



135th Annual Session Tennessee Baptist Convention

November 10-11, 2009
West Jackson Baptist Church
Jackson, TN



Praise Report – Believer’s Choice Life Center

“In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God concerning you.”
– I Thessalonians 5:18

On Saturday, October 3, Believer’s Choice Life Center impacted the community with a Fall Fest Block Party at the Highland Meadows Apartments. Hundreds of people came out; there was lots of food and fun. The Puppet Ministry of FBC, Collierville dazzled the children and adults with their amazing ministry that captivated the attention of all present. Most importantly, Pastor Darryl shared the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Containers were put out to receive non-perishable food items for future Thanksgiving baskets. Sunday, October 4, the “Love Thy Neighbor” outdoor community service was rained out. But thanks be to God, about twenty plus young people came to our Sunday worship service; and half of them made decisions to make Jesus Christ Lord of their lives. **Glory to God for the things He has done and is doing.**

We are very grateful for the generous financial support, donations and prayers which enable us to fulfill the great commission. Our prayer is that God will continue to use partners like you in a mighty productive way to bring many people to trust in Jesus.



Saturday, November 14

2:00 p.m.

Location:
The Grove at Red Oak Lake
(Formerly Camp Cordova)

- Walk-a-thon with each church responsible for its own fund raising and collections. All pledges received by your RAs will go to your church’s Foreign Missions or Lottie Moon Christmas offering.
- A missions education event
- Advancement opportunity for your RAs. Participating boys will be eligible to receive the “World Walk” patch, which can be ordered from NAMB at www.royalambassadors.org.
- Contact Bret Hart at 901-301-2809 for more information or to request pledge sheets.

Opportunities Within Our Churches

Associate Pastor/Minister of Music
Whitten Memorial Baptist Church (P/T)
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.

Music Minister
Hartland Baptist Church (P/T)
Contact Pastor Maley at 901-870-6834.

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

Pastor/Church Assistant
Brunswick Baptist Church
Contact Pastor Ronnie Hughes at 901-388-3690 or ronehughes@gmail.com.

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

Upcoming Events

Senior Adult Rally

First Baptist Church, Collierville, 830 N. Byhalia Rd., Collierville will host the Senior Adult Rally on Tuesday, November 17. Cost is \$7.00. Call Jean Ann at 901-853-2668 to make reservations.

MSBAS Celebrates 10th Anniversary

The Mid-South Baptist Association of Secretaries will celebrate their 10th anniversary on Thursday, November 5 with lunch at 12:00 noon at Wells Station Baptist Church, 1510 Wells Station Rd. Cost for the meal is \$5. Call Debbie at 901-682-2295 by Monday, November 2, to make reservations.

Maximum Man Conference

The Maximum Man Conference, featuring Dr. Tony Evans and 14 nationally-known seminar leaders will be held at Englewood Baptist Church in Jackson, TN on January 22-23: Friday from 6-9:30 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$45. Call 888-604-7723 or go online to www.ministrytomen.org to register.

Church Resources

Ellendale Baptist Church has a Gestener 5390 printer they would like to donate to any church or ministry who has a need. If interested, contact Linda Bentley at 901-386-4676 or linda.bentley@ellendalebaptist.org.

Periodical Postage Paid at Memphis, Tennessee and additional entries.

Dated material. Useless if Delayed!



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Mid-South Ministry Profile

First Baptist Church, Millington and Pastor David Leavell by Stuart McCollough



Dr. David Leavell became Pastor of First Baptist Church, Millington, on Sunday, October 17.

First Baptist Church, Millington recently welcomed their first new Senior Pastor in 33 years. Dr. David Leavell and his family began their ministry on Sunday, October 17, following in the footsteps of recently retired, long-time pastor Dr. Ray Newcomb. Having most recently served as Pastor of Springfield Baptist Church, in Springfield, TN, Bro. David is excited about the ministry at First Baptist, Millington and is looking forward to all the things God has in store for the congregation there.

Bro. David grew up in a strong Christian home. His father was the late Dr. Landrum Leavell II, former President of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. David was led to the Lord by his mom at the age of nine and called to the ministry the summer before beginning his senior year in high school. He graduated from Mississippi College with a B.S. in Business Administration and then completed his Master of

Divinity Degree and Doctor of Philosophy Degree at New Orleans Seminary. Prior to serving in Tennessee, Bro. David has served as Pastor at various churches in Mississippi, Louisiana and Oklahoma.

