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Hello Church,

The new vision statement for the Desoto-Tate Baptist Association is as follows: The Desoto-Tate Baptist Association exists to start, strengthen, and sustain a movement of healthy churches. This statement reflects the heart of the Association and will benefit all 65 existing churches and any future churches that come into the Association. Last December, our entire Administrative Team along with other Associational pastors (a total of twenty pastors in all), met at Hernando Baptist Church to brainstorm and develop this new vision statement.

Now I would like to unpack the vision statement to give a better understanding of how the Association can and will function moving forward:

### START

As an Association, we do not start churches but the Association comes alongside churches and church planters. The word which best describes what the Association does is paraclete or from the Greek paraklētos, which means to come alongside another as a helper, advocate, or comforter, providing active support and encouragement, often during times of crisis or weakness. The Association acts to strengthen and offer spiritual and practical counsel and assistance. Oftentimes this involves identifying communities in need of spiritual support and outreach. Starting a healthy church includes several steps. The process begins with an assessment by the 242 network. Then, the Desoto-Tate Baptist Association provides resources and guidance for church planters. One of the resources we help with is connecting the church planters with the county GIS office for all sorts of maps, providing a demographic study of the location where the

planting is occurring to help the church planters build a strong foundation. Together, this helps lay the groundwork for a vibrant, productive, Kingdom-minded church plant or church replant. The Association also helps with financial support by entering into a 3-year agreement with the church plant after they pass the 242 assessment and provide the Administrative Team with a budget and prospectus.

### STRENGTHEN

Strengthening focuses on enhancing the existing churches through various forms of support and development. Not all 65 Desoto-Tate Baptist Association churches are in the same place when it comes to spiritual health. Sometimes strengthening may include leadership training, pastoral training, providing resources for spiritual growth, or facilitating community outreach programs. Strengthening includes encouraging churches by assessing their strengths and the areas which need improvement. We strengthen to promote a culture of continuous growth and health.

### SUSTAIN

Sustainability is about ensuring that churches can maintain their vitality and relevance over time. This involves creating systems and practices that help the churches adapt to changing needs and environments. Sustaining also includes fostering partnerships with other churches within the community and encouraging an ongoing education and support system. The goal is to ensure that churches remain impactful and can weather challenges while continuing to grow and serve their communities. A movement of healthy churches.

*In Christ,*

Bro Dennis Landrum  
John 10:10



**DISASTER RELIEF  
TRAINING  
(REGION 2)  
MARCH 21, 2026**

**First Baptist Church Abbeville**  
5 East Long Street • Abbeville, MS

*Pre-Registration is Encouraged*

- 7:30 AM Check-in/Registration
- 8:00 AM Classes begin (end by 4:00 PM)
- Lunch is provided**
- \$25 ..... New Volunteer Credential with background check
- \$25 ..... Credentialed Volunteer Renewal with background check
- \$15 ..... Currently Credentialed adding specialty qualification

Participants will complete Introduction to Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Ministry and one (1) specialty course area (Chainsaw, Feeding, Chaplaincy, Recovery & Support)

Scan QR or Follow URL to PRE-REGISTER



<https://bit.ly/4bxXvQL>

# Bible Drill

## ASSOCIATIONAL

**March 22 | 2:00 PM**  
**Longview Point**  
1100 McIngvale Rd • Hernando

*Please call the DTBA office or email [donnafofowler@desototate.org](mailto:donnafofowler@desototate.org) to confirm participation and number of drillers*

**Make-up Drill**  
**April 1 | 3:30 PM | DTBA office**

## STATE

**April 13 | 2:00 PM**  
**FBC Tupelo**  
300 N Church St • Tupelo

**April 14 | 2:00 PM**  
**Emmanuel Baptist**  
245 Meadowbrook Rd • Grenada

## EXECUTIVE MEETING

**Thursday, April 23 | 11:00 AM**

**EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
455 Stage Rd • Senatobia, MS

Each church is invited to attend with two representatives, the pastor and one elected delegate. We will hear a presentation from Roddy Reed, Manager of the GARAYWA Camp and Conference Center in Clinton, MS.

The meeting includes lunch, so please **RSVP by April 20** if you plan to attend. RSVP by calling the DTBA office at 662-429-5033 or by emailing [donnafofowler@desototate.org](mailto:donnafofowler@desototate.org).

