



Mid-South Baptist Association Regional Sunday School Training

Monday, July 30, 2007

First Baptist Church, Millington

6:45 p.m.-8:45 p.m.

Meal: \$1.50 per meal which includes grilled hamburger, chips, drink and cookie. Call Gary Stafford at 901-872-2264 for reservations. MEAL MUST BE PREPAID TO FIRST BAPTIST, MILLINGTON BY JULY 23.

Childcare: Provided through your church. No childcare will be available at FBC, Millington.

Sessions:

GENERAL LEADERS SESSIONS

- Pastor – Smaller church
- Pastor – Larger church
- S.S. Director – Smaller church (100 or less)
- S.S. Director – Larger church (101-above)
- Minister of Education
- Online Curriculum Options

CHILDREN LEADERS SESSIONS

- Younger
- Middle
- Preteen
- Division Director/Staff
- Multiple Ages in One Classroom – Learning Approaches

YOUTH LEADERS SESSIONS

- Grades 9-12
- Grades 7-8
- Youth Ministers and Directors
- Student Ministers and Missions

ADULT LEADERS SESSIONS

- College
- Single Adult
- Young Adult (25-40)
- Median Adult (40-65)
- Older Adult (61-up)
- Class Leaders
- “Multiple Age” Teachers
- Study Habits

PRESCHOOL LEADERS SESSIONS

- Younger
- Middle
- Older
- Multiple Ages in One Classroom



Mid-South Baptist Conference Center

We have had a busy May and June, and it's about to get even busier. June 17-22, we had 349 Central Church campers as our guests. This is the largest camp we presently have each year. Every bed, building, table and chair we have was in use. It was great. We tried to meet all the special needs and present a Christ-like character in all that we did.

In the month of May, we had several groups: Banners Unfurled, Camp Challenge, Opportunity Camp and GA Mother/Daughter retreat, Kirby Woods Deaf Ministry retreat, three church picnics, one banquet and two breakfast meetings.

In June, we had Central Day Camp, Houston H.S. Leadership group retreat, two banquets and AiM Girls Camp. Praise the Lord for all His wonderful blessings.

Last Sunday my heart and spirit were lifted by a dear lady that sang an old song. It came from her heart. She announced that she was 80 years old and sang, "I don't know about tomorrow, but I know who holds tomorrow and I know who holds my hand." It was special. It was what I needed. Thank you Lord!

Call and let us set up your next camping, retreat, picnic or banquet date.

Serving Him and serving you,

Bro. Dale Gravatt, Manager of Operations
Deut. 23:14

Opportunities Within Our Churches

Pastor

Big Creek Baptist Church (Bi-vocational)
Mail resume to Sid Fulghum, P.O. Box 126
Millington, TN 38083-0126

Colonial Baptist Church
Mail resume to Pastor Search Committee,
1503 Colonial Rd., Memphis, TN 38117

Elliston Baptist Church
Mail resume to Hugh Garner, 4179 Elliston Rd.,
Memphis, TN 38111

Hartland Baptist Church
Contact James Shivers at 901-388-2040, or mail
resume to 1820 Hartland, Memphis, TN 38128

Rosemark Baptist Church
9037 E. Kerrville-Rosemark Rd., Millington, TN 38053

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.

Secretary/Financial Secretary

Georgian Hills Baptist Church (P/T)
Contact Rev. Tim Vassar at 901-357-5333.

Weekday Preschool Teacher

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

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
901-526-4573 or e-mail at hope@hopeinhim.org.

McLean Baptist Church (P/T)
815 N. McLean, Memphis, TN 38107

Range Hills Baptist Church (P/T)
2741 Frayser Blvd., Memphis, TN 38127

Richland Baptist Church (P/T)
Contact Dr. Jerry Paul or Laurie at 901-683-2451
or e-mail at richlandbaptist@comcast.net

Music Minister

Forest Hill Baptist Church (P/T)
Contact Rev. Tommy Snyder at 901-754-7455 or
e-mail at tommysnyder@foresthillbc.com.

Gateway Baptist Church, Atoka, TN (P/T)
Contact Rev. Billy Skinner at 901-837-8087 or
901-840-4309.

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

Hope Baptist Church (Worship Leader)
Contact Rev. Burr Lovett at 662-890-4673 or
901-526-4573 or e-mail at hope@hopeinhim.org.

Oaklawn Baptist Church (P/T)
Personnel Committee
5714 Benjestown Rd., Memphis, TN 38127

Keyboardist

Balmoral Baptist Church (Sundays and Wednesday night)
Send resume to church at 3676 Kirby Rd.,
Memphis, TN 38119, or call 901-754-2300.

