



Mid-South Royal Ambassadors Tri-State Camp-O-Ree

This year's Tri-State Camp-O-Ree was a great success with 620 attending. First thing in the morning, chapters were encouraged to participate in a "Prayer Walk" of 12 stations where prayer needs were published. Chapters prayed for each of these needs and then moved on to the next station. Through this "Prayer Walk" boys were taught the value of corporate prayer and the importance of communication with Jesus Christ. Whether it is communicating through prayer or "instant" computer messaging with missionaries in Russia and China or visiting missionaries from Peru, Japan, Korea, Paraguay or Kenya, Royal Ambassadors' scope of mission education was enhanced. They further enjoyed meaningful personal growth activities such as the "Bridge of Virtues." This rope bridge of approximately 60 feet has intermediate stations where each boy must recite a Royal Ambassador personal growth "virtue" of "Perseverance," "Loyalty," "Faith," "Honesty," "Compassion," "Courage" and others as they traverse its length. As the boys leave the Bridge of Virtues they participated in numerous other interest activities; archery, fishing, tomahawk throw, paintball, Memphis Police Helicopter, mounted police officers, Grizzlies Basketball Street Team and a demonstration by "Search Dogs South," a search and rescue team.

Mixed within the above interest activities were competitive events where boys tried to earn recognition for their skill in Bible Drill, Mission Speak-Out tournament and numerous campcraft activities including but not limited to fire-building, rope craft, log saw and compass. After testing their skill in these individual activities boys dived into team competitive events such as fire-building, log-pull and Survival of the Fittest. Teams learned quickly that success comes from working together.

In the survival course boys must traverse a route that has increasingly difficult stations to overcome... all against the clock. 24-hours seems like a long time, but for those who attended the annual Tri-State Camp-O-Ree it was all too short. Their hours of preparation – learning Bible verses, tying knots, building a RA race car, speaking about missions, erecting a tent, building a fire – all begin paying dividends in an event designed to help them experience the love of God and the beauty of His creation. It is as important to see Southern Baptist men, who easily could have been tail-gating, fishing, playing golf or watching TV, instead teaching, helping, encouraging, consoling and praying with boys – the future. If you would like more information about the Tri-State Camp-O-Ree or Mid-South Royal Ambassadors, visit: www.tristatecamporee.org and www.midsouthras.org.



Above: Anita Coleman (retired missionary to Japan) shares with RA's about her experiences.

Below: RA's learned skills in bow craftsmanship.



Mid-South Baptist Conference Center

Contact the MSBCC Office to schedule banquets for the fall and winter seasons. You and your group are sure to enjoy fine dining, our dining center and the Christian atmosphere of the Mid-South Baptist Conference Center. Request our banquet menu, and schedule your upcoming group event with us.

Contact the MSBCC Office to schedule fall and winter retreats, activities and events.

Wednesday Dinner to Go Meals is a great resource for churches wanting to provide Wednesday evening meals. Contact the MSBCC Office for more information and for reservations (901-754-7028).

We look forward to serving you and your group as you use your conference center.

In Christ,

David Rouse
Manager of Operations

Opportunities Within Our Churches

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Hope Baptist Church
Contact Charles Hall, 6800 Center Hill Rd.
Olive Branch, MS 38654
Labelle Haven Baptist Church
labellehaven@bellsouth.net or FAX: 901-547-1650
Rosemark Baptist Church
9037 E. Kerrville, Rosemark Rd., Millington, TN 38053

Children's Minister

Labelle Haven Baptist Church
6825 E. Holmes Rd., Memphis, TN 38141
Fax: 901-547-1650 or LabelleHaven@bellsouth.net

Youth Pastor

Highland Heights Baptist Church
675 National St., Memphis, TN 38122
McLean Baptist Church (P/T)
815 N. McLean, Memphis, TN 38107
Range Hills Baptist Church (P/T)
2741 Frayser Blvd., Memphis, TN 38127

Music Minister

Grace Baptist Church (Music/Youth)
Bill Harrald, 901-872-4294 or 849-0252
Hartland Baptist Church (P/T)
1820 Hartland St, Memphis, TN 38128
Providence Baptist Church (P/T)
901-837-6929 or 901- 734-6330
White Station Baptist Church (P/T)
621 S. White Station, Memphis, TN 38117

Intern in Student Ministries

Bartlett Baptist Church (P/T)
Contact Mark Vigus at info@bartlett baptist.org

Maintenance

Kirby Woods Baptist Church (P/T)
6325 Poplar, Memphis, TN 38119

Nursery

Life Church at Schilling Farms
901-850-0012 or lgreen@findlife.org

Financial Secretary

Union Ave. Baptist Church (P/T)
Contact Jeff Williamson at 901-272-5421

MSBA Secretaries' Meeting moved to Monday, November 13

In lieu of our November meeting, everyone is invited to First Baptist Church, Millington's annual Ladies Night Out on Monday night, November 13, at 6:30 p.m. The event is free, dress is casual and refreshments will be served.

