



Mid-South Baptist Conference Center

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you are having a wonderful start to 2008, and I pray that your walk with the Lord is closer than it has ever been before.

Palmer Dining Hall is still open and available for breakfast, lunch and dinner meetings and banquets. Call 901-754-7028, and let us schedule your staff planning meeting, Sunday School class fellowship, etc.

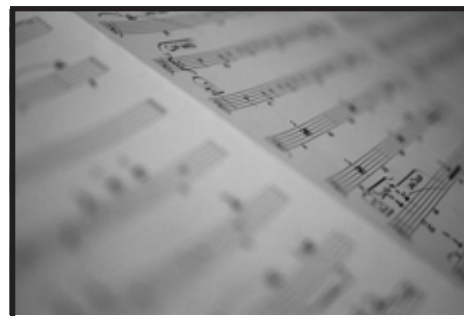
Meetings already scheduled:

- Feb. 16 Germantown Baptist Church Singles Banquet
- Feb. 19 Associational Senior Adult Rally Meeting and Lunch
- Feb. 22-23 Centerpoint Church Ladies' Retreat
- March 7 Retired Ministers' Luncheon
- March 17 Executive Board Meeting and Lunch
- March 20-21 Circle Cross Fellowship Rodeo Ministry

In 2008, let us be more determined to keep God's precious Word as Solomon says, "as the apple of your eye." *Keep my commandments and live, and my teaching as the apple of your eye.* (Proverbs 7:2). The "apple of your eye" is an expression for the eye's center – the pupil. The whole body is tuned to protect that pupil from injury. The eyelids snap shut at the slightest hint of danger. The tear ducts flood the eye with cleansing tears if anything irritates. The nerve endings scream, "Danger" at the slightest pain or pressure. Solomon urges us to take as much care of God's Word as we do our own eyes. It's a privilege to serve Mid-South Baptists.

God bless you all,

Dale and Marcia Gravatt



Mid-South Baptist Association MINISTERS OF MUSIC FELLOWSHIP

Monday, February 18, 2008
Bellevue Baptist Church
11:30 a.m. • Rm. F239
\$5.50 per person

News and Notes

Bro. James Williams would like to invite your church to become involved in an apartment complex ministry and has offered to assist. Apartment managers are contacting him requesting assistance in having a ministry similar to that at Bent Tree. If your church is looking for a ministry opportunity, contact Bro. James at 901-494-6331 or e-mail at jwilliams687@aol.com.

Good Hope Bi-Lingual Institute is in need of ESL teachers. There is no need to speak a second language, just a desire to do God's work. This 13-week commitment meets on Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Contact Marco at Graham Heights Baptist Church (901-452-8617) or leave a message for Mary at 901-340-1581.

A One Way Street Puppet Festival will be held at Germantown Baptist Church April 11-12. This festival is open to any church with puppet ministries. If interested, go online to www.onewaystreet.com or contact Liz Baird at 901-260-5739.

Highland Heights Baptist Church has church furniture that they no longer need for sale at a reasonable price. Items include: preschool tables and chairs; children's tables and chairs; 8' tables; metal folding chairs and library books. Contact Gerald Brewer at 901-454-0546 for more information.

In Sympathy

The Mid-South Baptist family extends sympathy to the family and friends of Jeannie Carlisle, wife of former MSBA staff member Luther Carlisle.

Audubon Park Baptist Church Pastor Ralph Duncan died on January 4, following a short illness. Bro. Duncan had served in several churches in the association in various roles but mostly in the area of music. He was called to serve as pastor at Audubon Park in 2000. Sympathy is extended to his family and to his church family.

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

Associate Pastor/Minister of Students

- Faith Baptist Church, Bartlett (F/T)
Mail resume to 3755 N. Germantown Rd, Bartlett, TN 38133, or e-mail Brenda Splean at brendas@faithbaptistbartlett.org.
- Piperton Baptist Church (F/T)
Contact Mrs. Penny Jones or Bro. Thomas Foy at 901-853-1711.

Secretary/Financial Secretary

- Berclair Baptist Church (P/T: 20-25 hours/ week)
Contact the church at 901-583-3585 or Joe Burnette at 901-685-0896.

