

THE TIDE

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Discipling Disciples to



Disciple

In support of the 2020 Associational theme of Discipleship, we are excited to bring a training event for almost every age disciple in the church. Bring a friend or make it a family adventure.

Saturday, March 7

Old Testament Live

FBC Long Beach

8am to Noon



Cost \$10 per person

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Upcoming Events in Your Association

Shepherd's Staff-GCBA Training Center 11:30am Feb 4

MS Disaster Relief Training-FBC Wiggins 8am-4pm Feb 8

Happy Valentine's Day Feb 14

Missionaries in Residence-Steve Allen (NYC) Feb 16-19

Hancock County Cluster-Mockingbird Café, Feb 17

Bay St. Louis 8:30-9:30am

Harrison County Cluster-Cracker Barrel 8-9am Feb 18

Stone County Cluster-Sawmill Rest. 9-10am Feb 19

Old Testament Live-FBC Long Beach 8am-12pm Mar 7

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FROM
THE DESK
OF

STEVE MOONEYHAM

AMD

I remember the anguish. Y2K. What was going to happen? Would everything go crazy? What was life going to be like when the clock struck midnight on January 1, 2000? Do you remember where you were? Those questions and concerns seem trivial now twenty years removed. All the worry and trepidation were for nothing.

As long as the Lord tarries, time will pass and with it the concerns about whatever future fears we might wring our hands over are often proven to be nothing to have been worried about after all.

As we walk into 2020, may I remind you and encourage you to draw instruction from Hebrews 12:1-2, and not worrying about all the things that serve only as distractions and encumbrances, to “look to Jesus,” fix your eyes and aim on Him? Football coaches will instruct their players to keep their eyes in the right place. So with us. Keeping your eyes trained on Jesus will keep you from trouble you might have otherwise experienced.

The theme for our work this year is “Discipling Disciples to Disciple.” Please check the calendar on our website (www.gulfcoastba.com) for events scheduled to help you lead your church members in a deeper walk with Christ, becoming mature followers of Jesus.

Here are some things I would call to your attention (look elsewhere in this edition of *The Tide* for more events):

- ◆ Church Safety Workshop for Minors, March 3, FBC, Gulfport, 9am-2:30pm, Register [here](#).
- ◆ Walk through the Old Testament March 7 at FBC Long Beach, 8am-Noon, \$10.00. Register [here](#).
- ◆ Who’s Your One Rally and Evangelism training, Michael Memorial, April 26-27
 - ◇ Sunday April 26, 6pm- we encourage churches to transfer evening services to MMBC
 - ◇ Monday April 27 Evangelism training 8-Noon Register [here](#).

This begins my sixteenth year as your Executive Director. God has blessed me so richly by allowing me to walk with you in this journey of faith. There is still much to be accomplished along the way as we keep our eyes focused on Him!

Blessings,

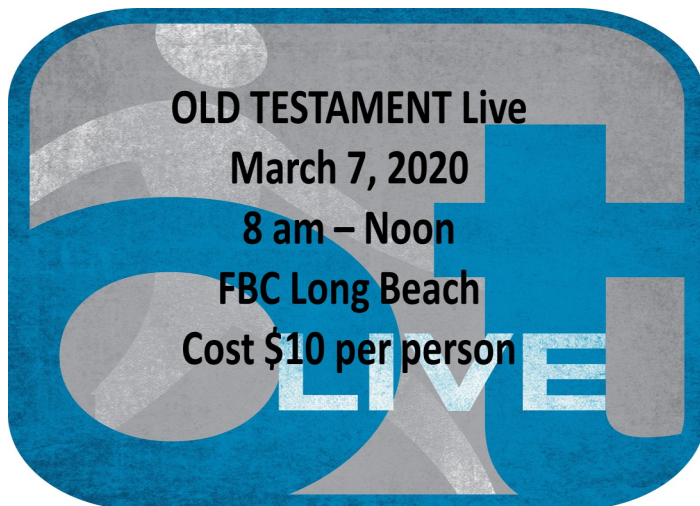
Dr. Steve



MARCH INTO MARCH!!

It has been a busy Month of January and February will be just as busy. But hold on to your hats because we will be MARCHING INTO MARCH!

