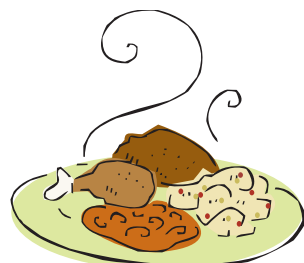




Operation Christmas Child is all about evangelism and providing gospel opportunities for children in foreign countries. Show your love by packing shoeboxes; pray that children will be saved and the good news of Jesus Christ will spread to families and throughout the countries. For information, contact Rachel Cox, West TN Area at 731-686-3423, jerecox@bellsouth.net or visit www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.

Senior Adult Rally

The quarterly Senior Adult Rally will be held Tuesday, November 15, at 10:30 a.m. at FBC, Collierville. Join us for a fun day of remembering "Great Old Music from the Silver Screen." Menu: country-fried steak; potatoes; lima beans; buttered corn; roll; brownie and beverage. Cost for lunch is \$7.



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The Five Love Languages

Hannibal-LaGrange University Honors Dr. Paul Brown

On Friday, September 9, 2011, Hannibal-LaGrange University in Hannibal, MO honored two former presidents, Dr. Larry L. Lewis and Dr. Paul E. Brown by naming Memorial Hall on the campus in their honor. Dr. Brown served as Interim Director of Missions for Shelby Baptist Association (MSBA) in 2004 and part of 2005.

Dr. Brown served as University President at Hannibal-LaGrange from 1987 until his retirement in 1994. A dedication ceremony attended by family and friends was held outside the entrance of Memorial Hall, followed by a luncheon honoring the the former presidents and their families.

Congratulations to Dr. Brown, his wife Connie and his family on this distinguished honor and recognition.

Opportunities Within Our Churches

Pastor

Berclair Baptist Church (bi-vocational)
Mail resume to: Pastor Search Committee, 4584 Summer Ave., 38122.

Minister of Music/Worship Leader

Balmoral Baptist Church (P/T)
Send resume to 2676 Kirby Rd., Memphis, TN 38119 or call 901-754-2300.
Berclair Baptist Church (P/T)
Send resume to: Personnel Committee, 4584 Summer Ave., Memphis, TN 38122.
Georgian Hills Baptist Church P/T
Contact Tim Vassar at 901-357-5333 or 901-377-0631.
Providence Baptist Church (P/T)
Send resume to: Music Committee, 4351 Germantown Rd., Arlington, TN 38002 or e-mail: spetty7880@aol.com.

Children's Director

LaBelle Haven Baptist Church (P/T)
Send resume to Phil Anderson at www.labelleasst@bellsouth.net.

Minister of Youth/Students

Covenant Baptist Church (youth/recreation)
Mail resume to Personnel Committee, P.O. Box 1165, Collierville, TN 38027.
Grace Baptist Church (P/T)
Contact Pastor Billy Harrald at 901-849-0252.
Richland Baptist Church (P/T)
Contact the church office at 170 N. Oak Grove Rd., 38120 or 901-683-2451.
Ridgeway Baptist Church
Send resume to Ridgeway Baptist Church, attn: Senior Pastor, 2500 Ridgeway Rd., Memphis 38119.
Trinity Baptist Church (F/T)
E-mail cover letter and resume to tsimon@trinitybaptistchurch.org.

Nursery Worker

Cordova Baptist Church (P/T)
Call office at 901-754-1064.
Gracepoint Baptist Church
Contact the church at 901-755-7660 or info@gracepointmemphis.com.

Childcare

Balmoral Baptist (M-F; 9 a.m.-6 p.m.)
Contact Connie at 901-754-2302.

Pianist

Cordova Baptist Church (P/T)
Call 901-754-1064 or mail resume to P.O. Box 174, Cordova, TN 38088.
Elliston Baptist Church
Contact the church office at 901-743-4250 or elliston@comcast.net.
First Baptist Church, Lakeland
Contact Mike McCrory at 901-494-2276 or e-mail MHMcCrory@ftb.com.
Gateway Baptist Church
Contact Phil McKibben at 901-837-8087 or 901-937-9682.
Providence Baptist Church
Contact Sarah Petty at 901-837-6924 or e-mail spetty7880@aol.com.

