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Greater Things Are Yet To Be Done

Mid-State Baptist Association

Volunteers Needed for our (New)Storehouse Ministry!

Special points of interest:

- Leadership Team Mtg
- Volunteers Needed!
- www.mid-statebaptist.org

Contact Sydney for more information...750-9114

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A Few Major Upcoming Calendar notes...

- Feb 9 Leadership Team mtg. MBA office 10am
- Feb 9 Storehouse Ministry Opens at MBA office...volunteers needed
- Feb 18 MBA Strategic Planning Vision Team meeting 9am... info coming.
- Feb 20 M.U.N.C.H. Men's ministry meeting 6-10pm at Lawrence Drive BC
- Feb 26-27 BFC working on a house in town call Joey for more info 714-9575
- Mar 15 Covenant Academy Service project work day.
- March 27 VBS Regional Clinic—Hosted by Mabel White Call GBC for more info 800-ring-gbc
- April 10 Phase 1 Disaster Relief Training see pg 6

We are Moved!

The Log Cabin Baptist church is now the **Mid-State Baptist Association**. Remodeling in the office area, behind the auditorium, is complete. Three big offices, a reception area, great conference room that seats 16 easily and a greatly expanded resource room are now in use.

The New Life Bible Fellowship church, Victor Grubbs – pastor, is meeting in the auditorium on Sundays and Wednesdays. They had 96 people on their 1st Sunday in the facility. There are now in the process of starting Sunday school classes and care groups.

The fellowship hall and kitchen have had some minor renovations and has already been used by several groups for meetings.

The basement below the fellowship hall is being prepared to handle our Storehouse Ministry food and boxes and provide a place to pack the boxes. The new loading dock area should be completed within the month.

We will be using the middle building temporarily to distribute food from our Storehouse Ministry on Tuesdays. Our 1st Tuesday will be Feb 9th. We **need our volunteers** to plan to help get this ministry back up and going. We will only be giving out food and counseling on Tuesdays!! We will need volunteers to help unload the pallets on Wednesdays and stock the shelves.

We are also looking for volunteers to teach several different classes. If you are interest in teaching a GED, ESL, parenting, personal finance, or any other class, please call Sydney at the office.

2010 is starting out full of excitement, we are looking forward to a great year!



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Church Staff Openings and Church Needs

Communion Table— Small church needs a communion Table. If you have one to give-contact Randall Mimbs-737-2332.

Christian Songwriters are forming a fellowship group in Macon. If you would like more information-please e-mail Rev. Fred Billy at fredngayle42@bellsouth.net

Mid-State Baptist Association is looking for a few volunteers to help in the office a few hours a week. Must like to smile and enjoy people and answer the phone! If interested please call Sydney in the MBA office 750-9114.

Mid-State Baptist Association needs some furniture for our Storehouse Ministry counseling rooms. Please call Sydney if you have something that you might donate 750-9114.

High Point Church—For sale—Riso-Graph only four years old. In great working condition. Call Dianne Karpinecz at the church—788-0383

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

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February 2010

February 2010							March 2010						
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
February 1 Greenwood	2 Groundhog Day (United States)	3 Porterfield Men	4 Lakeview	5	6
Mabel White Men Mt.Pleasant	Ingleside	Vineville	Northway		
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8	9	10	11	12	13
Mabel White Men Northridge	Second The Link 11:30am BYOL Training	Log Cabin Porterfield Men	New Heights	Lincoln's Birthday (United States)	
					14 Valentine's Day (United States)
15	16	17	18	19	20
Lawrence Drive Mabel White Men New Piney Grove President's Day (United States)	Highland Hills 11:30am BYOL Training	Mt. Zion Porterfield Men	Pine Forest		
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22	23	24	25	26	27
Glenwood Hills Mabel White Men	Vineville 11:30am BYOL Training	Porterfield Men West Highland	Countryside Wesleyan Drive		
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Church Development—Renee Grant

My Dad sent me this email that he had received from a friend...made me think!

Several years ago, a friend of mine and her husband were invited to spend the weekend at the home of her husband's employer. My friend, Arlene, was nervous about the weekend. The boss was very wealthy, with a fine home on the waterway, and cars costing more than her house.

