



## Mid-South Baptist Vacation Bible School Training

First Baptist Church, Millington, TN

Monday, April 5, 2010  
6:00-9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 6, 2010  
9:00 a.m.-noon

Contact Sharon Hambick at 901-873-8904  
or [shambick@fbc-millington.org](mailto:shambick@fbc-millington.org)  
for more information.

## MERGE 2010

June 21-25, 2010 at First Baptist Church, Millington  
Cost: \$99 per student, FREE to adult leaders

### WHAT IS MERGE?

Merge is the most affordable camp you will ever find. It is a camp for students that combines aspects of "missions" and "summer camp" into a week experience that will unite students from churches across the Mid-South together. Space is limited, so you need to sign up as soon as possible. Contact Jonathan Downs at 901-337-0889 or [jdowns@fbc-millington.org](mailto:jdowns@fbc-millington.org) for more information.



### WHO CAN COME?

Any student that has finished the 6th grade through any student that has finished the 12th grade, adult leaders, college students, adults and student ministry groups.

### WHAT TO BRING

Bible, air mattress and/or sleeping bag, blanket, pillow, fan for room (optional), towels, toiletry items, clothes for recreation, working (work gloves) and worship, swimming suit (one-piece modest), and spending money for snack shack/souvenirs.

[www.fbcmyouth.org/merge](http://www.fbcmyouth.org/merge)



## Buckets of Hope - Feeding the People of Haiti One Family at a Time

The "Buckets of Hope" ministry is just one means by which TN Baptists can fulfill the mandate of Jesus Christ to feed the hungry in the name of Jesus.

A "Bucket of Hope" consists of a plastic five-gallon bucket packed with selected foodstuffs. The food contained in a single bucket will feed a Haitian family for a week. You're also requested to include a \$10 cash contribution, placed in an envelope and attached to the bucket lid, to offset the cost of transporting the relief buckets to Haiti.

Every bucket must be exactly alike with a specific list of items inside. Detailed packing instructions can be found at [www.tnbaptist.org](http://www.tnbaptist.org). The Mid-South Baptist Association office at 6896 Highway 70 in Bartlett is a collection site. Deadline for TN collection sites is March 11, 2010. Items to include:

- 2 - 5 lb. bags on long-grain enriched rice
- 1 - 48 oz. plastic bottle of cooking oil
- 2 - 2 lb. bags dry black beans (can substitute red beans)
- 1 - 5 lb. bag of all-purpose flour (not self rising)
- 1- 20 oz. cylinder container of granulated white sugar (coffee service size)
- 2 - 1 lb. boxes of spaghetti noodles
- 1 - 2 lb. 8-ounce (40 oz.) plastic jar of smooth peanut butter
- 1 - 2 gallon plastic storage bag (used to wrap the bottle of cooking oil)

## Opportunities Within Our Churches

### 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.

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

### 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.

### Retired Ministers and Wives Fellowship

Friday, March 5, 2010  
11:30 a.m.

White Station Baptist Church  
621 S. White Station Rd.

Cost: \$6 per person

Program: Debra Pam

Contact your group leader for reservations.

### 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.

Periodical Postage Paid at Memphis, Tennessee and additional entries.

Dated material. Useless if Delayed!



# The Mid-South Baptist

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## Mid-South Ministry Profile

The Grove at Red Oak Lake and Director Neal Pflibsen by Stuart McCollough

Camp Cordova — Mid-South Baptist Retreat and Conference Center — The Grove at Red Oak Lake— whichever name you know it by, this piece of real estate located on 75.5 beautiful acres in Cordova has had a long and rich history in the life of our association and the lives of many Mid-South Baptists. Summer camps, church retreats, RA Camporees and Deacon Country Ham Dinners are just a few of the memories that many in the association share about the place often fondly referred to as "the camp" over the last 60 years. Faith Baptist Church, Bartlett recently purchased the property from the association and plans to preserve its history and promote continued opportunities for the future.

