

2007 Fall Library Team Training September 23 • Bartlett Baptist Church

Library workers across the state will be given a chance to receive special training at the 2007 Fall Library Team Training sponsored by the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Emphasis will be placed on providing quality library skills training for library workers in churches, schools and public libraries, while providing an opportunity for establishing group identity, networking, and fellowshiping with peers.

There will be classes on classification, cataloging, automation, promotion, book repair, beginning library work, technology in the library, scrapbooking your church history, as well as others. For a list of specific classes offered, visit www.tnbaptist.org and search for church library.

A LifeWay Christian Store will be on site from 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for attendees to purchase books and supplies (at a 20% discount!).

The schedule for the day will begin at 8 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast. The day's activities will conclude at 4 p.m.

The theme for the event is "Cast Your Net on the Other Side!" and will feature a choice of two 2.5 hour classes or four 1.25 hour classes or combination of each.

Conference fees are \$25 if registered 10 days prior to the event. First-time attendees can attend for \$10 with help from the Todd Scholarship Fund. Late registration and walk-ins are \$35. Class sizes are limited, and pre-registration is required in order to ensure the classes of your choice.

For more information, contact Bev League at bleague@tnbaptist.org or 615-355-4181 or 615-289-8344. For registration information, contact Julie Heath at jheath@tnbaptist.org or 615-312-1993 or 800-558-2090.

Preaching Seminar

Rightly Dividing the Word Institute

A unique preaching seminar: the "Rightly Dividing the Word" Institute, in English with Spanish translation will be held September 11-14 at the Stephen Olford Center in Memphis. The featured speakers will be Dr. Jeff Adams and Dr. Sam Shaw. Both men are fluent in Spanish and involved in fruitful ministry to the Hispanic community.

Presented by Dr. David Olford, Dr. Ted Rendall and the guest ministry team, this event will:

- Teach the fundamental principles and procedures for the study, preparation and delivery of biblical truth
- Emphasize personal holiness and the concept of the Incarnational Approach
- Underscore the vital role of the Holy Spirit in the proclamation of God's Word

To view or download the event brochure in English, go to www.olford.org and click on the appropriate PDF link.

Church Needs and Resources

- Frayser Baptist Church has a large number of library books to sell as a group. Contact Pastor Terry Wade at 901-371-8661 for more info.
- Love and Faith Baptist Church (formerly Tchulahoma B.C.) needs a large riding lawn mower and an electric bass guitar. If you have either to sell at a reasonable price or would like to donate, call Pastor Boykin McNeal at 901-362-3352.
- The Mid-South Baptist WMU needs someone to restore older computers. We have several donated computers and would like to reformat them to give to ministries or churches that need them. Please contact Julie Binford at 901-373-6161 if you can help.
- Calling all Baptist Amateur Radio (HAM) operators interested in emergency communications. Faith Baptist Church at 3755 N. Germantown Pkwy. in Bartlett is planning a communications training seminar for the TN Baptist Disaster Response Team. Licensed HAM operators are encouraged to participate. Contact Faith Baptist Church at 901-386-4785 or e-mail Mike Young at myount22@midsouth.rr.com.
- First Baptist Church, Collierville, has a Risograph they would like to donate to a church. Call Kathy at 901-853-2668 for more information.



Mid-South Baptist Conference Center

The summer of 2006 has been a very good summer:

- Over 3,500 guests used the Mid-South Baptist Conference Center for Camp Weeks and Day Camps.
- Over 25,000 meals were served.
- Over 200 decisions for Christ were reported from the Groups and Camp Weeks.

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 group event with us.

Contact the MSBCC Office to schedule Fall and Winter retreats, activities, and events.

A great resource for churches wanting to provide Wednesday Evening Meals is Wednesday Dinner To Go Meals. Contact the MSBCC Office for more information and for reservations.

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

Pastor

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

Associate Pastor

Balmoral Baptist Church
2676 Kirby Rd. Memphis, TN 38119 or
balmoralchurch@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

Intern in Student Ministries

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

Music Minister

Grace Baptist Church (Music/Youth)
Bill Harrauld, 901-872-4294 or 849-0252
Hartland Baptist Church (P/T)
1820 Hartland St, Memphis, TN 38128
Highland Heights Baptist (Music/Ed)
675 National St., Memphis, TN 38122
Leawood Baptist Church (Music/Sr.Ad)
3638 Macon Rd., Memphis, TN 38122
Oaklawn Baptist Church (Music)
5714 Benjestown Rd., Memphis, TN 38127
White Station Baptist Church (P/T)
621 S. White Station, Memphis, TN 38117

