



Madison Baptist Association

“Assisting churches in fulfilling their mission, and providing them opportunities for fellowship and to work together in advancing the kingdom of God”

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I served as pastor of a church in Delaware from 1988-96, which was not too far from Baltimore, MD. One Friday night I took my three sons to see the Orioles play baseball. The game went extra innings and, to tell you the truth, I can't even remember who won. When the game concluded (close to 11:00 p.m.) my sons and I waited at a certain gate to get autographs from the Orioles players as they went home. Of course, that would mean after they showered, received treatment if necessary, dressed, perhaps talked with the media in the dressing room, and then went home. Finally, some of the players started to come our way and we were able to get a few autographs. But the one player that my sons and I wanted to see the most was Cal Ripken. So we waited, and waited, and waited. I figured, it's Friday night and I'm off the next day so I'm going to wait as long as it takes to secure this prized autograph. Finally, at 2:00 a.m., Cal Ripken emerged from the dressing room and walked our way. By that time many of the autograph seekers had left for home, which was better for the small group that remained. Well, we were able to get a number of things autographed by Cal Ripken including his baseball cards and a baseball cap. I still have the baseball card he signed for me, but I doubt if my sons still have their signed memorabilia from that special evening. As I reflect back on that night and the eager expectancy my sons and I felt as we waited for superstar Cal Ripken to appear, I am reminded that Jesus Christ will return one day and Christians are to be watching for His glorious return! As we await the coming of Christ, there is much work to be done for the kingdom and many people who need to hear the gospel. While Paul was confined to a Roman prison he penned the letter to the Philippians. He writes, "Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel...." (Phil. 1:12) Although Paul was imprisoned, the gospel of Jesus Christ was not. In fact, as a result of his imprisonment, the gospel advanced throughout the entire praetorian guard and to others as well (v.13). The praetorian guard consisted of 10,000 hand-picked soldiers stationed in Rome to guard the emperor. Also other Christians, encouraged by the fortitude of Paul the prisoner, displayed courage in speaking the Word of God without fear (v.14). We too, as followers of Christ, must exemplify bravery and compassion in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with those around us. Our circumstances may not always be "ideal" but we must possess a commitment to evangelism that is fueled by faith and love, which overcomes fear. To this end, I want to invite everyone to our upcoming MBA Spring Evangelism Conference on Thursday, April 19, to be held at Southside Baptist Church (mark your calendar!). We have two powerful preachers in Dr. Danny Lovett and Dr. Joel Carwile coming to share God's Word with us on this crucial topic. Please see the promotional information on this page for all the details of the event. We will have an afternoon session and an evening session, with a free meal between the two sessions. Our MBA Evangelism & Prayer Team hopes this conference will challenge and encourage us all to share our Christian faith with others on a more consistent basis. So I hope to see everyone there, and may the Lord richly bless you as you live for Him.

Your Director of Missions,
Charlie



Dr. Larry Inman, pastor of All Nations Baptist Church, has written an article entitled, *Grandparents Helping Grandchildren in Time of Divorce*. The article is featured in the March issue of *Mature Living*.



Camp MACoBA
WORK DAY
Saturday, March 10th
8:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.
Lunch will be provided.
Call the MBA for more info.

Mar 10.....	Camp MACoBA Work Day
Mar 11.....	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mar 13.....	Minister's Conference
Mar 20.....	Minister's Conference

Minister's Conference Schedule of Speakers

*Unless otherwise specified, the Minister's Conference will be held at the Madison Baptist Association Office and the fellowship time will begin at 10:00 AM, with the meeting beginning at 10:30 AM.

Mar 13.....	Dr. Doug Walker, Legacy Bible College
Mar 20.....	Rev. Charles Miller, Owens Cross Roads
Mar 27.....	No Minister's Conference (Spring Break)

NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL

Romans 1:16

MBA Spring Evangelism Conference at Southside Baptist Church

Thursday, April 19, 4:00—8:00 p.m.
(includes Chick-fil-A box supper, at no charge)

Guest Speakers:

Dr. Danny Lovett, Senior Pastor, The Church at Chelsea-Westover (Westover, AL)
Dr. Joel Carwile, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church (Athens, AL)

Music by the Southside Baptist Praise Team
Special Time of Prayer during the Conference

DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING

Do you or someone in your church have a desire to serve the Lord and someone in a disaster? If so this is to make you aware that there is Disaster Relief Training scheduled at the times and place listed below. More detailed information can be found at sbdr.org then follow the prompts. Please keep in mind your MBA team operates a Shower/Laundry Trailer, a Chainsaw Trailer, and a Recovery Trailer. We could also use a person to handle Administration duties (i.e. computer-related tasks and calling tree).

Where: DR Center
118 Jesse Samuel Hunt Blvd.
Prattville AL 36066

When and what:

3/17	Temporary Child Care Communications
3/24	Administration
4/5-7	Chaplaincy
4/6	Cleanup/Recovery/Mudout
4/6-7	Mass Feeding Chainsaw
4/14	Shower Laundry



Huntsville Park Baptist Church invites you to join them for a



One-day REVIVAL
featuring
Rev. Jarman Leatherwood

Sunday, March 18, 2018
Services at 10:30 a.m.
and 5:00 p.m..

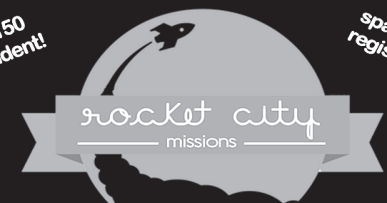
GEAR UP! GET READY! GAME ON!

Training will be provided for Directors, Music, Missions, Recreation/ Snack, Crafts, Preschool, Kindergarten, 1-2 Grade, 3-4 Grade, and 5-6 VBX.

VBS Clinic North:
Meridianville FBC
4/24/18 @ 6:30 p.m.

VBS Clinic South:
Whitesburg Baptist
5/1/18 @ 6:30 p.m.

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per student!



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