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**March 27-28, 2009**

**Friday: 7:00 p.m.-until**

**Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

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## 2009 Mid-South Area Maximum Man Conference

February 6-7, 2009 • Germantown Baptist Church  
(6:00 p.m. Friday – Noon Saturday)

This is an inter-denominational conference conducted by Ministry to Men Foundation, Inc. presenting the practical application of Biblical principles for victorious living.

Registration fee: \$55

Mail to: Ministry to Men, Inc. • 5712 Stage Rd. • Memphis, TN 38134 or register online at [ministrytomen.org](http://ministrytomen.org).

For more information, call 888-604-7723 or e-mail: [ministrytomen@bellsouth.net](mailto:ministrytomen@bellsouth.net).

### Opportunities Within Our Churches

#### Pastor

Forest Hill Baptist Church  
Mail resume to Pastor Search Committee,  
3645 Forest Hill Irene Rd., Germantown,  
38138

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 Young Adults

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

#### Music Minister

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

Gracepoint Baptist Church (Music/Youth)  
Contact Rev. Aaron Armstrong at  
901-755-7660.

#### Keyboardist/Pianist

Balmoral Baptist Church (Sun./Wed. night)  
Send resume to church at 2676 Kirby Rd.,  
Memphis, TN 38119, or e-mail to  
[balmoralchurch@bellsouth.net](mailto:balmoralchurch@bellsouth.net), or call  
901-754-2300.

Cordova Baptist Church (P/T Sun./Wed. night)  
Contact Pastor Jim Muston at 901-754-1064  
or e-mail at [jmuston@hotmail.com](mailto:jmuston@hotmail.com).

Magnolia Baptist Church (Sun. morning only)  
Contact Pastor Vaughn Denton at  
662-890-0680.

Range Hills Baptist Church  
Contact Allen Moody at 901-353-5213 or  
the church at 901-357-5560.

#### 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  
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## Celebrating the Savior's Birth!

*Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."  
(Luke 2:8-11, NKJV)*

The staff of the Mid-South Baptist Association and The Mid-South Baptist wishes each of you the "Merriest of Christmases" and the "Happiest of New Years." We are grateful for your support, encouragement, and prayers in 2008. We pray that the churches of the Mid-South will be abundantly blessed in 2009 by the presence and power of the "Savior, who is Christ the Lord!"

Grace A tchley  
Michael Day  
Mitch Martin

Julie B inford  
Dale Gravatt  
Stuart McCollough

Ken Cox  
Sharon Hewitt  
Greg Spears

### MSBA Executive Board Meets December 15

The Executive Board of the Mid-South Baptist Association will hold its final meeting of 2008 on Monday, December 15, 2008 at Bellevue Baptist Church, 2000 Appling Road Cordova, TN. A complimentary lunch will be served at 11:15 a.m., and the meeting will begin at 12:00 noon.

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## Mid-South Ministry Profile

Pastor Jim Collier and Kirby Woods Baptist Church by Stuart McCollough

Kirby Woods Baptist Church welcomed new Senior Pastor Jim Collier and his family as they began their ministry on Sunday, October 12, 2008. Bro. Jim follows long-time Senior Pastor Dr. Bob Pitman who retired earlier this year. Bro. Jim and his wife Myra and their children, 12-year-old Rebecca and nine-year old Joshua, are getting settled and jumping right into their new place of ministry.

Bro. Jim was born in Tampa, FL and grew up in Brandon, FL. He feels blessed to have been raised in a home where Jesus was Lord. His parents not only took him to church and taught him scripture, but they also modeled those same scriptures through their lives before him. Bro. Jim accepted Christ as his Savior when he was six years old and was baptized at Bell Shoals Baptist Church in Brandon. The first time he remembers God speaking to him about full-time ministry was early in his life at RA camp.

Following high school graduation, Bro. Jim attended the University of South Florida until he joined the Army during Operation Desert Shield. Prior to joining the Army, he had surrendered to preach at the age of 19. During his 12-year career in the Army Infantry, he knew that God was calling him into full-time ministry and was using even the difficult times to help prepare him for that calling. He left the Army having achieved the rank of Captain and began studying to enter the pastorate. Bro. Jim graduated from Columbus State University with a B.A. in 1999, and later completed his M.Div. degree at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis, TN in 2006.

Bro. Jim served as Associate Pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, in Olive Branch, MS from from 2003-2005 and as Senior Pastor of Oakhurst Baptist Church in Clarksdale, MS, from 2005 until coming to Kirby Woods in October of this year. A firm believer in a church contacting the man instead of the man contacting the church, Bro. Jim and his family saw God's hand in their call to Kirby Woods. In February of this year, a friend close to Kirby Woods asked if he could submit Bro. Jim's resume to the church. Because of his conviction, Bro. Jim declined but did tell the friend that he could submit his name and if the church was interested in a resume, they could contact him. The church did contact him and requested a resume. The process continued through the summer and the search committee came to hear him preach in August and he preached in view of a call on September 14.

Bro. Jim is excited about what God is doing at Kirby Woods. He recognizes the church's long legacy of Bible preaching, evangelism and mission emphasis both at home and all over the world. Kirby Woods is known as a loving church with a desire to exalt the Savior, evangelize sinners and equip the saints. He doesn't really have any change of vision or change of direction planned for the church because he believes the church is doing exactly what God has called them to do and that God is blessing their efforts. He does see his job as loving the flock, equipping them in the word and unleashing them on an unsuspecting world. His prayer is that he doesn't get in the way of the things God is already doing through their ministries. He trusts that God will continue to honor His word, as long as Kirby Woods continues to exalt Jesus – He will continue to draw people to Himself.



