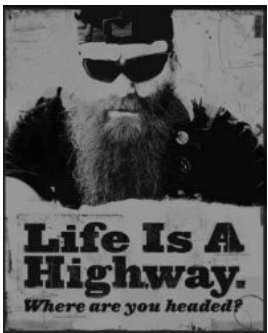




Church Without Doors Needs Churches to Provide Lunches

Dates are available for churches to provide sack lunches for The Church Without Doors that meets weekly in Robert Church Park, across from the FedEx Forum. Dates still available are: May 16 and 23; July 18 and 25; August 1; September 12; and October 24. Contact Mabel Williams at 901-870-4761 for more information or to sign up for your church to help.

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MSB: When did you get interested in riding motorcycles?

LW: I started riding motorcycles in 1987 when I graduated from the police academy. I have been riding ever since. My current motorcycle is a 2000 black Harley Davidson Night Train. I was always fascinated with motorcycles as a young boy but could not afford one until I started living on my own.

MSB: How did you get involved with Freedom Biker Church?

LW: I was involved with a church plant in Clayton, NC called The Church at Clayton Crossings when the pastor, James Tilton told me about a gentleman named Mike Beasley that was planting an affinity-based church called Freedom Biker Church in Clayton, NC. Pastor James knew that my heart was

for the freaks and outcast of society, so he told me about the church. My family started attending Freedom for about six months before we moved to Mississippi for my job. I had no plans of planting a church when we moved. I didn't know anyone here, and it would have been much easier to go back to NC where I knew everyone, but God had other plans. We started our Bible Study in February, 2009 and launched our first service on Easter Sunday. We had 167 people in attendance that day and have had between 90-110 each week since then.

MSB: What are the plans for the future?

LW: I have no idea what the future holds. I know that sounds like an easy answer, but I am truly placing my life and this church in His hands and trusting Him to guide our footsteps. I would love to be involved in other church plants for Freedom if God allows that. We are the seventh church plant from the home church in a little over three years. God is doing some incredible things through this ministry that only He could do.

The Mid-South Baptist Association welcomes Pastor Waddell and the Freedom Biker Church to the area. For more information about the church, you can contact Bro. Leon at 901-326-6826.



Prayer Warriors Needed Merge 2010 - June 21-25, 2010

Please begin praying for:

- the students who will be attending
- Merge 2010 leaders
- mission project host churches and their leaders
- the lost souls in the communities in which the students will be working.

Opportunities Within Our Churches

Minister of Music

Whitten Memorial Baptist Church (P/T)
Send resume to church attn: Search Committee, 5773 Macon Rd., Memphis, TN 38134.

Heartland Baptist Church (P/T)
Contact the pastor at 901-870-6834.

Minister to Young Families and Singles

Eudora Baptist Church (P/T)
Contact the pastor at 901-888-7800.

Minister of Youth

Eudora Baptist Church (P/T)
Contact the pastor at 901-888-7800.

Richland Baptist Church (P/T - Experienced)
Contact the church office at 170 N. Oak Grove Rd., Memphis, 38120 or call 901-683-2451.

Pianist

Georgian Hills Baptist Church (P/T)
Call 901-357-5333 for more information.

Maintenance/Housekeeper

Leawood Baptist Church
(P/T - up to 32/hours)
Application available 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
3638 Macon Rd., Memphis, TN 38122
Call 901-324-7169 for more information.

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

Church Resources

For Sale:

Brand new AG-2000 Church Organ
Contact Arnold Smith, Minister of Music, First Baptist Church, Hickory Withe at 901-603-7451 for more information.

Free Tables:

60-inch round, wooden tables
Table racks also available. Contact Stuart McCollough at 901-382-8582 for more information.

Folding Chairs Needed:

Work with the Navajo Indians led by Navajo Missions, Inc. has been blessed and with the growth they are in need of folding chairs. If your church has extra chairs you would like to donate to this work, please call Gene Kennedy at 901-413-6215.

Periodical Postage Paid at Memphis, Tennessee and additional entries.

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Mid-South Ministry Profile

Freedom Biker Church Mississippi and Pastor Leon Waddell

by Stuart McCollough

You most likely won't see Pastor Leon Waddell in a suit and tie. You're more likely to see him in black leather and a motorcycle helmet. Leon is the pastor of the new Freedom Biker Church located in Southaven, MS. The church has been holding Bible studies since February of 2009 and launched their first worship rally on Easter Sunday of this year. The church meets at 5932 Highway 51 N., in Horn Lake, MS, behind the Advance Auto Parts store.