The first day and evening went well, and Arlene was delighted to have this rare glimpse into how the very wealthy live. Her husband's employer was quite generous as a host, and took them to the finest restaurants. Arlene knew she would never have the opportunity to indulge in this kind of extravagance again, so was enjoying herself immensely. As the three of them were about to enter an exclusive restaurant one evening, the boss was walking slightly ahead of Arlene and her husband.

He stopped suddenly, looking down on the pavement for a long, silent moment. Arlene wondered if she was supposed to pass him. There was nothing on the ground except a single darkened penny that someone had dropped, and a few cigarette

butts. Still silent, the man reached down and picked up the penny. He held it up and smiled, then put it in his pocket as if he had found a great treasure.

How absurd! What need did this man have for a single penny? Why would he even take the time to stop and pick it up?

Throughout dinner, the entire scene nagged at her. Finally, she could stand it no longer. She casually mentioned that her daughter once had a coin collection, and asked if the penny he had found had been of some value.

A smile crept across the man's face as he reached into his pocket for the penny and held it out for her to see. She had seen many pennies before! What was the point of this? "Look at it," he said. "Read what it says."

She read the words, "*United States of America.*"

"No, not that. Read further."

"*One cent?*"

"No, keep reading."

"*In God we Trust?*"

"Yes!"

"And?... ."

"And if I trust in God, the name of God is holy, *even on a coin.*"

Whenever I find a coin, I see that inscription. It is written on every single United States coin, but we never seem to notice it! God drops a message right in front of me telling me to trust Him. Who am I to pass it by? When I see a coin, I pray. I stop to see if my trust IS in God at that moment. I pick the coin up as a response to God; that I do trust in Him. For a short time, at least, I cherish it as if it were gold. I think it is God's way of starting a conversation with me. Lucky for me, God is patient and pennies are plentiful!"

When I was out shopping today, I found a penny on the sidewalk. I stopped and picked it up, and realized that I had been worrying and fretting in my mind about things I cannot change. I read the words, "In God We Trust," and had to laugh. "Yes, God, I get the message!"

It seems that I have been finding an inordinate number of pennies in the last few months, but then, pennies are plentiful! And, God is patient.

MBA Administrative Leadership

Team Meeting

Tuesday, February 9th

10:00am @ MBA Office

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The MBA needs **YOU!**

We need **TEACHERS,** 

FACILITATORS, MENTORS,

TUTORS and *LIFE COACHES!* 

Contact Renee Grant or Sydney Colvin at the MBA office
for more info! 478-750-9114 rgrant@mid-statebaptist.org

We are so excited about the opportunities that God has given us! As the word has spread, people have been calling and coming by the MBA office to find out how to sign up for the Life Training classes. We have had whole families ask about the English Second Language (ESL) classes, single moms and military wives asking about finance classes and parenting classes. Even 2 youths asking about GED classes.

Now, we need you! We need missionaries right here in Macon! People are asking for someone to help them make a better life for themselves and their families. People that are not asking for a "handout" but are asking for a "hand-up".

Have you thought about going on a mission trip but something kept you from making the trip? Maybe you are called to do missions right here, in our Jerusalem.

I heard Dr. Henry Blackaby say, "*Find what God is doing and join Him*". God is moving all around Macon. He is stirring hearts and giving us a vision.

Do you want to be in the will of God? Then look around, see where God is moving and join Him. Maybe he is leading you to serve right here.



“Walking with a Friend” by Otis L. Andrews

For the past seventeen years I have started my day by walking three miles. (Actually, I walk by the clock and count every twenty minutes as a mile. It is much easier than walking a particular route.) Since 2000 I have spent my early morning hours walking in the parking lot and often inside the Kroger and K-Mart on Tom Hill Sr. Blvd. I usually round up a few stray shopping carts in the parking lot to “pay my users fee” for walking inside the store.

Recently I was coming out of the front door of Kroger to round up another shopping cart when I met a fellow wearing a heavy coat and one of those Russian looking fur

hats with the ear flaps. He asked me if I was finishing my walk. When I told him no, he said he wanted to walk with me. After he parked his car, he met me inside Kroger.