Camp Director Neal Pflibsen grew up in a family of 10 kids in a small town in Central Illinois. After graduating from high school, Neal led a very busy life and worked in many different vocations, but found little purpose or direction in all the busyness. He left Illinois for Florida and was saved in 1985. He soon met Janine Helms and they were married in 1986. They felt called to full-time Christian service and enrolled at Baptist Bible Institute (now Baptist College of Florida) in Graceville, FL. After graduation, they immediately took a position as a Youth Minister in Central Florida. They later owned a video editing company but returned to the ministry as Children's Minister at East Brent Baptist Church in Pensacola. Neal served in that position for seven years prior to accepting the position of Camp Director at *The Grove*. Janine serves as Administrative Assistant at the camp, and they have one grown daughter, Jamie.

Neal is excited about what God has in store for *The Grove*. He hopes the camp will be used to strengthen not only existing churches but new churches as well. The countless decisions for Christ and the kingdom impact that has occurred there over the years is an indicator of what God will continue to do in the future. Neal is grateful that God is allowing Faith Baptist to be caretakers of the ministry that He has established and will continue to grow. Since arriving at camp, Neal has heard from many that they never knew the camp was there. He is hoping to change that and is asking God to use the campus to make the Greater Memphis area a better community.

Renovations are taking place presently to prepare the camp to be in full operation by June of this year. Reservations are being accepted for kids and youth camps, family camps, retreats, meetings, receptions, banquets and church groups and celebrations. They are also looking for mission-minded volunteer groups that would like to invest in the future success of *The Grove at Red Oak Lake* by giving of their time, talents and/or resources to help prepare the camp for the next 60 years. Call the office at 901-217-7660, or visit the website at [www.mygrove.org](http://www.mygrove.org) for more information on volunteering or to make reservations for your next event.



*The Grove at Red Oak Lake is now taking applications for 2010 camping. Contact the office at 901-217-7660 or visit [www.mygrove.org](http://www.mygrove.org).*





**Keep Them Growing!**  
Saturday, March 6, 2010  
Range Hills Baptist Church

Range Hills Baptist Church, 2741 Frayser Blvd., is sponsoring a Children's Ministry Conference, "Keep Them Growing!" Cost is \$45 per person if received 10 days prior to the conference and \$55 if less than 10 days. Group rate is \$35 per person 10 days prior and \$45 if less than 10 days. For more information, go online to [www.bringthem.com](http://www.bringthem.com), or call 281-922-6743 or you may contact the host church, Range Hills Baptist Church at 901-357-5560. The conference begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 4:30 p.m.



# IMPACT 2010 MEMPHIS

Impact Memphis is an intentional, community-wide evangelistic event in our city. This is the second year in which the North American Mission Board, Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary and the churches of the Mid-South Baptist Association have partnered together to share the gospel in our city on Easter Weekend.

The desired outcome of Impact Memphis is that many will come to know Christ, be discipled, be assimilated into the local church and become a reproducing disciple to impact their community with the gospel. This is accomplished as churches work together through planned events to share the gospel in specifically assigned areas of the city. Last year this effort served to ignite passion within the local churches to go beyond the walls and make a change through evangelizing their communities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our prayer is that God will bless more of our churches and more of our city through this year's events. Please join us in this significant effort by participating in the events listed below. If you need additional information, please contact Willie Jacobs at 901-299-4506 or Eric Watkins at 901-216-5848.

**Impact Memphis Mass Training Day - Saturday, March 13**  
8:00 a.m.-noon • Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary

**Impact Memphis Unity Worship Celebration - Monday, March 29**  
6:30-8:30 p.m. • Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary

**Impact Memphis Weekend - April 1-4, 2010**

## Important Dates for March

- 2/28-3 COSBE Conference - MABTS
  - 1 Pastors' Conference MABTS - 11:30 a.m.
  - 3 IMB Appointment Service Bellevue Baptist Church
  - 5 Baptist Hospital Auxiliary Baptist Women's Hospital - 10:30 a.m.
- 7-14 Week of Prayer - NAMB
  - 8 Administrative Leadership Council Bellevue Baptist Church - 10:00 a.m.
  - 8 Pastors' Conference Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m. Tommy Vinson, speaker
  - 8 Ministers' Wives' Fellowship Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m.
- 11 MSB Foundation Board Meeting MSBA Office - 8:30 a.m.
- 14 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 15 Pastors' Conference Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m. Gary Griffis, speaker
- 18 Ministers of Education Network Bartlett Hills Baptist Church 9:00 a.m.
- 19-21 WMU Connection and Missions Get Together - Gatlinburg, TN
- 22 Pastors' Conference Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m. Sid Crawley, speaker
- 27 RA Rocket Launch - Shelby Farms 11:00 a.m.
- 29 Pastors' Conference Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m. Jim Whitley, speaker

## 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.

## Pastor Needed

Bethlehem Baptist Church  
5300 Highway 194 • Rossville, TN  
Send resume to: Search Committee,  
Attn: Jack Ubel, 190 Stewart Rd.,  
Eads, TN 38028.

