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Hello Church,

**The Future of Our Churches is Being Decided Today**

The theme for this month's newsletter came to me during a recent revival at Tyro Baptist Church. As I prepared and preached those messages, my heart kept returning to the same question:

**What does faithfulness look like for the church in the days ahead?**

We spent those revival services looking at God's Word and considering what it means to remain faithful—to stir up the gift God has given us, to guard what has been entrusted to us, to refuse to quit, to preach the Word, and ultimately to finish the race faithfully.

But as I thought about those messages after the revival, I began to realize that the application reaches far beyond one individual believer. It reaches our churches. It reaches our pastors and church leaders. It reaches our associations. And it reaches every one of us who has been entrusted with the responsibility of carrying the Gospel to the next generation.

**The future of our churches is being decided today.  
That thought has stayed with me.**

**We Have Inherited Something Worth Protecting**

Every generation of believers inherits something from those who came before them. Here in the DeSoto-Tate Baptist Association, we have a rich Baptist heritage. Generations before us prayed, gave, served, sacrificed, and built churches so that their neighbors and future generations would have a place to hear the Gospel. We are beneficiaries of their faithfulness. But with that inheritance comes a responsibility. We cannot simply enjoy what previous generations built and assume that it will automatically continue.

**We have been entrusted with something, and one day we will be responsible for what we did with it.** The question before us is not simply, "What have our churches been?" The question is, **"What are we preparing our churches to become?"**

**Faithfulness Requires Us to Look Ahead**

One of the lessons that came through so clearly during the Tyro revival was the importance of faithfulness. Paul challenged Timothy to remain faithful to the calling God had given him. Timothy was not responsible for controlling the future. He was responsible for being faithful with what God had placed in his hands. The same is true for us.

We cannot control the culture around us. We cannot predict everything that will happen in our communities. We cannot guarantee what the next generation will do. But we can determine whether we will be faithful today. We can preach the Word.

We can make disciples. We can pray. We can reach our communities. We can invest in young people. We can develop leaders. We can encourage our pastors. We can strengthen struggling churches.

We can plant churches. We can cooperate with one another. And we can make wise decisions about the resources God has entrusted to us. Those decisions may seem small today, but collectively they will help determine what our churches look like tomorrow.

### **We Must Prepare the Next Generation**

One of the greatest responsibilities we have is passing the faith to those who will come after us. Paul told Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:2: “And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.” There is a beautiful picture of multiplication in that verse. Paul invested in Timothy. Timothy was to invest in faithful people. Those people would teach others. And the Gospel would continue from one generation to another. That is the model we need in our churches today. We cannot simply hope that the next generation will somehow find its way into our churches. We must intentionally reach them. We must disciple them. We must teach them the Word of God. We must give them opportunities to serve. And we must prepare them to carry the responsibility when our generation is no longer able to do so. **A church’s greatest legacy may not be the building it leaves behind, but the faith it passes on.**

### **We Must Be Willing to Have Honest Conversations**

If we are serious about the future, we must also be willing to ask difficult questions. Are our churches spiritually healthy? Are we making disciples? Are we reaching our communities? Are we investing in the next generation? Are we developing leaders? Are we using the resources God has given us wisely? Are there ministries that need to be strengthened? Are there ministries that have simply continued because “we have always done it that way.” Are there opportunities God is placing before us that require us to think differently? These are not questions of negativity. They are questions of stewardship. Sometimes faithfulness means continuing something that is working.

Sometimes faithfulness means changing something that is no longer effective. Sometimes faithfulness means starting something new. And sometimes faithfulness means having the courage to acknowledge that something has reached the end of its usefulness. None of those decisions should be made casually. But neither should they be avoided simply because they are difficult.

### **We Need One Another**

This is one of the reasons I believe the DeSoto-Tate Baptist Association continues to have an important role. Our churches are different. Some are large. Some are small. Some are experiencing growth. Others are struggling.

Some have abundant resources. Others are operating with very limited resources. Some are well established. Others are relatively new. But we are not competitors.

