

## Bellevue Baptist Church to Host Evangelism Explosion Clinic

July 7-11, 2008



### 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, contact Evangelism Explosion International at 888-567-3543 or [www.eeworks.org](http://www.eeworks.org) or call Bellevue EE Ministry at 901-347-5210.

## English as a Second Language (ESL) Workshop

June 7 and 14, 2008  
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

La Baut. La Buena Esperanza  
(Behind Graham Heights B.C.)  
1304 N. Graham St. • Memphis

Cost: \$25 (includes materials)

Bring a sack lunch – drinks will be provided.

Class limited to 25 participants.

Call Minne Garrett at  
662-890-6046 or 901-283-6609  
to make reservations.

## I HEAR AMERICA SINGING

(A Panoramic Celebration of America from 1492-Present)

Sunday, June 29, 2008  
6:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church  
5010 West Union • Millington, TN

Written and arranged by:  
Rusty Eason, Minister of Music

Featuring:  
Praise Team • Live Orchestra • Visual Effects  
Call 901-872-2264 for more information.



## Mid-South Baptist Association Regional Sunday School Training

### Monday, July 28, 2008

First Baptist Church, Collierville  
830 N. Byhalia Rd.  
Collierville, TN 38018

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.

## 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

Union Avenue Baptist Church  
Contact Mike Elkins, 183 Marrakesh Circle,  
Memphis, TN 38103 or e-mail  
[melkins@trojungbrannen.com](mailto:melkins@trojungbrannen.com)

Wells Station Baptist Church  
Contact the church office at 901-682-2295,  
or e-mail [djar3435@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

Union Ave. Baptist Church (P/T)  
Must have experience in Shelby Systems, posting,  
payroll and monthly, quarterly and yearly financial  
reports. Send resume to Rev. Jeff Williamson, 2128  
Union Ave., 38104, or call 901-276-5422, or  
e-mail [williamson@unionavenue.org](mailto:williamson@unionavenue.org).

### 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](mailto:balmoralchurch@bellsouth.net).

Berclair Baptist Church (P/T)  
Send resume to 4584 Summer Ave., Memphis,  
TN 38122.

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.

### Kindergarten Teacher

Bartlett Baptist Church  
Contact Pam Crawford at 901-373-8919 or  
[bbps@bartlett baptist.org](mailto:bbps@bartlett baptist.org).

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

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# The Mid-South Baptist

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

These are exciting days for the churches of the Mid-South Baptist Association...new churches are being birthed; new ministries are being established; new facilities are being dedicated; renewed vision is being discovered;

and, new life in Jesus is being found by many through the grace of God and the faithful ministry of our churches. We praise God for the movement of His Spirit and the work of the churches of the Mid-South! There are also many new things happening with the ministry staff of your Mid-South Baptist Association. I thought I should take opportunity to share some of those things with you. If you take a look at the staff of the Mid-South Baptist Association, you will see:

**A New Assignment...** Dr. Greg Spears has faithfully served the Mid-South Baptist Association for more than 10 years in a full-time capacity as Missions Strategist and as Leadership Development Strategist. On June 1, 2008, Greg assumes a new role and a new schedule as he begins his part-time work as MSBA Church Planting Coordinator. Many of you have fervently prayed for Greg and his girls as they have walked through the challenges and the victories of the last two years. I've heard Greg say often, "Please keep praying!" Greg's new part-time role will enable him to focus on his family priorities while providing the Association with excellence and expertise in assessing church planters, developing our church planter network, and working with churches interested in starting new works. I believe Greg has been and will continue to be a vital part of our associational staff. Please pray for him as he assumes this new role!

**A New Missionary...** In July, Reverend Willie Jacobs will move to Memphis and begin his new work as a North American Mission Board National Missionary assigned to the Delta Urban Center Church Planting Pilot Project. You may be asking, "What does all that really mean?" Well, it means that God is blessing us with a new partner in the very important work of evangelism through starting new churches in the large urban centers of the Mid-South. Reverend Jacobs comes to Memphis as a result of a new partnership between the North American Mission Board, the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Mid-South Baptist Association. His previous service as a church planter and a church planting strategist have uniquely prepared him for a journey toward discovering people groups in major urban centers, developing strategies for evangelism among those groups, developing the spiritual leadership within those groups, and eventually starting new churches. Reverend Jacobs is not an employee of our Association, in the technical sense, but he is a talented and committed partner who is coming to work alongside our churches and our leaders to share the gospel in our city and throughout this region. I believe Willie's spirit, attitude, and expertise will be a gift and a blessing to our Association. He will be a tremendous resource for churches, pastors, and staff leaders who are seeking and striving to expand the Kingdom of God in our part of the world. Please pray for Willie and his wife, Ozzie, as they prepare to move to Memphis!

