



*Every Marriage Has Room to Grow*

**Marriage & Family Enrichment Conference**  
at Union Avenue Baptist Church  
with special guest Dr. William Cutrer

Friday Feb. 12 5:30pm-8:30pm  
Saturday Feb. 13 8:30am-12:30pm  
childcare provided

Call to Register 2181 Union Avenue - 901-276-5421  
www.unionavenue.org

Cost: \$25 per couple or \$12 per person. This includes dinner Friday night, childcare (ages five and under) for those who need it and Dr. Cutrer's book, *Sexual Intimacy in Marriage*. Registration begins at 5:00 p.m.; dinner begins at 5:30 p.m.; conference from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday session is from 8:30-11:30 a.m., followed by a Q&A session until 12:30 p.m. To register, contact Union Avenue Baptist Church at 901-276-5421 or e-mail [fleming@unionavenue.org](mailto:fleming@unionavenue.org).

## Medical Teams to Lead Haiti Response

The joint Southern Baptist response to the January 12 Haiti earthquake will launch in the coming week with four "strategically selected" medical teams, leaders of the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Network decided January 26 at the Florida Urban Impact Center in Hialeah, FL. Plans to respond to the urgent, intermediate and long-term needs in Haiti were addressed by assessment teams that had just returned from the quake-ravaged nation, along with representatives from Baptist Global Response, the Southern Baptist International and North American Mission Boards, the Florida Baptist Convention and other Southern Baptist disaster relief representatives.



"At this point, all we can sleep safely in Prince-au-Prince is 55," said Cecil Seagle, director of the mission division of the Florida Baptist Convention.

The group decided the next step will be to send four "strategically selected" medical teams through the Dominican Republic to Haiti the first week of February, along with two representatives from the Florida Baptist Convention, who will continue to make arrangements for trained volunteers to travel in and out of the country.

The group pled for patience as they try to solve logistical nightmares. Southern Baptists will be asked to purchase and contribute "Buckets of Hope" to send to Haitian families - five-gallon buckets packed with rice, cooking oil, black beans, flour, sugar, spaghetti noodles and peanut butter. Even after Haitians use the supplies, the bucket can serve multiple uses for a family.

*Taken from BP article by Barbara Denman, director of communications for the Florida Baptist Convention (www.floridabaptist.org)*

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Follow on Twitter @ GoBGR or visit:  
[www.tnbaptist.org/page.asp?cat=miss&subcat=relief](http://www.tnbaptist.org/page.asp?cat=miss&subcat=relief)  
[www.namb.net/haiti](http://www.namb.net/haiti)  
[www.baptistglobalresponse.org/new/](http://www.baptistglobalresponse.org/new/)

## Opportunities Within Our Churches

**Associate Pastor/Minister of Music**  
Whitten Memorial Baptist Church (P/T)  
Send resume to church attn: Search Committee, 6773 Macon Rd., Memphis, TN 38134.

**Minister to Young Families and Singles**  
Eudora Baptist Church (P/T)  
Contact the church office at 901-888-7800.

**Minister of Youth (P/T - Experienced)**  
Richland Baptist Church  
Contact the church office at 170 N. Oak Grove Rd., Memphis, 38120 or call 901-683-2451.

**Music Minister**  
Community Baptist Church, Rosemark, TN  
Contact Pastor Terry Cobb at 901-876-3055 or 901-606-5404.

Hartland Baptist Church (P/T)  
Contact Pastor Maley at 901-870-6834.

New Life Baptist Church  
Contact Dr. Kenny Hodnette at 901-452-0127 or 901-487-0207.

**Pastor/Church Assistant**  
Brunswick Baptist Church  
Contact Pastor Ronnie Hughes at 901-388-3690 or [ronehughes@gmail.com](mailto:ronehughes@gmail.com).

