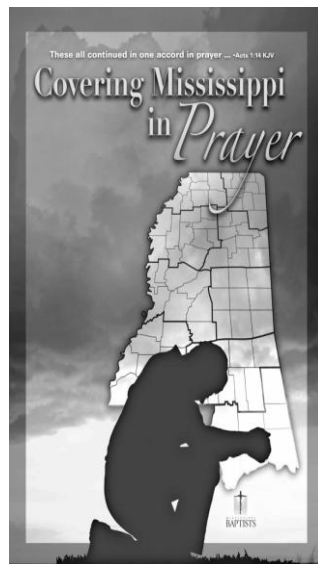


Baptist News

Prayer Rally Scheduled Feb. 1 in Pascagoula

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A Prayer Rally will be held **Feb. 1, 2011** at **4:00 PM** in Beach Park in Pascagoula. This gathering will be held in connection with the "Covering Mississippi in Prayer" emphasis encouraged by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB). This rally is one of 90 similar events that will be held throughout the state during the first three months of 2011.

Guest speaker for the rally will be Jim Futral, Executive Director of the MBCB. In his weekly article in the Baptist Record, Dr. Futral described the purpose for the rallies. "While I will be speaking briefly at each of the rallies, they will not be preaching rallies. They will be a demonstration of God's people coming together and a reflection of what will be taking place day after day. While they will be rallies for people to attend, they are not just public gatherings, but prayer rallies. In a biblical sense, you might say that they are countywide solemn assemblies where we hear from and respond to God's call to us to pray."

Also, as part of the emphasis, Baptists are

encouraged to commit to praying every morning before 8 o'clock for self (personal needs), servants (church and community leaders), and souls (people who need a personal relationship with Christ).

Plans are being made to cover Jackson County in prayer. Each church is asked to formulate a plan to intentionally pray for their community.

If you need commitment cards and lapel pins that reflect the theme of "Covering Mississippi in Prayer," a few are still available at the JCBA Baptist Center. Also you may call 1-800-748-1651, Ext. 310 at the State Baptist Building and order the materials. More information concerning this prayer emphasis is posted online at www.mccb.org/prayer.

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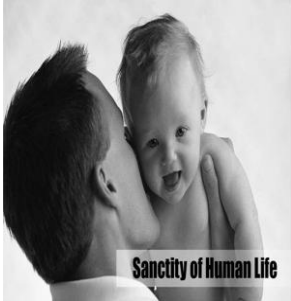
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Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, Jan. 16

The third Sunday in January, is set aside for churches to focus on the sanctity of human life. Emphasis is given to a broad range of life issues, including abortion, euthanasia, genetic engineering, health care, child abuse, and eldercare.

More information on this issue can be found at the Ethics & Religious Liberty website at: www.faihandfamily.com or North American Mission Board: www.nambforlife.net

Deacons and Pastors Banquet, January 21, 2011

Escatawpa Baptist Church will host the annual Deacons and Pastors Family Banquet on Friday, Jan. 21 at 6:30 PM. The meal will be served in the Family Life Center. Following the meal, a time of worship will be held in the sanctuary.

Cost of the meal is \$5. Reservations are requested by Tuesday, January 18 and can be made by calling the Baptist Center at 769-7101.



Neal Hughes will be the guest speaker. Neal serves with the North American Mission Board of the SBC. Neal and his family moved to the Atlanta area in 2005

from Montgomery, Alabama, where he led a ministry based from his Church, "Project Hope" (Helping Others Prepare for Eternity). This evangelistic training network impacted the nation, teaching churches how to be a missionary in their own back yard. Neal and his wife Mary are members at First Baptist Church, Woodstock, where Neal is presently a Deacon and Sunday School Teacher.

Ministers Conferences and Lunches Scheduled

Pastors and staff ministers will gather for monthly meetings in January and February to discuss church leadership issues and enjoy a free lunch.

On Tuesday, January 11 at 11:00 AM, all pastors and staff ministers are invited to gather at Ridglea Heights Baptist Church. The topic of discussion will be "Pastoral Leadership." Follow the program, lunch will be served.

