



135th Annual Session Tennessee Baptist Convention

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



Hope Fellowship Offers Well-Child Exams

The Hope Fellowship Baptist Church, partnering with Blue Cross & Blue Shield, offered wellness exams to the children at Bent Tree Apartment Complex and its church membership. The EPSDT exams, or well-child examinations were held on August 31 and September 1 at the apartment complex inside the Hope Career Path Trailer II. The trailer was donated by Hope Fellowship's sponsoring church, Faith Baptist in Bartlett, where Dr. Danny Sinquefield is pastor.



Members of Hope Fellowship Baptist Church meet at the Bent Tree Apartment Complex.

Bro. James Williams, pastor of Hope Fellowship, worked with Theo Gardner of Blue Cross & Blue Shield to make this event possible. The theme was, "Your Health Matters to Us," which will be a continual theme as they work with the adults and children. Hope Fellowship has also sponsored a dental clinic with the help of Bellevue Baptist Church in Cordova and Blood Pressure and Stroke Prevention, sponsored by the University of Memphis Nursing School.

Children who received examinations and had Blue Care insurance received a \$10 giftcard from WalMart. They also gave examinations to students with America Choice and those who had no insurance. A total of 52 children received examinations during the event.

Prevention and preparedness are important topics to Pastor James. He constantly shares that with all the church's members and the residents of Bent Tree. "We are always being proactive, but prevention and preparedness will alleviate some of our problems and concerns in life," Williams said.

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

Youth Minister (P/T)
Memphis Mandarin Chinese Baptist Church
Contact Chu Ho Ou at 901-756-1041.

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 paid)
Contact Stephen St. Clair at 901-386-9763.

Nursery/Preschool Workers (3 positions)
Leawood Baptist Church (Sun. night/Wed.)
Contact Danny Brashier at 901-324-8169.

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



Living Proof Live with Beth Moore
Friday, October 9 – 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 10 – 8:30 a.m.-noon
FedEx Forum, Memphis

To register, call 800-254-2022.

Beth Moore is a speaker and author of best-selling Bible studies and other books for women. Beth is a woman of purpose, preparation, prayer, and passion. It's apparent in everything she does, from teaching her weekday class at Houston's First Baptist Church to speaking to thousands of women who attend her Living Proof conferences each year.

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A CELEBRATION OF GOD'S ACTIVITY IN THE CHURCHES OF THE MID-SOUTH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009
5:30-8:30 P.M.

MID-AMERICA BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

RESOURCE AND MINISTRIES FAIR

Plenty of food, a lot of fellowship and a variety of resources for the church!
(5:30-7:00 p.m.)

ANNUAL BUSINESS SESSION

Church representatives elect new officers and hear year-end reports!
(6:30-6:55 p.m.)

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Worship with Choir and Orchestra of Faith Baptist Church!

Pray for Renewal and Revival in our City!

Hear the Word of God preached by Dr. Richard Harris, Acting President
North American Mission Board, SBC
(Worship Celebration begins at 7:00 p.m.)

Pack the Pantry

Food Shower for the
Tennessee Baptist Children's Home

Food Sorting Night
Monday, October 5
5:00-7:00 p.m.

TBCH Bartlett Campus
Bring your group and help sort food.



Free Dinner

Hot dogs
Chips
Dessert
Drinks



2009 Royal Ambassador Camp-O-Ree

October 16-18, 2009
Linden Valley Conference Center
Linden, TN

For more information, visit
www.racamporee.org.