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A Word from the Director of Missions

Dr. Michael Day, Executive Director of Missions

If you attended the 108th annual meeting of the Mid-South Baptist Association at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary on October 10, 2011, you are already aware we were blessed with a fine meal, a tremendous spirit of fellowship, and inspiring testimonies of God's mighty activity among the churches of the Mid-South. For those of you who could not attend, I thought you might like to see some of the comments from participants who enjoyed *ENGAGE 2011!*

"I enjoyed the evening - especially Bro. Vinson's "devotional" and all the church planter testimonies - I needed a Kleenex when the man from Sudan spoke!"

"What a great meeting it was last night. Such a blessing from the church planting young people."

Just a word of appreciation to all for a well planned and attended meeting. The format was great! Thanks for thinking outside the box!

CONGRATULATIONS to the Mid-South Baptist Association Staff and Officers! Last evening was a great meeting—so informative. Thanks to all who contributed. Last night was a fun night. The MSBA did a great job with everything.

"The whole evening was good. The church planter reports were a blessing."

"I thought it was a great evening. No hitch with food service, no hitch with seating, very helpful people at MABTS, registration was smoother and our MSBA leaders and church planters were awesome (to use an "in" term). Honoring Les Collier was very meaningful and appropriate."

As noted in the final quote above, it was an evening of very few "hitches" and many "awesome" blessings. From the meal prepared and served by the staff of MABTS—to the songs of praise by Adam Johnson (Ellendale)—to the thoughtful, humorous, and challenging devotional delivered by Dr. Tommy Vinson (FBC, Collierville)—throughout the testimonies of numerous church planters—in the recognition of "Mid-South Servants" like Les Collier (Cherry Road), D.C. Cobb (Faith), and Willie and Ozzie Jacobs (NAMB Missionaries)—and in the careful and orderly conduct of the Business Session by Moderator John Enoch (Fellowship)—**GOD'S PRESENCE AND BLESSINGS WERE ABUNDANT!**

We owe much "Thanks" to those who worked so hard to make *ENGAGE 2011a* wonderful evening. We are grateful to Dr. Michael Spradlin, President, and the staff, *(Continued on inside back cover.)*



Representatives to *ENGAGE 2011* enjoy the "fellowship of frozen yogurt" provided by *Baptist Campus Ministries of Memphis* and *YoLo Frozen Yogurt*.

Mid-South Ministry Profile

Pastor Rich Shadden and Audubon Park Baptist Church by Stuart McCollough

Members of Audubon Park Baptist Church recently called Rich Shadden as their new pastor. Bro. Rich, his wife Kristy and their five-month-old son Luke began their ministry at the church on Sunday, October 16. This is Bro. Rich's first pastorate, and he is excited to see what God has in store for him, his family and the church in the coming months and years.

Bro. Rich was born and raised in Martin, TN, where he lived until the age of 23 when he moved to Memphis to attend seminary. He grew up at First Baptist Church, Martin and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from The University of Tennessee at Martin, with a minor in Religious Studies.

Growing up in a Christian home, Rich began thinking about spiritual things early in life. He says he knew the right things to say and had lots of knowledge about the Lord, but didn't come to know the Lord personally until he was 16. It was then that the Holy Spirit began working on his heart and showing him his sin, causing him to realize who he really was and his need to repent and turn his life over to Christ. He got actively involved with the church, and his pastor, youth pastor and people of the church invested in him and poured their lives into him. He didn't realize it at the time, but the Holy Spirit was beginning to work on his heart to change it towards ministry. At the age of 19, he felt God's call to the ministry, and God used those same people to confirm it in his life.

While at U.T. Martin, Bro. Rich served as a Youth Intern at First Baptist Church, Martin. After he came to Memphis in 2008, to attend Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, he served at Bellevue Baptist as a College Intern. It was during this time that he met Kristy through some mutual friends. They started dating and got married in



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March, 2009. After they married, they began praying for a place of ministry together. God led them to Southwoods Baptist Church where Rich served as a Pastoral Intern under Dr. Phil Newton. He graduated from Mid-America in December, 2010 with his Masters degree. He is presently enrolled in the Ph.D. program there also.