We recently had an opportunity to ask Bro. David a few questions about his ministry and vision for his new position of service.

MSB: You are following in some pretty big footsteps. Do you see that as a challenge or as an opportunity to build on a rich heritage of preaching and ministry?

DL: Both. It is a challenge to follow someone who made such a huge imprint in this church and community. Many people have asked me that question and my response is, “I’ve lived with a legend all my life.” My father had a legendary presence in the Southern Baptist Convention. So, in one sense, it is uncharted territory, but in another, I’m very familiar with walking in the footsteps of spiritual giants. It is also a great opportunity to build upon the integrity and success of Brother Ray Newcomb. His example of personal soul winning is a challenge to us all. It was his passion to see that lost come to faith in Christ.

MSB: What is your vision and desire for FBC?


DL: Our mission statement says we are to “know God, grow people, and go serve.” That vision won’t change. I’m sure that in the coming days, the way that we fulfill that mission will flow through my heart and personality, but the Kingdom values are still the same.

MSB: What’s something that people might not know about you?

DL: I have a wonderful family that I love dearly. I enjoy hunting and fishing with my two boys AND my 1967 Mustang Convertible!


Bro. David and his wife Vicki, are parents to J.D. (14), Laura (13) and Walker (7). Vicki is a stay-at-home mom who loves to sing and work in women’s ministry. They are looking for a permanent home in the Millington area and are anxiously awaiting God’s plan to continue to unfold as they seek to serve Him in this new chapter of their lives. Welcome Leavell family to Mid-South Baptist Association!






**MID-SOUTH
MEN'S BIBLE CONFERENCE**

"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord,
and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake."
II Corinthians 4:5 KJV



February 26 - 27, 2010

Location:
Faith Baptist Church - Bartlett, TN
Registration:
www.myfaithbaptist.org



Herb Reavis Ted Traylor Michael Cloer

Special Musical Guest: Mark Trammell Trio

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The MSBA office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.

GOING DEEPER WITH GOD

Journey Toward Personal and Churchwide Renewal

Saturday, November 14: Supper/Service – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 15: 9:30/10:45 a.m. and 5:30/6:30 p.m.

Lucy Baptist Church
4005 Lucy Rd., Millington, TN • 901-872-0623

Special Guest – Dr. Gregory Frizzell,
Prayer and Spiritual Awakening Specialist,
Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma and NAMB

Experience:

- A powerful deepening of prayer and closeness with God
- Deep spiritual cleansing and victory in areas of struggle
- Dynamic transformation of family and relationships
- An awareness of God's direction and deepened unity for His purpose

Important Dates for November

- 2 Pastors' Conference
Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m.
(Dr. John Bisagno, Special Guest)
- 2 Ministers' Wives Fellowship
Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m.
(Mrs. John Bisagno, Special Guest)
- 5 Associational Secretary's Luncheon
Wells Station B.C. – Noon
- 9 No Pastors' Conference – TBC
- 10-11 Tennessee Baptist Convention
West Jackson B. C., Jackson, TN
- 12 MSBA Foundation Board Meeting
MSBA Office – 8:30 a.m.
- 14 RA World Walk
The Grove at Red Oak Lake
- 5 Pastors' Conference
Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m.
(Rev. R.C. Rayborn, Speaker)
- 16 Administrative Leadership Council
Bellevue B.C. - 10:00 a.m.
- 16 MSBA Executive Board Meeting
Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m.
- 17 Senior Adult Rally
FBC, Collierville – 10:30 a.m.
- 23 Pastors' Conference
Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m.
(Dr. Travis Fleming, speaker)
- 26-27 Thanksgiving Holidays
MSBA Office Closed
- 29-December 6
IMB Week of Prayer
- 30 Pastors' Conference
Bellevue B.C. – 11:30 a.m.

Special Guest Speakers

Pastors' Conference Special Guest

Dr. John R. Bisagno
Monday, November 2, 2009

Dr. John R. Bisagno will be the guest speaker at the Pastors' Conference on Monday, November 2, 2009. Dr. Bisagno is Pastor Emeritus of the 22,000 member Houston's First Baptist Church where he served for 30 years. He has been described as a dynamic evangelist, compassionate shepherd and strong leader. We are honored to have the opportunity to hear Dr. Bisagno.

