

The Newsletter of Maury Baptist Association, Inc.

# “KEEP THE FAITH”

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## *Special Points of*

### *Interest:*

- Beth Moore Simulcast—Pleasant Heights Baptist Church, September 10th
- Maury Baptist Invitational Golf Scramble—Saturday, October 1st!
- Library Fall Events
- Celebrate Recovery—Friday Nights at FBC Columbia
- MUMs Ministry Prayer Requests and Needs
- Next Executive Board Meeting at Southside Baptist Church on September 12th
- Part-time Youth Pastor Position Available at Friendship Baptist Church
- Part-Time Worship Leader needed at West End Baptist Church
- Church Prayer Calendar

The stock market is down and extreme temperatures are up. Unemployment is up and people’s confidence in our government is down. Debt is through the roof and income is in the cellar. People are hurting and darkness seems to be winning. What to do?

### *Sounds like the perfect opportunity for the Gospel to flourish!*

Yes, we have a choice. We can **REFLECT** the same gloom and doom attitudes of society or we can **RESPOND** with the salt and light of God’s amazing grace. We can **RAMBLE** around and sing “Oh woe is me!” or we can **REMEMBER** all that our Lord has done for us and continues to do today.

I don’t pretend to be an expert on end-time prophecy but all anyone has to do is look around and see that the signs of the time are all around us (Matthew 24). Is this the beginning of the great falling away? If not, whatever it is cannot stand. I’ve read the end of the Book and God wins!

Let’s remember: God wins! He saved us! He lives within us! He is working all around us! He is still on the throne! He is large and in charge! ***Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world!***

God has called each of us to a specific task. He has called all us to work together as His people through the local church, the Maury Association, Tennessee Baptist Convention, and Southern Baptist Convention and ultimately, His Kingdom here on earth. Nothing has happened that has caught Him by surprise. He has placed each of us in our specific place at this specific time to do a specific task. Let’s make it a point to not let the circumstances around us steal our joy.

***A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken. The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouth of fools feed on foolishness. All the days of the afflicted are evil, but he who has a merry heart has a continual feast. Proverbs 15:13-14***

Amen!

Privileged to serve alongside you,

***Blessings, Dale***



**August 12th**  
**Richard and Rhonda Vanleave**

**WEST END BAPTIST**  
**PART-TIME WORSHIP LEADER**  
**NEEDED**

To apply please send resume to:

**Rev. Rick Elsey**

**West End Baptist Church**

**900 W. 7th**

**Columbia, TN 38401 or email**

**Resume to: rickelsey@bellsouth.net**

**2011 FALL LIBRARY TRAINING**

October 15, 2011 - **Middle Tennessee:** Tulip Grove Baptist Church in Old Hickory—8am—4-pm.

Cost \$25 (includes breakfast, snacks and lunch).

5 hrs. of focused quality training with 3 LifeWay Trainers who will present at each event. Training is open to church, school and public librarians.

A brochure along with information on this event can be found online at <http://www.tnbaptist.org/page.asp?cat=admin&subcat=churchlib> for a list of classes with descriptions and registration details. Just search for library.

Please contact Bev League with any questions at 615-289-8344 or [bleague@tnbaptist.org](mailto:bleague@tnbaptist.org)



**Announcing Fall Semester of RG Lee School –**  
**Class Homiletics**

The next class will be Homiletics which will teach on sermon building and preparation. This class would apply to pastors, preachers, Sunday School teachers or public speakers and is open to anyone who wants to study this subject.

Bob Hammer is our professor and the cost will be \$75 plus the book. If you would like to audit this class the cost is \$25 plus the book. The class begins on Tuesday night on August 23 at Riverview Baptist Church at 6:30 pm .

