

Greater Things Are Yet To Be Done

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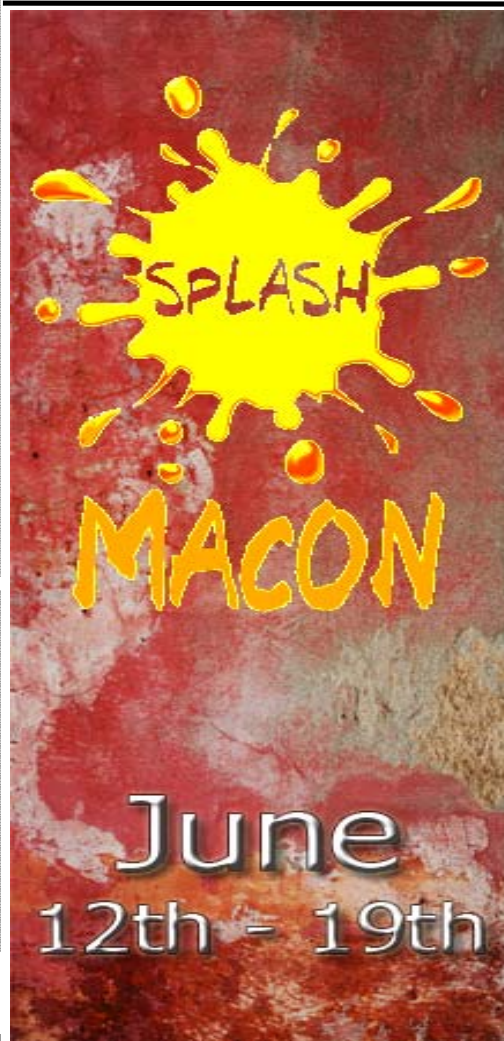
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Special points of interest:

- Builders For Christ
- Leadership Team Mtg
- SPLASH
- Volunteers Needed!
- www.mid-statebaptist.org
- M.U.N.C.H.
- Storehouse Ministry Needs



Builders for Christ

McMinnville Mission Trip
June 11th—19th

Team Meeting
at the MBA on Sunday,
June 6th at 2pm.

For more info, please call
the MBA office
750-9114

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A Few Major Upcoming Calendar notes...

- June 3 Missional Strategic Planning Community Meeting
- June 11-18 Builders For Christ to McMinnville, TN
- June 12-19 SPLASH—Youth Missions
- July Strategic Planning team meetings... date to come
- July Storehouse ministries volunteer training...date to come
- August 3 Back to school
- September 18 Sunday School Training Workshop 8:30 to noon

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The MBA is doing missions!!

You are reading about these Biblical activities in this newsletter - all a part of the MBA churches being Acts 1:8.

Guest House Update: Our WMU, lead by Dianne Taylor and Carlene Hursey, have done an outstanding job on making the guest house beautiful! It has 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a large living area. NOW it is furnished!. The first night it was complete, 13 family members spent the night there. It was the first time in SEVEN years that the family had been together!

Builders for Christ is preparing to go to McMinnville Tennessee to build 2 churches for 3 congregations in 7 days!! We still need you to come and go with us!! There will be a meeting on Sunday, June 6th at 2pm in the MBA office. You can bring your application then or fill one out when you get there!!

SPLASH is coming up in just a few weeks! We have over 200 youth and adults done missions here in Macon. If you can't go to McMinnville, please consider helping here in Macon! Call Troy Dykes at Wesleyan Drive or Renee Grant in the MBA office for information on how you can help.

If you are interested in going to **BRASIL**, please join us on Sunday, June 6th at 3pm. We will be meeting at the MBA office and will have all the necessary details!

We, the churches of the Mid-State Baptist Association, are working to be doing missions at home and around the world. Please join us and know the fulfillment that comes from serving the Lord through missions!

Bob Franklin

Church Staff Openings and Church Needs

The MBA needs **Bibles** to give out to people at the Storehouse Ministry!

Portable Baptistery -Lakeview Baptist Church has donated to the MBA a portable baptistry. The baptistry is available for use. Please call the MBA office-750.9114.