Pianist

Brookside Baptist Church (P/T)
662-890-4069

Maintenance

Kirby Woods Baptist Church (P/T)
6325 Poplar, Memphis, TN 38119
Oaklawn Baptist Church
5714 Benjestown Rd., Memphis, TN 38127

Nursery

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

Secretary

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901-324-7505 or ralph@audubonparkbaptist.org
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Financial Secretary

Union Ave. Baptist Church (P/T)
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Mid-South Ministry Profile

(Editor's Note: From time to time, the Mid-South Baptist will feature a church. This month we are featuring Trafalgar Village Baptist Church. The pastor is Mid-South Baptist Association Moderator Rick Panis.)

Trafalgar Village Baptist Church by Susan Word

The greatest days for Trafalgar Village Baptist Church, believes Pastor Rick Panis, are those that lie ahead. Established in 1969, the church, located at 6161 Summer Avenue, has had its share of ups and downs, but is presently seeing God do a "new thing" among them.

"There's a lot of excitement in the air," shares Pastor Rick, who began serving as pastor in 2002. "We've seen a lot of people saved and a lot of lives in transformation. Many people who have never been in church are coming to a relationship with the Lord." Rick came to Trafalgar Village as a bi-vocational youth minister 14 years ago and then served full time as Associate Pastor. He worked as an engineer for Dover Elevator for 21 years.

"Being here for 10 years before I became the pastor, I had already developed strong relationships with the people," Rick notes. "We were really looking for God's vision for the church."

The vision that God gave them called for some changes in the way they were currently "doing church." One change was to replace the Sunday evening worship service with Life Groups that meet at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. While children are involved in choir and Bible Drill/Bible Buddies, Jeff James, Minister of Youth, leads 30-plus youth in a worship experience called *Refuge*. Adults can choose from a number of studies such as those being offered this fall which include *Financial Peace*, *In God's Presence: Your Daily Guide to a Biblical Prayer Life*, *Worship: Believers Experiencing God*, *To Live is Christ* (women only), and *The Man God Uses* (men only).

On Wednesday evenings, following a meal and prayer time, youth through adults meet at 7 p.m. for

a Celebration Service with worship led by the praise team and a message from God's Word. Children are involved in Mission Friends, GAs and RAs. The Sunday morning schedule includes Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and blended worship services at 8:15 and 11 a.m. led by Dr. Bob Matthews, Minister of Music. A second worship service was added on Easter 2005 due to the growth the church was experiencing.

"We try to get our people to be intentional about building relationships with people outside the walls of church and introducing them to their greatest relationship in life which is with Jesus Christ," Rick adds. "Our theme is 'being mission minded and ministry driven.' The mission we're talking about is the mission that God has, and that is to see everyone coming to a saving knowledge of Him through Jesus Christ. We fulfill that mission by each member being involved in ministry."

This summer a group of youth and leaders participated in World Changers in Evansville, Indiana, and a group of 20 adults traveled to Leslie, Arkansas, for Backyard Bible Clubs, Vacation Bible School, and other small projects. The church sponsored Rick to go to the Philippines last winter to help with dental clinics, eye exams, and evangelism. Church members also minister in their local community by visiting senior adults in a nursing home facility, participating in Connection projects every other month, and visiting the families of the 100 children who are enrolled in the church's day care center. For more information about Trafalgar Village Baptist Church, visit their website www.trafalgarvillage.org, or call the church office at 901-388-2061.





A Word from the Executive Director of Missions

Dr. Michael Day - Executive Director

Well, here I am... on Page Two of this month's Mid-South Baptist!

While I have grown accustomed to seeing my name, face, and words on Page One, I've decided that Page Two may be a better place to be, especially if it means that Page One can be used to tell the stories of the churches of the Mid-South Baptist Association. The real "Front Page News" of the MSBA is the news of what God is doing through His church. I hope you have had a moment to read about Trafalgar Village Baptist Church and the ways God is using this "mission minded, ministry driven" church to meet the needs of that community. I encourage you to take a moment to pray for Pastor Rick Panis, the staff, and membership of Trafalgar Village as they move forward in reaching their community with the message of Christ. I would also encourage you to find ways to express gratitude to Rick Panis for his excellent leadership as Moderator of our Association. His term of service will end in October of this year, but we will reap the benefit of his leadership for awhile to come. Thanks, Pastor Rick, for your help and encouragement in moving us toward becoming an association that focuses upon supporting and resourcing the ministries of the church.

