

Bellevue Baptist Church to Host Church Security Conference

Thursday, October 16, 2008 • 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Purpose:

To provide church security related information including cost-effective ways to enhance the physical security of your church and guidance to surviving an active shooter incident.

Who should attend:

Security directors, ministerial staff and key lay leaders

For more information:

Contact Jerry McConnell, Outreach Minister, Center for Personal Protection and Safety at 509-252-8533 (www.safe-travels.com) or Ralph Anderson at 901-347-5231.



Mid-South Baptist Association Regional Sunday School Training

Monday, July 28, 2008

First Baptist Church, Millington
5010 W. Union Rd.
Millington, TN 38053

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Kirby Woods Baptist Church
6325 Poplar Ave.
Memphis, TN 38119

One Faith Fellowship
4945 Winchester Rd.
Memphis, TN 38118

*Dinner is available at each location at
5:00 p.m. with reservations. Training
will be held from 6:45-8:45 p.m.*

Equipping U Sunday School Training Offers:

- practical experience from trained professionals with a heart for ministry.
- encouragement and fellowship with other Christian leaders.
- the tools you need to be successful in your ministry.
- confidence to lead your Sunday School class.
- fresh ideas and new approaches.
- peer learning opportunities.



Senior Adult Rally

The Senior Adult Rally will be held on Tuesday, August 19, at 10:30 a.m. at the Mid-South Baptist Conference Center. Gordon Pfund will provide the program. The cost is \$7 per person. Call Leewood Baptist Church at 901-324-7169 by August 13 to make reservations.

SECULAR AND SACRED CONCERT

Don Bennett, Tenor
Tommy Gaines, Piano
Richard Wright, Organ

Sunday, August 10, 2008
6:00 p.m.

Union Ave. Baptist Church
2181 Union Ave. • Memphis

Admission is free. A homemade ice cream fellowship will follow.



134th Tennessee Baptist Convention Annual Meeting

FBC, Hendersonville, TN • November 11-12, 2008

Tennessee Baptist Convention Annual Meeting information (including housing information) is available at www.tnbaptist.org. Click "About Us" on the left-hand side of the home page, then click on "Annual Meeting," and "Download Housing Brochure" or a link is provided from the Mid-South Baptist Association website at msbac.org.

Opportunities Within Our Churches

Pastor

Forest Hill Baptist Church
Mail resume to Pastor Search Committee,
3645 Forest Hill Irene Rd., Germantown, 38138
Hartland Baptist Church
Contact James Shivers at 901-388-2040, or
mail resume to 1820 Hartland, Memphis, 38128
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
Wells Station Baptist Church
Contact the church office at 901-682-2295,
or e-mail 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.

Minister to Children/Youth

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

Minister to Young Adults

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

Secretary/Financial Secretary

Baptist Church in Bartlett Area (F/T)
Must have accounting experience.
Send resume to Personnel Chairman, P.O. Box
487, Ellendale, TN 38029.

Music Minister

Berclair Baptist Church (P/T) God Called
Send resume to 4584 Summer Ave., Memphis,
TN 383122, Attn: Personnel Committee.
Grace Baptist Church (Music/Youth)
Contact Rev. Bill Harrald, 901-872-4294 or
901-849-0252.
Oakland First Baptist Church (Bi-vocational)
Contact J.R. Doyle at 901-485-0625.

Keyboardist/Pianist

Balmoral Baptist Church (Sundays and Wed. night)
Send resume to church at 2676 Kirby Rd.,
Memphis, TN 38119, or call 901-754-2300.
Magnolia Baptist Church (Sunday morning only)
Contact Pastor Vaughn Denton at 662-890-0680.

Pre-K Lead Teacher

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

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 901-373-6161 to remove
it from the list.*

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A Word from the Executive Director of Missions Dr. Michael Day

Welcome Dr. Mitch Martin!

I have the month of July pretty well mapped out—for the first four days, I'll be taking advantage of every opportunity to join in every flag-waving, fireworks-shooting, picnic-basketing celebration of the "Fourth of July" that I can find. From that point forward, though, I will be celebrating what I'll call "The First of Mitch." Let me explain why.