Leon grew up in North Carolina and attended college at East TN State University in Johnson City, TN. He was a police officer for 11 years and has spent the last ten years in corporate security. He currently works as the Regional Manager - Corporate Security for South Region at McKesson Pharmaceuticals in Memphis. That job is what brought him to the Memphis area three years ago. Little did he know what God had in store for him here besides a new job. His wife Melinda also grew up and attended school in North Carolina. She works as a senior recruiter for AutoZone Corporate Headquarters in Memphis. They have three children: Jonathan, age 22; Gabbie, age 12; and Hannah, age nine. Both Leon and Melinda have served over the years as children's and youth ministry leaders and have most recently worked in the children's ministry at Colonial Hills Baptist Church in Southaven where they were members before beginning Freedom Biker Church.

Freedom Biker Church Mississippi is the seventh church plant of the original church in Angier, NC. I recently got to ask Bro. Leon some questions about how he came to the area and how God laid on his heart to begin this new work in the area.

Mid-South Baptist: Tell us about your salvation and call to ministry.

Leon Waddell: I gave my life to Christ on December 22, 1996 after almost dying from alcohol poisoning the night before. I got down on my knees in the living room and told God there had to be more to life than what I was living. I never went to church as a child, but always believed in God. I used to have a hard heart and would not shed a tear for anyone. Now that I am saved, I cry at the drop of a hat. It seems like the closer I walk with Him, the more tender my heart becomes. I had no idea that I would be going into the ministry when I moved to Mississippi three years ago, but God would not leave me alone about planting a Freedom Biker Church. I contacted Mike Beasley in North Carolina about planting a church and he said to just seek God and pray. I did this for 14 months. God would wake me up at all hours of the night and basically just not let me sleep. I finally submitted to the call 16 months ago.

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Freedom Biker Church Mississippi held their first worship rally on Easter Sunday morning with 167 people in attendance.





Letting the Carpenter Build Your Marriage with special guests Steve and Annie Chapman

Friday, May 21
6:30-9:00 p.m. (Dinner included)

Saturday, May 22
8:00 a.m.-Noon (Continental Breakfast included)

First Baptist Church, Millington
5010 West Union • Millington, TN 38053

Cost: \$30 per couple • Last day to register – May 9

Childcare provided for ages birth-5th grade with reservations.

Contact Beth Medler at 901-873-8908 for more information.

Mission Opportunity

Volunteer teachers are needed for a 6:00 p.m. Tuesday Night Bible Study at Hope Fellowship Baptist Church, in the Bent Tree Apartment Complex at 3406 Providence in Memphis. We use International Bible Study for our classes. We are seeking teachers for grades Kindergarten-High School. Our Bible study only lasts for one hour. We are a mission church of Faith Baptist, Bartlett. Please call Pastor James Williams at 901-494-6331 or Sandra Williams at 901-497-3526 for more information or to volunteer.

Revival

Berclair Baptist Church would like to invite all to join them in revival May 2-5, 2010 with Dr. Paul Brown preaching. The Sunday morning service is at 10:45 a.m. Sunday evening will feature the Havnaires at 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday evening services will begin at 6:30 p.m.



Sr. Adult Tune Share

Monday, May 10
Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary

The change of date this year is due to the once every four year election. There are a number of our seniors who will work at the polls on the First Tuesday this May, and we do not want to interfere. Your church and/or contact person will be receiving a brochure concerning the details of the event, such as menu, cost, deadline for registration, etc. Please begin now to register your church by calling Mid-America at 901-751-8453. If you are writing a church check, please make it payable to Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary. The contact person there is Duffy Guyton.

Important Dates for May

- 2 Senior Adult Sunday
- 3 Pastors' Conference
Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m.
Will Gomez, speaker
- 6 MSBA Secretary's Luncheon
Audubon Park Baptist Church -Noon
- 9 Mother's Day
- 10 Pastors' Conference
Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m.
David Dockery, speaker
- 10 Ministers' Wives' Fellowship
Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m.
- 10 Senior Adult Tune Sharing
Mid-America Baptist Seminary
10:30 a.m.
- 13 Mid-South Foundation Board Mtg.
MSBA Office - 8:30 a.m.
- 15 RA Night with the Redbirds
- 17 Admin. Leadership Council Meeting
Bellevue Baptist Church - 10:00 a.m.
- 17 MSBA Executive Board Meeting
Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m.
- 24 Pastors' Conference
Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m.
Mid-South Singers Presentation
- 29-4 Opportunity Camp
- 31 No Pastors' Conference
Memorial Day

A Preview of Coaching

On Tuesday, May 25, the Mid-South Baptist Association is pleased to host Dr. Jerry Essary from the Center for Christian Coaching (www.tbccoaching.org). This will be your opportunity to learn about the ministry of coaching and determine if this is a skill for you to learn!