**A New Co-worker...** On June 16 our Executive Board will be considering a recommendation to elect Dr. Mitch Martin of Nashville, Tennessee as our Church Leadership Development Strategist. I hope you will take a moment to read Dr. Martin's biographical profile (inside back cover) and pray for the Executive Board as they act on this recommendation. I believe Dr. Martin is uniquely gifted, called and qualified to help us assist churches in the development of leaders. His previous service as a Pastor, Director of Missions, state Baptist convention leader, and SBC agency editor and consultant...but especially his passion for the Lord and His church...make him a great fit for and a great gift to our Association. Please keep Mitch and

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## Mid-South Ministry Profile

Pastor Michael Fant and Morning Star Baptist Church by Stuart McCollough



Rev. Michael Fant is pastor of one of the newest member churches of the Mid-South Baptist Association. Located on Main Street in Amory, MS, Morning Star Baptist Church is reaching their city for Jesus through outreach and ministry to people of all ages.

Pastor Fant was born and raised in Houston, TX. He was saved at a young age at Second Baptist Church in Houston, and heard and accepted God's call to the ministry in 1990 at New Hope Baptist Church, also in Houston. Since that time, he has pastored three churches in Mississippi and he and his son Michael Jr. moved to Tupelo, MS two years ago and he became Pastor of Morning Star. He is presently working towards his Masters in Divinity degree from Jacksonville Theological Seminary while serving as bi-vocational pastor and driving a truck during the week.

Morning Star Baptist Church began six years ago in the home of one of the members. The church later moved to its present location in downtown Amory and God has been blessing ever since. Church members have seen lost people come to

know Christ and seen people come out of sinful lifestyles and be used of God.

Presently the church is involved in a nursing home ministry to the Riverside Nursing Home located in Amory and is seeking to expand the ministry to another nursing home in the area. They have a tape ministry to serve those who cannot attend services due to poor health or other issues. The church also has an active youth ministry that provides a positive alternative to the youth of the community through a drill team and other programs directly aimed at young people. They recently held a youth revival with many young people attending.

Plans for the future of Morning Star Baptist Church include building on eight acres that God has provided for them in downtown Amory. This would provide needed space for a food pantry ministry that Pastor Fant would like to see started, as well as other ministries that the church doesn't have the space to provide presently. There are plans to begin a jail ministry as well as expand their nursing home ministry. Pastor Fant has a desire to become full-time so that he will be more available for church members and to meet the people in the community around the church.

Welcome Pastor Michael Fant and Morning Star Baptist Church to the association.

### 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.

"I think we're the last of the big families," Kenny says, "and a lot of people will be watching to see how we handle things, how we parent, and what it takes for a family to work together." Part of that, for Bobbi, is common sense survival, but all of it requires faith and a steady commitment as a wife and mother.

Their 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.

While their world has changed, Bobbi and Kenny have remained true to the principles on which they have based their lives. And that is why the world wants another peek through the window of their souls to eight children growing up in a house of Love.

## Upcoming Important Dates

### June

- 2 Association Staff Meeting  
MSBA Office – 8:30 a.m.
- 2 Pastors' Conference  
(Dr. Jerry Harmon, Speaker)  
Ministers of Music Fellowship  
Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m.
- 2-6 AiM Girls' Camp  
*For The Kingdom* Camp
- 6 Baptist Hospital Auxiliary  
Women's Hospital – 10:30 a.m.
- 9 *Mid-South Baptist* articles due
- 9 No Pastors' Conference - SBC
- 10-11 Southern Baptist Convention  
Indianapolis, IN
- 15 Father's Day
- 16 Administrative Leadership Council  
Bellevue B.C. – 10:00 a.m.  
Lunch – 11:30 a.m.  
Executive Board Meeting – Noon
- 23 Pastors' Conference  
(Dr. Mike Day, Speaker)  
Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m.
- 28 WMU Leadership Team Meeting  
MSBA Office – 9:30 a.m.
- 30 Pastors' Conference  
(Dr. Jack May, Speaker)  
Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m.

## Important Executive Board Meeting

Monday, June 16, 2008

The next meeting of the Mid South Baptist Association Executive Board is set for Monday, June 16, 2008, at Bellevue Baptist Church. A complimentary lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 12:00 noon.

One of the highlights of this meeting will be the opportunity to act upon the unanimous recommendation from our Administrative Leadership Council to elect Dr. Mitch W. Martin as the Leadership Development Strategist for the Mid-South Baptist Association. Over the past several months our Director of Missions, our elected associational leaders, the Resources Development Team, and the Leadership Council have had opportunity to get to know Dr. Martin. We have found him to be a gifted man of deep spirituality and broad denominational experience. As we seek God's direction in this matter, we are praying that the action of the Executive Board will be the final confirmation of Mitch and Myra Martin's call to serve God in the Mid-South.