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Mid-South Ministry Profile

Pastor John Enoch and Fellowship Baptist Church by Stuart McCollough

On December 1, 2006, Pastor John Enoch sat on the floor in his office at Fellowship Baptist Church in Bartlett and prayed that God would glorify Himself through their congregation. It wasn't the first time he'd prayed that prayer, but John really thought that God was about to do something. He got up off the floor and went next door to the parsonage and ate lunch. When he returned to the office there was a message on the answering machine. One of the leaders of Amazing Grace Baptist Church had called and wanted to talk to him about their church using



Bro. John Enoch is pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church in Bartlett.

Fellowship's building to meet. John returned the call and met with the leaders from Amazing Grace. Over the next few weeks, talks continued and in March, 2007, the two churches voted to merge. In one day, Fellowship's average attendance went from 20-25 members to over 70 every week. And what had been a congregation of predominantly older members now had young families with babies, elementary-age children, youth and college students.

Before Bro. John came to Fellowship the church was at a crossroads. There had been many ups and downs over the years, and church membership had dwindled to about 20 to 25 members. The church had to decide to either close the doors or call another pastor. They felt led to call another pastor, and Bro. John and his wife Donna accepted the call to lead the congregation in November, 2004.

Bro. John grew up in Memphis and attended Mullins Station Baptist Church where he was saved at age nine. He graduated from the University of Memphis in 1999 with a Bachelors of Business Management, and again in 2000 with a Masters Degree in Finance and went to work as a Financial Analyst for Storage USA. During high school and college John stopped attending church and got away from the Lord. After he and Donna married in 2000 they still weren't involved in church.

After the tragedy of September 11, 2001, John and Donna felt the need to get back into church and went the very next Sunday. In the Summer of 2002, John felt the call of God on his life and surrendered to full-time ministry. He started attending Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in October of that year. He graduated with a Masters in Divinity in May, 2005 and is presently working on his Ph.D. at Mid-America. John and Donna also have two daughters: Emma is almost four and Sarah just turned two.

Bro. John feels the merger of the two congregations has gone very smoothly and is very encourage by how well the two groups have started to mesh. Evidence of this can be seen by how the members want to hang out after church in the parking lot and just visit or throw a frisbee. Bro. John attributes the ease of the merger to the fact that both groups were ready to be completely obedient to God. Fellowship Baptist is going through a new phase of trying to figure out who they are and what God has for them to do. They are in the unique position of being within two or three miles of four large congregations that offer many programs and ministries that Fellowship can't offer. Their focus is on reaching the unchurched in the community by building relationships and meeting needs.

Bro. John and the congregation are excited to see what God has for Fellowship Baptist in the coming months. Plans are being made to make some physical improvements to the church property this summer. A Vacation Bible School is planned for August, and a block party and revival with Dr. Tim Seal are planned for fall.



Children at Fellowship Baptist Church inspect their finds at the church Easter egg hunt this past spring.



Bible Conference
August 9-11, 2007

Magnolia Baptist Church is hosting a Bible Conference on Thursday-Saturday evenings, August 9-11, 2007, at 7 p.m. each evening. There will be two speakers each evening who have been allotted 30 minutes each. The topics will be hinged on the Cardinal Doctrines of Faith.

"It is my deep conviction that we must teach and preach these tried and proven doctrines with a burning heart, a heart set on fire with compassion; preach these old truths with a deep love that those who listen will have the greatest reward."

– Vaughn Denton, pastor
Magnolia Baptist Church is located at 8494 Pleasant Hill Rd., Olive Branch, MS. Call Randy Mooney at 662-342-0800 or Rev. Vaughn Denton at 901-413-0737 for more information.



A Word from the Executive Director of Missions

Dr. Michael Day

You've Got Mail

One of the primary objectives of your Mid-South Baptist Association is to assist churches in the work that God has called them to do. We believe that the *work* of an association consists of the work of the churches, and that the *ministry* of an association must be focused upon providing the human, financial, and material resources that assist the churches in accomplishment of their mission. Therefore, a significant and growing portion of the financial gifts received from our member churches are used to support the ministries of our member churches. In the first half of 2007, your financial gifts to the Association have been utilized to support church planters; assist missionaries with financial needs; provide training scholarships for pastors, church staff, and church members; provide financial support for block parties and other community outreach ministries; provide financial support for mission volunteers; and support church participation in local and global mission projects. I am thrilled that we are growing in our capacity to *assist the churches*, and I want to say "Thanks" for the ways in which you are supporting these efforts. I also thought you might like to see and hear the "Thanks" you have received from some of the churches and individuals you assisted in the first half of this year. "You've got mail."