On June 16, 2008, the Executive Board of the Mid-South Baptist Association unanimously elected Dr. Mitch Martin to serve as MSBA Church Leadership Development Strategist. In July, we will see the "first of Mitch" as he moves to Memphis, gets settled in his temporary housing and in his permanent office, and begins his ministry of working with the churches of the Mid-South to develop effective strategies and events for developing church leaders. I first "crossed paths" with Mitch about 15 years ago when he was a pastor in Utah and I was the Brotherhood Commission representative to the Utah-Idaho State Baptist Convention. Since that time we have enjoyed a fellowship that grew into friendship as we occasionally "bumped into" one another in the course of our respective ministry responsibilities. Mitch has served as a Pastor, a Director of Missions in Utah, a state Baptist Convention leader in Utah and Idaho, a North American Missionary, and an Editor and Consultant for LifeWay Christian Resources. He has great skills, great experience, and a great heart. More importantly, he has a real sense of calling and a true passion for God, the church, its mission, and its leaders. He has the heart of a Pastor and the calling of an equipper. I believe he is a "great fit" for and a "great gift" to the MSBA.

I know you will join me in welcoming Dr. Mitch Martin to the staff of the Mid-South Baptist Association. Will you also join me in praying for Mitch and Myra as they sell their house in Nashville, seek a new home in Memphis, say their goodbyes to a church family that has appreciated and loved them, and take all of the hard steps that we so easily refer to as *transition*? I know they will appreciate your prayers! **Welcome, Mitch & Myra Martin!**



A Word from Mitch Martin

We know that God both calls and assigns. He calls people into the ministry, and then He assigns them specific places of ministry.

In my case, the Lord called me into the ministry when I was 12 years-old. Since then, over these many years, He has moved me from place to place. Now in the wisdom and goodness of God, He is leading me and my family to serve the Mid-South Baptist Association. I thank God for putting me in the

ministry and directing me to this new opportunity.

A change in ministry location presents new problems and challenges and therefore I will need help. Are there any praying people in the Mid-South Baptist Association who would be willing to pray for me and my family? If so, drop me a note at mitchm@msbac.org and I'll share some prayer requests with you.

I look forward to coming and working alongside you. As your new Leadership Development Strategist, I'd like us to consider this verse as possibly being our rallying cry and common goal.

*Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom that
we may present everyone mature in Christ. – Colossians 1:28*

Let me know if you think this is a good verse for us to pursue together.



Mid-South Ministry Profile

Pastor Marc Boyd and Leewood Baptist Church by Stuart McCollough

You might say Pastor Marc Boyd has come full circle in his ministry. Ordained to preach at Leewood Baptist Church back in October, 1997, and after serving for ten years on the foreign mission field, he has now returned to Leewood as Senior Pastor. Bro. Marc and his family were unanimously called on March 30 and officially took the field on Mothers' Day, May 11, of this year.

Growing up outside of Memphis in Fisherville, TN, Bro. Marc graduated from Collierville High School. He was saved at age 18 at First Baptist Church, Fisherville. He went on to graduate with a degree in History from the University of Memphis and was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in the ROTC there. His military career took him to the 101st Airborne in Ft. Campbell, KY. While attending Czech linguist school in California, Marc met his future wife Annie, who was also attending linguist school to learn the Polish language.

While serving in the first Iraqi War in 1991, Marc felt God's call to ministry while in a foxhole outside Saudi Arabia. It would take nearly three more years to work out the details of that calling, but in the Summer of 1994, Marc resigned after nine years in the service, with the rank of Captain, and he and his family set their sites on serving the Lord in full-time ministry. They moved back to Memphis to attend Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary and while there, Bro. Marc served for a year with the Military Ministry at Bellevue Baptist Church.

In 1995, Bro. Marc began serving as a lay leader at Speedway Terrace Baptist Church working with international students and refugees through their International Friends program. It was during this time, that Speedway Terrace Pastor Jim Smith and Associate Pastor Greg Spears (current MSBA Church Planting Strategist) approached him about serving as Associate Pastor with Greg at a new church plant called The Church in Midtown. That church was later adopted and supported by Leewood Baptist. It was at Leewood in October of 1997 that Bro. Marc was ordained as a minister of the gospel.

Feeling the call to full-time missions, Marc and Annie were appointed as Career Missionaries to Eastern Europe with the International Mission Board. They left the states in 1998 and began serving in Southern Poland. During their first term there, they planted Living Water Baptist Church. Bro. Marc was then asked to serve as the Strategy Associate for the Baltic Field for IMB. This position included oversight of the mission work in the Baltic Region (including Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Finland).

