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A Cerebral Palsy victim shares how he became a Cerebral Palsy VICTOR!

Bellevue Baptist Church to Host Evangelism Explosion Clinic
July 13-17, 2009

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, or call Bellevue EE Ministry at 901-347-5210.

The Mother's Day Offering

to support
Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes

State Goal: \$2,500,000.00

TBC Executive Director-Treasurer Search Committee Listening Session

The TBC Search Committee will hold a "listening session" with church members on Thursday, June 11, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Bartlett Baptist Church. Everyone is invited.



IT'S A NEW DAY
For Financial Freedom

May 9, 2009
Madison Chester Baptist Association
Jackson, TN

This event is designed to engage all participants on a personal journey of financial freedom and show pastors, staff and church leaders how their churches can build cultural bridges in the community around them.

Cost is \$20 and includes all conference material and lunch. Spouses are encouraged to attend at no additional charge. Register at www.sbc.net/newday

Sponsored by the Tennessee Baptist Convention and Executive Staff of the SBC in partnership with Crown Financial Ministries.

Whitten Memorial to begin a Mothers' Day Out Homeschool Program

Whitten Memorial Baptist Church will be starting a Mothers' Day Out Program for homeschooled children, grades one through six. It will be on Tuesdays and possibly Thursdays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The church address is 6773 Macon Rd., Memphis.

The Mothers' Day Out Program will be taught by qualified teachers. The program will be such that the parent will send each day areas that the child might need help (such as reading, multiplication, etc.). The teachers will then spend time with the children in those areas. The children will need to bring a lunch from home, and a drink will be provided. The cost is \$20 per day per student.

There will be a maximum of 20 children per class and space will need to be reserved before August 31, 2008. Please call Suzanne Lindsey at 901-386-5444 for more information and a brochure.

Opportunities Within Our Churches

Pastor
Union Avenue Baptist Church
Contact Mike Elkins, 183 Marrakesh Circle, Memphis, TN 38103 or e-mail melkins@trojungbrannen.com

Associate Pastor/Minister of Music
Whitten Memorial Baptist Church
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 to Youth
Wells Station Baptist Church (P/T)
Call the church office at 901-682-2295 or e-mail DJar3435@aol.com

Music Minister
Covenant Baptist Church (F/T)
Conservative church with a traditional music style is accepting resumes for a music minister to lead all aspects of music ministry. Resumes accepted until June 15, 2009. Mail resumes to Personnel Committee, Covenant Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1165, Collierville, TN 38027 or e-mail to drsam@covenantontheweb.org.

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

New Life Baptist Church
Contact Dr. Kenny Hodnette at 901-452-0127 or 901-487-0207.

Keyboardist/Pianist
Balmoral Baptist Church (Sun./Wed.)
Send resume to church at 2676 Kirby Rd., Memphis, TN 38119, or e-mail to balmoralchurch@bellsouth.net, or call 901-754-2300.

Bartlett Hills Baptist Church (F/T)
Contact Stephen St. Clair at 901-386-9763.

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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Mid-South Ministry Profile

Christ Fellowship of Memphis by Stuart McCollough

I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your home, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me.

— Matthew 25:35-36

In a city torn apart by racial tension, Christ Fellowship is seeking to bring people of different backgrounds together in one body to make a difference in their own lives and the lives of the people they come in contact with. They want to be a body of believers who exemplify Matthew 25:35-36. Their mission is to advance the kingdom of God against the darkness of this world by loving God, embodying God's love for each other and by proclaiming God's love to the world.