Mid-South Ministry Profile

Union Avenue Baptist Church and Pastor Travis Fleming by Stuart McCollough

Union Avenue Baptist Church welcomed their new senior pastor, Dr. Travis Fleming to the pulpit on Sunday, September 6. Dr. Fleming most recently served as a construction coordinator with Operation Noah Rebuild in New Orleans, LA. Operation Noah Rebuild is a ministry of the Southern Baptist Convention that helps rebuild homes and the lives of New Orleans residents affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Dr. Fleming grew up in a family of four children in Greenville, SC. He has an older brother as well as a younger brother and sister. His parents were both school teachers and are now retired and still living in Greenville. He remembers reading his picture Bible and praying with his grandparents at a young age and accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of four. He felt God's clear calling on his life to preach and teach around age 11. And though he fought against his calling for a time during high school and as he began college, God drew him back to Himself and reaffirmed his calling to the ministry.

Bro. Travis graduated from North Greenville University in Tigerville, SC, with a B.A. in Religion in 1996. He then went on to complete his Masters of Divinity from Southern

Seminary in Louisville, KY, in 2000. In 2006, he earned his Ph.D. from Southern Seminary. While he was a doctoral student, he pastored Concord Baptist Church in Dry Ridge, KY, and served as a church planter intern at Crossing Church in Louisville. After completing his Ph.D., Bro. Travis accepted the call to be a full-time church planter with Sojourn Church in New Orleans, LA. He later moved to a lay pastor role at Sojourn after joining Operation Noah Rebuild. He also began a business called "Honest Painters" while in seminary, building on the experience he had working with his dad's painting company beginning while he was in elementary school.

Bro. Travis' wife, Jenna grew up in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Jenna has her Masters of Arts in Worship from the Southern Seminary. She was Teacher/Chorus Director at Miami Christian School in Miami, FL and served as Minister of Music at Vine Street Baptist Church in Louisville, KY. Besides being a talented singer, she also plays guitar.

In his spare time, Bro. Travis likes to work out with weights and loves college sports. He's a huge Clemson football fan and also likes ACC basketball. A self-proclaimed redneck, he also likes guns, landscaping, motorcycles and trucks.

The Flemings are excited about God placing them in the urban setting of Union Avenue in Midtown Memphis. They both have a heart for gospel mercy ministry and feel that Union Avenue is a great fit. They are excited about the outreach ministries that the church is already involved in reaching "the least of these." They see the city as a ripe mission field for reaching people for Christ. They believe there are many lonely people living in the city who are looking for community and that if the church meets that need, then people will come and will be exposed to the gospel message that can change their lives.

Dr. Fleming's vision for Union Avenue includes continuing to reach out through gospel-centered mercy ministry projects in Midtown, downtown, in North America and all over the world. He wants to keep the gospel front and center in everything they do as the local church because it is what can bring healing to those inside and outside of the church walls.

We welcome the Flemings to the association and pray God's blessing on them and the congregation of Union Avenue Baptist Church as they begin to serve together to reach their community and the world with the message of Christ.



Dr. Travis Fleming and his wife, Jenna, began their new ministry at Union Avenue Baptist Church on Sunday September 6.

Important Dates for October

- 2 Baptist Hospital Auxiliary Women's Hospital - 10:30 a.m.
- 5 MSBA Staff Meeting - 8:30 a.m.
- 5 Pastors' Conference Bellevue B.C. - 11:30 a.m. (Rev. R.C. Rayborn, Speaker)
- 8 Mid-South Baptist articles due
- 12 Adm. Leadership Council Bellevue B.C. - 10:00 a.m.
- 12 Pastors' Conference Bellevue B.C. - 11:30 a.m. (Rev. Ashley Ray, speaker)
- 12 Ministers' Wives Fellowship Bellevue B.C. - 11:30 a.m.
- 16-18 RA Camp-O-Ree Linden Camp and Conference Center - Linden, TN
- 19 Engage 2009 (MSBA Annual Meeting) Mid-America Baptist Seminary 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- 26 Pastors' Conference Bellevue B.C. - 11:30 a.m. (Rev. Joe Jernigan, Speaker)

Upcoming Events

West Frayser Anniversary

West Frayser Baptist Church, 835 Whitney Ave., would like to invite former members and friends to be a part of their special day on October 11 to celebrate their 53rd Anniversary. A potluck dinner will follow the morning worship service. The afternoon will be filled with singing by "The Almost Famous Craines."