**Pianist**  
Community Baptist Church, Rosemark, TN (P/T) Contact Pastor Terry Cobb at 901-876-3055 or 901-606-5404.

*If your church has filled a position, please call 901-373-6161 to remove it from the list.*

## Associational Senior Adult Rally

The Associational Senior Adult Luncheon will be held Tuesday, February 16, at First Baptist Church, Millington. Dr. David Leavell, new pastor at FBC, Millington, will be the speaker. Cost for lunch is \$7 per person. Contact Barbara VanNeste at 901-872-2264 or [bvanneste@fbc-millington.org](mailto:bvanneste@fbc-millington.org) to make reservations or with questions.

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## Mid-South Ministry Profile

**Brookside Baptist Pastor John Bomar Retires** by Stuart McCollough

Dedicated, tenacious and faithful were all words used to describe retiring Brookside Baptist Church Pastor John Bomar recently at a celebration dinner honoring Bro. John and his wife Peggy. Family, friends and church members, past and present, were on hand Saturday evening, January 23 for a time of remembrance and reflection on the Bomars' 47 1/2 years of service as pastor at Brookside. Speakers included long-time friends Rev. Sonny Simpson, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Newport, AR and Rev. Don Johnson, Chaplain of Kirby Pines Retirement Community. Several church members spoke about Bro. John and the impact he and Peggy have had on the lives of all they have ministered to over the years.



(L to R) Retiring Pastor John Bomar, his wife Peggy, daughter Rachel and son Mark

Mid-South Baptist Association Executive Director of Missions Dr. Mike Day made a presentation on behalf of the association. He spoke of Bro. John's solid influence in the work of the Mid-South Baptist Association and previously to the Shelby Baptist Association. The association honored the Bomars with a gift and presented Bro. John with an Ebenezer stone honoring his years of faithful service.

The Bomars' daughter Rachel spoke on behalf of the family and played the piano for a solo by Brookside Minister of Music Kevin Hallmann. She also played a piano medley during a video presentation looking back over the years of the family's ministry. Those attending sang several of Bro. John's favorites hymns. A gift was given by the church and a nice dinner buffet was enjoyed by all those present.

Bro. John came to what was then Capleville Baptist Church as pastor on April 8, 1962. Besides serving at a small church in Ft. Worth, TX while attending Southwestern Seminary, Brookside is the only church Bro. John has pastored. The church was founded in 1920 and met at the same location for 70 years. Many building projects have taken place over the years. Under Bro. John's guidance, the church relocated to Germantown Rd. near Shelby Drive in 1990. The name was then changed to Brookside Baptist. As the membership of the church moved eastward and to the south, the members decided to relocate to East Goodman Rd. in Olive Branch, MS in 2006. They sold the Germantown Rd. property and met temporarily at Whispering Woods Hotel and Conference Center in Olive Branch while their new building was being constructed. They moved into their present building in September, 1997.

Bro. John will continue to serve at Brookside as Pastor Emeritus. He and Peggy will be church members, and she will continue teaching her Sunday School class. Bro. Marvin Tharnish will serve as Senior Pastor. Bro. Marvin has most recently served at Brookside as Associate Pastor, Minister to Young Adults and Senior Adults. Congratulations to the Bomars on their retirement, and welcome Bro. Marvin as you begin your service as Senior Pastor at Brookside Baptist Church.





**Memphis Area Puppet Festival**  
February 19 and 20  
Collierville First Baptist Church  
830 New Byhalia Rd., Collierville

Registration and schedule information is available at [www.onewaystreet.com](http://www.onewaystreet.com).