Youth Pastor

- Broadmoor Baptist Church
Contact Rev. Bo Grace
P.O. Box 280649, Memphis, TN 38168
- Hope Baptist Church
Contact Rev. Burr Lovett at 662-890-4673 or 901-526-4673 or hope@hopeinhim.org.
- Range Hills Baptist Church (P/T)
2741 Frayser Blvd., Memphis, TN 38127

Music Assistant

- Bartlett Hills Baptist Church
Contact Stephen St. Clair at 901-386-9763.

Music Minister

- Balmoral Baptist Church (P/T)
Send resume to 2676 Kirby Rd., Memphis, TN 38119, or call 901-754-2300, e-mail balmoralchurch@bellsouth.net.
- Forest Hill Baptist Church (P/T)
Contact the church at 901-754-7455.
- Grace Baptist Church (Music/Youth)
Contact Rev. Bill Harrald, 901-872-4294 or 901-849-0252.
- Graham Heights (P/T)
Contact Don Amburn or Peggy Montgomery at 901-324-6141.
- Hope Baptist Church (Worship Leader)
Contact Rev. Burr Lovett at 662-890-4673 or 901-526-4573 or hope@hopeinhim.org.

Keyboardist

- Balmoral Baptist Church (Sundays and Wed. night)
Send resume to church at 2676 Kirby Rd., Memphis, TN 38119, or call 901-754-2300.

Weekday Teaching Position (incl. Kindergarten)

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

Paid Nursery Worker

- First Baptist Church Lakeland
Contact Pastor Joe Capebianco at 901-372-1179.

Second Class Postage Paid at Memphis, Tennessee and additional entries.

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Mid-South Ministry Profile

Pastor Frederick Tappan and Eureka True Vine Baptist Church by Stuart McCollough



Pastor Frederick Tappan

"Meeting the needs of the people, right where they are." That's the personal mantra of Pastor Frederick Tappan of Eureka True Vine Baptist Church. Based on the gospel account of Jesus' feeding of the 5000, Pastor Tappan and church members believe by meeting the community's physical needs, they will also have the opportunity to meet their greater spiritual needs. This philosophy has led the Senior Pastor to personal and churchwide involvement in many local agencies and programs that focus on family, social service and youth ministry.

Pastor Tappan accepted his calling from God at age 20. He began his preaching ministry at Riverside Baptist Church. He attended Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary and then completed his undergraduate work in Psychology at Christian Brothers University and Jacksonville Theological Seminary. His graduate work was completed at Jacksonville Theological Seminary and the Harvard University, School of Divinity. Besides serving as Senior Pastor, Bro. Tappan and his wife of 19 years, Regina, head the Memphis Area Youth Association. This youth athletic and educational support program has over 100 participants and stresses abstinence as its foundation. He has also recently served as administrator for the Shelby County Department of Corrections Fatherhood/Health Relationships Program. Prior to that, Bro. Tappan served as Chaplain of the Shelby County Detention Center and Jail East Women's Center.

Eureka True Vine Baptist Church was originally formed in 1972 under the leadership of Rev. G.B. Brown. After several years, Bro. Tappan was called as pastor. Under his leadership, the church has grown from about 10 members to over 300 presently. About four years ago, the church began the process of joining the Southern Baptist Convention under the sponsorship of Germantown Baptist Church. They also recently became one of the newest member churches of the Mid-South Baptist Association.

The church's motto is "Real Ministry, with a Real Message, for Real People." They live that out by offering many ministries that reach people in their community. Besides offering the standard ministries to different age groups in the church, they also offer a seniors' ministry, outreach food ministry, counseling ministry, tutoring program, domestic violence ministry and marriage and pre-marriage ministry.

Plans for the future include an evangelism plan to make 500 contacts in the community and witness to these contacts and invite them to visit the church. The church plans to start a cable television ministry and build a multi-purpose facility on a 20-acre plot on Shelby Drive near the airport. This facility would continue to allow the church to "meet the needs of the people – right where they are."



Senior Adult Rally

The Senior Adult Rally will be held as usual on Tuesday, February 19, at 10:30 a.m. at the Mid-South Baptist Conference Center. Please contact James Beaty at Leawood Baptist Church if you plan to attend.





First Baptist Church, Sherwood, Ark.
April 21-22, 2008

Step into God's plan
for the former
Soviet Union...



