

Pack the Pantry

Food Shower for the
Tennessee Baptist Children's Home

Food Sorting Night
Monday, October 4
5:00-7:00 p.m.

TBCH Bartlett Campus
Bring your group and help sort food.



Free Dinner

- Hot dogs
- Chips
- Desserts
- Drinks

CHURCH NEWS

Celebrating 100 Years of Ministry
Congratulations to Forest Hill Baptist Church, 3645 Forest Hill-Irene Road as they complete four weeks of celebration of their 100 years in ministry in their community on Sunday, September 12. Pastor Don Marston invites members, former members and friends to join them 9:15 a.m. for continental breakfast, 10:00 a.m. for worship followed by dinner at 11:15 a.m.

Celebrating 50 Years of Ministry
Range Hills Baptist Church, 2741 Frayser Blvd., will be celebrating their 50th-year Homecoming on Sunday, September 26, 2010. Morning worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. with former pastor Bro. Richard Panis, bringing the message. A musical concert with The Inmans will begin at 11:00 a.m. A potluck luncheon will follow the service. All members, former members and friends are invited to share in this great celebration. Five of the 80 charter members that were present when the church was constituted are still faithful in attendance: Jean Badgett, Roberta Holmes, Bernice Lyle, Martha McMillan and Ann Shelton. Please come and celebrate with us!

New Telephone Number for
The Grove at Red Oak Lake
901-729-7292



It's time for the Annual RA Camp-O-Ree at beautiful Linden Valley Conference Center. Early registration continues until October 6, 2010.

Visit www.racamporee.org for details and additional information.



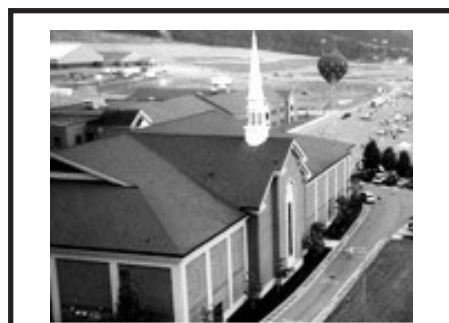
2011 Millington Maximum Man Conference

Friday, January 28 • 6-9 p.m.
Saturday, January 29 • 7 a.m.-noon

First Baptist Church, Millington

Registration: \$45 (includes breakfast Saturday, conference material and refreshments at each break.

Register online at
www.ministrytomen.org,
or call 888-604-7723.



TBC Annual Convention

The 136th Annual Meeting of the TN Baptist Convention will be November 9-10, 2010, at the Grace Baptist Church, Knoxville. TBC does not plan to mail a housing brochure to churches this year. However, you can download a brochure from their website at www.tnbaptist.org. Reservations can be made online, but to receive the group rate, you must call the hotel.

Opportunities Within Our Churches

Associate Pastor/Minister of Music
Whitten Memorial Baptist Church (P/T)
Send resume to church attn: Search Committee, 5773 Macon Rd., Memphis, TN 38134.
Hartland Baptist Church (P/T)
Contact the pastor at 901-870-6834.

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

Financial Secretary
Eudora Baptist Church (P/T)
Shelby Systems experience needed.
Submit resume to Vick Crutchfield, 4684 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38117

Office Assistant
Brunswick Baptist Church (P/T)
Contact Pastor Ronnie Hughes at 901-388-3690 or 901-619-4405 or ronehughes@gmail.com.

Pianist
West Frayser Baptist Church (P/T)
Contact Pastor Mark Vigus at 901-490-5920.

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

Young Pastors Lunch and Learn

On Monday, October 11, the young ministers of the Mid-South Baptist Association will be able to meet with Dr. Jim Henry. This up-close and personal lunch is open to all ministers under the age of 40, or who have been in the ministry less than 10 years. The lunch is free and will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Grove at Red Oak Lake.