About a year and a half ago, Rich and Kristy began praying for the Memphis area, and more specifically, the I-240 loop, and that the Lord might open up a church in that area for them to serve. Rich had felt the call to pastor and had shared that with his pastor and several other people who were also praying for him. God orchestrated events and opened doors. One day outside the associational pastors' conference, he was introduced to Jerry Sowards, who leads music at Audubon Park and was arranging for preachers to fill the pulpit there. Jerry invited him to preach on July 24. Several weeks went by, and Jerry called Rich to let him know that the Pastor Search Committee would like for him to come back and preach again. He preached again on September 11 and met with the committee the following week. He preached in view of a call on October 9, the church voted to call him, and the next Sunday was his first in the pulpit as pastor.

Bro. Rich is excited about being at Audubon Park. His first Sunday, he began preaching a series on the three-pronged framework of what he hopes the ministry will be at the church: one - everything begins with Christ-centered preaching and teaching; two - Christian community; and three - Global missions. He wants to lead the church to put everything they endeavor to do through those three criteria as they go about reaching the lost around them. He covets the prayers of other churches in the association as Audubon Park Baptist Church seeks to follow where the Lord leads and minister to their community and reach them for Jesus.

Important Dates for November

- 3 Associational Secretaries Luncheon
Leawood Baptist Church - Noon
- 3 Minsters of Education Network
Dixie Cafe/Poplar Ave.
- 4 Baptist Hospital Auxiliary
Women's Hospital - 10:30 a.m.
- 4-5 Mother/Daughter Retreat
Grove at Red Oak Lake
- 5 Baptist Women's World Day of
Prayer Brunch - 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Cherokee Baptist Church
- 7 Pastors' Conference - 11:30 a.m.
Bellevue Baptist Church
Stephan Dervan, speaker
- 10 MSB Foundation Board Meeting
MSBA Office - 8:30 a.m.
- 14 Pastor's Conference - 11:30 a.m.
Bellevue Baptist Church
Nick Daniel, speaker
- 15-16 Tennessee Baptist Convention
Hendersonville, TN
- 15 Senior Adult Rally - 10:30 a.m.
Collierville First Baptist Church
- 21 Administrative Leadership Council
Bellevue Baptist Church - 10:00 a.m.
- 21 MSBA Executive Board
Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m.
- 21 Ministers' Wives Fellowship
Mid-America Baptist Theol. Seminary
11:30 a.m.
- 22 Thanksgiving Dinner for International
Students
BCM at University of Memphis
- 24-25 MSBA Offices Closed for
Thanksgiving Holiday
- 28 Pastors' Conference
Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m.
Terry Easley, speaker

Correction

Pastor Donald Holder at Charjean Baptist Church recently celebrated his 20th year as pastor. He was mistakenly identified as David Holder in last month's edition. We apologize for the mistake.

Royal Ambassador World Walk

This year's RA World Walk to raise money for the Lottie Moon Missions Offering will be held Saturday, November 5, at The Grove at Red Oak Lake. The World Walk is open to all children's missions organizations. For more information, visit www.midsouthras.org.

Mid-South Baptist Secretaries Association Quarterly Luncheon

Thursday, November 3 - Noon
Leawood Baptist Church (901-324-7169)
Reservations due: October 31
Mission Project: Celebrate Recovery
• *Monetary donations for class supplies*
• *Volunteer to provide a meal for a Tuesday night meeting (20-25 people).*

WMU™ HAPPENINGS

Mother/Daughter Retreat

Friday-Saturday, November 4-5, 2011
The Grove at Red Oak Lake
\$35 per person

Visit www.msba.org/wmu for a registration form, or call Titus Mason at 901-377-6866 for more information.

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer Brunch

Saturday, November 5, 2011 • 9-11 a.m.
Cherokee Baptist Church

Call Evonne Siemer at 901-682-3143 for more information.

Thanksgiving Dinner for International Students



Tuesday, November 22 • 6:00 p.m.
Baptist Collegiate Ministries of Memphis
University of Memphis • 469 Patterson
Food needed to feed 100-150 students:
Turkey; dressing; ham; sweet potatoes;
green beans; salad; rolls; dessert

Food should be delivered to the BCM before 5:30 p.m.

Call LouAnn Bennett at 901-725-0634 or e-mail louann214@bellsouth.net for more information.