Register online at hope4cee.org

- Discover opportunities to serve in CEE
- Meet with more than 40 missionaries, including top leadership
- Explore prayer advocacy training
- Learn how to fund strategic mission involvement
- Examine using media in missions



MSBA Foundation Scholarship

Deadline: March 15, 2008

The Mid-South Baptist Foundation offers scholarships based on the following guidelines:

- Be a born-again believer
- Be working toward a Christian professional ministry vocation goal (church staff personnel, missionary or denominational ministry)
- Be an active member, for at least one year, of a Southern Baptist Church in the Mid-South Association
- Be faithful in attendance to church activities
- Be a high school graduate or have earned an equivalent G.E.D.
- Be in the process of applying for full-time enrollment or currently enrolled in a four-year college, university or seminary
- Have maintained a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or a 1.5 on a 3.0 scale with no failing grades in any course
- Be financially in need of assistance to pursue a high level of education

The individual will be required to receive a favorable report following a personal interview by at least three members of the Foundation Board.

Deadline for turning in scholarship form is March 15, 2008. Call the associational office at 901-373-6161 or e-mail at info@msbac.org for an application.

Important Dates for February/March

FEBRUARY

- 11-14 WMU Focus Week
- 16 Daddy/Daughter Banquet-Leawood East B.C. – 6:30 p.m.
- 16 RA Racer Comp. - Union Ave. B.C.
- 18 Pastors' Conference - Bellevue B.C. 11:30 a.m. – Jim Perdue, speaker
- 19 Senior Adult Rally MSBCC - 10:30 a.m.
- 25 Pastors' Conference - Bellevue B.C. 11:30 a.m. – Hal Kitchings, speaker

MARCH

- 2-8 Week of Prayer for Home Missions Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 3 Pastors' Conference - Bellevue B.C. 11:30 a.m. – Matt Pearson, speaker
- 7 Baptist Hospital Auxiliary Women's Hospital - 10:30 a.m.
- 10 MSBA Staff Meeting - 8:30 a.m.
- 10 Pastors' Conference - Bellevue B.C. 11:30 a.m. – John Finley, speaker
- 10 Ministers' Wives Fellowship Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m.
- 8 Regional Handbell Festival Covenant B.C.
- 13 MSBA Foundation Board Meeting MSBA Office - 8:30 a.m.
- 13 Associational VBS Training - FBC Fisherville - 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- 15 RA Rocket Launch - Shelby Farms 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 17 Administrative Leadership Council MSBCC - 10:00 a.m.
- 17 MSBA Executive Board - MSBCC Noon
- 21 Good Friday
- 23 Easter Sunday
- 24 Pastors' Conference - Bellevue B.C. 11:30 a.m. –Jere Phillips, speaker
- 29 West TN Disaster Relief Training
- 31 Pastors' Conference - Bellevue B.C. 11:30 a.m. – David Lawrence, speaker

Disaster Relief Training

March 3, 2008 • 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Germantown Baptist Church • \$5
Contact Evelyn at 901-260-5712

March 10, 2008 • 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Faith Baptist Church • \$5
Contact Kay at 901-386-4785.



Daddy/Daughter Banquet

Saturday, February 16 • 6:30 p.m.
Leawood East Baptist Church
1620 Houston Levee Rd. • Cordova
Cost: \$22 per dad and daughter (incl. pictures); \$15 each additional daughter
Mission project: items for prison ministry (full-size shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, toothbrushes; toothpaste, deodorant, combs and brushes).

Opportunity Camp Sponsors

Sponsor a child for Opportunity Camp this summer for \$150. Camp will be held May 27-31, at For the Kingdom Camp. Send checks to MSBA, 6896 Hwy. 70, Memphis, TN 38133.

Brinkley Heights Needs

Brinkley Heights Ministry Center is in desperate need of men's underwear. All sizes are needed. Contact Bobbye Clark at 901-386-8141 for more information.

Focus on WMU Week Open House

Thursday, February 14 • 10:00 a.m. - noon
MSBA Office
We will be providing a potluck lunch for the associational staff. Bring a dish and join us for the meeting and lunch.

Week of Prayer for N. American Missions

March 2-9, 2008

Missions Get Together and Acteen Connection

April 3-6, 2008 • Gatlinburg, TN
Cost: \$40 by March 14
Mission project: Wal-Mart gift cards to be given to Baptist Collegiate Ministries across the state
Speaker: Sylvia DeLoach
Music: Paul Clark and TN Ladies Chorus
Call Julie to make reservations for the bus (\$25) and hotel.