The speaker for the evening will be Tony Rankin. Tony is the Counseling and Family Ministry Specialist at the Tennessee Baptist Convention. He has been in private practice for the last 15 years, has written over 260 articles for various publications and published seven books.

Please call Patricia Balyeat at 901-873-8926 if you have any questions.

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Mid-South Ministry Profile

Chief Corner Stone Church by Stuart McCollough

Chief Corner Stone Church is a newly-constituted church that is actively involved in Southern Baptist life through service in the association as well as in the state convention. The church began with a core group of nine members in April, 2001 as a church plant of Bellevue Baptist Church. They met in the Impact Ministries Building in the Northgate Shopping Center in Frayser. The congregation currently averages about 120 members and purchased their present location from Northview Baptist Church in September, 2005. The Lord continues to use this growing congregation to reach their community and the world for Christ.

Pastor Preston Poindexter and the membership of Chief Corner Stone Church see re-establishing families as one of the main objectives for which God has called them. Pastor Poindexter believes as the family goes, so goes the church, the community and the government. With this objective in mind, the church offers many programs for the families in their church and the community around them. The church has hosted neighborhood block parties to reach their community and this past summer held an eight-week camp for neighborhood children. Children's Church is also offered each week for school-age children. The church has an active youth program and is presently renovating their youth building to better serve this growing group.

Adult ministry is important at Chief Corner Stone. In a community where 80% of the homes are led by

single parents, 40% of the church's membership is comprised of men. Much of the Men's Ministry centers around repair and renovation of the church's facilities while sharing fellowship and accountability. The

Women's Ministry offers an annual Ladies Conference drawing attendees from 10-15 different churches around the city. This year's conference will feature Mrs. Joyce Rogers as the keynote speaker. Each year the conference focuses on physical health, inner and outer beauty and most importantly, spiritual health.

Part of Pastor Poindexter's vision for Chief Corner Stone is to develop leadership. He considers raising unchurched people to become church people as one of his greatest challenges as well as one of his greatest joys. He would like to see a charter school opened in their facilities that would offer the option of attending a religious school following the completion of the charter school program. Pastor Poindexter has a vision to start a Bible College for ministers in the community to enable them to hone expository preaching

skills, pulpit and presentation skills and teach evangelism techniques.

Chief Corner Stone Church is striving to be a regional church with a global vision. As they continue to grow and reach their local community, they continue to search for ways to reach out beyond their community to impact the world. They desire to one day begin planting churches to complete the cycle of planted church becoming planting church.



Above: Chief Corner Stone Pastor Preston Poindexter.

Below: Chief Corner Stone recently purchased and began meeting in the buildings of the former Northview Baptist Church in Frayser.





A Word from the Executive Director of Missions

Dr. Michael Day - Executive Director

IT WAS A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT......but we still had near-record attendance at the 103rd

Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Baptist Association on October 16 at the Mid-South Baptist Conference Center. Many thanks to all of you who "braved the elements!" Your attendance, participation, and support were encouraging! Many thanks to our officers, our conference center staff, and our office staff for their excellent preparation and flexible facilitation of the meeting. The highlights of the meeting included:

We worshipped... God blessed our Annual Meeting with an attitude of praise and a spirit of worship! Special thanks to Minister of Music Bob Matthews and the Men's Quartet, Praise Team, and Choir of Trafalgar Village Baptist Church for their energetic, enthusiastic, and inspiring leadership in "lifting up praises to the Lord."

We elected new leadership... Representatives to the annual meeting unanimously elected Rev. Don Marston, a member of Audubon Park Baptist Church and Chaplain for the Mid-South Cancer Center, as Associational Moderator for 2006—2007. Dr. Rick Isbell, Pastor of Leclair Baptist Church, was unanimously elected to serve as Vice-Moderator and Rev. D.C. Cobb (Faith) and Mr. Bud Clements (Brookside) were unanimously affirmed to serve as Clerk and Treasurer for the Association in the coming year. We are grateful to these men for their willingness to lead our association in the coming year. I am grateful to have opportunity to work closely with officers who are committed to God's church and to the vision of the association.

We took new steps... The election of representatives to serve on our new strategy teams takes us one step closer to becoming an association of churches that is focused upon the needs and ministries of the church and shaping us into an association with strategies that are church-focused, church-centered, and church-driven. Please pray for Strategy Team Leaders Reverend John Allen (Resource Development); Dr. John Finley (Mobilization); Reverend Preston Poindexter (Leadership Development); and, Dr. Danny Sinquefield (Church Planting/Revitalization) as they work with their teams in leading us to become an association of churches that network with one another in small groups and large groups to develop strategies for starting new churches, revitalizing existing churches, mobilizing church members for missions, developing church leaders, and developing the resources that will assist our churches in fulfilling the mission God has given to them.