## Case Worker Needed

The Tennessee Baptist Children's Home - Bartlett Campus is seeking a P/T Case Worker (19 hours/week - M.-Th.). Requirements include Bachelors degree in social work or related field, computer skills and experience with children, ages 5-18 a plus. E-mail resume to [dandrus@tbch4kids.org](mailto:dandrus@tbch4kids.org), or call 901-386-3961 and talk to Campus Director Dr. Darren Andrus.



## Prison Ministry Thank You

Thank you so much for all the personal supplies donated for the female inmates at the Shelby County Division of Corrections over the Christmas season. Because of your generosity, every female inmate received special items. This is an ongoing need and a year-round ministry, with the next delivery scheduled for July, 2010. Donations should be sent to the Mid-South Baptist Association office. If you have any questions, contact Kaye Burkhardt at 901-362-1785.

## TBCH Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, April 8, 2010  
Bartlett Campus • 6896 Highway 70  
10 a.m. - noon  
Annual lunch with the Children's Home staff. Please bring your favorite potluck dish and a drink.  
Ministry project: After-school snacks for the children



Registration:  
\$60/person  
800-558-2090 ext. 2038  
[www.tnwmu.org](http://www.tnwmu.org)

Mid-South Baptist WMU has 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 [crossjulie@hotmail.com](mailto:crossjulie@hotmail.com).  
Registration forms are available online at [www.msba.org/wmu](http://www.msba.org/wmu).



Bellevue Baptist Church is hosting a 5K race and one-mile "fun run" on the South Lawn of Bellevue on March 6, benefitting Haitian relief. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Baptist Global Response in an effort to meet the dire needs that the people of Haiti are facing. Bellevue has invited all MSBA churches to participate.

Check-in for the race and "fun run" will begin at 8:00 a.m., and the race will begin at 9:00 a.m. Each participant will receive a t-shirt and post-race snack. All ages are welcome to be a part of this event. Registration for the race is \$25 for ages 10 and up and \$15 for ages nine and under.

For more information, call the Recreation Ministry at 901-347-5285.



## Mission Opportunity

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.

## Thank You Note Received

To the Mid-South Baptist Association:

*A heartfelt THANKS for all you did to make our retirement a good and unique time. Every letter and word or encouragement was a blessing.*

*Special thanks to those who came to the celebration event on January 23. Dr. Mike Day blessed us with his remarks, the Ebenezer stone and the financial gift for those who serve longer than 20 years (I had forgotten about that policy!).*

*We thank God for all who make up this good association of churches, and we love you sincerely.*

- John and Peggy Bomar

## Jews for Jesus Speaker at Highland Heights Baptist Church

Melissa Zaidman of Jews for Jesus will speak at Highland Heights Baptist Church, 675 National St. on Sunday, March 21, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Pastor Alan Richards invites all to attend. Jews for Jesus uses creative methods and contemporary issues to present the message that Jesus is the Messiah to Jewish people around the world.

Zaidman is a Jewish believer from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Following in the footsteps of her parents, who were missionaries in Brazil for over 25 years, she committed her life to full-time ministry. She has served with Jews for Jesus since 2004. The current director of Jews for Jesus, David Brickner said, "We exist to make the Messiahship of Jesus an unavoidable issue to our Jewish people worldwide."

To Melissa Zaidman and other Jews for Jesus staff, the objective evidence of the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament, and the transformation in their own lives provide ample evidence that Jesus was who he claimed to be - the Jewish Messiah. Zaidman will be happy to answer questions after the presentation. Call 901-454-0546 for more information. There is no admission charge.