GA Camp - Race for the Prize

June 1-2 - Overnight Camp
June 2-6 - Weeklong Camp
For the Kingdom Camp
Cost: \$55 (overnight); \$160 (weeklong)
ropes course • Bible study • crafts
Information packets will be coming soon!

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



Multiplying Leaders for the 21st Century Harvest

Dr. Greg Spears - Leadership Development Strategist

Pre-Evangelism for a Post-Modern World

More and more the church of the 21st century will confront the subjective post-modern mind as it goes about evangelizing the lost. The basis or context for a logical presentation of the Gospel does not exist because the post-modernist has no foundational knowledge of a biblical world view. Pre-evangelism is the presentation of a proper foundation before presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The biblical example for this is seen in the different methods employed by the Apostle Paul when evangelizing in the first century. In confronting the Jewish culture Paul assumed knowledge of a Creator God, man as a creature of God, and the Fall and curse on creation. In confronting the secular pagan culture (as in Acts chapter 17) he laid the foundation starting with a Creator, creation, and the unity of man and coming judgment—then he presented the Gospel.

What is post-modernism? Post-modernism is the end-state of modernism. A post-modernist does not appeal to universally self-evident truths as a base for thought. Post-modernists have rejected objective truth and replaced it with subjective truth. Truth does not exist unless the post-modernist says it exist.

An easy way of understanding this shift might be to use a familiar subject like umpiring a ball game. Consider the following Philosophies of Umpiring:

UMPIRE #1, "There's balls and there's strikes, and I call them the way they are."

UMPIRE #2, "No way! That's arrogant. There are balls and there's strikes and I call them the way I see it."

UMPIRE #3, "That's no better, why beat around the bush? Why not be realistic about what we do? There's balls and there's strikes and *they ain't nothing till I call them!*"

UMPIRE #1 represents the modern "OBJECTIVE VIEW" of truth.

UMPIRE #2 represents a "MODERATE RELATIVISM VIEW" of truth.

UMPIRE #3 represents the "POST-MODERN SUBJECTIVE VIEW" of truth.

Pre-evangelism begins in Genesis then moves to the Gospels. Without first establishing a Creator—the definition of God is subjective and a subjective Jesus will save no one. Which Jesus are we talking about? The Jesus of the Watch Tower Society? The Mormon Jesus? The Moonie Jesus? The Muslim Jesus? All of those subjective Jesus' are acceptable to the post-modernist—but when you present to the post-modern the "UNKNOWN GOD" "THE GOD WHO MADE THE WORLD AND ALL THINGS IN IT" then you have a basis for talking about God's purpose for man, the Fall and sin, and then the Gospel of the BIBLICAL Jesus Christ.

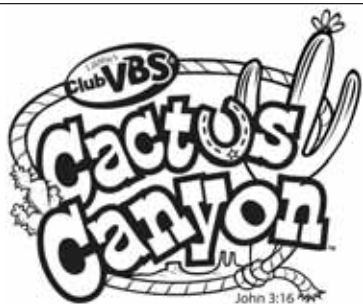
Three of the five or more generations alive in this nation today have been schooled their entire lives in evolution. They have witnessed the moral decay and demise of our homes, institutions, and nation. They do not have a basis for understanding the Gospel. Several years ago a pastor and messenger to the 2000 Southern Baptist Convention in Orlando stood on the floor of the convention and stated, "The Bible is just a book!"

Our relativistic and pluralistic culture of today demands that we be prepared to do pre-evangelism in order to establish a proper foundation from which to share the Gospel. How have your evangelistic efforts been lately? Would you like to explore an Acts 17 approach? The Apostle Peter admonishes us to, "Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to every one who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence." – 1 Peter 3:15

– Bro. Greg

Interpreters/Translators Needed

Interaction between our Hispanic and Anglo churches cannot take place without the help from those of you who are bilingual in English/Spanish. More and more we are in need of interpreters and/or translators. If you have these skills and would like to be involved in this ministry, contact Dr. Greg Spears at 901-373-6161 or gregs@msbac.org.



Associational VBS Training

Thursday, March 13, 2008 • 6:00-9:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church, Fisherville
11893 Macon • Eads, TN • 901-853-4253