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**  
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

*God changes lives now and forever when you give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.*

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

## 2026 SENIOR ADULT RALLIES

Date	Host	Address
MAR 16	Wyatte	257 Wyatte-Tyro Rd Senatobia
APR 20	Longview Heights	4501 Goodman Rd Olive Branch
MAY 18	EBTC	9664 W Commerce St Hernando
AUG 17	FBC Senatobia	317 S. Ward St Senatobia
SEP 14	Mt. Zion (Independence)	9290 Hwy 306 Coldwater

## NAMB EVANGELISM KIT TRAINING

**MEMPHIS**

**APRIL 30, 2026**  
**10:30 AM – 1:30 PM (CT)**

**Collierville First Baptist Church**  
830 New Byhalia Rd.  
Collierville, TN 38017

Reserve your spot today! <https://event.me/QON015>



**Remember to file with the MS Secretary of State February 15 – May 15, 2026**

All churches must file annually by going to [www.sos.ms.gov/business-services/non-profits](http://www.sos.ms.gov/business-services/non-profits) and clicking “File Documents on a Non-profit.” Log in and select “File a Non-Profit Annual Report.” Search to find your church’s business ID number, if needed. The NAICS number for churches is **813110**.

# Financial Report

Compiled by: Donna Fowler, Ministry Assistant

Organization	Monthly Gifts	YTD Gifts	Organization	Monthly Gifts	YTD Gifts
A Path of Grace	0.00	0.00	Lifepoint Church	50.00	100.00
Arkabutla Baptist Church	0.00	0.00	Longview Heights Baptist Church	2,500.00	5,000.00
Bethel Baptist Church	46.29	112.35	Longview Point Baptist Church	1,572.70	8,309.62
Bett Baptist Church	0.00	0.00	Looxahoma Baptist Church	260.60	1,008.68
Boulevard Baptist Church	198.00	396.00	Macedonia Baptist Church	0.00	0.00
Broadway Baptist Church	0.00	250.00	Meadow Brook Baptist Church	2,110.30	5,360.91
Calvary Baptist Church	62.50	83.34	Mercy Hill	0.00	496.00
Carriage Hills Baptist Church	0.00	0.00	Mt. Manna Baptist Church	387.00	2,246.00
Cedar View Baptist Church	347.49	558.73	Mt. Zion - Hernando	0.00	0.00
Center Hill Baptist Church	0.00	0.00	Mt. Zion - Independence	225.00	450.00
Church Road Baptist Church	612.90	1,344.60	Nesbit FBC	663.34	1,864.81
Coldwater FBC	458.00	916.00	New Garden Baptist Church	0.00	0.00
Colonial Hills	333.34	499.97	New Hope Baptist Church	0.00	108.87
Community Point (Missions)	0.00	0.00	New Prospect Baptist Church	100.00	200.00
Days FBC	1,071.00	1,071.00	Oak Grove Baptist Church	40.00	80.00
Desoto Hills	2,337.60	7,452.11	Olive Branch FBC	150.00	300.00
Desoto Woods	0.00	0.00	Parkway Baptist Church	500.00	500.00
East Tate Baptist Church	1,443.40	1,443.40	Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	50.00	100.00
Eastpoint Baptist Church	100.00	200.00	Redeemer Baptist Church	330.00	710.00
Ebenezer Baptist Church	188.28	388.59	Riverbend	100.00	200.00
Eudora	0.00	0.00	Sarah Baptist Church	0.00	0.00
Evansville Baptist Church	228.30	436.73	Senatobia Bible (Missions)	136.66	136.66
Flag Lake Baptist Church	0.00	0.00	Senatobia FBC	450.00	900.00
Gracewood Baptist Church	527.82	1,038.98	Southaven FBC	279.27	967.98
Grays Creek Baptist Church	198.00	198.00	Strayhorn Baptist Church	145.00	380.00
Greenbrook Baptist Church	100.00	200.00	The Grove Baptist Church	125.00	250.00
Heartland	207.90	415.80	Trinity Baptist Church	80.00	165.83
Hernando Baptist Church	1,250.00	2,500.00	Twin Lakes Baptist Church	300.00	600.00
Highland Baptist Church	154.13	270.74	Tyro Baptist Church	240.00	570.00
Horn Lake FBC	129.01	456.57	Victory Baptist Church	0.00	0.00
Immanuel Baptist Church	1,000.00	2,000.00	Wyatte Baptist Church	0.00	2,500.02
LaBelle Haven	2,358.92	6,807.15			
			<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 24,147.75</b>	<b>\$ 62,545.44</b>

Totals include gifts to the Ervin Brown Training Center

## FEBRUARY 2026

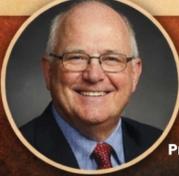
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>MTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>	CHECKING BALANCE	<b>\$ 72,864.77</b>
GENERAL	\$ 22,954.91	\$ 59,953.19	CONTINGENCY FUND	<b>53,226.61</b>
EBTC	1,292.84	2,692.25	TOTAL ASSETS	<b>\$ 126,091.38</b>
OTHER	544.34	2,137.05		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 24,792.09</b>	<b>\$ 64,782.49</b>		
<b>BUDGET NEEDS</b>	<b>\$ 32,092.80</b>	<b>\$ 64,185.60</b>		
<b>BUDGET RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 24,147.75</b>	<b>\$ 62,545.44</b>		

