

Baptist News

“Covering Mississippi in Prayer” Rally Held

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In the midst of a thunderstorm, over 100 people gathered for the “Covering Mississippi in Prayer” Rally on February 1. Due to the weather, the rally had to be moved to East Lawn Baptist Church from Pascagoula’s Beach Park. However, the time of prayer was a blessing to all who were able to attend.

Dr. Jim Futral, Executive Director of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB), challenged all in attendance to commit to pray each day for themselves (self), church and community leaders (servants), and people who have not accepted Christ as Savior (souls).

This gathering was held in connection with the “Covering Mississippi in Prayer” emphasis encouraged by the

MBCB. This rally is one of 90 similar events that will be held throughout the state during the first three months of 2011.

Throughout the state, over 50,000 individuals have made the commitment to intentionally pray for their communities. If your church has not selected a prayer coordinator, you are encouraged to do so. Plans continue to be made to “cover” Jackson County in prayer. Each church is asked to form a plan to intentionally pray for their community. For more information regarding what is being done in Jackson County to accomplish this task, please call Muriel Farmer, Associational Prayer Coordinator at (228) 826-5239.

If you need commitment cards and lapel pins

that reflect the theme of “Covering Mississippi in Prayer,” you may call Sandy Bell at 1-800-748-1651, Ext. 310 at the MBCB and order the materials. More information concerning this prayer emphasis is posted online at www.mbc.org/prayer.

Prayer Task Force Meeting
March 14
10:00 AM
JCBA Baptist Center
(3713 Hospital Road in Pascagoula)

All Prayer Coordinators, Pastors, Ministers, and interested persons are encouraged to come for a time of planning and prayer.

Focus of this meeting will be planning to “prayer walk” ministry sites in advance of the many Mission Teams scheduled to serve in Jackson County this year.

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2011 VBS Expo

Thurs., March 10
Agricola Baptist

(7268 Barton-Agricola Rd.)
Registration - 6:00 PM
Worship Rally – 6:30 PM
Training- 7:00-9:00 PM

Sessions will cover all phases of VBS and will offer practical advice, regardless of curriculum used.

Different curriculums will be available for examination. Also, The Lifeway Store will be available for you to place orders and make purchases.

For more info, call
601-947-3435 or
228 769-7101

“Bivo” Ministers and Spouses Banquet, Mar. 4

Cambridge Baptist will host a meal for all Bivocational Ministers and their wives on Friday March 4, 2011 at 6:30 PM. The church address is 2017 Martin Bluff Road in Gautier. The meal is free and is provided by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB).

There are approximately 23,000 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention who are served by bivocational pastors. Jackson County is blessed with many dedicated ministers who serve a church and work another job as well.

Dale Holloway, MBCB Bivocational Church Specialist, is the featured speaker. Also, door prizes will be distributed. Those ministers who plan to attend are encouraged to call the JCBA office by Tuesday, March 1 at 228 769-7101.

Ministers Conferences and Lunches Scheduled

An average of 20 Pastors and staff ministers gathered for monthly conferences in January and February.

Additional meetings are planned for March and April. On Tuesday, **March 8 at 11 AM**, all pastors and staff

ministers are invited to gather at Ingalls Avenue Baptist Church (4505 Ingalls Ave., Pascagoula). Alan Woodward, Director of the Pastor/Leadership Development Dept. of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will be the guest speaker

On **April 12 at 11AM**, FBC Vancleave will host the ministers. John Merck, pastor of FBC Helena, will speak. To confirm attendance in order to plan for the meal, please call the Baptist Center or Rev. Steve Cirlot at (228) 475-3527.

Senior Adult Rally at FBC Vancleave, March 10

The Discipleship and Family Ministries Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will be hosting an Area Senior Adult Rally on Thursday, **March 10, 2011** in the facilities of First Baptist Vancleave. Registration and refreshments begin at 8:45 AM. The rally will be from 9:30 AM to 11:45 AM.

Special entertainment will be given by the Christian Band “Red Roots.” These three sisters (identical triplets) use their abilities to play many instruments and to share the love of Christ through music. After a break, a time of worship will be led by Mark Roberts. The guest preacher is Joe McKeever, former Director of Missions

for the Baptist Association of Greater New Orleans. Dr. McKeever is a gifted speaker and a talented cartoonist.