Church Safety for Minors Workshop will be March 3 at FBC Gulfport beginning at 9 am till 2:30 pm. Registration is from 8:30-9 am. You can register early through a link at www.mbc.org. Pastors, Children and Preschool Ministers, Youth Pastors and anyone who works with preschoolers through youth should attend. This workshop is jointly sponsored by the Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and Ministry Safe.



OTLive will be Saturday, March 7 from 8 am—Noon at FBC Long Beach. This a great time to learn about the Old Testament without boring lectures. It will be fun and interactive. We are targeting fifth graders up to 100 year olds but we will not keep anyone from attending. The cost is only \$10 per person. I have video links available for you to be able to see more about OTLive. OTLive is a ministry of Walk Thru the Bible. For online registration visit:

<https://www.walkthru.org/event/gulf-coast-baptist-association-2020-03-07/>



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WORKER TRAINING

March 31, 2020

6:30pm

**FBC Gulfport
12190 Hwy 605
Gulfport, MS**

Come for a detailed look at the 2020 VBS LifeWay curriculum and order your church's VBS material and receive free shipping directly to your church.



GRAYSON ORMAN

MINISTRY
STRATEGIST

This year is off to an amazing start! The association had it's first Executive Board Meeting and it was well attended. The Bobby Perry Missions Offering is in full swing, and churches continue to be planted in our communities.

One Gulf Coast Baptist Association's event that is worthy of note is the recent Discipleship forum. In this relaxed atmosphere, several pastors spoke on how their discipleship process is employed week after week in their churches. This was an amazing opportunity for me because discipleship is something I love to do and always want to improve upon.

I have found there are three kinds of churches when it comes to discipleship. There is the church that believes they are discipling people and believe they have a process to do so, but when asked to share how they are discipling or who they are discipling they are unable to explain their process or identify who their disciples are. One of the most important questions a church can ask today is, *"Are we making disciples?"* This question requires an honest answer and the answer will help us determine the next course of action for our church. Second, some churches are actively and intentionally engaging in discipling the next generation. This church has a plan and is confident of its approach to making disciples. The speakers for the recent Discipleship forum have in place discipleship strategies and are confident they are helping people live more like Jesus with the goal of developing those who are growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus into disciples who will go on to disciple others. Last, there is the church that is not discipling anyone. This is not uncommon because many churches do not have a strategy in place to disciple people. For these churches, there exists a great opportunity. Because there is no strategy in place, they are open to hearing from others who are discipling the next generation who have already done the work to develop a discipleship strategy. From the hard work of others, they can then develop a strategy that fits their context or environment.

The Discipleship forum put on by the Association was of great benefit to me because I was able to hear how other churches in our area make disciples. This is extremely helpful for two reasons. First, hearing from others lets us know we are not in the discipleship process alone. Second, viewing other people's strategies helps us solidify our strategy and may give insight into how to enhance the strategy we currently use.

The bottom line is this. We are commanded to make disciples. As Christians, we must take this command seriously and must evaluate where we are in the process of making disciples, which requires asking difficult questions – *Are we making Disciples at our church? Do we have a workable strategy in place at our church to make disciples? How can we improve upon our church's process of making disciples?*

Remember you are not in this alone! There are many churches in the area with excellent strategies for making disciples. And, you have an Association that is dedicated to helping you develop such strategies for your church. The last difficult question to ask is, *"Has our church settled for the level at which we make disciples?"* This is a question for the church who says they make disciples but have no disciples to show for their work, and for the church that has a solid process of making disciples and is successfully helping people live more like Jesus, as well as, the church who is not making disciples at all and needs to begin. These simple questions help us identify where we are in the discipleship process and help encourage us to look closely at how we are going about the business of helping people live more like Jesus.



The Shepherd's Staff

February 4 – Sexting
11:30am-1pm

Pastors and Staff! Threats to the modern church seem to come from every angle. We want to help you in your role as *shepherd*. This gathering will provide information and resources intended to help you shepherd those whom the Father has entrusted to your care.

We will meet at the GCBA Training Center from 11:30a.m.—1:00p.m. Cost will be \$10.00 which will include the meal.