If you are interested please contact Dale Ledbetter at 931-381-0130 or by email at [dale@maurybaptist.org](mailto:dale@maurybaptist.org)

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**2011 Church Prayer Calendar**



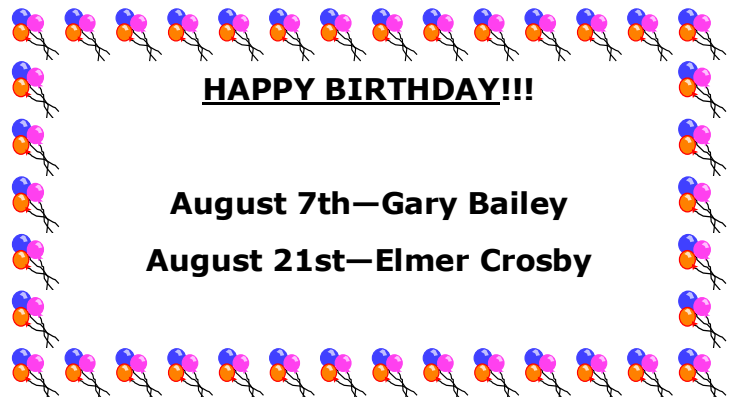
- August 7th—Mission Chapel Baptist Church**
- August 14th—Mooresville Baptist**
- August 21st—Mooresville Pike Baptist**
- August 28th—Mt. Pleasant Baptist church**
- September 4th—New Life Baptist Church**
- September 11th—New Song Baptist Church**
- September 18th—Northside Baptist Church**
- September 25th—Pleasant Heights Baptist**
- October 2nd—Primera Iglesia Hispana**

**Special Thank You!!!!**

**Thank you Hampshire Baptist Church for hosting our Executive Board Meeting! The night of fellowship was incredible and a special thank you to all the volunteers who served with us with gracious hearts**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**

- August 7th—Gary Bailey**
- August 21st—Elmer Crosby**





## Maury Baptist Invitational Golf Scramble

Saturday, October 1, 2011

**Dixie Oaks in Summertown—\$40 per person**

Shotgun Start at 8am

The purpose of this golf scramble is for fellowship and outreach. Churches are encouraged to enter as many teams as possible! Please take this opportunity to invite prospects and non-members to join your team!

Prizes will be awarded in all different categories as well as 1st, 2nd and 3rd. **PLUS a \$10,000 Hole-In-One Prize.** For more information or for a registration form, contact:

Dale Ledbetter at 931-381-0130 or

**dale@maurybaptist.org**

### CHRIST FELLOWSHIP

**YOUTH MINISTER AND MUSIC MINISTER NEEDED....**

**ALSO looking for Part-Time Associate Pastor**

**All Interested Contact:**

**Rev. Brian Talley**

**931-384-0973**

### MBA Executive Board Calendar for 2011

Monday, September 12th	Southside	6pm
Tuesday, October 18th	Southside Baptist Church—MBA 88th Annual Meeting	Meeting will begin promptly at 10am
November	No meeting	
December 2nd	Christmas Fellowship Banquet	Knob Creek

## **CELEBRATE Recovery**

First Family Baptist Church—FAITH HALL

### **Friday Evening Schedule**

**6pm—Light Supper**

**7pm— Group Worship/Teaching/Testimony**

**8pm—Small Group Share Time**

**9pm—10pm—Cross Talk Café (Coffee and Dessert)**

The First Family is committed to helping people recover from a variety of painful experiences. None of us are perfect—we all have issues and struggles. The Celebrate Recovery ministry is based on the Beatitudes. The purpose of Celebrate Recovery® is to fellowship and celebrate God's healing power.

Celebrate Recovery is held each Friday evening in Faith Hall at the First Family. Child-care is available for birth through fifth grade, but reservations are requested. Individuals can register for childcare or get more information by contacting the following individuals:

Joe Bommarito	<a href="mailto:joe@thefirstfamily.org">joe@thefirstfamily.org</a>	949-295-5269
D. Bommarito	<a href="mailto:d@thefirstfamily.org">d@thefirstfamily.org</a>	949-295-2921
Mike Bayne	<a href="mailto:mike@thefirstfamily.org">mike@thefirstfamily.org</a>	931-703-5330

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Gary Townsend, Pastor of Community Outreach from First Family is the committee chair of the Maury County Long Term Recovery Committee (MCLTRC). The MCLTRC is a non profit organization that assists people in our county with home repairs that were not covered by disaster relief efforts previously or by FEMA. MCLTRC are in need of some volunteers to do case management and to also work. Training is provided and they meet monthly.