After returning to Memphis on furlough, Bro. Marc worked on his Ph.D. in Missions at Mid-America before returning to Eastern Europe to serve another year in Poland. In

January, 2004, Bro. Marc was named Strategy Associate for the Southern Europe Field, a position which included overseeing 100 missionaries serving in 11 countries. He and his family lived in Thessalonica, Greece during this time.

On their next furlough to the states during a day of personal spiritual

retreat at the Missionary Learning Center, Bro. Marc felt God calling him and his family to leave the mission field. God gave him the verse in Jeremiah 29:14 where God tells Jeremiah that He will bring His people back to the place from where He had sent them. While not knowing exactly what God's plan was, Bro. Marc followed the Spirit's leading and returned to Memphis to continue work on his Ph.D. at Mid-America. His family lived in seminary housing and started attending Leewood. Leaders at Leewood approached Bro. Marc about serving as pastor and soon he saw the fulfillment of the same promise God had made to Jeremiah in his own life.

After spending most of their lives overseas, the Boyd's children: Eric-16; Rachel-15; and Hannah-13, have been adjusting to living back in the states. The family recently purchased and are renovating a house in the community near Leewood so they can be involved in all the activities going on at the church. They are excited about what God is doing in the transitioning community surrounding Leewood and are looking forward to all the things He has planned for the future.



Bro. Marc Boyd and his wife Annie recently began their ministry at Leewood Baptist.

Upcoming Important Dates

July

- 4 Independence Day – MSBA Office Closed
- 7 Pastors' Conference (Rev. Hernan Gimenez, Speaker) Ministers of Music Fellowship Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m.
- 8 *Mid-South Baptist* articles due
- 14 Pastors' Conference (Rev. Wayne Cornett, Speaker) Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m.
- 15 Administrative Leadership Council Bellevue B.C. – 7:30 a.m.
- 17 Foundation Board Meeting MSBA Office – 8:30 a.m.
- 21 Pastors' Conference (Dr. Mitch Martin, Speaker) Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m.
- 28 Pastors' Conference (Dr. Richard Johnson, Speaker) Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m.
- 28-29 Power-Up Sunday School Training Conferences (see ad)

Opportunities and Resources

Missionaries Needed

Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes
The Bartlett Campus at 6896 Highway 70 and the Double "B" Boys' Ranch in Millington are taking applications for Houseparents, a married couple whose primary work assignment is to maintain the day-to-day ministry of a campus home and its residents. Please contact Troy Styers, Ranch Program Director at 901-872-0839 or Darren Andrus, Bartlett Program Director at 901-386-3961.

WCRV 640 AM – Bott Radio Network

WCRV is seeking a dependable person to maintain their tower site in Olive Branch, MS. Responsibilities include mowing approximately one acre, cleaning the inside of the transmitter building and general maintenance. Flexible hours and good pay provided. Contact Shirley Gossett at 901-763-4640, ext. 113 or sgossett@bottradiationetwork.com.

FREE Preschool Equipment

Faith Baptist Church in Bartlett has several items from their nursery area that they would like to donate to a church:
(2) "Little Tykes" rocking horses
(4) First Years See-Thru gates
(7) Adjustable gates
(3) Refills for Diaper Genies
(1) Large Activity/Exersaucer
Contact Teri Bassett at 901-386-4785 or e-mail terib@myfaithbaptist.org.

A Unique Opportunity for the Churches of the Mid-South

Bellevue Baptist Church, 2000 Appling Road, Cordova, is inviting churches of the MSBA to participate in a Bible-based prayer seminar to be held Monday, August 25 through Wednesday, August 27 at Bellevue. Conference sessions will be daily from 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.. The \$5.00 per person registration fee includes all seminar materials, and lunch will be provided each day at no additional charge. Don Miller, the highly-respected and effective teacher of God's Word as it is related to prayer, will lead the three-day event.

Over the past 32 years, Don and Libby Miller have traveled more than 2 million miles, leading 50 to 60 prayer seminars each year. "I always focus on Jesus' example," Don says. "Jesus said men ought always to pray. We complicate prayer, but it should be natural." In his seminars, Don teaches that praying the Word of God is always in the will of God. "Talking to God is the most powerful thing we can do on this Earth. It's a matter of companionship and communication," he says. "The Master made it so simple."