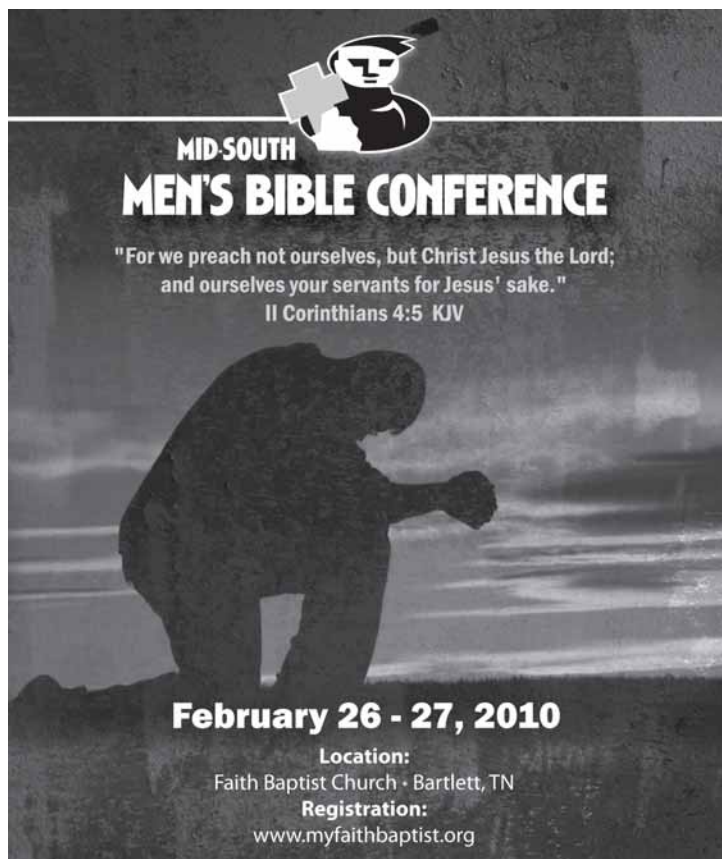
### ESL Workshops Available

Contact Minnie Garrett at 901-853-2491 or [minne@dsg.us](mailto:minne@dsg.us) if you are interested in an English as a Second Language (ESL) Workshop. This workshop prepares one to teach Internationals English in a volunteer program.



### Organist Needed

Oak Grove Baptist Church in Hernando, MS (approximately 35 minutes from Memphis) is seeking an experienced organist for their worship services. Please contact Buddy McCollough at 662-429-7077 for more information.



### Important Dates for February

- 1 Pastors' Conference  
Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m.  
Rev. Luther Carlisle, speaker
- 4 Associational Secretary's Luncheon  
First Baptist Church, Millington  
Noon
- 5 Baptist Hospital Auxiliary  
Baptist Women's Hospital - 10:30 a.m.
- 8 Pastors' Conference  
Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m.  
Ricky Henson (Bring Them In Ministries), speaker
- 15 Administrative Leadership Council  
Bellevue Baptist Church - 10:00 a.m.
- 15 MSBA Executive Board  
Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m.
- 15 Ministers' Wives' Fellowship  
Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m.
- 16 Senior Adult Rally  
First Baptist Church, Millington  
10:30 a.m.
- 17 Financial Issues Facing Churches and Ministers - Bellevue Baptist Church  
10:00 a.m.-Noon
- 22 Pastors' Conference  
Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m.  
Dr. J.C. Fuller, speaker

### Change in Date and Time for VBS Training

VBS training for association churches was originally scheduled for March 9, at Faith Baptist Church. Due to leadership changes, the dates and place have been changed. The training will now be held at First Baptist Church, Millington, 5010 W. Union Rd., in Millington on April 5-6. The Monday, April 5 session will meet from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The Tuesday, April 6 session will meet from 9:00 a.m.-noon. VBS leadership will want to make plans to attend one of these session if you plan to use Lifeway curriculum.

### Disaster Relief Training

Bartlett Baptist Church  
Saturday, March 13, 2010

Disaster relief training in Mass Feeding and Fork Lift Operation will be provided at Bartlett Baptist Church, 3465 Kirby-Whitten Pkwy., Bartlett, TN, on Saturday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 a.m. If you are interested in taking advantage of this training opportunity, please call Bartlett Baptist Church at 901-333-3350 with your name and phone number.

## WMU HAPPENINGS

### Daddy-Daughter Banquet

February 27 • 6:00 p.m.  
The Grove at Red Oak Lake  
(formerly Camp Cordova)  
849 Rocky Point Rd., Cordova

\$25 Dad and one daughter  
\$15 each additional daughter  
(Dinner, picture and fun)

Our ministry project will be donations to Baptist Collegiate Ministries of Memphis to help students going on mission trips during Spring Break.