A reservation is required. To reserve your spot contact Grace Atchley at 901-373-6161. Bring your appetite, bring your friends and bring your questions. Come prepared to learn from this highly respected and loved pastor. Bro. Jim is pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church of Orlando and a former President of the Southern Baptist Convention.



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Mid-South Ministry Profile

First Laotian Baptist Church and Pastor Thi Mitsamphanh by Stuart McCollough

First Laotian Baptist Church began as an outreach to Laotian refugees in the late '70s and early '80s by The First Baptist Church of Memphis. It was led for nearly 30 years by Rev. Phimphone Phetvixay until his death. Pastor Thi Mitsamphanh became the church's second pastor in 2007 and today leads the church as they reach a younger generation of English-speaking Asian Americans.

Pastor Thi was born in a family of nine children in a village in southern Laos. His family immigrated to the United States in 1986 as political refugees when he was four years old. They settled in Nashville, where they were introduced to Christianity at a

Baptist Lao church. At age 13, Thi attended All Nations Camp at Camp Linden and gave his life to Christ. He began to get involved in Bible studies, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Lao Baptist Youth at both his church and school. After leading a friend to Christ during his junior year in high school, Thi realized God was calling him into ministry. He graduated from Middle Tennessee State University with a degree in



Members of First Laotian Baptist Church recently held a Cultural Fest.



Pastor Thi Mitsamphanh baptizes a new believer at First Laotian Baptist Church.

Psychology and moved to Fort Smith, AR to serve in youth ministry at East Side Baptist Church there.

After nearly two years, Thi felt God leading him to Memphis to attend Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary and to accept the call to lead First Laotian Baptist Church. He graduated from Mid-America in May of this year.

Today, First Laotian Baptist Church is a multi-ethnic ministry serving people from many different cultures and countries. There are at least eight language groups represented: Lao; Chinese; Nepali; Chin; Ka'chin; Swahili; Cambodian; and Vietnamese. They meet weekly for a contemporary worship service on Sunday mornings and offer a recreational outreach with Bible study on Wednesday nights, both held at The First Baptist Church of Memphis. The church also uses retreats, fellowship outings and service projects throughout the year to disciple and equip members. One of the church's primary ministries is to serve the refugee community in the Binghamton neighborhood of Memphis. Members help new families get settled in while building lasting relationships to families already living there. In the last year, they have seen many come to Christ.

Thi and his wife Angie have been married for two years. Angie teaches at E.E. Jeter Elementary School in Millington, as well as serving with him in ministry. In his time off, Thi enjoys working out, fishing, reading and spending time with his family.

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The first Discover Conference, *Sunday School Leadership Training Like You Have Never Experienced*, was held at Bellevue Baptist Church on August 13-14. This event was created and led by the Ministers of Education Network. While success cannot be measured in numbers alone, we are grateful to God that close to 1200 Sunday School teachers and leaders attended. The near 80 breakouts were led by many of our own people from our churches. General session speakers were outstanding. A special thanks to all of the Ministers of Education who helped put together this fine event and to all those who helped, taught and gave.



Melanie Redd leads a breakout session on recruiting volunteers.



Some of the participants register before the sessions begin.



Miss Patty Cake mans her booth during the ministry fair.



Ministers of Education that served on the leadership team that developed the Discover Conference include (L to R) Keith Flippin, Covenant Baptist; Dallas Dykes, Leewood East Baptist; Mark LaGrone, FBC, Collierville; Casey Pearson, Kirby Woods Baptist; and David Smith, Faith Baptist.



Friday Night Opening Session at Bellevue Baptist Church, Cordova with close to 1200 in attendance.