Well, where are we... in the process of becoming the kind of association described above? I believe the best answer would be, "We're making progress and we have a ways to go." One very good sign of progress is the participation of local Pastors in the recent Church Assessment Process. Approximately 50 of our Pastors met individually with consultants enlisted by the North American Mission Board to discuss the vision, successes, challenges, and needs in our churches. The results of this process will be an awareness of the ministries and needs of our churches and the discovery of resources that can

be applied to assist those churches in the ministry to which God has called them. We are looking forward to the "next phase" of this process. If your church wants to be part of this process, and you were unable to participate in the initial round of interviews, please call me at 373-6161 and we'll make sure you get "fully-engaged" in the process.

Well, where do we go next... in supporting and resourcing the ministries and needs of the churches? Another good sign of the progress God is giving us is found in a new service we are able to offer to our churches that are interested in involving their members in missions and ministry. We have asked Dr. Mark Morris of Mission Leader Inc., a locally-based missions consultation group, to work with us in assisting churches to develop strategies for mobilizing their members for local and global missions involvement. Dr. Morris has a tremendous "heart" and passion for reaching unreached people with the Gospel. He has served as an international missionary and a local church Missions Pastor, and is extraordinarily gifted and qualified to help churches discover opportunities and strategies for "taking the Good News into the world." If your church is interested in discovering how God might be leading you to have "worldwide mission impact," Dr. Morris will be happy to meet you and help you develop some very practical ways to fulfill that mission. You may contact Dr. Morris at 901-921-6118 or at info@missionleader.com. All costs related to Dr. Morris' service are covered by the MSBA. I hope many of our churches will take advantage of this opportunity.

I am encouraged by the progress we have made and enthused about the path ahead. Let's pray without ceasing that God will continue to bless us and guide us as we join Him in His mission!

- Bro. Mike

Mid-South Baptist Association Annual Meeting

Monday, October 16, 2006 • Mid-South Baptist Conference Center

The Mid-South Baptist Association Annual meeting will be held Monday, October 15, 2006 at the Mid-South Baptist Conference Center on Rocky Point Road beginning with dinner at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will begin at 6:50 with celebration in song led by the Mid-South Singers.

Other highlights include:

- Presentation of the 2007 Operating Budget
- Executive Director's Report
- Annual Sermon brought by Moderator Rev. Rick Panis
- Special Guest, Steve Mooneyham, Director of Missions for the Gulf Coast Baptist Association

Please call 373-6161 for dinner reservations. Deadline for reservations is October 6. There will not be any childcare available.

Important Dates for September

- 1 Baptist Hospital Auxiliary Baptist Women's Hospital - 10:30 a.m.
- 4 Labor Day Holiday - MSBAC office closed
- No Pastors' Conference
- 7 Foundation Board Meeting MSBAC Office - 8:30 a.m.
- 8 *Mid-South Baptist* articles due
- 10-17 Week of Prayer for TN Golden Offering
- 11 Pastors' Conference - Bellevue B.C. 11:30 a.m. - Marion Warren, Speaker
- 11 Ministers' Wives Fellowship Bellevue B.C. - 11:30 a.m.
- 15-16 TN WMU Prayer Retreat Paris Landing State Park
- 18 Interim Administrative Leadership Council - MSBACC
- 18 Executive Board Meeting - MSBACC Noon
- 25 Pastors' Conference - Bellevue B.C. 11:30 a.m. - Eddie Poole, Speaker

West Frayser Baptist Church 50th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, October 8, 2006

835 Whitney Ave.
901-357-5815

Bro. Clint Oakley, Pastor
Potluck Dinner - 12:30 p.m.
Singing - 1:30 p.m.

*All former members and guests
are invited and welcome!*

Spiritual Formation Conference September 15-17 Union Avenue Baptist Church

Special Speaker: Dr. Donald S. Whitney
The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Author of:

*Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life
Simplifying Your Spiritual Life*

Cost: \$12 for materials

Conference Schedule

Friday, September 15

6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 16

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 17

9:00 a.m. - Continental Breakfast

9:30 a.m. - Noon

Call 901-276-5421 for more information
or to make reservations.

What I Did This Summer

Seventeen members of Cherokee Baptist Church, Memphis joined more than 200 youth and their leaders July 8-15 for a World Changers national all youth construction project in Ft Walton Beach, Florida.