Dr. Essary will answer questions such as, "What is coaching?" "How is coaching different from consulting, mentoring and counseling?" "How could coaching help in my current ministry?"

There will be two identical preview opportunities. Choose the time and location that is most convenient for you.

10:00-11:30 a.m.
Faith Baptist Church
3755 N. Germantown Rd., Bartlett
901-386-4785

2:00-3:30 p.m.
Eudora Baptist Church
4684 Poplar Ave., Memphis
901-888-7800

Dr. Essary is a certified ACC Coach with International Coach Federation (www.coachfederation.org). There are no reservations required for this preview. Call Mitch Martin at 901-373-6161 if you have questions.

WMU™ HAPPENINGS

Christian Women's Job Corps Mentor Training Conference

May 14 • 6-8 p.m.
May 15 • 9 a.m.-noon
MSBA Office
6896 Hwy. 70

This training will encourage you to personally share Christ's redemptive love with other women, to further train Christian women to mentor other women and to connect Christian women with women in need of a Christian mentor. Contact Julie at 901-373-6161 for more information.

Opportunity Camp

May 29-June 4
For the Kingdom Camp
\$175 per child

Monetary donations needed, as well as sheets, blankets, towels, toiletries, children's summer clothing, swimsuits and shoes. Go to www.opportunitycampmemphis.org for more information and/or a downloadable slide show.

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 crossnjulie@hotmail.com. Registration forms are available online at www.msba.org/wmu.

Mid-South Baptist Secretaries Association Quarterly Luncheon

Thursday, May 6, 2010 • Noon
Audubon Park Baptist Church
4060 Park Ave.

Cost of meal: \$5

Call Shirley at 901-324-5541 to make reservations.

Bellevue Baptist Church Joins the Arlington Community

Since Bellevue Arlington began meeting at Arlington High School in September of 2009, the church leadership and members have become an integral part of the Arlington community as well. Recently, Bellevue Arlington moved their offices from Bellevue's Cordova campus to the town of Arlington, and the Arlington Chamber of Commerce officially recognized the new office location at a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Monday, March 21.

"We have been so thrilled by the way the Arlington community has embraced Bellevue Arlington," said Campus Pastor Phil Newberry. "From the town leaders, shop owners, school administrators and residents, we have felt the welcome, open arms of the Town of Arlington."

Bellevue Arlington, a new satellite campus of Bellevue Baptist Church, meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium at Arlington High School. The campus began with about 100 members of Bellevue who volunteered to move to the new location. Since that time, attendance has nearly doubled. Phil Newberry, believes in the effectiveness of the smaller church setting.

"God has really blessed us," Newberry said. "We have had hundreds of visitors and many have joined. Those who love Bellevue, but are intimidated by its size, enjoy meeting with us in a 500-seat room verses a 7,000-seat sanctuary." Bellevue Arlington members have gotten deeply involved in the Arlington community since the church began meeting six months ago, participating in events such as Music on the Square and the Arlington Christmas Parade. Church members have also volunteered to bring meals to the Arlington Fire Department, and Phil Newberry serves as chaplain for the department. The church held two "Bellevue Loves Arlington" workdays where members did yard work and light construction at Arlington High School and town parks in addition to holding neighborhood block parties.

Bellevue Arlington's Worship Services are held on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. at Arlington High School. The new offices are located in The Arlington Collection at 11695 Hwy. 70 Suite 104.



Language Pastors' and Wives Fellowship

Pastors and wives of the Language churches of Memphis will meet for their second fellowship on Friday, June 4, at 7:15 p.m. Pastor and Mrs. Park will host the evening at the Korean Baptist Church, 9650 East Shelby Dr. in Collierville. You can call Pastor Park at 901-755-5737 for more information.

Noted Author to Speak

Don Piper, speaker and best-selling author of *90 Minutes in Heaven* and *Heaven is Real* will be speaking at First Baptist Church, Hickory Withe on May 30, at 6 p.m. Call 901-465-8043 for more information.



CrossLink International

Mission: CrossLink International provides no-to low-cost medicines and medical supplies for short-term missions teams doing international missions. They also provide the same support for a number of domestic charity clinics and hospitals. You may contact them at www.dclewis@crosslinkinternational.com