Important Dates for September

- 3 Baptist Hospital Auxiliary Women's Hospital - 10:30 a.m.
- 6 Labor Day - No Pastors' Conference MSBA Office Closed
- 9 MSB Foundation Board Meeting MSBA Office - 8:30 a.m.
- 12-19 Week of Prayer for State Missions
- 13 Administrative Leadership Council Bellevue Baptist Church - 10:00 a.m.
- 13 Pastors' Conference Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m. Ted Bondurant, speaker
- 16 Childhood Education Network FBC, Collierville - 9:00 a.m.
- 16 Mission One Day - Faith Baptist 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- 20 Church Mobilization Team MSBA Office - 10:00 a.m.
- 20 Pastors' Conference Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m. Dr. Ronnie Seworwora, speaker
- 20 Ministers' Wives Fellowship Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m.
- 30 Pastors' Conference Bellevue Baptist Church - 11:30 a.m. Dr. Randy Davis, speaker

Upcoming Events

Language Pastors' Fellowship

Thursday, September 9
7:15 p.m.
Highland Heights Baptist Church
Contact Sam Gentry at 901-590-6259 for more information.

Children's Ministers Network

Thursday, September 16
6:30 p.m.
New Church Memphis

ESL Workshop

Saturday, September 25
Saturday, October 2
Bellevue Baptist Church
Cost: \$35 (includes material and lunch)
Call 901-347-5730 to register by September 16.

Ministers of Education Network

Thursday, October 7
9:00 a.m.
MSBA Office

Deacon Conference

Saturday, October 9, 2010
First Baptist Church, Millington
Dr. Jim Henry, speaker
Cost: \$5
(includes conference and breakfast)
Call 901-373-6161 for information.

WMU™ HAPPENINGS

Women's Prayer Breakfast "A Heart for Memphis"

Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010 • 9-11:30 a.m.
Binghampton Community Church
3006 Johnson St. (at Tillman)
Parking available across the street at Lester Community Center.
Speaker: Pastor Shun Abram and members of Binghampton Community Church.

Contact Ginger McMinn at 901-380-3478 or 901-490-8955 for more information.



Registration Information:

\$25 per person before September 3. Late registration is \$35 per person.

Please call TN WMU for a registration form at 800-558-2090, ext. 2038 or visit www.tnwmu.org and click on "Events" to register online.

MISSION - ONE DAY

One-day missions awareness event to mobilize your church, understand people groups and connect with possibilities.

Thursday, September 16, 2010
Faith Baptist Church, Bartlett
Visit www.tnvolunteermiissions.org or contact Kim Margrave at kmargrave@tnbaptist.org or 800-558-2090 for more information.

TBCH Quarterly Meeting

Monday, October 4, 2010 • 5-7 p.m.
Food sorting at the Bartlett Campus
Bring your church's filled bags.
DINNER PROVIDED

Mother/Daughter Weekend

November 12-13, 2010
The Grove at Red Oak Lake
849 Rocky Point Rd., Cordova
Cost: \$30 per person

Visit www.msba.org/wmu for a registration form, or contact Titus



A celebration of God's activity in the churches of the Mid-South Baptist Association will be Monday, October 11, 2010 at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary on Appling Road in Cordova. Mission Resource Fair and Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m.; Business Session at 6:30 p.m. and Worship with Dr. Jim Henry at 7:00 p.m. Make your plans to join us for this time of celebration.

Treasured Moments at The Grove

A Scrapbooking Connection
October 1-3, 2010

Ladies, join us for fun, food and fellowship as we scrapbook our precious memories. The cost of the weekend is \$99 for lodging, food and a goodie bag! This is the first scrapbooking retreat and you don't want to miss it. Come stay at the gorgeous Grove and share your memories with us! For more information and to register, visit www.mygrove.org, or contact Janine at janinep@mygrove.org, or call 901-729-7292.



GLOBAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE

September 17-19, 2010
Faith Baptist Church
Missionaries from around the world and over 40 booths.

GLOBAL MISSIONS CELEBRATION SERVICE

Friday, September 17 • 7:00 p.m.
Breakout sessions Saturday morning.
Call 901-531-6803 for more information.

Fourth-Annual BBQ and Auction

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

Friday, October 8, 2010 • 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.