Conference

“What the Bible says about Healing”

June 14th & 15th @7pm

High Point Baptist Church

Mike & Cherrie Taylor—Teacher

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Storehouse Ministry Schedule for June 2010

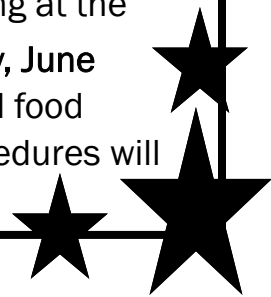
Please call Gail Hamrick if you have any questions 750-9114 or email office@mid- statebaptist.org	1st Tuesday	June 1st	Highland Hills BC
	2nd Tuesday	June 8th	The Link
	3rd Tuesday	June 15th	Ingleside BC
	4th Tuesday	June 22nd	OPEN
	5th Tuesday	June 29th	OPEN

***We NEED a group
for the 4th Tuesday
of each month!***

Storehouse Ministry Schedule for July 2010

If your church is not listed and you want to volun- teer, just call...we would LOVE to have you!!	1st Tuesday	July 6th	Highland Hills BC
	2nd Tuesday	July 13th	The Link
	3rd Tuesday	July 20th	Ingleside BC
	4th Tuesday	July 27th	OPEN

Volunteer Training! If you have ever considered volunteering at the Food Ministry but had question or concerns...Please join us on **Tuesday, June 22nd from 9am to Noon**. We will discuss guest intake, counseling, and food sources. Current volunteers need to come and hear how the new procedures will make your service easier!



Items we are always in need of:

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| 15 oz. Canned Meat | Canned Corn |
| Cereal, Pop-Tarts, or Oatmeal | Canned or Dried Beans |
| Small Box Macaroni & Cheese | Small Bag Rice |
| Spaghetti | Jell-O |
| Canned Soup | Peanut Butter |
| Canned Peas | Canned Fruit |
| Tomato Paste or Tomato Sauce | Canned Tomatoes |
| Saltine Crackers | Cookies |
| 2, 4, 5 lb Cornmeal | 2, 4, 5 lb Flour |
| 2, 4, 5 lb Sugar | Toilet Paper |
| Canned Spaghetti, Lasagna | Small Pkg Powdered Milk |
| 6 oz. Canned Tuna | Small Canned Vienna Sausage |
| Small Container Fruit | Small Boxed Juices |
| Small Individual Chips | New Testament or Bible |

Volunteer Training June 22nd 9am - Noon! ...*In this City*

Church Development—Renee Grant

An interesting email I received the other day...made me do a little thinking...

At a fundraising dinner for a school that serves children with learning disabilities, the father of one of the students delivered a speech that would never be forgotten by all who attended. After extolling the school and its Dedicated staff, he offered a question:

'When not interfered with by outside influences, everything nature does, is done with perfection. Yet my son, Shay, cannot learn things as other children do. He cannot understand things as other children do. Where is the natural order of things in my son?'

The audience was stilled by the query. The father continued. 'I believe that when a child like Shay, who was mentally and physically disabled comes into the world, an opportunity to realize true human nature presents itself, and it comes in the way other people treat that child.'

Then he told the following story:..."Shay and I had walked past a park where some boys Shay knew were playing baseball. Shay asked, 'Do you think they'll let me play?' I knew that most of the boys would not want someone like Shay on their team, but as a father I also understood that if my son were allowed to play, it would give him a much-needed sense of belonging and some confidence to be accepted by others in spite of his handicaps.

I approached one of the boys on the field and asked (not expecting much) if Shay could play. The boy looked around for guidance and said, 'We're losing by six runs and the game is in the eighth inning. I guess he can be on our team and we'll try to put him in to bat in the ninth inning.'

Shay struggled over to the team's bench and, with a broad smile, put on a team shirt.. I watched with a small tear in my eye and warmth in my heart. The boys saw my joy at my son being accepted.

In the bottom of the eighth inning, Shay's team scored a few runs but was still behind by three. In the top of the ninth inning, Shay put on a glove and played in the right field. Even though no hits came his way, he was obviously ecstatic just to be in the game and on the field, grinning from ear to ear as I waved to him from the stands. In the bottom of the ninth inning, Shay's team scored again. Now, with two outs and the bases loaded, the potential winning run was on base and Shay was scheduled to be next at bat.

At this juncture, do they let Shay bat and give away their chance to win the game? Surprisingly, Shay was given the bat. Everyone knew that a hit was all but impossible because Shay didn't even know how to hold the bat properly, much less connect with the ball. However, as Shay stepped up to the Plate, the pitcher, recognizing that the other team was putting winning aside for this moment in Shay's life, moved in a few steps to lob the ball in softly so Shay could at least make contact.

