

## Opportunity Camp 2012

Boys' Camp - May 26-29  
Girls' Camp - May 29-June 1  
The Grove at Red Oak Lake  
849 Rocky Point Rd., Cordova TN

Cost: \$225 per child

Opportunity Camp serves impoverished refugee children who live in the Memphis area. We provide a safe, loving environment and share the life-changing hope and love of Jesus Christ through gospel-filled education, music, fun and relationships. You can be involved individually or as a group by praying, volunteering and/or giving financially. Supplies are also needed, such as sheets, towels, shampoo, underwear, flip flops and good, used children's summer clothing. For more information, including a history and prayer guide, visit [www.opportunitycampmemphis.com](http://www.opportunitycampmemphis.com).



Training for workers in the Children's Bible Drill program will be held on February 7, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., at Leawood East Baptist Church. This is a mandatory meeting for those who did not attend the first training session in November. We will have a training session for callers and for judges and need for all workers to be present to hear about very important changes in the program.

### Revival with Dennis Nunn

February 12-15, 2012  
First Baptist Church, Millington  
Sunday - 6:00 p.m.  
Monday-Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

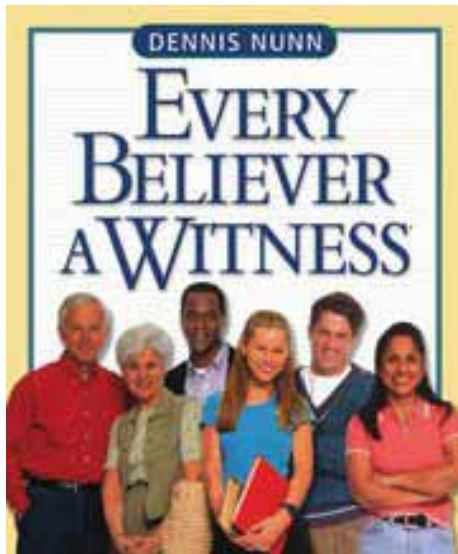
### Pastor Training Clinic

February 16, 2012  
Bellevue Baptist Church

- Baptize more people!
- Grow your church!
- Create more excitement!

For full information on training, go to [www.everybelieverawitness.org](http://www.everybelieverawitness.org).

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## Opportunities Within Our Churches

### Minister of Music/Worship Leader

Balmoral Baptist Church (P/T)  
Send resume to 2676 Kirby Rd.,  
Memphis, TN 38119 or call 901-754-2300.

Berclair Baptist Church (P/T)

Send resume to: Personnel Committee,  
4584 Summer Ave., Memphis, TN 38122.

Georgian Hills Baptist Church (P/T)

Contact Tim Vassar at 901-357-5333  
or 901-377-0631.

Providence Baptist Church (P/T)

Send resume to: Music Committee, 4351  
Germantown Rd., Arlington, TN 38002  
or e-mail: [spetty7880@aol.com](mailto:spetty7880@aol.com).

### Children's Director

First Baptist Church, Hickory Withe (P/T)

Send resume to Personnel Committee, 17675  
Highway 196, Eads, TN 38028, or e-mail  
[tom.walker@fbchw.org](mailto:tom.walker@fbchw.org).

LaBelle Haven Baptist Church (P/T)

Send resume to Phil Anderson at  
[www.labelleasst@bellsouth.net](http://www.labelleasst@bellsouth.net).

### Minister of Youth/Students

Grace Baptist Church (P/T)

Contact Pastor Billy Harrald at 901-849-0252.

Richland Baptist Church (P/T)

Contact the church office at 170 N. Oak  
Grove Rd., 38120 or 901-683-2451.

Whitten Baptist Church (P/T)

Contact Pastor Jeff Shipley at 901-386-5444.

### Nursery Worker/Childcare

Balmoral Baptist (M-F; 9 a.m.-6 p.m.)

Contact Connie at 901-754-2302.

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](mailto:info@gracepointmemphis.com).

### 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](mailto:elliston@comcast.net).

First Baptist Church, Lakeland

Contact Mike McCrory at 901-494-  
2276 or e-mail [MHMcCrory@ftb.com](mailto:MHMcCrory@ftb.com).

Gateway Baptist Church

Contact Phil McKibben at 901-837-  
8087 or 901-937-9682.

Providence Baptist Church

Contact Sarah Petty at 901-837-6924 or  
e-mail [spetty7880@aol.com](mailto:spetty7880@aol.com).



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# The Mid-South Baptist

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## Mid-South Ministry Profile

**Pastor Brad Dunlap and Mercy Hill Baptist Church** by Stuart McCollough

A drawing of a house, a chapel with a steeple and a coffee cup is how Church Planter and Pastor, Brad Dunlap, illustrates the vision of Mercy Hill Baptist Church. The house represents small missional community groups; the chapel the weekly corporate worship of a neighborhood church; and the coffee cup the intense, deep Bible study and accountability of groups of two to four people. With a plan to officially launch in April of this year, Pastor Brad and a group of Midtowners desire to not "do" church but to "be" the church in their community.