Led by Pastors Kelvin Bowen and Mark Morris, Christ Fellowship is striving to share the gospel both locally and globally. Both pastors have extensive experience in church planting, mission work and ministry. Pastor Bowen served as an associate minister at Healing Center Baptist Church for 14 years. He also serves as Executive Vice President for Memphis Athletics Ministry (MAM), an inner-city ministry of six athletic facilities around the city that uses athletics as a tool to reach young people with the gospel of Christ. Mark Morris and his family served on the mission field for 14 years in Africa and Asia. They served as traditional missionaries for four years, he served as a Strategy Coordinator among unreached people groups in Central Asia and as a Regional leader of Central and Southern Asia for the International Mission Board. In 1997, Mark and his family returned to the United States where he co-founded All Peoples, a church consulting group which assisted churches to impact the least reached. He was on staff at Germantown Baptist Church from 2000-2007 and then served on staff at Saddleback Valley Community Church in California.

The church presently meets at the Stephen Olford Center on the Memphis campus of Union University. Christ Fellowship was already meeting under the leadership of Mark Morris. Bro. Mark and Bro. Kelvin were both basketball officials and had been friends for some time when they started throwing around the idea of beginning a multi-racial congregation. Knowing that Sunday mornings were the most segregated time in America, both men had a desire to see blacks, whites and people of all races worship together. Sponsored by a predominately African-American fellowship - One Faith Fellowship - the church officially became a multi-racial fellowship on December 14, 2008. The members have continued to cross cultural barriers and face the challenges of blending worship styles and even preconceived ideas of what worship really is.

Christ Fellowship recently had two special services: a commissioning of 3-year missionaries being appointed to serve as Southern Baptist workers overseas and an Easter service where close to 100 people joined them for worship. The pastors want to see lives changed from the inside out and people come to know Jesus. They realize Christ Fellowship is among very few churches in the city and even the country that are trying to bring believers of diverse backgrounds together to worship and break down the walls of racial divide. They are excited about what God is doing and looking forward to what He is going to do in the future.



Pastors Kelvin Bowen (left) and Mark Morris (right) lead the members of Christ Fellowship to reflect God's love and advance God's kingdom in Memphis and all around the world.



Inner-City Blitz Yields 130 Faith Professions

On Easter weekend, more than 300 volunteers saturated 12 of inner-city Memphis' toughest neighborhoods with the Gospel in the culmination of Impact Memphis, a city-wide urban evangelism effort. Twelve MSBA churches in various urban areas of the city served as launching pads for the weekend's evangelism efforts.

The outreach effort, a partnership of the North American Mission Board, the Mid-South Baptist Association and Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, was preceded by an urban evangelism symposium to train pastors and laypeople from local churches to share the Gospel and evangelize their neighborhoods as well as disciple new believers.

Following the Feb. 9 symposium, participants engaged in 40 days of prayer from March 1 to the Easter weekend evangelism blitz.

Church members who were trained at the evangelism symposium, along with volunteers from churches of several denominations across Memphis, worked together to develop evangelism strategies specific to the demographics of each of the 12 neighborhoods.

For example, in Binghampton, the newly-established Binghampton Community Church, a church plant, hosted its first Sunday morning worship service, an Easter egg hunt, block party and basketball shoot-out among other events designed to draw local residents. The church auditorium, which can hold approximately 60 people, was filled nearly to capacity on Easter Sunday for the inaugural service, and three new believers were baptized.

Church Planter Shun Abrams noted, to impact people in the neighborhoods it is important "to reach out to them and not be afraid of them." For Abrams, one of the goals of urban ministry is to help individuals "not be trapped in the lifestyles they're in."

A key component to urban evangelism, Abrams said, is meeting residents' physical as well as spiritual needs. "You have to meet the whole person," he said. Canvassers in the area handed out literature to direct those in need to appropriate resources, such as rent assistance, help with utilities, medical ministries and clothing. Similarly, other locations also utilized strategies specific to their surrounding demographics in addition to door-to-door canvassing.

Organizers described the results of the weekend blitz as dramatic. Overall, more than 130 professions of faith were reported and an estimated 2,500 contacts were made. Participating pastors have shared testimonies with the Mid-South Baptist Association of encounter after encounter in which God prepared divine evangelistic appointments for local residents to recognize their need for a new life in Christ and accept Him.