The first pitch came and Shay swung clumsily and missed. The pitcher again took a few steps forward to toss the ball softly towards Shay.

As the pitch came in, Shay swung at the ball and hit a slow ground ball right back to the pitcher. The game would now be over.

The pitcher picked up the soft grounder and could have easily thrown the ball to the first baseman. Shay would have been out and that would have been the end of the game. Instead, the pitcher threw the ball right over the first baseman's head, out of reach of all team mates.

Everyone from the stands and both teams started yelling, 'Shay, run to first! Run to first!' Never in his life had Shay ever run that far, but he made it to first base. He scampered down the baseline, wide-eyed and startled. Everyone yelled, 'Run to second, run to second!'

Catching his breath, Shay awkwardly ran towards second, gleaming and struggling to make it to the base. By the time Shay rounded towards second base, the right fielder had the ball. The smallest guy on their team who now had his first chance to be the hero for his team. He could have thrown the ball to the second-baseman for the tag, but he understood the pitcher's intentions so he, too, intentionally threw the ball high and far over the third-baseman's head.

Shay ran toward third base deliriously as the runners ahead of him circled the bases toward home. All were screaming, 'Shay, Shay, Shay, all the Way Shay'. Shay reached third base because the opposing shortstop ran to help him by turning him in the direction of third base, and shouted, 'Run to third!'

Shay, run to third!' As Shay rounded third, the boys from both teams, and the spectators, were on their feet screaming, 'Shay, run home! Run home!' Shay ran to home, stepped on the plate, and was cheered as the hero who hit the grand slam and won the game for his team

'That day', said the father softly with tears now rolling down his face, 'the boys from both teams helped bring a piece of true love and humanity into this world'.

Shay didn't make it to another summer. He died that winter, having never forgotten being the hero and making me so happy, and coming home and seeing his Mother tearfully embrace her little hero of the day!"

A wise man once said every society is judged by how it treats it's least fortunate amongst them.

"Father, help me to see others as you see them. Give me Your eyes and Your heart."

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HELP NEEDED!!!!

Can you but meat on 2 slices of bread?

Can you put chips in a bag?

SPLASH needs YOU!!!

Please call the MBA if you can help.

If you can't help make sandwiches, can you bring supplies? We have to feed 200 youth at lunch for a week!!!

We need lots of groceries!!! Please call the MBA!!

We need LOTS of bread, sandwich meats, Mayo, cookies and chips!

Also needing lots of bottled water and juice boxes!!

Can your Sunday School class help??

Supplies are needed by Friday, June 11th!

Mission House Update

Thanks to:

White and Lavender Pest Control

Johnson Landscaping

Loosier Furniture

Dianne Taylor

Carlene Hursey

The wonderful Ladies of WMU

Numerous amazing *Sunday School* classes from many different churches.

The exciting *youth group from Northridge* that came and painted the garage.

Paul Clark

And many, many more brothers and sisters in Christ that donated furniture, linens, glass and silverware.

The churches of the Mid-State Baptist Association have come together and furnished the mission house, better that we could have imagined!

The family is now in the house and are willing to come to your church to talk about missions and the life of a missionary.

Please the MBA office and we will be glad to facilitate a date for your church.

MBA Administrative Leadership

Team Meeting

Tuesday, June 8th

10:00am @ MBA Office

Volunteer Training

Tuesday, June 22nd

9am - Noon!

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“The Practice of Medicine” by Otis L. Andrews

I have a great deal of respect for the men and women who have committed themselves to the task of becoming medical doctors. Their educational journey is one of the most demanding of all those in the professional world. I also believe they, more often than not, are correct in their evaluations, diagnoses, and proposed treatments. However, they are sometimes wrong; as is illustrated in the following chapter in my personal book of family history.

This particular chapter begins in 1921, in Fayette County, Georgia. The McEachern family was having another baby. Having babies was not a new experience for them. Walter and Annie McEachern already had seven children. It was in the

evening hours of March 5, 1921 that the newest McEachern arrived. She was a tiny and sickly looking baby girl. According to the family legend the doctor took one look at the newborn and threw her on a pillow on the bed in grandma and grandpaw's room. He then looked at grandma and said, “If she is still alive in the morning I'll come back and check on her.” As the story goes his words and actions made it clear he did not think the child would make it through the night.