### **We are Partners in the Gospel**

One church may have resources another church needs. One pastor may have experience that can help another pastor. One congregation may have a ministry that can become a model for another. A stronger church can encourage a struggling church. An established church can help a newer church. And together, we can accomplish things that individual churches may not be able to accomplish alone. That is one of the great strengths of cooperation.

### **We Cannot Wait Until Tomorrow**

Perhaps the greatest lesson God impressed upon my heart during the Tyro revival is that faithfulness cannot be postponed. We cannot say, “We will address that next year.” We cannot say, “Someone else will take care of it.” We cannot assume that the next generation will solve the problems we are unwilling to address today.

### **The Future is Being Shaped by What We Do Now**

The decisions we make about discipleship today will affect the spiritual maturity of tomorrow’s church. The decisions we make about leadership today will affect who leads our churches tomorrow. The investments we make in young people today will affect the people sitting in our churches tomorrow. The decisions we make about cooperation today will affect the strength of our association tomorrow. And the courage we demonstrate today may determine whether a church merely survives or becomes a vibrant Gospel witness for another generation.

### **We Have Every Reason to Hope**

None of this should cause us to lose heart. Quite the opposite. We should be encouraged. The church belongs to Jesus Christ. The Gospel has not lost its power. The Word of God has not changed. And God has not stopped working. The same God who was faithful to the generations who came before us will be faithful to us. Our responsibility is not to control the future. Our responsibility is to faithfully prepare for it. That was the message I found myself preaching at Tyro. Stir up the gift. Guard what God has entrusted to you.

Don’t quit. Preach the Word. Finish the race. And I believe those same principles apply to our churches.

**We must be faithful today because the church of tomorrow is being shaped by what we do today.**

We cannot change yesterday. We cannot control tomorrow. But by God’s grace, we can be faithful today.

And perhaps years from now, another generation of believers will look back on us and say: "They were faithful with what God entrusted to them." **That is the legacy worth leaving.** That is the future worth preparing for. And that is why the future of our churches is being decided today.

"Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful." — 1 Corinthians 4:2 (ESV)

*In Christ,*  
Bro Dennis Landrum  
Associational Missions Strategist  
John 10:10



## Executive Meeting REMINDER



We would like to invite each of our churches to be a part of the Association business by attending the Executive Meeting.

***Each church is allowed two representatives, the pastor and one elected delegate.***

The meeting includes lunch, so **please RSVP by October 12** if you plan to attend.

To RSVP, call the DTBA office at 662-429-5033 or email [donnafofowler@desototate.org](mailto:donnafofowler@desototate.org).



**Oct 15, 2026**



**11:00 am**



**Trinity  
Baptist Church**  
10700 Bluff Rd  
Hernando

## MAN CHURCH OFF THE GRID

OCTOBER 23-25

Hosted by **Colonial Hills Hernando**, Off the Grid is a camping experience for men 18 and older coming up October 23 (beginning 4-6 p.m.) through October 25 at noon. For a few days, trade the routines of modern life for outdoor adventure with the guys. It won't be cushy, but it'll be a refreshing way to connect with God and other men. We trust that after this experience, you'll be more of the kind of man that rejects passivity, accepts responsibility, leads courageously, and invests eternally. **For more information and to register, visit <https://www.chchernando.church/events/man-church-off-the-grid-2026>.**



**Baptist Children's Village**  
and Family Ministries

## Celebration of Hope Dinner

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION ATTENDEES  
PLEASE JOIN US AND HELP CELEBRATE  
THE GOODNESS OF GOD

TUESDAY **27** OCTOBER

2026

5:00 PM-6:00 PM

BROADMOOR BAPTIST CHURCH GYM  
1531 HIGHLAND COLONY PARKWAY  
MADISON MS 39110



Scan the QR  
Code to RSVP

PROVIDING HOPE AND A STRONG FOUNDATION  
FOR AT-RISK CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

A DAY TO EXPLORE AND DIVE INTO WHAT MISSIONS HAS TO DO WITH YOU

## Fall Missions Conference



**OCTOBER 31, 2026**

Join us for a day to discover how you can interact with the call to Missions. We will worship the Lord through preaching and corporate worship, while also getting to hear from unique breakout speakers and discover different pathways for missions

