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 91ST ANNUAL MESSENGER MEETING | JUNE 20-23 2016

**91st ANNUAL MESSENGER ASSEMBLY
 OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
 JUNE 20-23,2016**

The DoubleTree will serve as headquarters since all meetings will be in the DoubleTree and the Cox Business Center. The hotel offers complimentary self parking and airport transportation. The ABA rate is \$99.00 plus tax. To get the ABA rate you are required to stay a minimum of 3 nights. You will be charged one night at time of booking that is non-refundable. To make reservations at DoubleTree, call 918-587-8000.

The new Aloft Hotel offers free self parking and airport shuttle. The ABA rate is \$99.00 plus tax and you will be charged one night at time of booking that is non-refundable. For Aloft reservations call 918-947-8200.

The Holiday Inn offers free parking and airport shuttle. The hotel is only 4 short blocks to the Cox Business Center and offers free shuttle to the center. The rate is \$99.00 plus tax. You will not be charged a deposit until 24 hours before arrival. The reservation number for Holiday Inn is 918-585-5898 or toll-free at 1-855-914-1748. **Use the code ABA.**

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Booth #102

**FLORIDA
 STATE MEETING**

The Landmark Missionary Baptist Church of Madison will host the State Association. The meeting will start July 12 at 7PM.

Accommodations have been arranged at Best Western Plus located at 167 SE Bandit St, Madison. The rate is \$79.99 and includes breakfast. The number for reservations is 850-973-2020.

Alternate hotels are Super 8 (\$53.99 plus tax) 850-973-6267 and Days Inn (\$53.99 plus tax) 850-973-3330.



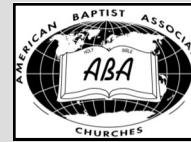
**CHRIST OUR PATTERN
 FOR EVANGELIZING**

John 4:1-29

Introduction: We have at least 7 principles for effective evangelizing given in this passage of Scripture.

- I. LIVE RADICALLY AND CROSS BARRIERS
- II. ACT NATURALLY IN THE PROCESS
- III. PROCEED CREATIVELY IN CONVERSATION
- IV. AVOID UNECESSARY CONFRONTATIONS
- V. CONFRONT EVIL HONESTLY
- VI. EXPLAIN MESSAGE CLEARLY
- VII. BE PREPARED TO SPEAK BOLDLY

Summation: Who better to learn the art of evangelizing from than The Master Himself. **Luke 19:10**



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 Established 1965

II Timothy 2:2

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.



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Scripture of the Month

John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

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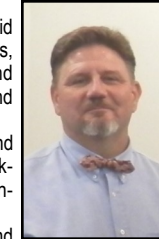
GCBI 2016 GRADUATION

Friday, May 13, 2016 at 7:00PM.

Our speaker for the evening will be Bro. David Taylor, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Wiggins, Mississippi. Bro. David is a doctoral student at GCBI and also teaches Bible Manners and Customs/Geography and Bible Analysis.

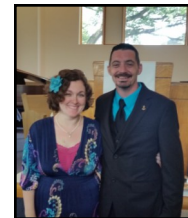
We want to thank everyone for all their prayers, and financial support this year. This has afforded those seeking to get a good Bible education the opportunity to continue to do so.

We invite everyone to come out that evening and participate in the festivities, as we honor the students, and celebrate their hard work and achievements. There will be a time of fellowship following the commencement exercises that evening. **We hope to see you there.**



ROGER HURD ORDAINED

It was truly a blessing to ordain a former student of Gulf Coast Baptist Institute to the ministry of the Gospel. There were quite a few ordained brethren in attendance that sat on the presbytery.



Bro. Marshall Wallace introduced the candidate and gave him the charge. Bro. Wayne Adams gave the charge to the congregation.

Bro. Steve Miller preached a powerful message from **Ephesians 4:1 "Walk Worthy"** 1. Some like preachers that Fly or Run. 2. Churches built on men will fail. 3. Many pastors fail in their day to day walk. 4. Its our daily walk with the Lord that will make the difference.

Bro. Roger and his wife Lisa are excited about what the Lord has ahead for them at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.

**Magnolia State
 Spring Meeting**

The Spring Meeting at Spanish Trails in Gautier, Mississippi was a blessing to all those in attendance. Our Theme was "Rest" **Matthew 11:28-30**

Bro. Mark Clements did a wonderful job of expounding God's Word.