On April 1, 2010, I had the honor of being one of the preachers who spoke at that tiny little baby girl's funeral. She went home to be with Jesus on the night of March 30, 2010. The good doctor missed by 89 years and 25

days. I suppose that's why they still call it “the practice of medicine”.

Aunt Viva not only lived a long time past her predicted departure date, she lived the life of a committed Christian wife, mother, and grandmother. She was also an aunt any nephew would be proud to have in his family history book and his life. She out lived all her other brothers and sisters except one, my mother, who is 96 and still going strong.

I have no hard feelings toward that doctor. However, I do think he failed to take into account two very important factors. One, those McEachern folks are made of pretty tough stuff. Two, there was another Doctor – The Great Physician – in the room that long ago night in 1921.

MBA Counseling Schedule

To make an appointment or to talk with Dr. Otis Andrews, please call 750.9114 ext. 107 on Tuesday or Thursday.

The Estes Training Room is ready to be used! If you have a class or event, please give us a call and reserve the room.

There is a screen and projector for PowerPoints, tables (round and rectangle) and a buffet area.

Reservations will be needed for the room due to our Life Training classes beginning in the fall!!!

Storehouse Ministry / Life Training Center

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU...

To all of the churches that have come by to pick up food boxes to have at their own churches to give out as needed. But the word is not out to all our churches yet!!!

Just last week I had a church staff member call and ask for an emergency food box for a family that they were wanting to help. I told them to come and get a box and take a few extra to have for the next time. The staff member was shocked and responded, *"You mean we can have some of these at our church so we don't have to call every time?"*

YES... You can (and should) keep a few boxes on hand at your church to help those in need.

PLEASE HELP me get the word out to ALL our church staff members and ALL members of your church benevolence committee!!

If you are interested in starting a food ministry in you church but need to know more details, please call the MBA office!

Is your church reaching into the community by hosting classes? Some of our churches have already started ESL classes and CRCT tutoring classes. **What is your church doing?**

We are looking for 5 churches to host tutoring classes. We have the tutors and the snacks...your church provides the space and the kids (and a few adults for crowd control!) Please call Gail at the MBA for info!!

We need more churches to host:

⇒ESL classes, family finance classes, GED classes, literacy classes, parenting classes, CRCT tutoring classes, and other classes

If you are interested in finding out more information, please contact Gail or Renee at the MBA.

Does your church have a clothing ministry? Please let us know and we can pass your name to the many people that call us every week to donate clothing!!

Let us know what ministries your church is doing to reach the lost in Middle Georgia.

If we network together we can do more than if we do it alone!

*A special **THANK YOU** goes out to our wonderful **youth groups** that have been coming down on Wednesday evening and Saturdays! I don't know what I would do without you!!!!*

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Bellevue	875.30
Bethel	583.09
Bloomfield Gardens	0.00
Calvary	200.00
Cornerstone	0.00
Countryside	250.00
East Boulevard	536.00
Faith	423.12
First	1,310.56
Glenwood Hills	1,100.00
Greenwood	998.51
High Point	166.00
Highland Hills	2,077.64
Hilltop	497.00
Houston Heights	1,002.78
Immanuel	1,132.00
Ingleside	14,363.80
Lakeview	2,149.85
Lawrence Drive	6,575.82
Mabel White	5,000.00
Macedonia	875.00
Macon Korean	2,322.24

Morningside	847.96
Mount Pleasant	200.00
Mt. Zion	4,256.00
New City	0.00
New Elim	0.00
New Heights	112.62
New Hope Baptist	\$0.00
New Hope Christian Fellowship	955.45
New Life Bible Fellowship	198.00
The New Piney Grove	\$0.00
New Providence	1,282.50
Northridge	4,044.08
Northway Church	\$500.00
Parkway	225.00
Pine Forest	3,287.71
Plentitude	3,550.00
Porterfield	1,075.65
Roundway	\$0.00
Tabernacle	1,166.69
Tattnall Square	732.33
The Link	\$150.00
Unity Baptist Church	2,786.17
Vineville	15,089.54
Wesleyan Drive	2,200.00
West Highland	337.50

Wheeler Heights	939.00
Individuals	3,086.50
Executive Comm-GBC	150.00
Cross Keys Legacy Fund	0.00
Total	\$91,291.41
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