We shook hands and began to walk up and down the aisles of the grocery store as we talked with one another. It had been a long time since we had spent any time with each other although our friendship began over thirty years ago. We talked about old times, hard times, good times and now times. We caught each other up on our wives, our children, and our grandchildren. We even talked about what it was like

to be getting old. (He is like me. He’s got some parts that are doing great and some that he is keeping with the hope they will start working again.) Eventually he had to go get the items his wife sent him to the grocery store to get in the first place. I “had to go”, too, and since we were near the Men’s Room we parted company.

It was one of the most enjoyable miles I’ve walked in a very long time. Thank you, Lee, for walking and talking with me. We were in a grocery store but there were moments when I felt we were “in the garden” and He was there too.

Disaster Relief Training

Phase 1 Training

April 10, 2010

Hosted by Ingleside Baptist

Registration Deadline—April 2nd

800-746-4422 for more info

MBA Counseling Schedule

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

Storehouse Ministry / Life Training Center

We are ready for **volunteers** to come and put together boxes of food for our food ministry. These boxes are similar to the boxes we did in November for Thanksgiving.

Our food storehouse will be open for volunteers Monday thru Wednesday from 9am to noon. Tuesday will be the only day that we will give out boxes to individuals from this location. Churches can pick up boxes at any normal office time for distribution to needy families.

Consider: Becoming a church that regularly contributes to Storehouse Ministries. Some churches keep boxes in strategic areas of their facility and have regular collection and delivery dates. Others sponsor competitions between Sunday School Classes to encourage all ages to give to the needy through our association. Many post the General Storehouse Food List in their churches. However you choose to do it, your steady ministry will be put to good use in drawing the world to God's Kingdom.

Storehouse presently has 3 pantry churches with food boxes on hand at their church to be distributed to those who contact Storehouse Ministries. Each box is packed with a Bible and tract and food for 4 days. Members of Pantry Churches make personal contacts and develop relationships with persons who contact Storehouse for assistance. That way, the practical needs are met by a church in the neighborhood of the persons in need, with love, compassion, witnessing and spiritual hope. We look forward to a wonderful year serving the Lord with these churches through Storehouse Ministries.

NEEDED: More pantry churches. Please prayerfully consider whether your church could fill this need. Call Sydney Colvin at Mid-State Baptist office for a full explanation of this important ministry role.

Items we are always in need of:

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

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Alethia	\$0.00
Avondale	\$328.00
Bellevue	\$0.00
Bethel	\$134.11
Bloomfield Gardens	\$0.00
Calvary	\$50.00
Cornerstone	\$0.00
Countryside	\$100.00
East Boulevard	\$0.00
Faith	\$53.44
First	\$43.13
Glenwood Hills	\$300.00
Greenwood	\$0.00
High Point	\$0.00
Highland Hills	\$0.00
Hilltop	\$99.00
Houston Heights	\$220.92
Immanuel	\$189.00
Ingleside	\$5,882.58
Lakeview	\$564.25
Lawrence Drive	\$1,536.76
Mabel White	\$1,000.00
Macedonia	\$175.00
Macon Korean	\$394.00

Morningside	\$146.38
Mount Pleasant	\$100.00
Mt. Zion	\$924.00
New City	\$0.00
New Elim	\$0.00
New Heights	\$0.00
New Hope Baptist	\$0.00
New Hope Christian Fellowship	\$445.00
New Life Bible Fellowship	\$0.00
The New Piney Grove	\$0.00
New Providence	\$182.00
Northridge	\$1,357.08
Northway Church	\$0.00
Parkway	\$45.00
Pine Forest	\$707.00
Plentitude	\$650.00
Porterfield	\$251.10
Roundway	\$0.00
Tabernacle	\$233.37
Tattnall Square	\$208.59
The Link	\$0.00
Unity Baptist Church	\$0.00
Vineville	\$8,862.76
Wesleyan Drive	\$0.00
West Highland	\$0.00

Wheeler Heights	\$438.00
Individuals	\$0.00
Executive Comm-GBC	\$0.00
Cross Keys Legacy Fund	\$0.00
Total	\$25,620.97
As of 1/22/2010	
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