Brad was born and spent the first 20 years of his life in Alexander City, AL. He was saved at the age of six. In his late teens he felt God's call on his life to serve in ministry. He fought the call for several years because he felt he had a small perspective about what ministry looked like. During a church service, he heard retired missionary Mildred McWherter talk about urban ministries and got excited about what God could do. He surrendered and told God that he would follow Him, but that it had to be exciting and more than he had experienced so far. Little did he know how God was going to answer that prayer.

Brad left junior college and enrolled at Samford University, where he graduated with a Religion degree in Biblical Studies. After graduating from Samford, he came to Memphis to attend Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, where he received his Masters of Divinity degree in 2002.

While attending Samford, Brad attended the Church at Brook Hills in Birmingham. There God began laying church planting on his heart. While at Mid-America, he was a Nehemiah Project intern and partnered with Hillman Davis to serve at Lifeway Baptist in Arlington in 2000. He also served at Hope Baptist during their relocation to Olive Branch. In 2002, his family joined with a group of 20 other people to begin Highpoint Church in Memphis. The church took off and grew tremendously, and he served there five years as Small Group Pastor.

In 2007, Brad and his family moved to Nashville, where he and fellow church planter Mike Carter started Greenhills Baptist Church. The church was located within walking distance of both Vanderbilt and Belmont Universities and had a large college-age demographic. After four years, he and his wife Katie began to feel God calling

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Pastor Brad Dunlap, his wife Katie, and sons (l.to r.) Cole, Yohannes and Riley recently moved back to Memphis and planted Mercy Hill Baptist Church in Midtown as a church plant sponsored by Faith Baptist Church, Bartlett.

The Mid-South Baptist



### Puppet Ministry Festival



One weekend can make a **HUGE** difference in your ministry!  
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- Prep, props, lighting and sound
- How and why to start a puppet ministry
- Incorporating other creative arts with puppetry
- Basic and advanced puppet performance skills
- Gospel lessons and object lessons
- Scripting, directing and blocking
- Use of puppets in the marketplace and the home

### Memphis Area Puppet Festival

February 24-25, 2012  
Collierville First Baptist Church

Puppeteers, educators and ministry leaders are invited to Collierville First Baptist Church, 830 New Byhalia Rd., in Collierville, February 24-25, for a fun-packed puppetry festival. Registration and schedule information are available at [www.creativemin.com](http://www.creativemin.com).

### Thanks to Kaye Burkhardt

After 26 years, Kaye Burkhardt is ready to turn over the Baptist Ministry at the Shelby County Division of Corrections. She would like to see a committed woman step into her shoes. The requirements are a love of God and a desire to minister to these women. You would meet with these women at the facility every Monday from 6:00-7:00 p.m. to lead Bible Study and share the love of God. If you are interested in this type of ministry, contact Kaye at 901-362-1785.

### Upcoming Meetings

Leadership Development Team Meeting  
Thursday, February 9 • 1:30 p.m.  
MSBA Office

MSBA Executive Board Meeting  
Monday, February 20 • 11:30 a.m.  
Bellevue Baptist Church  
Call 901-373-6161 for lunch reservations.

### Prison Ministry Thank You

Thank you so much for all the personal supplies donated for the female inmates at the Shelby County Division of Corrections over the Christmas season. Because of your generosity, every female inmate received special items. This is an on-going need and year-round ministry, with the next delivery scheduled for July 2012. Donations should be sent to the Mid-South Baptist Association office, 6896 Highway 70, Memphis, TN 38133. Call Kaye Burkhardt at 901-362-1784 for more information.

### MSBA Secretaries Luncheon

Thursday, February 2, 2012 • Noon  
First Baptist Church, Millington  
Cost: \$5

Call 901-872-2264 and leave your name, church name and number or reservations.

*Come enjoy a "heart-filled" program.*



**MID-SOUTH MEN'S BIBLE CONFERENCE**  
February 24-25, 2012  
Faith Baptist Church  
Go to [www.myfaithbaptist.org](http://www.myfaithbaptist.org) for registration and information.

 <b>Vance Pitman</b> Pastor Hope Baptist Church Las Vegas, NV	 <b>James Merritt</b> Pastor Cross Pointe Baptist Church Duluth, GA	 <b>Danny Sinquefield</b> Pastor Faith Baptist Church Bartlett, TN	 <b>Teddy Johnson</b> Worship Leader Hope Baptist Church Las Vegas, NV
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### Important Dates for February

- 2 Associational Secretaries Luncheon  
Noon - FBC, Millington
- 2-4 Bi-vocational Pastor/ Wife Retreat -  
Pigeon Forge, TN
- 3 Baptist Hospital Auxiliary  
10:30 a.m. -  
Baptist Woman's Hospital
- 6 Pastors' Conference - 11:30 a.m.  
Bellevue Baptist Church  
Jeremy Todd, speaker
- 9 Leadership Development Team  
Meeting - 1:00 p.m.  
MSBA Office
- 13 Pastors' Conference - 11:30 a.m.  
Bellevue Baptist Church  
Danny Berryhill, speaker
- 13 Ministers' Wives Fellowship  
11:30 a.m. - Mid America Seminary
- 20 Administrative Leadership Council  
10 a.m. - Bellevue Baptist Church
- 20 MSBA Executive Board Meeting  
11:30 a.m. - Bellevue Baptist Church
- 25 Daddy/Daughter Banquet  
6 p.m.  
The Grove at Red Oak Lake
- 27 Pastors' Conference - 11:30 a.m.  
Bellevue Baptist Church