Matthew 11:28-30 "I Must Enjoy the Spiritual Rest God Offers to Me" 1. Keep coming to Jesus. 2. Release Unnecessary Burdens. 3. Enjoy Intimacy With Jesus.

II Timothy 2:22-26 "Offer Rest In Christ" 1. Don't neglect personal sanctification. 2. Keep the main thing the main thing. 3. Trust God to work.

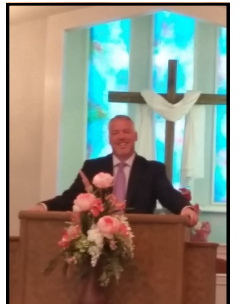
I Corinthians 2:1-5 "Model Rest In Christ" 1. Demonstrate Spiritual Truths. 2. Maintain Humble Transparency. 3. Allow God to work for His Glory alone.



Bro. Pete Underwood blessed our hearts with a couple of spirited messages also.

Mark 6:30-31 "Chill Out" 1. Life is demanding. 2. The importance of separation. 3. The need for leisure time. 4. We need quality time with Jesus.

Exodus 20:8-11 "Give It a REST" 1. Do what is Right. 2. The need of Endurance. 3. Suffering together with Christ. 3. We need to start Today.



We appreciate Pastor Chris Collins and the congregation of Spanish Trails BC for hosting the meeting. The food was great and the fellowship was wonderful!



Financial Report for March 2016

GENERAL FUND	
OLD BALANCE	555.77
Receipts	
General Fund Offerings	5,722.53
Reimbursement	313.93
Total Receipts	6,592.23
Total Disbursements	5,534.47
NEW BALANCE	1,057.76

OFFERINGS DETAILED

Alabama	
Bethany, Verbena	60.00
Magnolia Springs, Theodore	400.00
New Home, Wetumpka	150.00
Schillinger Road, Mobile	100.00
Skyline, Madison	108.00
Zion MBC, Winfield	61.00
Arkansas	
Promise Land, Hamburg	200.00
Florida	
Pinehaven, Pensacola	100.00
Louisiana	
Bethel, New Orleans	10.00
Emmanuel, Bogalusa	350.00
First Missionary of Varnado, Angie	100.00
Landmark, Amite (2mths)	430.40
Lawrence, Loranger	39.46
Magnolia Baptist, Covington	732.70
Pettitt Memorial, Bogalusa	80.00
Union Avenue, Bogalusa	120.00
Mississippi	
Antioch, Pearl	300.00
Celebration, Grenada	83.00
Hatley, Amory	200.00
Laverne Loveless	50.00
Liberty, Collins	200.00
Midway, Benton	75.00
New Fellowship, Seminary	124.00
Oak Grove, Hattiesburg	50.00
Traceland, Verona	30.00
Trinity, Seminary	100.00
Unity, Hattiesburg	878.97
Victory, Madison	125.00
Texas	
Timpson, Timpson	50.00
Joseph Looney, Dekalb	140.00

Total Offerings \$5,722.53

Thank you for your faithful support of Gulf Coast Baptist Institute. Together we are "holding forth the word of life"
Philippians 2:16



PANTRY OFFERINGS

Monetary

Liberty Ladies, Collins, MS	\$50.00
Ebenezer BC, Wiggins, MS	\$50.00

Groceries

College Town BC, Hammond, LA

THANK YOU!

RALLY TOTALS

Old Total	\$20,116.50
David Maddux, Cherokee, OK	80.00
Mt. Olive MBC, Bogalusa, LA	127.75
Current Total	\$20,324.25

THANK YOU !

WHO'S PREACHING CHAPEL

Chapel Services are held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday

April 26	Winston Buckley
May 3	Dr. Bruce A. Morris, Sr

AVAILABLE TO PREACH

Wayne Roan/Madison, MS	662-571-3223
Jim Philamlee/Starkville, MS	662-312-7575
Carrol Lewallen/Gautier, MS	228-217-3752
Greg Waldrop/Pearl, MS	769-798-5101
Carlos Hurd/Hammond, LA	985-809-3540
Wes Covington/Pearl, MS	769-798-8581
Jacob Corban/Seminary, MS	601-402-0353
Danny Williams/Covington, LA	985-960-0523
Herman Rogers/Oakland, TN	901-235-7107
Ricky Kennedy/Varnado, LA	985-516-1239
Wayne Adams/New Orleans, LA	985-981-1144

You may also contact the office at 601-268-1744

STUDENT RELIEF FUND

Beginning Balance	350.87
Anonymous 3/1/16	350.00
Student Need 2/23/16	25.00
Chapel 3/22/16	28.00
Chapel 3/27/16	25.00
New Balance	728.87

THANK YOU!