During the week, students spent their days re-roofing and painting houses in the Ft. Walton Beach community. In the evenings, the youth participated in worship, Bible study, and team-building activities. World Changers participants learn what being "On Mission" really means throughout the week: Becoming personally involved in meeting the needs of others while sharing the love of Christ.

Youth from Cherokee Baptist Church participating in the project were: Jenna Bell, Kayla Bell, Paul Bishop, Brittany Chamberlain, Taylor Chamberlain, CJ Coughlin, Kylie Henley, Jacob Kelly, Kevin Larson, Hope Lewis, Dalton Myers & Brian McCarver. Chris Coughlin, Jan Larson, Greg Lasset, Jasmine Lasset and Lew Myers went to World Changers as group leaders.

"Well, I have never seen young people like that. In the summertime especially, doing that type of work, I have never seen that. I think they have a wonderful attitude," said Gloria McKnulty. A World Changers crew re-roofed and painted her house.

Meeting youth from other churches and learning how to serve as a team were highlights of the week, participants said. Others said they enjoyed getting to know the resident whose home they were repairing and being able to complete the construction projects.

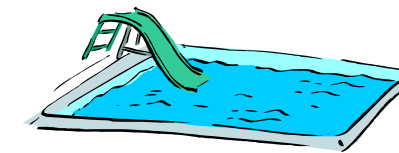
Greg Lasset, Minister to Students at Cherokee Baptist, said "World Changers was a great success this year. Our youth were able to put their faith in action by helping others. They all worked so hard on each of their sites, from the oldest to the youngest! Our youth are making an eternal difference in the lives of so many by serving as missionaries to the people of Ft Walton. I am very proud of each of them and for my adult leaders also," Lasset said.

"World Changers provides an opportunity for students to gain hands on missions experience and give back some of what God has given to them," John Bailey, Student Volunteer Mission Mobilization manager, said. "This experience of servant hood is life changing."

This summer, more than 22,000 students were registered to participate in 92 World Changers projects around the globe. Sponsored by the NAMB in Alpharetta, GA, World Changers included not only the week in Ft Walton Beach, but also locations in cities from Alaska to Pennsylvania to South Carolina.



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



Ministry project: Resort Missions (Bring bottled Tylenol, chapstick, small sunscreen and \$5 Wal-Mart card.)

Children's Mission Celebration Pool Party

Saturday, September 9

MSBCC Pool • 2:00-4:00 p.m. • Cost: \$2

For children in grades 1-6

Tennessee Prayer Retreat for Women - *In a Spin...Life on the Potter's Wheel*

Friday-Saturday, September 15-16 • Jackson FBC, Jackson, TN

Speaker: Debbie Cannada



Fall Missions Celebration and Dinner

Saturday, October 14 • 7 p.m. • MSBCC • Cost: \$8 per person

Reservations due by Friday, Oct. 6 - Call Julie at 901-373-6161

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Events:

- September 10-17 - Week of Prayer for Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions
- October 21 - JAM at Union University
- October 28 - World Day of Prayer Brunch

Hope Fellowship Seeking Church Planters

Hope Fellowship Baptist Church is seeking a couple to work as church planters in the multi-housing ministry. The requirements are a love for the Lord and desire to plant a Southern Baptist church. Start-up funds are available but you will also need a church sponsor to continue the work. If you feel God leading you to this type ministry contact Bro. James Williams at 901-494-6331.



"Who? Me? Beyond My Door..."

September 10-17 • Goal - \$1,630,000

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

- Jeremiah 33:3

The **Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions** is an annual offering that supports missions and ministries of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Who? Me? Beyond My Door... is the theme for the week of prayer for state missions and the 2006 Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions. This question challenges each Christian believer to understand and be radically involved in the mission of God starting in their own neighborhood.

What can you do to be radically involved in missions? It is as simple as 1-2-3-4...

1. Pray for a lost person everyday
2. Give what you think you can't
3. Tell someone about Jesus
4. Go as far as you can which might be as close as next door.



How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns.

- Isaiah 52:7

The first state-wide evangelism training conference for women is scheduled for September 9, 2006. Woven throughout the text of Scripture are the stories of women who were in strategic places at strategic times intentionally being used by God to bear witness to His grace and power.

Date: Saturday, September 9, 2006

Location: Hermitage Hills Baptist Church
3475 Lebanon Road
Hermitage, TN 37076
615-888-5034

Cost: Pre-registration \$35 per person

Speaker: Rebecca Pippert
Founder of Salt Shaker Ministries

Contact: Diana Cox at 800-558-2090 ext. 2058
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