



## Mid-South Baptist Conference Center

*But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. – 2 Peter 3:18*

Jesus' Spirit is ever present. Don't seek to know the future. God has lovingly hid it from us. His gift of faith is too great a gift to lose in order to buy knowledge. Faith itself is based on a knowledge of our Lord.

So remember that today is not to be spent trying to learn the future (your future), but to gain an intimate knowledge of the Lord Jesus. He is the very foundation of our faith and will teach us through His Word all the things we need to know.

Several church staffers and camp leaders have asked for help in planning their camps for this summer. Listed below are the camps that I'm aware of in the Mid-South area. I hope this information helps.

### Country Place

(www.countryplaceretreat.com)  
1850 Price Rd. • Moscow, TN  
901-877-3943

**For the Kingdom** (www.ftkcamp.com)  
4100 Raleigh Millington Rd. • Memphis  
901-383-1471

### Pinecrest

(www.midsouthpresbytery.org/outdoor)  
P.O. Box 36, Hwy. 57 W. • Lagrange, TN  
901-878-1247

### Rose of Sharon Camp

(www.roseofsharoncamp.org)  
3065 Candy Lane • Burlison, TN  
901-837-7095

**Victory Ranch** (www.victoryranch.org)  
4330 Mecklinburg • Bolivar, TN  
731-659-2251

Again, I want to thank Mid-South Baptists for the opportunity to have served as your Operations Manager. I've been truly blessed.

God bless you all,  
Dale Gravatt

### Richard Wright Popular and Sacred Music for Theater Organ

Sunday, April 13, 2008 • 3:00 p.m.  
Union Ave. Baptist Church  
2181 Union Ave.

Admission is free, but donations will be accepted to establish an organ fund.



### Associational VBS Training

Thursday, March 13, 2008  
6:00-9:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church, Fisherville  
11893 Macon • Eads, TN  
901-853-4253



### One Way Street Puppet Festival April 11-12, 2008 Germantown Baptist Church

For more information, go online to  
www.onewaystreet.com or contact Liz Baird  
at 901-260-5739.

### Mid-South Baptist Association MINISTERS OF MUSIC FELLOWSHIP

Monday, April 7, 2008  
Bellevue Baptist Church  
11:30 a.m.  
\$5.50 per person  
R.S.V.P. to 901-373-6161

New Officers:  
Alan Sumner, President  
Mullins Station Baptist Church  
Johnny Coggin, Vice President  
Kirby Woods Baptist Church

Mark Branson, Secretary/Treasurer  
Whitten Memorial Baptist Church

### 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

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.

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.

#### Youth Pastor

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

#### 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.

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 mornings)  
Call Rev. Vaughn Denton at 901-413-0737.

#### Weekday Teacher (incl. Kindergarten)

Bartlett Baptist Church  
Contact Pam Crawford at 901-373-8919 or  
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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### Mid-South Ministry Profile

Dr. Hal Kitchings and Germantown Baptist Church by Stuart McCollough



Pastor Hal Kitchings, his wife Kelli and children Trey and Halie began their new ministry at Germantown Baptist Church on Sunday, November 11, 2007.

The Mid-South Baptist Association of Churches welcomes Dr. Hal Kitchings and his family to Germantown Baptist Church and the association. They began their service at Germantown on November 11 of last year.

From PK (preacher's kid) to Just P (preacher), Dr. Kitchings has been involved in Southern Baptist life for most of his life. Growing up in Kosciusko, MS, his dad was Pastor of First Baptist Church, Kosciusko during most of Hal's school years. Before Hal's junior year in high school, his dad went to work for the MS Baptist Building, and the family relocated to Clinton, MS where Hal graduated from high school.

Dr. Kitchings came to know Christ as a child and surrendered to the ministry during his sophomore year at Mississippi College, where he graduated with his Bachelors Degree. He continued his education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, earning his Masters of Religious Education and then earned his MDiv. Equivalent from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He went on to earn his D.Min. from Mid-Western Baptist Theological Seminary in 2001.

Prior to coming to Germantown, Dr. Kitchings served as Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church, Middleburg, FL; and Morrison Heights Baptist Church in Clinton, MS (where he had previously been Student Minister) and First Baptist Church, Eustis, Florida. In 2005, while at Eustis, he was elected President of the Florida Baptist Pastors' Conference. Most recently, Dr. Kitchings served as Executive Pastor at Hope Baptist Church in Las Vegas, NV.

Dr. Kitchings and his wife Kelli have two children. Trey is a student at Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA, training to be a youth minister, and Halie is a sophomore in high school. Kelli enjoys singing in the choir and working with young people.

After a 13-month search, the members of Germantown Baptist are very excited to have the pastor they believe God has called to lead them into the future. Dr. Kitchings believes God brought his family's journey and Germantown's journey together in His perfect timing to accomplish His will. He sees a growing sense of excitement about what God is doing to build deeper relationships within the membership and also deeper relationships with the Lord.

Germantown Baptist is a very missions-minded congregation with missionaries serving all over the world in full-time and short-term mission assignments. Dr. Kitchings senses an anticipation about opportunities to reach people through personal invitation, evangelism and missions. The church has set a goal to baptize 208 new believers in the year 2008. Church members realize that it is a God-sized goal that can only be accomplished by His grace. Dr. Kitchings is excited about what God is doing at Germantown Baptist and thanks God for the opportunity to serve Him there.





## 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.

The deadline for turning in scholarship forms is March 15, 2008. Call the associational office at 901-373-6161, or e-mail at [info@msbac.org](mailto:info@msbac.org) for an application.

### English as a Second Language Workshop

April 12 and 19  
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Germantown Baptist Church  
Acts 1:8 Center (Rm.W110)

Cost: \$25 (includes materials)

Call Kathy at 901-756-9450 or Minne at 662-890-6046, or e-mail [minne@dsq.us](mailto:minne@dsq.us) to make reservations.