REGION 2 ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS  
STRATEGISTS AND THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST  
CONVENTION BOARD PRESENT A

# FREE NAVIGATING CHURCH CONFLICT

CONFERENCE

April 28, 2026 • Belden Baptist Church • Lee County



Featuring  
**Dr. Reggie Ogea**  
Professor of Leadership and Pastoral Ministry at  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
Director, Jim Henry Leadership Institute

CONFERENCE AND MEAL ARE  
FREE BUT MUST REGISTER  
WITH QR CODE BELOW

SCAN CODE TO REGISTER



EVENT SCHEDULE

5:00 – 5:45 PM	DINNER
6:00 – 6:50 PM	SESSION #1
6:50 – 7:10 PM	DESSERT BREAK
7:10 – 8:00 PM	SESSION #2
8:00 PM	CLOSING REMARKS/ DISMISSAL

- Contact the Desoto-Tate Baptist Association office at 662-429-5033 with any questions.
- NO childcare will be provided.
- FREE conference and meal is limited to the first 300 people who register.

**Belden Baptist Church**

4121 McCullough Blvd  
Beldon, MS 38826

MINISTRY .....  
..... OPPORTUNITIES



**WE ARE  
HIRING**

Position :

**Part-time  
Music Leader**

Requirements:

- Called to serve the Lord through music by leading congregational worship

\*no previous experience required  
\*positions can be combined if interested

For more information please contact:  
**Nathan Boyd 662-560-7189**

Send resumes to: [eaststatebaptist@gmail.com](mailto:eaststatebaptist@gmail.com)

Position :

**Part-time  
Youth Leader**

Requirements:

- Called to serve the Lord through leading youth in Bible study and discipleship

**GRACEWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH**

A well-established, multi-generational church with ministries and activities directed to reach all ages for Christ; located in Southaven, MS. We are prayerfully seeking God's direction to find our new **Associate Pastor/Minister of Youth and Education**. Areas of service will include, but are not limited to: office administration, children & youth ministry, and education ministry.

For additional questions about this position, to share your resume, or to receive a full job description, please email us at [office@gbcsouthaven.com](mailto:office@gbcsouthaven.com).



Oak Grove Baptist  
Church in Hernando is  
hiring a part-time  
Music Minister.

Please send resumes to:  
[ogbcmusicminstersearch@gmail.com](mailto:ogbcmusicminstersearch@gmail.com).



**SENIOR ADULT RALLY FISH FRY**

May 18 • 10:30 AM

Ervin Brown Training Center

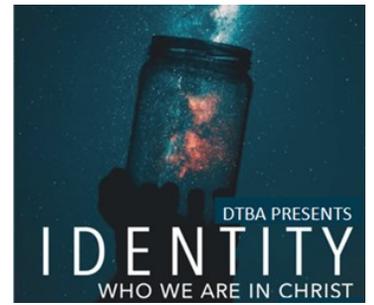


**CHILDREN'S CAMP**

Grades 1-2... July 6-7

Grades 3-4... July 9-11

Grades 5-6... July 13-15



**YOUTH CAMP**

Grades 7-12

July 16-18

**~ CALENDAR REMINDERS ~**

<b>March</b>	
<b>7</b>	Disaster Relief Training   Region 3 @ FBC Vicksburg
<b>9-13</b>	Desoto & Tate County Spring Break
<b>16</b>	Senior Adult Rally 10:30 AM @ Wyatte
<b>17</b>	St. Patrick's Day
<b>21</b>	Disaster Relief Training   Region 2 @ FBC Abbeville
<b>22</b>	Association Bible Drill 2:00 PM at Longview Point
<b>24</b>	Administrative Meeting 1:00 PM @ DTBA Office
<b>April</b>	
<b>1</b>	Make-up Bible Drill 3:30 PM @ DTBA office
<b>1</b>	Speaker's Tournament 3:30 PM @ DTBA office
<b>3</b>	Good Friday
<b>5</b>	Easter
<b>11</b>	Disaster Relief Training   Region 1 @ Emmanuel, Greenville
<b>13</b>	State Bible Drill   FBC Tupelo 2:00 PM (registration begins @ 1:30 PM)
<b>14</b>	State Bible Drill   Emmanuel, Grenada 2:00 PM (registration begins @ 1:30 PM)
<b>20</b>	Senior Adult Rally 10:30 AM @ Longview Heights
<b>21</b>	Administrative Meeting 1:00 PM @ DTBA Office
<b>23</b>	Executive Meeting 11:00 AM @ Ebenezer, Senatobia
<b>May</b>	
<b>10</b>	Mother's Day
<b>18</b>	Senior Adult Rally 10:30 AM Fish Fry @ EBTC
<b>19</b>	Administrative Meeting 1:00 PM @ DTBA Office
<b>25</b>	Memorial Day