### Day of Details:

**DATE: OCTOBER 31, 2026**

**TIME: 9AM - 3:00 P.M. (LUNCH INCLUDED)**

**PRICE: \$5 PER PERSON**

**LOCATION: IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
7423 NEW CRAFT RD.  
OLIVE BRANCH, MS 38654

**AGE GROUP: 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE - COLLEGE**

### More Info:

**Jake Simmons**  
615-818-6244  
[jsimmons@discoverjoy.com](mailto:jsimmons@discoverjoy.com)

**Please RSVP by  
October 17**



Position :

## Part-time Youth Leader

### Requirements:

- Called to serve the Lord through leading youth in Bible study on Sundays and Wednesdays
- No experience required

For more information please contact:

Nathan Boyd 662-560-7189

Apply Now : [easttatebaptist@gmail.com](mailto:easttatebaptist@gmail.com)



We are looking forward to seeing our church pastors, members, and messengers

*when*

**October 18, 2026 • 5:30 pm**

*where*

**Hernando Baptist Church**

11 E Center St • Hernando



## All-State Youth Choir & Orchestra Audition

**Longview Point Baptist Church**

1100 McIngvale Rd • Hernando

**October 18 | 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

The Mississippi Baptist All-State Youth Choir and Orchestra is comprised of students who have completed 9th-12th grades and are active participants in the worship ministries of Mississippi Baptist churches and have been recommended by their church leadership.

**Audition/Event questions**, contact Elizabeth Knight, Event Coordinator at [mbasyco@mbcb.org](mailto:mbasyco@mbcb.org)

**Registration questions**, contact Olivia Wilkins at (601) 292-3267 [owilkins@mbcb.org](mailto:owilkins@mbcb.org)

## Uganda Connection Meeting

**DeSoto Hills Baptist Church**

4680 Getwell Rd • Southaven

**October 21 | 10:30 am - 12:30 pm**

Over the last 8 years, IMB Missionaries Tyson and Rebecca have ministered to Sudanese and South Sudanese refugees doing humanitarian aid to bring the gospel to these hurting peoples. Please bring leaders and laymen from your church to hear how your church can partner with the work in Uganda. Lunch is provided to all who register. **To register**, call 601-292-3398 or email [cmunn@mbcb.org](mailto:cmunn@mbcb.org).



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## ~ upcoming events ~

### NOVEMBER

|    |                                              |
|----|----------------------------------------------|
| 11 | Veteran's Day                                |
| 17 | Administrative Meeting 1:00 pm   DTBA Office |
| 26 | Thanksgiving Day                             |

### DECEMBER

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| 24 | Christmas Eve  |
| 25 | Christmas Day  |
| 31 | New Year's Eve |