A Student Minister writes:

"Just wanted to drop you a note to say thanks again for the Association assisting us with our World Changers trip to Gulfport. Just to let you know, there were at least 25 salvation decisions made at the various worksites at the project, and at least another 25 students at the project from the various churches who made decisions for Christ! It was a great week and our kids are fired-up about ministry and evangelism thanks to God working in their lives on that trip."

A Missionary writes:

"We were overwhelmed with gratitude when we received the generous gift that has helped us during this time of transition. Before we left for the mission field, during our time there, and when we returned we have experienced God's fruitfulness. Thank you so much for allowing the Lord to use you to be such a blessing to us."



A Pastor writes:

"Thanks for the support of "Down With Dope/Up With Hope" rally—we appreciate the check—we had 750 to 800 people at the rally—God's timing will tell how successful the effort was—we are grateful."

A Church Planter writes:

"I cannot put into the right words how grateful we are for our sponsoring church and the other churches in the Association who support us with prayer, encouragement, and money. God is blessing our church in so many ways! You have helped us so much. I really believe that what our Association is doing to help the churches will result in the expansion of the Kingdom."

A Pastor writes:

"Thank you for the funds that were made available for our recent block party. The gospel was presented and we had more than 225 in attendance. Some attended services the day following the block party. Thanks again."

A Retired Minister writes:

"I wanted to write and thank the Association for reimbursing the cost of my recent Transitional Interim Pastor training sponsored by the TBC. For our Association to encourage that kind of training, and to show support in such a generous, tangible way, is impressive and speaks very clearly of Mid-South Association's commitment to strengthen our churches."

A Director of Missions writes:

"I am grateful for the privilege of serving an Association that is focused upon assisting churches in the accomplishment of their Great Commission mandate. I believe that God is going to bless us with additional resources that will be shared with more churches resulting in more ministry, more outreach, and more Kingdom growth through His church! To God be the Glory!"

— Bro. Mike

Important Dates for July

- 2 Pastors' Conference
Bellevue B.C. — 11:30 a.m.
- 4 Independence Day — MSBA Office Closed
- 6 Baptist Hospital Auxiliary
Baptist Women's Hospital - 10:30 a.m.
- 9 *Mid-South Baptist* articles due
- 9 MSBA Staff Meeting — 8:30 a.m.
- 9 Pastors' Conference
Bellevue B.C. — 11:30 a.m.
- 10 Administrative Leadership Council
Bellevue B.C. Fellowship Hall — 7:30 a.m.
- 12 MSBA Foundation Board Meeting
MSBA Office — 8:30 a.m.
- 16 Pastors' Conference - Bellevue B.C.
11:30 a.m.
- 23 Pastors' Conference - Bellevue B.C.
11:30 a.m.
- 30 Pastors' Conference - Bellevue B.C.
11:30 a.m.
- 30 Regional Sunday School Training
FBC, Millington — 6:45p.m.-8:45 p.m.

Face Painting at Your Next Event

Mrs. Janey Twaddle is offering her talent in service to her Lord in face painting for church picnics and children's events. She does not charge for her services but does ask that you provide transportation to and from the event. You can contact her at 901-682-6369. If you'd like a reference, call Billy Becker at Ridgeway Baptist Church at 901-761-1110.

Ham Radio Course Offered at Germantown Baptist Church

A Ham Radio course will be available at Germantown Baptist Church, 9450 Poplar Ave., Germantown, in the Acts 1:8 Center at 7:30 p.m., on July 12, 19, 26, August 2 and 9. The textbook — "The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual" — is available online at www.arrl.org/catalogue/?item=9639 at a cost of \$24.95. Contact Rich Garrett at 901-683-6371 or rich@dsg.us for more information and registration.

Drama Camp Offered at Germantown Baptist Church

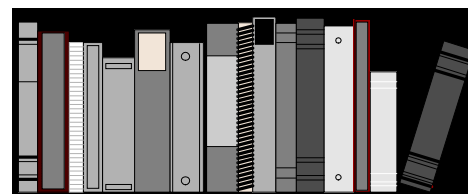
Join us in the Recreation Outreach Center July 16-20, from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., for a week of fun! Camp highlights will include daily courses in acting, creative movement, puppetry, clowning and balloon animals. All kids entering fourth grade and up are welcome to attend. Cost is \$75, and all students will receive lunch daily and a Drama Camp t-shirt. Register online at gbconline.net/dramacamp. Call 901-969-5884 for more information.