On Tuesday, February 8 at 11:00 AM, FBC Gautier will host the ministers. Featured speaker will be L. C. Drawdy, Associate Pastor/Minister of Education on staff of the Wade Baptist Church. L.C. will give an overview of the book *Transformational Church*, which is based on research completed by Thom Ranier and Ed Stetzer. According to the Stetzer and Rainer, the authors of *Transformational*

Church, "Too often we've highlighted the negative realities of the declining American church but missed the opportunity to magnify the God of hope and transformation." L.C. has been trained as a Transformational Church Consultant to help churches evaluate their ministries. For more information, including directions, please call the Baptist Center or Rev. Steve Cirlot at (228) 475-3527.

“If...” –Dr. Philip Price, Executive Director

In evaluating history, many “what if” scenarios have intrigued students and researchers. What if Hitler’s Germany had won World War II? What if John F. Kennedy had not been assassinated? What if Booth’s bullet had missed Abraham Lincoln? If Harry Truman’s opponent, Thomas Dewey, had received one vote more per precinct in Ohio and California in the 1948 U. S. Presidential Election.

Sportswriters like to entertain the thoughts of what could have been. Repeatedly

broadcasters have mused that **if** kicker Kyle Brotzman had not missed a 26-yard field goal with 2 seconds left in regulation, and another from 29 yards in overtime, Boise State would have defeated Nevada, won their 25th straight football game, and possibly played for the national championship this year.

However, history is history. We cannot change the past, but the Bible contains a big “**if**” that, **if** we are obedient to the challenge, will change our future. The Lord appeared to Solomon and promised him that “**If my people, which**

are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land (2 Chr 7:14, KJV).” God keeps his promises. I believe his promise remains true. Will you commit to pray daily for yourself, your leaders, and your unsaved neighbors?

Join other Christians at Beach Park on February 1 at 4:00 PM for a Prayer Rally. We will join our hearts together and ask to Lord to “heal our land.” He will, **if...**

Thank You Uganda Mission Team

Eight individuals from Jackson County traveled to Uganda October 30-November 13 to minister alongside IMB Missionaries George and Geraldine Smith. The team ministered in hospitals, prisons, and local churches for the first time in this area, children experienced a Vacation Bible School. Over 300 persons made Professions of Faith. Also, 15 pastors received Bible Training. Special thanks to David Williams for superbly planning the trip and leading the team.

Partnership Mission Trip, April 2-9, 2011

In fulfillment of the partnership between JCBA and Tates Creek Baptist Association in Kentucky, a construction trip is being planned to assist the Kirksville Baptist Church complete their church building.

Kirksville, KY is approximately 35 miles

south of Lexington, KY. The team is scheduled to leave on Saturday, April 2 and return April 9. Cost of the trip is estimated to be \$50 for meals at the worksite. Also, team members will be responsible for meals in route and for sharing the transportation costs if they choose to ride on

the van. Participants are free to ride in their personal vehicles if they so desire. For more info, call Helen Rabby at the Baptist Center at 228 769-7101.



Bible Storying Workshop

Date: Saturday, January 22, 2011
Time: 8:30 AM - 04:30 PM
Location: George-Greene Baptist Center

For More Info Call
Jimmy Holcomb
1-877-947-4981

**January and February
Events**

January

- 11 Pastors Conference
11 a.m. Ridglea Heights
Includes lunch
- 16 Sanctity of Human Life
- 21 Pastor & Deacon Family
Banquet
Escatawpa Baptist
6:30 p.m.
Call in your reservations
769 7101
- 22 Bible Storying Workshop
8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.
George-Greene Baptist Center
- 30-Feb 1
MS Evangelism Conference
Meridian, North Crest

February

- 1 Cover MS in Prayer
Pascagoula Beach Park
4 p.m.
Dr. Jim Futral Speaker
- 2 Budget/Finance Team
9:30 a.m. Office
Operations Team
10 a.m. Office
- 7 Executive Team
10:30 a.m. Office
- 8 Pastors Conference
11 a.m. FBC Gautier
Lunch
- 13 Race Reconciliation Sunday

*Bi-Vo Ministers
Banquet
March 4, 6:30 p.m.
Cambridge Baptist*

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