## WMU<sup>TM</sup> HAPPENINGS

### AiM Girls' Camp - Race for the Prize

June 1-2 - Overnight Camp  
June 2-6 - Weeklong Camp  
For the Kingdom Camp

Contact Julie Binford at 901-373-6161 if have any questions about upcoming events.

## CHURCH RESOURCES

- Wells Station Baptist Church has a 1987 Ford 26-passenger bus that runs for sale for \$3000 OBO. They also have 35 folding metal chairs and five folding metal tables to give away for free. Contact the church at 901-682-2295 or 901-692-4020.
- Free pre-school tables and chairs. Contact M. Strong at 662-890-5786 for more information.

### A Word from the Executive Director of Missions (con't. from front)

Myra Martin, our Executive Board, and our Associational leadership in your prayers as we seek God's will and God's way in this important matter.

**A New Possibility...**Dale Gravatt's service to our association as Operations Manager of the Mid-South Baptist Conference Center will come to a close on June 30. Dale was well-respected in our association prior to assuming this position in April of 2007 and has shown himself worthy of such high regard by the manner in which he has led our Retreat Center work during a time of very significant transition. He has been a hard working, dependable, and cooperative co-worker who has supported the associational priority of assisting churches to fulfill the vision God has given to them. His passion for "the Camp" has only been surpassed by his professional handling of the challenges that have come with managing the closure of the camping ministry and preparation of the property for sale. He has faithfully supported the decisions of the association in regard to the camping ministry and willingly done the work which flows out of those decisions. I am very grateful for his contribution and urge all of you to pray for Dale and Marcia as they prepare for and move toward new possibilities in their lives and ministry.

— Bro. Mike

## Mitch W. Martin



### MINISTRY OBJECTIVE

To continue my calling as a creative missional leader with passion for missions, leadership development, pastoral support, and church revitalization. My spiritual gifts, education and training, and experience at the church and denominational levels support this objective.

### CONVERSION AND CALLING

- Appointed and Commissioned as a Missionary by NAMB; Spokane, WA, 1998
- Ordained to the Gospel Ministry at the North Hills Baptist Church; Vallejo, CA, 1983
- Licensed to Preach by the Oregon City Baptist Church; Oregon City, OR, 1978
- Public Commitment to Full-Time Christian Service at the Grant Avenue Baptist Church; Corvallis, OR, 1969
- Born Again and Baptized in the Grant Avenue Baptist Church; Corvallis, OR, 1967

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LIFEWAY CHRISTIAN RESOURCES, Nashville, TN 2002 - 2008

*Pastoral Ministries Specialist*, 2003 - 2008

Developed and implemented strategies for training and supporting church pastors in critical professional skills such as leadership, conflict resolution, preaching, teamwork, and church growth and with personal growth such as marriage issues, character development, career assessments, etc. This included:

- developing and conducting nation-wide, coast to coast conferences
- developing and launching electronic processes and support sites
- speaking at seminars
- partnering with state conventions and associations

*Editor-in-Chief*, 2002 – 2003

Published *Leader Life*, *Growing Churches*, *Church Administration*, and *Secretary, FYI*. This included:

- developing publishing strategies and themes
- enlisting authors
- approving content
- providing direction to editorial and design teams
- approving publications for production

*Concurrent with employment at LifeWay, served as Pastor of Westwood Baptist Church and Transitional Pastor at Whitsitt Chapel Baptist Church.*

UTAH-IDAHO SOUTHERN BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION, Draper, UT 1999 - 2001

*Missions and Leadership Development Consultant*

Partnered with churches and associations in development and implementation of mission projects, church planting and growth strategies, and leadership development programs. Created and led the Utah-Idaho SBC Missions Team; organized and convened the Utah-Idaho SBC "Young Leaders."

GOLDEN SPIKE ASSOCIATION, Layton, UT 1997 - 1999

*Director of Missions*

Streamlined and energized the Association, accomplishments included:

- Publishing the Top-a-Utah Newsletter
- Five new church starts
- www.goldenspike.org website
- Monthly pastor, staff, and spouses fellowship
- The 1000 Club mission offering
- Self-directed work team
- Seminary extension
- A quadruple ground breaking ceremony
- 300+ attendance at annual and semi-annual meeting

VARIOUS SBC CHURCHES 1983 - 1997

*Served as Pastor in California, Washington, Oregon and Utah.*

VARIOUS SBC CHURCHES 1979 - 1983

*Served as Assoc. Pastor, Summer Missionary, Bus Min., and College Sunday School Teacher*

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, CA  
Doctor of Ministry, 1994 • Master of Divinity, 1983
- Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, OK – Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, 1980
- Completed 40 additional courses and certifications (list available)