Pastor Jim Collier began his new ministry at Kirby Woods Baptist Church in October of this year.



### International Mission Board Facts

– imb.org

Field personnel under appointment (11/11/08)	5,541
Career/associates/apprentices	4,315
2-year ISC/Journeyman/Masters	1,226
Field personnel appointed during 2007	844
Career/associates/apprentices	339
2-year ISC/Journeyman/Masters	505
Student volunteers 2007	4,271
Overseas baptisms 2007	609,968
Overseas churches 2007	157,890
Overseas church membership 2007	9.9 million
New churches 2007	25,497
People groups engaged	1,183
Population of the Last Frontier peoples	1.6 billion
World Population 2007	6.8 billion
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal 2008	\$170 million
IMB Budget 2008	\$340 million
World Hunger/General Relief 2007 receipts	\$5.2 million

## Upcoming Important Dates in December

11/30-12/7

- IMB Week of Prayer
- 1 MSBA Staff Meeting  
MSBA Office – 8:30 a.m.
- 1 Pastors' Conference  
Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m.  
(Mike Jones, Speaker)
- 5 Baptist Hospital Auxiliary  
Baptist Women's Hospital – 10:30 a.m.
- 8 Pastors' Conference  
Ministers' Wives Fellowship  
Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m.  
(Mid-South Singers)
- 8 *Mid-South Baptist* articles due
- 15 Administrative Leadership Council  
Bellevue B.C. – Rm. F256 – 10:00 a.m.
- 15 MSBA Executive Board Meeting  
Bellevue B.C. – Rm. F241-243  
11:15 a.m.
- 22 No Pastors' Conference
- 24-1/1 MSBA Offices Closed for holidays
- 29 No Pastors' Conference

### ESL Teachers and Helpers Needed

Cherokee Baptist Hispanic Pastor Luis Persosa has students who desire to take English classes but they do not have sufficient teachers and helpers. An ESL teacher/trainer workshop will be scheduled for volunteers. Classes will be conducted on Sunday afternoons at Cherokee Baptist Church. Contact Luis Persosa at 901-683-7344 or Minne Garrett at 901-853-2491.

A second need is for ESL teachers and nursery workers at a center presently at Graham Heights Baptist Church. This group will move to Macon Road Baptist Church in January. Classes meet on Tuesday nights from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Contact Robbie Greer at 901-388-5814 for more information.

### Tutors Needed for Bent Tree Ministry

Call Pastor James Williams at 901-494-6331 for more information.

Thank you Association Family for your prayers, cards, visits and phone calls during the long illness and death of my husband, LeRoy Atchley. Our children and I know he is healed and no longer in pain. For that we are grateful. God is good.

*Grace Atchley*

## WMU™ HAPPENINGS

### Called to Love

#### Daddy/Daughter Banquet

Saturday, February 21, 2009

More details to come.

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Woman in your Church*

March 20-22, 2009 • Gatlinburg, TN

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*Let us not merely say that we love each other;  
let us show the truth by our actions.*



### MSBA Holiday Schedule

The offices of the Mid-South Baptist Association and the Mid-South Baptist Conference Center will close at noon on Tuesday, December 23, 2008 for the Christmas and New Year holiday break. The offices will re-open on Friday, January 2, 2009. If you have an emergency need during this period and need to communicate with MSBA staff, feel free to call Mike Day at 901-277-8033.



## Merry Christmas!

**MID-SOUTH MEN'S BIBLE CONFERENCE**

teaching every man with all wisdom so that we may present every man complete in Christ

**February 27 - 28, 2009**  
Faith Baptist Church • Bartlett, TN

Bobby Welch Junior Hill Brett Pitman Michael Combs

Conference Cost: \$30 per person  
Deadline for registration is Feb. 18, 2009.  
Contact Faith Baptist Church at 901-386-4785 for information.

## Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

"How many million more souls are to pass into eternity without having heard the name of Jesus?" That question, ever-present in the letters of Lottie Moon, seared her heart as she planted her life as a missionary to China a century ago. During the past five generations, Southern Baptists have been motivated by Lottie Moon to plant their lives in missions by going or supporting others who are carrying the gospel light into the darkness.

Today, Southern Baptists support 5,541 missionaries on the field. The goal for the annual missions offering named for Lottie Moon is a substantial \$170 million. What would Lottie think? Would she, citing the 1.6 billion who live precariously in unreached areas, challenge us once again: "How many more souls are to pass into eternity without having heard the name of Jesus?"

**GO TELL**  
the story of Jesus

## Weekend in the Word: Walking with Timothy

January 16-17, 2009

Union University and the Tennessee Baptist Convention are partnering to invite you for a time of refreshment and teaching as you explore the Bible further and fellowship with other pastors for this winter's Weekend in the Word: Walking With Timothy. Weekend in the Word is a Friday evening through Saturday afternoon. Be encouraged in God's call upon your life from Paul's letters to Timothy.

**Location:** The retreat will be hosted by the beautiful Stephen Olford Center at Union University located in southeast Memphis. On-site overnight accommodations are available.

**Cost:** \$99 includes three meals, a private room and notes.  
\$75 includes three meals and a shared bedroom and notes.  
\$40 includes meals and notes only.

### Speakers:



Dr. David Olford  
Stephen Olford Chair of Expository Preaching  
School of Christian Studies



Dr. Jerry Tidwell  
Senior Vice President for Church Relations  
Interim Pastor, First Baptist Milan



Dr. Ray VanNeste  
Associate Professor of Christian Studies  
Pastor, Cornerstone Community Church

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