"We are experiencing and sensing an unusual spiritual momentum in our city," said Mike Day, director of missions for the Mid-South Baptist Association. "We don't know all the hows, the whys, the whens, and the whats of it, but we know God is at work and there is a movement of the Holy Spirit." Please pray for the churches of our Association as we seek to be at work with God in sharing the Good News in Memphis."

Adapted from BP story by Hannah Johnson, a freelance writer based in Memphis, TN



Young and old alike enjoyed the fun at one of the block parties held as part of the inner-city evangelism blitz held the Saturday before Easter.

Important Dates for May

- 1 Baptist Hospital Auxiliary Women's Hospital - 10:30 a.m.
- 2 State Youth Bible Drill/Speakers' Tournament - Brentwood
- 2-3 TN WMU Associational Training Brentwood
- 3 Senior Adult Day
- 4 Pastors' Conference Bellevue B.C. - 11:30 a.m. (Dr. Paul Brown, Speaker)
- 5 Sr. Adult Tune Sharing Leawood B.C. - 11:30 a.m.
- 7 Association Secretaries Luncheon Leawood B.C. - Noon
- 10 Mother's Day Offering for TBCH
- 11 Pastors' Conference (Dr. Ray Newcomb, Speaker) Ministers' Wives' Fellowship Bellevue B.C. - 11:30 a.m.
- 14 MSBA Foundation Board Mtg. MSBA Office - 8:30 a.m.
- 15 Opportunity Camp Donation deadline
- 16 RA Family Night with Redbirds
- 18 Administrative Leadership Council - Bellevue B.C. - 10:00 a.m.
- 18 MSBA Executive Board Meeting Bellevue B.C. - 11:30 a.m.
- 25 MSBA Office Closed-Memorial Day No Pastors' Conference
- 30 Opportunity Camp (thru 6/5)

NAMB Reports Growth in Men and Boy's Mission Education Enrollment

For the first time in the history of NAMB, they have experienced two consecutive years of growth in the enrollment of churches with men and boy's mission education on the Annual Church Profile. Also, they experienced the highest percentage increase since NAMB was formed in 1997. The increase was 6 percent over last year to a total of 403,575, up from 381,355. The last highest percentage increase previously was 5 percent in 2000.

CORRECTION

We hope you enjoyed last month's *Mid-South Baptist* article on Pastor J. Mark Wilson and the Circle Cross Cowboy Church. AND...we hope that our readers and Pastor J. Mark will forgive us for incorrectly reporting that Pastor Wilson had completed his Doctor of Ministry at Southern Seminary! According to J. Mark, he is in the process, and nearing the finish line but not quite finished. We apologize for our error.

WMU™ HAPPENINGS

Love Out Loud

A Sisters Who Care Gathering

May 14 • 6:30-8:00 p.m.

McLean Baptist Church

All missions-minded women invited.

Opportunity Camp for International Children

May 31-June 5, 2009

Sponsors and volunteers are needed. Cost is \$175 per camper, and this year we are expecting over 160 children. Please pray about your church's involvement.

Adventures in Missions Girls' Camp

June 28-29 - Overnight Camp (gr. 1-3)

June 29-July 3 - Weeklong Camp (gr. 3-6)

Cost: \$55 for overnight camp

\$200 for weeklong camp

Contact Julie at 901-373-6161 for registration forms.

Church Leader Training

August 8 • 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Trafalgar Village Baptist Church

Mission Project Ideas Girls' Camp Donations

Donations are needed of sturdy paper plates, cups and plastic forks and spoons for Girls' Camp. Also needed are snack items: Little Debbie's, fruit snacks, boxed drinks, pop-ice and cookies. Please call Julie at 901-373-6161 if you or your group can donate any of these items.