Ministers' Wives Fellowship Special Guest

Mrs. John R. Bisagno
Monday, November 2, 2009

Mrs. John Bisagno will be the special guest speaker for the Ministers' Wives Fellowship on Monday, November 2 at 11:30 a.m. at Bellevue. We would love to have a large group attend so please make every effort to be present.

WMU™ HAPPENINGS



Thanksgiving Dinner for International Students

University of Memphis
Baptist Collegiate Ministry
Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009
6:00 p.m.

Food needed: turkey, dressing, ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, dessert. Food needs to be delivered to the BCM before 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 24. Contact LouAnn Bennett at Louann214@bellsouth.net or 901-725-0634 for more info or to volunteer.

Christmas Project Ideas

New toys, in the \$5-\$10 range, are needed! Several of our ministries in the Mid-South need donations of new toys for their "toy store ministry." Items needed by December 1. Drop them off at the Association office.

- Webs CWJC facilitates a "Winter Wonderland" ministry for the incarcerated women at the Mark Luttrell Correctional Facility.
- Leawood Mission Center offers a Toy Store.
- Brinkley Heights Mission Center offers a Toy Store.

Prison Ministry Christmas

Items needed by December 1. Drop them off at the Association office.

- Bath robes (new/like new)
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Soap
- Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
- Feminine hygiene products
- Socks (new)
- Towels/washcloths (new/like new)
- Kleenex
- Writing paper, pens, stamps, all-occasion cards
- Bibles (soft-cover only)



Call Julie at 901-373-6161 for more information on any of the above events.

Rejoice Puppet Ministry presents



**Puppet
Living Christmas Tree**
December 11-13
Fri. 7p, Sat. 2 & 7p, Sun. 5p
Free Admission!
Cherokee Baptist Church
5340 Quince @ Estate
901.683.7344 · cherokeebaptist.org



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Childhood Education Network Gathering

Thursday, January 21, 2010 • 9:00 a.m.

Crosspointe Baptist Church
Millington, TN

Facilitator: Connie Lawyer



WHERE:

Ridgeway Middle School Gym

TIME:

November 7 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Ken Freeman

WORSHIP LEADER:

Taylor McCall Band

THIS IS A FREE EVENT!!!

If you think you came from a rough home life, Ken Freeman grew up with nine stepfathers! He has experienced abuse of various kinds, heartache that is inconceivable, and a transformed life that you must hear about immediately. If you want something different, I guarantee you have never heard a story quite like this one. Come alone, come with a group, whatever you decide, just come!

Praying for the Lost

Luke 1:11-20

Just like Zechariah, after many disappointments it is easy to begin to believe the blessing will never come. Pray we will believe it is the Lord's desire to save all nations.

Luke 1:21-25

When the Spirit of God moves and things begin to happen, pray that we will remember where the blessing has come from and praise him.

Luke 1:38

Pray that we will submit to our Father with humility and awe that He would use even us to fulfill his plans for _____.

Luke 1:76-79

Pray we will prepare the way for the Lord to enter the heart of _____.

Luke 2:15

Pray that _____ will come to see what the Lord has done.

Luke 2:17

Pray that as _____ hears about Jesus, he/she will spread the Word.

Luke 2:20

Pray that _____ will return to his/her own neighborhood, glorifying and praising God.

Luke 3:6

Pray that all mankind will see God's salvation.

Luke 3:16

Pray that _____ will see beyond us to Jesus, who is more powerful and can baptize them with the Holy Spirit.

Luke 4:14

Pray the news about Jesus would spread throughout the whole countryside.

Luke 4:38-39

Pray that as _____ is healed he/she will get up and begin to serve Jesus immediately.

Luke 5:4-5

Pray that we will be obedient and "put out into deep water" whenever the Lord calls us to do so.

Luke 5:6-8

Pray that when the harvest comes we will be overwhelmed with humility in the face of God's awesome blessing.

Luke 5:16

Pray that we will constantly withdraw from the crowds to listen to God's voice.

Luke 5:26

Pray that _____ will be amazed at God's works and praise Him alone.

Adapted from www.imb.org.