### New Scholarship Deadline

Scholarship applications and guidelines for students who plan to work toward a Christian professional ministry vocation are available through the Mid-South Baptist Association by calling 901-373-6161 or e-mail [info@msbac.org](mailto:info@msbac.org). The deadline for receipt of application is February 15, 2012.

### Ministry Needs

Lakewood Baptist Church is in need of four baptismal robes. If your church has extras, please contact Pastor Brent Wells at 901-409-2133.

Navajo Missions is in need of metal folding chairs for their expanding ministry. Contact Gene Kennedy at 901-413-6215 or [navajomissions@att.net](mailto:navajomissions@att.net).

### Pastor Search

The Pastor Search Committee of Carey Chapel Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant, MS is seeking resumes for the position of pastor. Those interested should fax resume to 662-851-7559 or mail to Pastor Search Committee, 170 Carey Chapel Rd., Red Banks, MS 38661.

## WMU HAPPENINGS

### Daddy/Daughter Banquet

Saturday, February 25, 2012 • 6 p.m.  
The Grove at Red Oak Lake

Girls, first-sixth grade, are invited to learn about missions in their community and how they can make a difference. Come and enjoy a special evening. The mission project is hygiene kits (travel-size shampoo, soap, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrush and washcloth in a clear, quart Ziploc bag) for FamilyFEST Memphis.

Cost: \$26 Dad and one daughter (\$15 per additional daughter)  
Price includes dinner, picture and fun.  
Deadline to register: February 15  
Make checks payable to Mid-South Baptist WMU, and mail to: Julia Binford, 6896 Highway 70, Bartlett, TN 38133



### TN WMU Missions Get Together

March 23-25, 2012 • Gatlinburg, TN  
Registration: \$50/person before March 2  
\$60/person after March 2  
MSBA WMU will be taking a bus on Thursday, March 22. We also have rooms reserved. Contact Julie at 901-373-6161 to reserve your spot.



### Adventures In Missions Girls Camp 2012

Weeklong Camp (June 25-29, 2012)  
3rd-6th graders - Cost \$160 (by March 1)  
Register your weeklong camper by March 1, 2012 with a paid, non-refundable deposit of \$50 and receive a \$25 discount. Balance of \$85.00 due by May 1, 2012.

Overnight Camp (June 25-26, 2012)  
1st-3rd graders - Cost: \$60

Location: The Grove at Red Oak Lake

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them back to Memphis. They had no plans to return to Memphis but followed God's leading and left Mike as lead pastor at Greenhills and moved to the Vollenline/Evergreen neighborhood in Midtown in July, 2011.

They began to pray about planting a church in their neighborhood. They wanted to be a part of the community, walk the streets, build relationships and do life together



Members of Mercy Hill gather for a pre-Christmas community group at the home of Brad and Katie Dunlap.

with their neighbors and others who had that same desire. Brad began reaching out to neighbors and met families in seven homes right around their family who were unchurched. On September 22, a small group began meeting in the Dunlaps' living room on Thursday nights. They didn't just want to have a Bible study, but to begin relationships with a group of people that had a desire to be a family, missionaries, servants and learners together. Bro. Brad believes

that all believers are called to make disciples and that all believers are full-time missionaries wherever they find themselves in life. With the official launch planned for the Sunday after Easter, Bro. Brad plans to begin with a Sunday night corporate worship service while maintaining the missional community groups during the week. Faith Baptist Church, Bartlett is the sponsoring church.

Bro. Brad and Katie have three sons: Riley, age 11; Cole, age nine; and Yohannes, age five, whom they adopted from Ethiopia. Brad enjoys running, drinking coffee and carpentry work in his free time. You can follow the journey of the planting of Mercy Hill and the life of a church planter on Brad's blog ([www.plantingthegospel.org](http://www.plantingthegospel.org)). Help us welcome the Dunlap family back to Memphis, and pray for the launch of Mercy Hill Baptist Church.

## PREACH THE WORD.

A ONE8 PREACHING WORKSHOP  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

### Preach the Word - Preaching Workshop

Monday, February 27, 2012  
Longview Heights Baptist Church • Olive Branch, MS

In an age when the role of preaching itself is under attack, it is important as ever to recognize the necessity of Biblical exposition. The ONE8 Network will be hosting an all-day workshop on Monday, February 27, as Dr. Russell Moore (Dean of the School of Theology, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary) and Dr. Tony Merida (Associate Professor of Preaching, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary) discuss how we can faithfully and effectively communicate the truths of Scripture. Visit [www.one8.org](http://www.one8.org) for more information.