# 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         | 450.00        |
| Arkabutla Baptist Church      | 0.00          | 1,000.00  | Longview Heights Baptist Church | 2,500.00      | 22,500.00     |
| Bethel Baptist Church         | 97.69         | 669.64    | Longview Point Baptist Church   | 3,307.11      | 28,370.28     |
| Bett Baptist Church           | 0.00          | 0.00      | Looxahoma Baptist Church        | 346.46        | 4,433.89      |
| Boulevard Baptist Church      | 198.00        | 1,188.00  | Macedonia Baptist Church        | 0.00          | 0.00          |
| Broadway Baptist Church       | 250.00        | 2,250.00  | Meadow Brook Baptist Church     | 2,823.33      | 24,422.95     |
| Calvary Baptist Church        | 0.00          | 1,208.34  | Mercy Hill                      | 0.00          | 496.00        |
| Carriage Hills Baptist Church | 0.00          | 0.00      | Mt. Manna Baptist Church        | 601.00        | 9,092.00      |
| Cedar View Baptist Church     | 1,181.17      | 3,016.16  | Mt. Zion - Hernando             | 0.00          | 0.00          |
| Center Hill Baptist Church    | 0.00          | 600.00    | Mt. Zion - Independence         | 225.00        | 2,025.00      |
| Church Road Baptist Church    | 733.58        | 5,861.32  | Nesbit FBC                      | 1,034.46      | 7,778.68      |
| Coldwater FBC                 | 458.00        | 4,122.00  | New Garden Baptist Church       | 0.00          | 0.00          |
| Colonial Hills                | 166.67        | 1,666.66  | New Hope Baptist Church         | 169.76        | 1,426.12      |
| Community Point (Missions)    | 300.00        | 300.00    | New Prospect Baptist Church     | 100.00        | 900.00        |
| Days FBC                      | 611.00        | 4,884.00  | Oak Grove Baptist Church        | 40.00         | 360.00        |
| DeSoto Hills                  | 3,024.07      | 30,857.71 | Olive Branch FBC                | 150.00        | 1,500.00      |
| DeSoto Woods                  | 0.00          | 0.00      | Parkway Baptist Church          | 0.00          | 500.00        |
| East Tate Baptist Church      | 0.00          | 1,443.40  | Pleasant Hill Baptist Church    | 250.00        | 400.00        |
| Eastpoint Baptist Church      | 100.00        | 900.00    | Redeemer Baptist Church         | 330.00        | 2,690.00      |
| Ebenezer Baptist Church       | 245.82        | 1,959.10  | Riverbend                       | 100.00        | 900.00        |
| Eudora                        | 0.00          | 500.00    | Sarah Baptist Church            | 0.00          | 0.00          |
| Evansville Baptist Church     | 164.20        | 1,820.96  | Senatobia Bible (Missions)      | 227.22        | 1,139.38      |
| Flag Lake Baptist Church      | 0.00          | 600.00    | Senatobia FBC                   | 450.00        | 4,050.00      |
| Gracewood Baptist Church      | 632.52        | 5,333.04  | Southaven FBC                   | 530.01        | 5,591.21      |
| Grays Creek Baptist Church    | 310.60        | 2,089.69  | Strayhorn Baptist Church        | 258.00        | 1,996.00      |
| Greenbrook Baptist Church     | 100.00        | 600.00    | The Grove Baptist Church        | 0.00          | 1,000.00      |
| Heartland                     | 207.90        | 1,871.10  | Trinity Baptist Church          | 95.77         | 858.43        |
| Hernando Baptist Church       | 1,250.00      | 11,250.00 | Twin Lakes Baptist Church       | 250.00        | 2,200.00      |
| Highland Baptist Church       | 0.00          | 753.01    | Tyro Baptist Church             | 315.00        | 2,845.00      |
| Horn Lake FBC                 | 277.32        | 2,539.19  | Victory Baptist Church          | 0.00          | 100.00        |
| Immanuel Baptist Church       | 1,000.00      | 9,000.00  | Wyatte Baptist Church           | 1,666.68      | 5,000.04      |
| LaBelle Haven                 | 2,991.69      | 30,102.29 |                                 |               |               |
| TOTALS                        |               |           |                                 | \$ 30,120.03  | \$ 261,410.59 |

Totals include gifts to the Ervin Brown Training Center

SEPTEMBER  
2026

| RECEIPTS        | MTD          | YTD           | CHECKING BALANCE | \$ 69,492.26  |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| GENERAL         | \$ 28,494.09 | \$ 250,248.90 | CONTINGENCY FUND | 54,302.31     |
| EBTC            | 1,625.94     | 12,170.23     | TOTAL ASSETS     | \$ 123,794.57 |
| OTHER           | 491.18       | 20,908.69     |                  |               |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS  | \$ 30,611.21 | \$ 283,327.82 |                  |               |
| BUDGET NEEDS    | \$ 32,092.80 | \$ 288,835.21 |                  |               |
| BUDGET RECEIPTS | \$ 30,120.03 | \$ 261,410.59 |                  |               |