We adopted the 2007 Operating Budget... Representatives to the annual meeting unanimously approved the 2007 Operating Budget

of \$1,183,299.00. The budget represents a 2.85% increase over our current budget and, in light of current economic realities and giving trends, represents a significant challenge. No doubt, God will be faithful to provide what we need and we will be faithful to exercise prayerful stewardship over what He has provided. Our commitment is to manage the 2007 budget in a manner that will assist churches in their work of starting new churches, mobilizing their members for mission service, and developing their leaders. Our goal is to use the resources God provides to strengthen the ministries of churches that are on mission to fulfill the Great Commission.

We celebrated victories... Dr. Steve Mooneyham, Director of Missions for the Gulf Coast Baptist Association, Gulfport, Mississippi, came to our annual meeting to express the gratitude of the 62 churches along the Mississippi Coast for the work of Mid-South Baptist churches in the area over the past year. Personally, I believe we should be the ones who are saying "Thanks" to the leaders and churches of GCBA for their tremendous ministry in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. I believe we should also be thankful to God for the tremendous opportunity he has given the churches of MSBA to come alongside the GCBA and effectively share the Gospel on the Gulf Coast. We have seen more than 1,200 volunteers engaged in various types of ministry on the Coast. God has also allowed the Mid-South Association to experience the joy of sacrificial giving by contributing, at year's end, a total of \$98,000.00 to the operating budget of the Gulf Coast Association to help them offset budget losses due to damaged or destroyed churches. In the coming year, we will embrace additional opportunities for partnership with Gulf Coast Baptist Association as we send additional volunteers and join them in supporting Church Planter John Morris, who has recently planted a new church in Gulfport as part of the Gulf Coast Association's ongoing church starting efforts. We are grateful for the victories God has given us to celebrate. I pray He will entrust us with more!

I was challenged... It is difficult to articulate the many ways God has blessed me in the past year through the opportunity to work with our "retiring moderator" Rick Panis. I have appreciated his spirit, his commitment to the church, and his tireless service on behalf of the Association. But, I have not been more blessed than I was by the challenging message he delivered at our annual meeting. I am praying that God will give me, and our Association, the courage to respond faithfully to the challenge of "not looking back; not sitting still; but, courageously moving forward to claim God's promises and blessings" for this association of churches. TO GOD BE THE GLORY FOR THE GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE... AND WILL DO AMONG US!!

— Bro. Mike

Important Dates for November

- 2 World Day of Prayer
- 2 CWJC Mentor Training - Eudora Baptist 6:00 p.m.
- 3 Baptist Hospital Auxiliary Baptist Women's Hospital - 10:30 a.m.
- 4 TN WMU Executive Board
- 4 CWJC Mentor Training - Eudora Baptist 9:30 a.m.
- 6 MSBA Staff Meeting - MSBA Office 8:30 a.m.
- 6 Pastors' Conference - Bellevue B.C. 11:30 a.m. - John Gilbert, speaker
- 7 Admin. Leadership Council - MSBCC 8:00 a.m.
- 8 *Mid-South Baptist* articles due
- 9 Foundation Board Mtg. - MSBA Office 8:30 a.m.
- 13 No Pastors' Conference
- 14-15 Tennessee Baptist Convention Bellevue Baptist
- 14 Senior Adult Rally - MSBCC 10:30 a.m.
- 20 Pastors' Conference - Bellevue B.C. 11:30 a.m. - Don Deal, Speaker
- 23 Thanksgiving
- 23-24 MSBA Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- 27 Pastors' Conference - Bellevue B.C. 11:30 a.m. - Chuck Herring, Speaker

A Note of Appreciation

The family of Eddie Poole acknowledge with grateful appreciation the prayers and kind expressions of sympathy from members of the Mid-South Baptist Association.

For Sale

Elliston Baptist Church has a 2000 Dodge Ram Van for sale. The price is \$8,900. V8, 15-passenger, 62,000 miles, excellent condition.

Contact James Hedges at 901-743-4250 for more information.

Need

Rev. S.T. Hill, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church in Jonestown, MS needs some 8-ft. and 10-ft. church pews. If you are able to help, please contact Bro. Hill at 901-490-0038 or 901-785-2657.

Regional VBS Clinic

The Mid-South Regional VBS Clinic has been scheduled for March 1, 2007 at Bartlett Baptist Church. This is a great opportunity for leaders to get first-class training. More information will be provided later. If you have questions, contact Dr. Greg Spears at 901-373-6161.