FREE CHURCH PEWS

Logos Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, Mississippi has 13 church pews that are blue in color and 16 foot long that they would like to donate to a church that could use them. Contact Pastor Bruce Betts at 601-543-6281.

FREE PIANOS & ORGAN

Bro. Graham Patterson has a small organ along with several spinet and console pianos that need a good home. If you would be interested you can contact him at 501-317-0881.

STEEPLE NEEDED

Trinity Baptist Church in Seminary, Mississippi is looking for a steeple for the church house. If you have any information about locating one please call Pastor Wayne Simmons at 601-466-8691.

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EXTENSIVE ISRAEL TRIP

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MARCH 2017

Join Ed Button and Eric Sutton on a 12 day Extensive Israel Trip. The price is \$3760 from Miami and includes breakfast and supper daily, all taxes and tips. The price does not include lunches, travel insurance (highly recommended) and souvenirs! A full itinerary and more information can be found by visiting pilgrimtours.com/groups/nhbcisrael.htm You may also contact: Ed Button: edbutton@embarqmail.com / 352-793-8677 Eric Sutton: esutton2005@gmail.com / 334-398-5697 Psalm 122:2, "Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem."

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CHURCH NEEDS HELP

Mount Olive MBC in Bogalusa, Louisiana is in need of financial assistance due to the recent flooding in their area. The church is needing funds to help them with replacing ruined carpet, mold problems and to seal and reinforce walls to stop future flooding. If you or your congregation can help with these needs it would be greatly appreciated by the good folks at Mount Olive MBC. Contact Pastor Jeffrey Touchstone at 601-716-5568 or email to <jeffrey.touchstone@eagles.usm.edu>.

Twin Lakes Baptist Navajo Nation

To Friends of Twin Lakes Baptist, Navajo Nation:

An urgent financial need is at hand with regard to the double-wide parsonage the church has recently purchased for our home, which is paid in full. The home was originally scheduled for delivery and set-up around the middle to the end of May. A plea was made in our February newsletter for assistance with the cost of the foundation work, which must be in compliance with the State of New Mexico regulations.

In other words, the plans, the work itself and the permits purchased must all be done by an engineer licensed to do business in NM. The engineer we hired had offered to allow us to do the foundation work under his supervision and with him pulling the permits and obtaining the plans, at a cost of \$5,800, which would have been a savings of about \$10,000.

However, things have progressed with the manufacturer and the home will now be ready to ship around April 4th! That's the good news! The "not so good" news is that I have recently injured my back and am currently under a doctor's care, which will not allow me to do the foundation work myself. The work must be done prior to delivery of the home. I have been back in contact with the engineer who is working with us to keep the cost as low as possible. Before we can proceed with hiring him and his crew to do the foundation work we will need to raise an additional \$7,000 in for full payment. (We have the \$5,800.)

The plans have been drawn and all permits secured. We cannot proceed without the additional funding. We have asked the Lord to provide, and are now asking that you consider being the avenue for the provision. Your check may be made payable to TWIN LAKES BAPTIST CHURCH, designated for foundation work, and should be mailed to the following address: Twin Lakes Baptist Church P.O. Box 3639, Gallup, NM 87305

If you can help with this need, we would appreciate a text or email to let us know. We know you are praying for us as we prepare to return to the Lord's work among the Navajo people. We will be able to do so just as soon as we can get the foundation work accomplished and the home set up. Thank you for your kind consideration to our request.

Jerry and Connie Baker

Missionaries to the Navajo Nation

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BETHLEHEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

GREENWOOD SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI

We are looking for the man God has for us to be our next pastor. We appreciate your prayers in this matter and pray you will pass this information on as the Spirit of God leads. Thank you!

Contact: Jerry Russell Cell 662-651-4417