Call Julie at 901-373-6161 for information about any of these events.

Christian Women's Job Corps and webs

Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC) assists women with a hand up through Christian mentoring. webs (Women Empowered to Become Self-Sufficient), a CWJC site in Memphis, witnesses to women behind bars. A transition house for women coming out of prison is part of their ministry plan. Can you provide furnishings, help with one month's rent or mentor a woman? Please call Pat Culp at 901-281-1717 to offer to help or arrange for someone to talk to your organization about this need.



Books Needed

We are in need of new or gently used children's books (up to young teen) for our Summer Celebration at First Baptist Church, Gallaway, TN on July 17, 2007. The books can be delivered to the Associational Office during normal business hours.

Church Missions Leadership Training

August 18, 2007
8:30 a.m. - Noon

Whitten Memorial Baptist Church
6773 Macon Rd. • Memphis

Age-Level Organization Training
Church-wide Leadership Training

Ministry Fair • Refreshments
Meet the state WMU President

Special Conferences for Ministers' Wives

Lunches for Brinkley Heights

Can your group or church provide lunches for Summer mission teams at Brinkley Heights Baptist Church? Lunches are needed each day all Summer. Contact Jamae Zarshenas at 901-372-9020 to sign up or for more information.

Mark Your Calendar!

Prayer Retreat for Women

September 14-15, 2007

West Jackson Baptist Church
Jackson, TN

Guest Speaker: Jennifer Kennedy Dean

National WMU Event

October 17-20, 2007
Little Rock, AR

Call Julie at 901-373-6161 for more information.



Multiplying Leaders for the 21st Century Harvest

Dr. Greg Spears - Leadership Development Strategist

Fighting for the Next Generation

I believe the biggest threat to the lives of our children today is not terrorism or sexual predators, not kidnapping, not secular education, not drugs, sex, nor even violent video games or rockin' roll. No, the biggest threat to our children today is delinquent spiritual parents (leaders) in the home—especially Dads; Dads who love their own lives more than they love Jesus; Dads who do not love the Word and do not teach it to their children; Dads who have never out grown their own selfish childhoods and continue to demand 'their time' to play with their playmates while neglecting to disciple their families; Dads who are too indifferent to win the hearts of their children to the Lord. The sad fact about most Dads today is they have no plan to win their children to the Lord.

"Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the judgments which the LORD your God has commanded me to teach you, that you might do them in the land where you are going over to possess it, so that you and your son and you grandson might fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged... So the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God for our good always and for our survival, as it is today." (Deut. 6:1-2,24)

The influence and the inspiration of our families stay with us all our days! One way or the other we influence our children toward God. When the family

meets for even a few moments during the day to open the Word of God, discuss the passage, and then to pray it has eternal impact. If we go even further and try to live out in accountable ways what we study, what we hear at church, oh how powerful the impact—sowing seeds for the future of our children and our children's children. I plead with you fathers to be the spiritual leaders of your homes—put away childish things—be done with them.

Where are the men? Where are the godly fathers contending for the hearts of their children? Men must own the lion's share of responsibility of reaching their own children for Christ. We are the fathers! We are to protect them—teach them—guide them!

Fathers have before them a tremendous challenge, an incredible responsibility, and the fact of an eternal reckoning with the Creator for the stewardship of their role as fathers and leaders. Let us repent of our failures in the past, let us turn from our passive and vain pursuits of this world, and let us pursue with renewed affection the role of men as defined by the cultural mandate and great commission of Holy Scripture. For, if there is nothing worth fighting for, if nothing worth dying for, then there is nothing worth living for and the battle is gone to the enemy. May God be pleased to stir us from apathy and to action—get involved in the battle for your children—fight for the coming generations. If you would like to explore ways to lead your family, then talk to your pastor or give me a call and get back in the fight. These are exciting days to do as He commanded us.

— Bro. Greg



Bellevue Baptist Church to Host Evangelism Explosion Clinic

July 23-27, 2007

Purpose:

To equip church leaders with the tools necessary to implement an effective, intentional and proven evangelism training ministry and to train new teachers for churches that currently have an EE ministry in place

Who should attend:

Pastors, ministerial staff and key lay leaders

For more information:

Evangelism Explosion International
888-567-3543 or www.eeworks.org
Bellevue EE Ministry - 901-347-5210



Mid-South Baptist
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August 17-18, 2007
MSBCC