AUGUST 25-27, 2008
8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. daily

Call 901-327-5750 or 901-347-5800
for additional information.



Mid-South
Youth
Conference
August 8-9, 2008

Hosted and sponsored by:
Kirby Woods Baptist Church
6325 Poplar Avenue • Memphis

Cost: \$30 (checks payable to KWBC)

Speakers: Josh Malone
Ed Newton
Sammy Nuckolls

Worship music by Philadelphia

For additional information or a registration form, go to www.kwbc.org or call the church office at 901-682-2220.



Guest Article

Dr. John Finley, MSBA Vice Moderator and Pastor, Bartlett Hills Baptist Church

What in the world . . . does the Association do, anyway? That is a good question, because, quite honestly, the focus of the Association has changed over the past few years. I grew up in Memphis. I became a Christian at age 9 and was baptized at Ardmore Baptist Church. I was there until I left to go to Seminary in Ft. Worth. My idea of the Association was "the Military Oasis, Camp Cordova, and Bible Drill." It was much more than that, of course, but most of us understand organizations in light of what it means to us personally.

Since I have returned to the Memphis area, I learned that we had a "blue ribbon task force" that initiated some changes. (Blue ribbon sounded like something we won at the fair.) Actually, this task force began to rethink the work of the Association. At one of the Associational Meetings, we (those who attended) approved the suggested changes. I am not sure that everyone understood exactly what the changes would mean (I still get a little confused myself). I had confidence in the leadership. I believed that it was "God's vision" for our Association. I hoped the changes would be good . . . the task force was "blue ribbon" and that sounded like a winner.

Actually . . . the changes were good! The focus went from being on "things the Association planned and often struggled to support" to a focus back on "the local churches." It made sense. It seemed both logical and Biblical. The problem was: How do we make the shift in focus and what exactly does that new focus look like? What took months to work out on paper would be even harder to put into practice. At the same time, two of the three leadership positions in our Association became vacant – the men were called away. One of those positions was the DOM (Director of Missions) position. Who could we find who would be crazy enough (or wise enough) to lead us into the future?

Our Association . . . called Dr. Mike Day to lead us as the Director of Missions. He came at a pivotal time and boldly agreed to "lead where no Association has gone before." He has been working with us to "get a handle" on this new approach. I am glad that he's here.

What began as a new vision and direction . . . is starting to come into reality. We are seeing new churches coming to be part of our Association. We are growing. We are helping to establish new church starts on a regular basis. We are seeing churches that have been struggling – now merging, changing and finding new life! The Executive Board voted to bring Dr. Mitch Martin on board in the Leadership Development position. This will give Dr. Day the additional staff he so desperately needs. Dr. Martin brings a wealth of experience and an excitement about our vision. (He gave me a suggestion at the Executive Board meeting about VBS and it was very helpful. The man is "already on the job.")

Notice how I spoke about what "we" . . . are doing? You and I are the Association. The focus is on churches. Whenever churches are growing, maturing, developing new strategies, starting new work, training leaders – that is our Association at work. The focus is "the local church" and our goal is to help one another. Pray for our leaders as they seek God's continued direction for the future!



Bobbi McCaughey to Speak at Kirby Woods

Monday, July 14, 2008 • 7:00 p.m.
6325 Poplar Avenue, Memphis • 901-682-2220

Tickets: \$7.00 — Deadline to purchase is Wednesday, July 9.

Bobbi McCaughey is perhaps the most celebrated mother in America. As mother of the world's first living and healthy septuplets (born 9 weeks prematurely 11/19/97), she and her husband, Kenny, have lived in the midst of the media spotlight since their seven new

children arrived. They have graced the covers of America's leading magazines and are featured regularly by the most prestigious news programs.

Bobbi and Kenny's first book, *Seven from Heaven* (November 1998) appeared on the New York Times Bestseller list and Bobbi's second book, *Celebrating the Wonders of Motherhood* was published in 1999. Grammy award winner, Brown Bannister, produced the McCaughey Septuplet Sweet Dreams Lullaby CD. A portion of the proceeds from the CD are donated to the McCaughey Family Multiple Birth Project, a foundation set up by Kenny and Bobbi to help families of multiples and children around the world.