Contributions for December 2019

CHURCH	MONTHLY	YR. TO DATE
Back Bay	\$244.77	\$1,502.01
Bay St Louis	\$966.37	\$18,657.05
Bay Vista	\$381.29	\$3,919.40
Bayou Talla	\$25.00	\$300.00
Bayou View	\$166.66	\$1,999.92
Bayside	\$25.00	\$275.00
Bel Aire	\$1,186.51	\$16,432.23
Big Level	\$1,183.00	\$14,196.00
Big Ridge	\$355.33	\$5,170.17
Biloxi FBC	\$714.59	\$8,231.56
Bond	\$650.80	\$7,479.03
Bridge Community	\$153.49	\$2,338.66
Brodie Road	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chinese Grace Bible	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Christ Church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Connect Community	\$123.00	\$861.74
Cornerstone	\$0.00	\$425.00
Crosspoint	\$97.69	\$1,472.06
Delisle FBC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Desired Nation	\$102.02	\$702.08
Emmanuel	\$25.00	\$300.00
Faithview	\$507.22	\$7,208.01
Family Worship	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faro de Esperanza	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fernwood	\$160.00	\$1,920.00
Grace Chapel	\$0.00	\$2,840.79
Grace Memorial	\$569.88	\$8,772.23
GracePoint Church	\$0.00	\$379.09
Grace Temple	\$400.00	\$3,000.00
Gtr. Mt Rest	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulf Gardens	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gulfport FBC	\$2,522.99	\$37,627.34
Handsboro	\$519.19	\$8,359.87
Harbor City	\$50.00	\$50.00
Highland	\$0.00	\$809.82
Iglesia Emanuel	\$17.64	\$264.08
Jacob's Well	\$891.00	\$11,507.55
Lakeshore	\$0.00	\$500.00
Lizana FBC	\$360.50	\$961.41
Long Beach FBC	\$1,494.86	\$19,395.40
Lyman FBC	\$164.00	\$2,229.00
McHenry FBC	\$0.00	\$1,795.98
Michael Memorial	\$1,598.52	\$16,461.34
MS Korean	\$437.06	\$5,281.86
Mt. Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope	\$1,565.10	\$16,629.08
North Hills	\$0.00	\$1,509.70
North Long Beach	\$84.50	\$1,441.91
Old Spanish Trail	\$0.00	\$0.00
Parkway	\$468.79	\$6,038.06
Pass Christian FBC	\$0.00	\$701.48
Peace	\$50.00	\$585.00
Pearlington FSBC	\$529.74	\$1,769.91
Perkinston	\$120.74	\$1,619.16
Popps Ferry	\$56.80	\$1,135.45
Riverside	\$103.00	\$1,005.00
Robinwood	\$452.24	\$6,260.72
Saucier FBC	\$50.00	\$600.00
Shoreline Park	\$0.00	\$900.00
Success	\$0.00	\$2,060.20
The Church at Windance	\$0.00	\$1,676.00
Trinity	\$0.00	\$400.00
Tuxechena	\$177.24	\$1,813.12
Vardaman Street	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vidalia's Bridge	\$0.00	\$0.00
West Gulfport	\$81.50	\$1,122.11
Wiggins FBC	\$2,844.00	\$34,272.51
Woolmarket	\$6,594.52	\$22,689.47

CHURCH *News*

Please check our Group Page on **Facebook**
for additional church news:

Mississippi Gulf Coast Baptist Association

BAYOU TALLA FELLOWSHIP will be hosting a Women's Conference, "Broken to Beautiful" Saturday, March 7, from 9am-12pm. Tickets are available online www.bayoutalla.com or contact the church for more information 228-255-1118.

BEL AIRE is in search of a part-time financial secretary. Please contact the church at 228-832-1966 for more information.

FAITHVIEW is accepting resumes for a Worship Leader who can preferably lead a blended service. To apply contact Evan Akins at 601-748-9809.

FBC LYMAN has called Rev. Josh Cogle as their new pastor. Please join them in celebrating this exciting news.

GRACE CHAPEL has a 2003 Ford F-350 20 passenger bus for sale. For more information contact Pastor Stan Proctor at 228-493-0709.

HANDSBORO would like to announce they have called Andrew Roberts as their Family Minister. Welcome Andrew!