Opportunity Camp Needs

We gave all of our supply cabin to the Burundi who came to camp last year, so this year we are starting from scratch. Already, God has provided toothbrushes, some underwear and flip flops, but we are in need of:

- towels
- washcloths
- blankets
- sleeping bags
- throws
- sheets (twin preferred but will use any)
- large bottles of shampoo
- bars of soap
- combs or hair picks
- feminine products
- toothpaste
- summer shoes
- summer clothing of all sizes

Call Julie at 901-373-6161 if your group or church can help.

Youth Worker Weekend With Richard Ross

- Date: Friday evening, May 8 through Saturday morning, May 9
- Where: First Baptist Church in Millington
- Who can come: Any youth staff member or adult worker
- What is the cost: \$ 15.00 per person. Includes 2 meals
- How do we pay: A check made out to First Baptist Church. (If you have last minute sign-ups, just bring a separate check or cash when you arrive at the conference.)
- Who do we contact for information or questions: Drew Murphy at dmurphy@fbc-milington.org or call him at (901) 825-2832.
- What is the deadline to register: All forms are due back in the mail to First Baptist Church with payment by Sunday, April 26.
- Please register early if possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ESL Workshop at Kirby Woods Baptist Church Sponsored by TBC

May 2 and 9 • 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25 cash or checks payable to TBC
For more info or to register, contact Minne Garrett at 901-853-2491 or rgarret@pol.net.

MSBA Secretaries Association Thursday, May 7

Leawood Baptist Church
Call 901-324-7169 to make reservations by Monday, May 4.
Program: Annie Byrd, Pastor's Wife

Retired Ministers and Wife Luncheon Thursday, June 4 • 11:30 a.m.

White Station Baptist Church
Program: Judy Webb
Catered luncheon - \$6 per person
Call Ira Singleton at 901-737-5166 for reservations, or contact your group leader.

Recreation Summer Camps Germantown Baptist Church

Union University Basketball Camp
June 15-19 • 9 a.m. - noon
Ages: kids entering first grade and up
Cost: \$90

Art Camp
June 22-26 or July 27-31 • 9 a.m.- noon
Ages: Kids entering second grade and up
Cost: \$75

Super Sitter Babysitting Training
June 3 or July 15 • 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Ages: kids entering fifth grade and up
Cost: \$55

Visit www.gbconline.net/summercamps or call 901-260-5704 or for more information.

Impact Gets More Space for an Expanding Ministry

by Sylester Bradley

Impact Baptist Church is an outreach ministry of Bellevue Baptist Church. Impact has moved into a new location, the former Georgian Hills Baptist Church in the Frayser area located at 3759 N. Watkins. Impact Baptist Church was formed after successful outreach ministry called MC-3, a model consisting of a mega church that provides the resources, a ministry center which distributes the resources and the mission church which receives the people and invites the discipleship process. Over the past three years the ministry has grown so rapidly that the current location in Northgate Shopping Center did not accommodate its over 500 members and ministries.

Of course, a ministries success is predicated upon the role of its leader and certainly Impact has a true leader in Dr. Michael Ellis whose spiritual upbringing and military experiences of being a former Navy Chief and the son of a pastor, surely laid the foundation for such a loving and dedicated pastor of this fast-growing church.

Some of the outreaches of Impact are a food pantry, computer classes, GED classes, children's ministries such as the "YPPG" Young People Praising God praise dancers, "steppers," the thrift store, women's ministries, Men of Integrity, couples and singles ministries and more.

The new location is still in the Frayser area and the new location will provide nearly four times as many seats in the sanctuary plus a large fellowship hall and ample education space. When the church and ministry center moved, the thrift store also moved to a shopping center across the street from the new location.

This new move means greater ministry opportunities in a community that so desperately needs it. As they start a new year and new beginnings in a new location, Impact Baptist Church members are eager and consider themselves "blessed" to be in such a unique relationship with Bellevue Baptist Church. Pastor Ellis believes the church is focused on one thing: "Stay connected to the vine, and experience God's blessings in 2009."