Call Julie at 901-373-6161 for information about any of these events.

Missionary Welcome Baskets

MSBA WMU is providing welcome baskets containing snacks, bottled water, Memphis items, candy, notecards, etc. for the visiting missionaries during the TN Baptist Convention on Monday, November 13. If your group can provide one or more, please call the WMU office at 901-373-6161.

BCM Thanksgiving Meal

MSBA WMU is providing a Thanksgiving Meal on Tuesday, November 21, at 6:30 p.m., for international students at the University of Memphis Baptist Collegiate Ministries. For more information, or if you can help provide a dish and/or help serve, please contact LouAnn Bennett at 901-725-0634 or e-mail: louann214@bellsouth.net.

Preschool Outing

Enchanted Forest at Memphis Pink Palace
Saturday, December 9

9:00 a.m. • Cost: \$3.50 adults/children

Mission Project:

Boxes of instant hot chocolate or hot cider for homeless ministry.

Reserve your spots by calling Pam Merz at 901-493-0739. Siblings are also invited. Make checks payable to MSBA, and mail to 6896 Highway 70, Memphis, TN 38133. Reservations and money are due by November 30.

Help Needed

The Baptist Women's Hospital Auxiliary is asking for support from our Mid-South churches in providing Bibles, toiletries, handmade items and services in our hospitals. We are asking every Women on Mission group to select a representative to our monthly meeting so that your church can be aware of the needs and become involved in this great ministry that has been going on for over 50 years.

We meet the first Friday of every month at 10:30 a.m., in the Baptist Women's Hospital – first floor. Who will be representing your church? For more information, please contact Auxiliary President Jean Foley at 662-429-4502.

New Toys Needed

New toys are needed for the Brinkley Heights and Leaward Baptist Christmas toy stores. Contact Julie Binford at 901-373-6161 for more information or to make arrangements to donate toys.



Multiplying Leaders for the 21st Century Harvest

Dr. Greg Spears - Leadership Development Strategist

Reformation in the 21st Century

In the Sixteenth Century, Reformation as culture drifted further from the Christian worldview, leading reformers adopted a corrective posture. The Reformation was, fundamentally, an experiment in church and culture, as social, political, and theological reforms were instituted to correct abuses of the Catholic Church.

Three distinct views developed from the reformers. First, Martin Luther sparked religious and political reform in Germany. Luther's reforms appealed to the German nobles on two levels: politics and piety. It was not surprising Luther's "Address to the Christian Nobility of the German Nation" was aimed at stirring up nationalistic feelings toward liberty. Luther considered all socio-political structures to be divine appointments as God's "left hand," thus he advocated a conserving approach to the relationship between church and culture. The focus was on society at large and a CHRIST WITHIN CULTURE approach of reformation.

Next, John Calvin emphasized a more active-transforming position insofar as God is both Creator and Redeemer of all things, including culture. His most important innovation was a series of statute reforms to impose a strict moral code on the cities. Perhaps more so than Martin Luther, Calvin created the patterns and thought that would dominate Western culture throughout the modern period. American culture, in particular, is thoroughly Calvinist in some form or another; individualism and the protestant work ethic are distinct contributions at the heart of the way Americans think and act. This view is often described as the CHRIST AGAINST CULTURE approach to reformation.

In sharp contrast to Luther and Calvin, were the Anabaptists who advocated a passive-withdrawal separation from culture. Anabaptism was properly a grass-roots movement of commoners who were peaceful, constructive, and in some ways nearly ascetic. They became pacifist and basically non participants in the greater culture choosing rather to establish their own communities. (Amish types) This view could be called the CHRIST OUTSIDE CULTURE approach to reformation.

In Matthew 16:18, the Lord tells us that the gates of hell will not prevail against the church.. To go on offense again, we must do the following two things:

- 1) Overcome our limited view of God. He is God of both the sacred and the secular. He is the God of justice as well as the God of Justification. The Trinitarian God of Scripture is not some petty tribal deity. He is God of the Nations as well as God of His covenant people.
- 2) We must place ourselves in historical context. The real issue is not whether church history is relevant to our lives, but whether our lives are relevant to church history; not how God fits into our program, but rather how we fit into His! Many Christians have no grasp of our rich heritage—they seem to not understand the impact Christianity has made on the world history.

Reforming our families and churches around the all sufficiency of Jesus Christ and the Word of God in all areas of life and ministry is the clear biblical mandate for 21st Century leadership.

— Bro. Greg

January Bible Study



Led by Dr. John Mahoney

December 1, 2006

8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

MSBACC – Palmer Center

Reservations required.

Call 901-373-6161 to make reservations.

Spiritual Formation Conference

Topic: Biblical Worship

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