Be in prayer as these churches
seek the
wisdom of the
Holy Spirit and God's
guidance in calling a pastor:

Grace Memorial
New Hope
Popps Ferry
Trinity

Church Planting News

Back Bay Church, D'Iberville, Adam Bennett, pastor

Ministry Highlights

- ♦ Attended a *Church Planting in Military Communities Symposium* sponsored by NAMB. Great networking experience and helpful with growing number of military personnel attending our church.

Prayer Requests

- ♦ Pray for the leaders and members as they minister to the visitors who are struggling with trusting us and Baptist doctrine.

Needs

- ♦ Portable equipment and storage options. Specifically, for portable hospitality equipment and kids ministry décor.
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Connect Community Church, Long Beach, Steven Simon, pastor

Ministry Highlights

- ♦ Participated in the Sailabration Waterless Boat Parade, collected food and gave Christmas to a family of 10, great Candlelight Service and Caroling around community. Also, had great time of vision planning for 2020.

Prayer Needs

- ♦ Pray for continued growth of our church to reach more families, singles, students and older adults. Pray for future Worship Pastor. Pray for Steven's back issue that he has hurt and is in need of healing.
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Harbor City Church, Gulfport, Rod Wallace, pastor

Ministry Highlights

- ♦ Continue to have great conversations about Jesus with people all over the community. We are growing in our attendance and influence in our area.

Prayer Needs

- ♦ Pray that we have the courage and boldness to live and speak the gospel everywhere we go. Pray that hearts would be open to hear and receive the greatest message of all.

Newsworthy Information

- ♦ Because of our partnership with Anniston Avenue Elementary School, we were invited to the upcoming Gulfport School District Board meeting as an honorary guest and partner in education.

Important to You...

Bel Aire Baptist Church has an opening for a **part-time financial secretary**, 16-20 hours weekly. This position is open to anyone with accounting experience.

An application and job description may be obtained at the church office 15080 Dedeaux Rd., Gulfport.

Please apply by February 10th for consideration.

Worship Leaders Roundtable

Tuesday, February 25 5:30-8:30pm

Hosted by FBC Long Beach
Matthew Gaddy matthew@fbclb.com

What is this?

*A focused time for sharing
worship ministry ideas,
music resources, spiritual strengthening, and
problem solving in
a collaborative and confidential forum.*

Space is limited to 15 Worship Leaders.
A meal will be provided at no cost to you.

Please respond to Slater Murphy, MBCB
or to our host by email or text to sign up.
Slater: 662-425-4558,
or smurphy@mbcb.org

BOND BAPTIST CHURCH,

located just north of Wiggins,
is in search of a part-time Music Minister.

Please direct inquiries and resumes to
Dale Davis @ 601-528-0121 or
email stoneprint1@gmail.com.

Part-time Children's Minister

Position is available with Big Ridge Baptist Church in D'Iberville. Please submit resumes to Dr. Raymond Grabert. Email: brbcpastor@cableone.net or call the church office for more information 228-392-4387.

Big Ridge is also offering a paid position for Nursery Coordinator on Sunday am and pm, Wednesday pm and special events. You may contact Jennifer Grabert at 228-324-1691 or stop by the office M-Th 8-10am.

Is your church going on a mission trip this year? **"Busy Hands"**, a ladies sewing group from **North Long Beach Baptist Church**, has been sewing children's clothing, sizes 3-8. We have boy's shirts and shorts and girl's dresses. In the Love of Christ, we would like to donate these pieces of clothing for your mission trip.

If interested, please call **228-864-1258** leave a message and your number. We will get back to you as soon as possible.



2020 CHURCH FINANCIAL LEADERS TRAINING

MAY 15-16, 2020

GARAYWA CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER | CLINTON, MS

SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY

Check-In – 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Dinner – 5:30 p.m.

First Session – 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Breakfast – 7:00-8:00 a.m.

First Session – 8:00 a.m.

Conclusion – 12:30 p.m.

SPEAKER:

JOHNNY RAKESTRAW, *CPA/Pastor*
Wallerville Baptist Church | New Albany, MS

\$40 per person – overnight and two meals
Registration: www.tinyurl.com/churchfinancialtraining

For more information, contact Lisa Leavell at lleavell@mbcb.org or 601-292-3347.

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