

THE MONTGOMERY BAPTIST



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A Personal Word



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The nature of books and materials for the church began to change about fifteen years ago. About that same time we began to see writings focus more on the mission of the church. If you look, you will see the first uses of the word “missional.” Now, that has become a catchword; so much so, that perhaps the word is losing its meaning. How does “missional” relate to “church and Christians?” Simply put, missional is the adjective form of missionary. In a missional church, Christians see themselves as “missionaries” as well as church members.

“Church membership” is about us. “Missionary” is about the world. If we count commitment and service as involvement in church activities, serving on committees, etc., then we are on the church member side of the equation. If we define commitment as community service, outreach, evangelistic activities and ministry to those outside the church, then we tend to be more on the missionary side.

There is a big difference between a “church with missions” and a “missional church.” Most churches have mission programs and engage in mission trips but are not missional; they are not focused on their world. They are more interested in having a good missions program. Being “missional” is more about being missionary in our thoughts and actions.

To reach Montgomery and our world, there is a need for MBA churches to be missional. Having missions programs is not the goal. We should be missionaries to our world. I am striving for that. Are you?

Congratulations to **Pastor Mike Northcutt** at **Eastmont** on the celebration of his 20th anniversary as pastor. Mike, you have done an outstanding job and we wish you and the church many more effective years together. Our best wishes go to **Joanie Delmar** who recently retired from the staff at **Morningview** and who has relocated to Pensacola to be with her aging parents. We will miss you, Joanie!

We extend our sympathy and our prayers to the **Thorington Road Baptist Church** in the death of their pastor, **Gary Aldridge**. Please continue to pray for the church and leadership, and all the family and friends in this great loss.

Ken

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH WORKSHOP

Teacher Training July 25 - 27, 2007

When? July 25 – 5:00-8:00 p.m.
July 26 & 27 – 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Where? Montgomery Baptist Association
20 Interstate Park ~ 271-6227
(Interstate I-85 at Perry Hill Road exit)

Cost? \$25 covers cost of your Manual

Bring? Please bring sack lunch, drinks provided.

Need more information? Call Judy Randall, 271-6794.

MBA News:

McGehee Road is seeking a part-time Minister of Children. Resumes can be mailed to the church as follows: Attn. Personnel Committee, 2877 McGehee Road, Montgomery, AL 36111 or emailed to gmurks@mrbc.org. For more information and a job description contact the church at 262-0689.

Eastern Hills-Congratulations to **Dr. Rick Marshall** on his 13th anniversary on July 3rd.



Samford Extension Courses

August 20 - December 3

Courses are held at the MBA office on Monday nights. Registration is open to everyone. Cost is \$40.00 per course with scholarships available to ministerial students who qualify. Call 273-8779 for more details. Class offerings include:

Hebrew-Greek Word Studies taught by Dr. Noel Walker
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

January Bible Study on Romans taught by Rev. Lenny Bolton
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

CLOVERDALE WELCOMES NEW PASTOR



Danny Crosby

Pastor Danny Crosby is currently Senior Pastor of **Cloverdale Baptist Church**. He most recently served as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Abbeville, AL.

He is married to Jeanna and has three children: Chloe, Jedidiah and Nathanael.

He also serves in the Alabama National Guard as a Chaplain Candidate.

Pastor Danny says, “God is doing great things through the ministry of Cloverdale Baptist Church. We invite people from all generations, races, socio economic status, and lifestyles to explore the claims of Christ and to witness His life-changing power. We are a church full of people whose lives have been changed by God’s grace. I’m excited about the work of God I see happening here at Cloverdale and I invite all to come and share in the joy of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

URGENT NEED

The Conversational English school through Montgomery Baptist Association is in need of a few VAN DRIVERS and a church van for the fall and spring semesters. It is a one day a week volunteer position. Drivers pick up and drop off students for school each Thursday morning. Contact Kathy Kelley at 273-9249 or Lisa Rose, 271-6794 for more information.



Vacation Bible School Schedule

<u>Church</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>
Eastdale	July 17 - 21	5:45 - 8:45 p.m.
Eastmont	July 16 - 20	9:00 - 12:15 p.m.