**IMB VOLUNTEER SUMMIT**  
FOR CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE  
First Baptist Church, Sherwood, Ark.  
April 21-22, 2008

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

Register online at [hope4cee.org](http://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

Arkansas Baptist State Convention | International Mission Board

### 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](mailto:gregs@msbac.org).

### Disaster Relief Training

March 10, 2008  
6:00-9:00 p.m.

Faith Baptist Church • \$5  
Contact Kay at 901-386-4785.

### Upcoming Important Dates

#### MARCH

- 10 Pastors' Conference - Bellevue B.C. 11:30 a.m. – John Finley, speaker
- 10 Ministers' Wives Fellowship Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m.
- 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 – MSBA Offices Closed
- 23 Easter Sunday
- 24 Pastors' Conference - Bellevue B.C. 11:30 a.m. –Jere Phillips, speaker
- 29 West TN Disaster Relief Training First Baptist, Jackson, TN
- 31 Pastors' Conference - Bellevue B.C. 11:30 a.m. – David Lawrence, speaker

#### APRIL

- 4 Baptist Hospital Auxiliary Women's Hospital - 10:30 a.m.
- 4 WMU Get-Together – Gatlinburg, TN
- 6 Day of Prayer and Giving for Union University
- 7 MSBA Staff Meeting – 8:30 a.m.
- 7 Pastors' Conference Ministers' Wives Fellowship Ministers of Music Fellowship Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m. TBCH Sponsored Luncheon
- 8 Administrative Leadership Council MSBCC - 7:30 a.m.
- 8 Newsletter Articles Due
- 11 Xtreme Bible Challenge Location TBA
- 12 ESL Workshop - Germantown B.C. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- 12 Children and Youth Associational Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament Faith Baptist Church
- 13 Cooperative Program Sunday
- 14 Pastors' Conference - Bellevue B.C. 11:30 a.m.
- 17 Sisters-Who-Care Event
- 19 ESL Workshop - Germantown B.C. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- 19 WMU Leadership Team Meeting MSBA Office – 10:00 a.m.
- 21 Pastors' Conference - Bellevue B.C. 11:30 a.m.
- 26 Children and Youth State Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament Ellendale Baptist Church
- 28 Pastors' Conference – Bellevue B.C. 11:30 a.m.

## WMU™ HAPPENINGS

### 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.

### 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!  
*We need a mission team who would be willing to clean the camp on Friday afternoon. Contact Ashley McCollough at 901-382-8582 if your group can help.*

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



### Visit Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary

On Friday, March 28, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the faculty and staff of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary invite you to attend their annual Spring Preview Day for prospective students. You will have an opportunity to tour the campus and seminary housing, meet the president and faculty, sit in on classes and attend chapel. For more information or to register online, go to [www.mabts.edu](http://www.mabts.edu) or call 800-968-4508 ext. 3060. Remember, a call to ministry is a call to prepare. . . consider Mid-America.



## Circle Cross Rodeo Crusade

World-Class Rodeo with a World-Changing Message

Saturday, March 22, 2008  
6:00 p.m. - Christian Concert  
7:00 p.m. - Rodeo  
Shelby Showplace Arena  
Memphis, TN

Circle Cross Church, a new church start in the Mid-South Baptist Association, is sponsoring the *Circle Cross Rodeo Crusade* as part of its ministry in the Mid-South area. The purpose of the crusade is to utilize rodeo as an opportunity for ministry and outreach. Crusade events include barrel racing, professional bull riding and the Glory Riders – a horseback mounted ministry team. An evangelistic message will be shared in the arena during the evening rodeo activities.

This event will be a unique and exciting activity for church and youth groups to attend. Further information about the Rodeo Crusade or Circle Cross Church may be found at [www.thecirclecross.com](http://www.thecirclecross.com), or contact Stan McCall at 901-848-4959, J. Mark Wilson at 806-679-6319 or Greg Spears at the associational office (901-373-6161).

### 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.



## RA FAMILY NIGHT WITH THE MEMPHIS REDBIRDS

April 11, 2008 • Game Time – 7:10 p.m.

Cost: \$17 per person



Ready for something new and fun for the RAs in the Mid-South? Want to have some fun for the whole family? On Friday night, April 11, the Mid-South RAs, in conjunction with the Memphis Redbirds, will be having a Family Night with the Redbirds! This isn't just any game – it is the Redbirds' season opener. The game starts at 7:10 p.m., but we encourage all participants to be at AutoZone Park by 5:00 p.m. to take advantage of all the extra perks extended to RAs. With your paid ticket, Royal Ambassadors will get to partake in:

- **Pre-game tour** - RAs arriving at the Monroe gate by 5:00 p.m., will receive a free tour of AutoZone Park.
- **Pre-game Royal Ambassadors Parade** - Each RA Chapter will march in the RA Parade on the field with their own Chapter Banner.
- **Presentation of the RA Color Guard** - The RA Chapter voted to have the best banner will get to present the color guard for the National Anthem.
- **Pavilion Box Seating** - RAs will get private seating. (Bring a glove.)
- **Classic Buffet** - RAs will receive a classic buffet at the Pavillion Seating (open from 6-8).
- **Special RA Patch** - Available from Mid-South RAs for \$1 apiece.

Send the number of tickets requested and a check made out to Memphis Redbirds to Mike Freeman, 10 Misty Hill Cove, Oakland, TN 38060 no later than April 5. For more information, visit [www.midsouthras.org](http://www.midsouthras.org), or contact Mike Freeman at [m\\_freeman@comcast.net](mailto:m_freeman@comcast.net).