Prison Ministry Mission Project

Items needed by November 30:
Travel-Size: (in clear ziploc bags)
• shampoo • conditioner • deodorant
• toothpaste • toothbrushes • soap
Other items needed:
• feminine hygiene products (external)
• white towels and washcloths
• new white cotton brief underwear
• stationery • pens • stamps • cards

Happy Thanksgiving

The MSBA office will be closed November 24-25 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

("A Word from the Director of Missions" continued from front cover.)

faculty, and students of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary for hosting our meeting and going way "above and beyond" in providing what we needed and responding to our many requests. We are grateful to Grace Atchley, MSBA Administrative Assistant, and Sharon Hewitt, MSBA Financial Assistant, for the extra hours and the extra efforts they willingly invest "behind the scenes" in order to make a meeting like this happen. We are also grateful for our MSBA Officers (John Enoch, Garry Burkacki, D.C. Cobb, and Bud Clements) for their leadership throughout the year and their effective leadership of the annual meeting. Finally, we are grateful for those who have agreed to serve MSBA as officers, team leaders, and team members for 2011-2012. Our newly-elected officers are:

Garry Burkacki, Pastor, Cherokee Baptist Church, Moderator
Jim Perdue, Pastor, Crosspointe Baptist Church, Millington, Vice-Moderator
Bud Clements, Brookside Baptist Church, Olive Branch, Treasurer
Grace Atchley, Germantown Baptist Church, Clerk

Most of all, we continue to be grateful to God for His abundant blessings upon the churches of the Mid-South. To Him Be The Glory for The Great Things He Has Done!! We had a wonderful time celebrating His blessings at *ENGAGE 2011* and we look forward to His blessings in the coming year! And—we hope to see you at *ENGAGE 2012!!*

Upcoming Events

On November 4-5, Germantown Baptist Church will be hosting a Boot Camp for Christian Writers. Our guests for the weekend will be best-selling authors Carolyn Tomlin and Denise George. There will be a Friday night Book Review of *The Secret Holocaust Diaries: The Untold Story of Nonna Bannister*. The book review is free and is open to the public and will be in the Faith Building from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

The Boot Camp will begin Saturday morning. Two sessions will be available. (choose one): Book Writing; or Magazine Writing (good for devotional and Sunday School material writing). The course fee for the event is \$99 per person. The workshop will also be held in the Faith Building from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. You can register at www.germantownbaptist.org.

Lucy Baptist Church will be hosting their annual Great Commission Summit on Saturday and Sunday, November 12-13. Saturday will include a continental breakfast and international foods dinner. (Reservations need to be made by Wednesday, November 9.) Sunday will include breakout sessions, morning worship with a missionary speaking and a Q&A with missionaries.

Germantown Baptist Church is offering an English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher Training Workshop on Saturdays, January 21 and 28, 2012, from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Manuals, materials and a light lunch will be provided for the cost of \$30. Contact Minne Garrett at 901-853-2491 or 901-283-6609 for more information.

Winter Wonderland Christmas Toy Shop

For the last 13 years, Women Empowered to Become Self-Sufficient (WEBS) has hosted a Christmas party for the women incarcerated at Mark Luttrell Correction Center (MCCL) and their children. In 2007, WEBS combined that party with a three-day shopping experience for the women at MLCC. We have accomplished this with generous donations from other MLCC volunteer groups and other organizations such as local businesses, churches and individuals.

This four-day holiday season event is now known as Winter Wonderland and allows every woman in the facility to select gifts for their children of all ages and/or family members. The finale allows the women the opportunity to bond with their children and other family members.

We need your help. We need financial assistance, toys for the little ones, games and electronics for the older youth, food donations, wrapping paper and postage for shipping. For the last four years, generous donations have helped in making this event a great success. We service over 450 women at MLCC.

Monetary donations can be mailed to WEBS, Inc. at P.O. Box 820061, Memphis, TN 38182-0061. Other donations can be picked up or you can deliver them to MLCC at 6000 State Rd., Memphis, TN 38134-769, attn: Chaplain Alma Harris.

For more information, contact Pat Culp at pat_culp@hotmail.com or 901-591-5237 or Martha Pitts at 901-270-3994 or martha_pitts@madisong.com.