This rally will serve as the Annual Associational Senior Adult Rally that usually occurs in May. So, please do not miss it. For more info, call FBCV at (228) 826-5806.

WMU

Spring Meeting

March 24 at 6:30 PM

Parkway Baptist Church

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Praying, Rain or Shine

—Dr. Philip Price, Director of Missions

On Feb. 1, several folks gathered to pray at East Lawn Baptist in spite of a storm moving into the area. While I believe it was prudent for many people to stay home during such horrible weather, I do appreciate those that ventured out into the severe weather. God protected us and the rally was a blessing. However, if we are to really “cover” Mississippi and, especially, Jackson County, we must

understand that we have to do more than just attend meetings. We are commanded in the scriptures to “Pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17).” For me, this means to continually be in a state of prayer. So, with eyes and hearts open, we must prayerfully see our communities and obediently respond as God leads to the needs around us.

One prayer I am praying is that during

our spring and Summer Ministries we will see many accept Christ. You can help us. Why not organize a “Prayer Walking Team” in your church and commit to praying over the ministry sites where visiting mission teams will serve? If interested, contact us and we, will connect you with a site? Remember, we must pray, come rain or shine.

Kentucky Mission Trip, April 2-9, 2011

Final preparations are being made for the Construction Mission Trip to Kentucky April 2-9. Over 30 individuals have committed to participate in the trip that helps fulfill the partnership with the Tates Creek Baptist

Association. Kirksville, KY is 35 miles south of Lexington, KY.

A Kentucky Mission Trip Meeting of all committed participants is scheduled for Tues., **March 1 at 6:30 PM** at the Baptist Center.

For more info, call Helen Rabby at the Baptist Center at 228 769-7101.



Advocates for Freedom Expose Exploitation

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. Victims of human trafficking are young children, teenagers, men and women. The Gulf Coast is not immune from this problem.

Susie Harvill, longtime Admin Assistant at the MGCCC Baptist Student Union in Gulfport has founded *Advocates for Freedom* to address this problem. Susie will give a

presentation regarding this major issue at the Ministry Assistants Lunch on March 17 and at the WMU Spring Meeting on March 24.

www.advocatesforfreedom.com

Connecting with the Heart of God

Weekend

with

Janet Pope

East Moss Point

Baptist

March 25-26

SCHEDULE:

Fri., March 25- 7 PM

"His Word in My Heart"

Sat., March 26, 10AM -2PM

3 Sessions,

"Connecting with the Heart of God"... to KNOW, HAVE, and PURSUE God's Heart.

LUNCH NOT PROVIDED.

For more info, Call Rev.

David Abbot at 228 475-3521

www.janetpope.org

Thank You

Escatawpa

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JCBA thanks Pastor Todd Bowen and the members of Escatawpa Baptist for hosting the annual Deacon/Pastor Banquet on January 21. Also, we appreciate the 120 persons who attended.

Thank You

East Lawn

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JCBA thanks Pastor Richard Crews and the members of East Lawn Baptist for allowing their facilities to be used for the Prayer Rally on Feb. 1. Shelter from the storm was appreciated

**March and April
Events**

March 2011

- 4 Bivocational Banquet
6:30 p.m. Cambridge
- 8 Pastors Conference, 11 a.m.
Ingalls Avenue, Lunch
- 10 Regional Senior Adult Rally
FBC Vancleave, 9 a.m.
- 17 Ministry Assistant Luncheon
Noon, Susie Harvill, Guest
Speaker, Human Trafficking
- 20 Substance Abuse Prevention
Sunday
- 24 WMU Spring Meeting
6:30 a.m. Parkway
- 30 Budget/Finance Team
9:30 a.m. Office
Operations Team
10 a.m. Office

April 2011

- 4 Executive Team, 10:30 a.m
Office-Election of Officers
- 5 Assn Bible Drills
Pascagoula FBC 6:30 p.m.
- 7 State Bible Drills, Temple
Hattiesburg
- 10 Cooperative Program Day
- 12 Pastors Conference
11 a.m. FBC Vancleave
- 14 VBS Training, Hattiesburg
6:30 p.m.
- 16 Bible Drill Selection, Clinton
- 17 Life Commitment Sunday
- 20 Preaching Conference
Carey Hattiesburg
- 21 Office Closed
- 24 Easter
- 25 Telling the Story
Evangelistically
Dennis Peters, Main St
Hattiesburg

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