "Sea of Darkness" does not lie to the West, but within – it is the Sin of Unbelief! It is the sin of doubting—of not acting upon what we say we believe. This is epidemic today among male leadership in the home, the church, and the state who not only don't know how to get from here to there but do not know where there is.

Hear the words of the Great Apostle Paul, "Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong." (1Cor.16:13) This maxim is a direct challenge by Almighty God for men to rise up and act like men. It is defined, not by this world system, the Feminist Movement, nor hedonistic males, but is defined by the Creator of the Universe. It is a heavenly mandate for men to be strong and to act courageously. As a great MAN OF ACTION of the past observed,

"The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who, at worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

— Theodore Roosevelt

Are you blessed today to have visionary leadership – MEN OF ACTION!? Men possessed with a vision for the future? Then support, encourage, and pray for them to continue to "act like men, be strong" and to expect great things from God and attempt great things for God. Are you longing for adventure and purpose? Then "act like men, be strong" and expect great things from God and attempt great things for God in 2007.

— Bro. Greg



Spiritual Formation Conference
Topic: Biblical Worship

January 26-28, 2007
Union Ave. Baptist Church
Cost: \$12 (for materials)

Speaker: Dr. Donald S. Whitney
The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Author of *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life* and *Simplifying Your Spiritual Life*

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Call 901-276-5421 for more information.