Calvary Centennial Celebration

October 11-18, 2009
Calvary Baptist Church
6252 Memphis-Arlington Rd.
Bartlett, TN • 901-388-6159
7:00 p.m. nightly and 10:40 a.m. Sunday
TENT REVIVAL
Period Dress (not required)
October 11, 12, 13, 16, 18
Rev. Michael Blaylock, Sr., - Speaker
October 14 - Rev. Luther Carlisle, Speaker
October 15 - Rev. Johnny Latimer, Speaker
October 17 - Rev. Drew Murphy, Speaker

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.

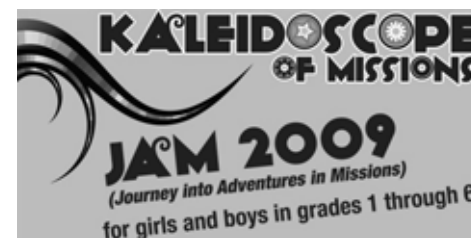
WMU™ HAPPENINGS

Baptist Women's Auxiliary meets the first Friday of every month at 10:30 a.m., in the Women's Hospital building on the main floor next to the cafeteria. **October 2nd is Information Day!** Please come enjoy the fellowship, refreshments and take home free patterns for toys, turbans, etc., and view the beautiful handwork we donate to the hospital. We have service projects your group can participate in. Come receive information to take back to your church.



Tennessee Baptist Children's Home
Quarterly Meeting
Thursday, October 8
9:30 a.m.

Bartlett Campus Activities Room



October 17, 2009 • Union University
For more information, visit
www.tnwmu.org/events



Called to Love
Baptist Women's
World Day of
Prayer Brunch

Sat., Oct. 31, 2009 • 9:30-11:30 a.m.
TBCH Campus - Activities Room
6896 Hwy. 70 • Bartlett
Speaker: Ginger McMinn
Music: Stuart McCollough

Contact Evonne Siemer at 901-682-3143 or donald.siemer@att.net.



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.

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



Does your pastor know you appreciate his ministry? How long has it been since you have done something special to show your love for your church staff?

Everybody needs encouragement — ministers are no different. October is Clergy Appreciation month and it is the perfect opportunity for you (individually as a church member or corporately as a church body) to express your gratitude to your minister. Here are some ways to show your approval:

- Thank you card and/or gift
- Cash or gift card
- Expense paid get-away
- Flowers or candies
- Reception
- Public recognition with prayer of thanksgiving
- Homemade baked goods

The possibilities of honoring your pastor and staff are limitless. Be creative and have fun with it. Remember to honor all of the staff and their spouses.

"We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work."

- I Thessalonians 5:12-13



6th Annual
Tennessee
Baptist
Children's
Home
Fall Festival

Saturday, October 17, 2009
Tennessee Baptist Children's Home
Bartlett Campus
6896 Highway 70
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- Car Show (37 classes)
- Petting Zoo
- Hayrides
- Clowns
- Face Painting
- Mascot/Character Visits
- Moon Bounce
- Games for the Kids
- Free Food



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Childhood Education
Network Gathering

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

Crosspointe Baptist Church • Millington
Facilitator: Connie Lawyer

Third-Annual BBQ and Auction

Benefitting the Inner-City Outreach Center,
Promise Land Camp and Millalce Baptist Church

Friday, October 23, 2009 • 6:00 p.m.
Kirby Woods Baptist Church • 6325 Poplar Avenue

Catered by Jim "N" Nicks Restaurant

The center and camp and church are dedicated to helping underprivileged children, teens, men and women and gang members in our city by providing a safe place to enter with positive role models, Bible studies, school supplies, clothing, food, Christmas gifts and many other items needed throughout the year.

For more information, please call 901-258-6778.