*Deadline to register: February 18*  
Registration forms are available online at [www.msba.org/wmu](http://www.msba.org/wmu).  
Mail registration form and check payable to MSBA to:  
Mid-South Baptist WMU  
6896 Highway 70 • Memphis 38133

Call Titus Mason at 901-377-6866 if you have any questions.



Registration:

\$50/person if registered by March 1  
\$60/person after March 1

Mid-South Baptist WMU has a block of rooms available. If you would like to ride with us or if you're interested in reserving a room, please contact Julie at 901-373-6161.

### Adventures In Missions Girls Camp

*I'm a Designer Original!*  
June 27-July 2, 2010

Weeklong: \$250 per camper  
Overnight: \$55 per camper  
Contact Julie Binford at 901-428-2802 or e-mail [crossnjulie@hotmail.com](mailto:crossnjulie@hotmail.com).  
Registration forms are available online at [www.msba.org/wmu](http://www.msba.org/wmu).



The Truth Project™ is a powerful, small-group educational experience on developing a biblical worldview. It consists of 12 small group lessons, with an hour-long video content on a DVD and a 30-minute discussion afterward, that works best in a home or other small-group setting. Focus on the Family created this informative, entertaining and biblically-sound curriculum to equip Christians for living out their faith in a post-Christian culture. The Truth Project is excellent for a new Christian class and for seasoned believers who want to develop a more fully biblical worldview.

To begin using The Truth Project, small group leaders must either complete a TP group as a participant or attend a three-hour training session. Training sessions are conducted by Dr. David Shelley of the Family Action Council of Tennessee (associated with Focus on the Family). Dr. Shelley holds a Ph.D. in Biblical Theology and is a Nashville-area Baptist pastor with over 20 years of experience.

The next available training session in Tennessee will be at Leawood Baptist Church, Memphis, on Saturday, February 27, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. The church is located at 3868 Macon Road. There is no cost to attend this session. The only cost is to purchase the DVD set for \$99. No childcare will be provided.

To register or find out more information, e-mail Dr. Shelley at [David.Shelley@FACTn.org](mailto:David.Shelley@FACTn.org), or call 615-469-4139.

### Mission Opportunities

Church Without Doors meets every Sunday afternoon at 1:00 p.m., in downtown Memphis at Robert R. Church Park, Beale and Fourth St. They need local churches to provide lunch for those who attend, and they are always welcome to host services. They also have financial needs for operating expenses, monthly permits and fees, etc. Contact Betty Armstead at 901-598-0864 if your group can help with any of these dates:

April 4, 25	July 11, 18, 25
May 16, 23	August 1
June 6, 27	September 12
	October 3, 24

Brinkley Heights Baptist Church needs groups to feed Spring Break Mission teams serving at Street Reach. They are ministering to local areas around Memphis. Lunches are needed each day for five weeks during March and April. Contact Jamae Zarshenas at 901-372-9020 or [jzarshenas@aol.com](mailto:jzarshenas@aol.com) for details and dates.

### Upcoming Events

The TBC is sponsoring a seminar for financial leadership in churches. This seminar will save your church and minister time, money and hassle! The seminar is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, from 10:00 a.m.-noon at Bellevue Baptist Church. There is no registration or seminar fee.

Make plans now for the RA Rocket Launch at Shelby Farms on Saturday, March 27. This event will be hosted by the Mid-South Rocket Society.

### Congratulations!

A rousing hand of applause and congratulations to Dr. Mike Jones, pastor of Berclair Baptist Church, for his accomplishment in receiving his Ph.D. on December 9, 2009.



The Grove at Red Oak Lake (formerly Mid-South Baptist Conference Center) is now taking applications for 2010 camping. Contact Manager Neal Pfibsen at 901-217-7660 or 901-230-6488 or e-mail at [nealp@mygrove.org](mailto:nealp@mygrove.org).