If you need any further information, please contact Gary at the number below:

Gary Townsend  
Pastor, Community Outreach

**931-388-2655**

[gary@thefirstfamily.org](mailto:gary@thefirstfamily.org)



***SUPPORT OUR LOCAL MINISTRIES....***

**Discipleship House**—Contact Walter & Betty Clot— 931-379-9609— Shepherds are needed—training available

**Maury Chaplain Ministries**—Contact Jeff Boggs—931-380-5733 x 284—Need women and men to minister to inmates.

**MUMS**—Contact Randy Nichols—931-626-6867—MUMS needs people who will drive those who do not have transportation to work and other important errands. Visit [www.mauryunited.org](http://www.mauryunited.org) for more information.

**TDAC**—Contact Rick Fisher—931-388-3435—Need Christians to mentor teenagers inside and outside the public schools. [www.tdac.org](http://www.tdac.org)

**Pregnancy Center of Columbia**—Contact Victoria Laktash —931-381-4024. We are in need of Abstinence Presenters, baby toiletries, diapers (size 4, 5, & 6) and gently used baby

**MUMS—SPECIAL PRAYER NEEDS!**

**As we continue to pray for MauryUNITED Ministries (MUMS) over the month of August, here is one of our most pressing needs:**

Over the last two years, we have experienced a decline in volunteer drivers. Each of our volunteer drivers gives us more than their time, they also make a financial contribution to the ministry every time they drive by driving their own vehicles. Back when gas was around \$2.00 a gallon our volunteer base was almost 60 volunteers. Today we are around the 35 mark.

Though the economy has strongly affected all of us, we believe that there are still enough volunteers out there to be found. We believe that there are those who would want to, and who are able to support what this ministry is trying to do. But, we must find them!!!

We are asking for your prayers for some **DIVINE APPOINTMENTS** for volunteers and for speaking opportunities to share the vision of MUMs!

We are currently scheduling appointments with churches and civic groups. All through Sept and Oct we will be going out. All through August (this month) we are prayerfully seeking the Lord to lead us to the right groups and the right individuals.

Just yesterday, one of our passengers reminded me that she would not be able to work without our assistance. **I am so proud of all our faithful volunteers!** They have seen the need and they have responded. Some have even "doubled up" on their driving!

**If you are being called to volunteer or would have us speak at your church or organization, please contact Randy at 931-626-6867**



WITH WORSHIP BY TRAVIS COTTRELL

# BETH MOORE

September 10, 2011  
Pleasant Heights Baptist Church Gymnasium  
2712 Trotwood Avenue, Columbia, Tennessee, 931-388-6453  
Adult Tickets \$12 (Men & Women)  
Youth Tickets \$10 (5th - 12th Grade)

Doors Open at 8:30 a.m. - Event Concludes at 4:15 p.m.

### **FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH**

PART-TIME YOUTH DIRECTOR POSITION AVAILABLE

To apply please send resume to:

Emily Seley

P.O. Box 127

Culleoka, TN 38451

or email resume to: [emily@fbcculleoka.com](mailto:emily@fbcculleoka.com)

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**Return service requested****DONATIONS NEEDED**

For the Tuscaloosa Tornado Victims

**DEADLINE—August 31, 2011**

The following list are items that are needed for the Salvation Army Distribution Center for the people of Tuscaloosa. Please help get the word out to all your church members. Members from Spring Hill Baptist Church just came back from this area and reported that it was eye opening to see what these people are dealing with and just what basic needs there are.

The following list is for items the distribution center had very little or none of..

**Men's Personal Hygiene:**

Deodorant and Shaving Cream

**Cleaning Supplies:**

Dish Detergent, Laundry Detergent (powder or liquid), General all purpose spray cleaners, Bleach, Wash Cloths, Hand Towels and Sponges.

All donations can be dropped off at the MBA office. If you have any questions, call Rosemary at 931-381-0130 or rosemary@maurybaptist.org