

THE MONTGOMERY BAPTIST



Serving Christ Through Montgomery Area Churches

KEN MAY, DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS • THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2007

A Personal Word



Ken May

What is your church doing to prepare for the future? How will you deal with the shape of your world in the days to come? Do you assume it will just be like it has been? If you do, you will be in for a

rudderless awakening! Bob Dylan wrote in the late 1960's that "The Times They are a-Changin'." Those were indeed changing times, but the nature of change has accelerated. Many times churches seek to avoid change at all costs, and in the end, that is what it will demand—everything. In other words, if the church doesn't change, there will be nothing left. Some churches seek to fortify themselves and hope they can hold out against the changes they feel are so threatening. But joy can be found in embracing change.

Right now, many churches are looking forward to the new church year. New leadership will be assuming responsibility in just a few weeks. Often there is a kind of excitement with this new beginning. While adults have resisted "promotion" in Sunday School for years, for preschoolers, children, and youth, this change/promotion is as natural as breathing. These groups welcome change more readily because change is a part of their everyday life. Kids grow and need new shoes and new clothes. They see their bodies change and mature. While these changes are difficult, they can't be stopped or reversed. As adults, we seek to arrest change. We color our hair, hide our wrinkles and do not want to give our age. We are often reluctant to embrace our changes. Perhaps we should learn from our youth to accept the changes that are inevitable. By embracing, we respond rather than react, our actions can be more intentional. We prepare for the changes rather than fear them or hide from them.

We have invited author, speaker and teacher, Reggie McNeal, to our annual celebration on October 15 to help us as an association deal with God's future for us. I hope you will make plans to attend and participate. We will have a special afternoon seminar for church staff to spend time with Reggie. I know it will be a productive time for everyone who participates.

It's a joy to labor for the Savior with you,

MBA News:

Highland Gardens is looking for a worship/music leader for Sunday morning worship. Please contact Mr. Bill Sims at 265-8466 if you are interested.

Highland Gardens is also looking for a part-time financial secretary to work approximately 25 hours per week. Please contact Mr. Bill Sims at 265-8466 to submit a resume.

Eastern Hills is accepting resumes for a full-time Education/Outreach Administrative Assistant. Computer experience with Microsoft Word, Excel and Publisher is required. Experience in church software is helpful. Please send your resume to Eastern Hills Baptist Church, Attention: Bob Moore, 3604 Pleasant Ridge Road, Montgomery, AL 36109, 272-0604, or email: Bob@EHBCOnline.com.

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@mrbch.org. For more information and a job description contact the church at 262-0689.

Happy Anniversary to MBA employees:

Rev. Bob Dempsey, director of Church Growth and Development (20 years)

Dr. Kline Johnson, director of Baptist Family Resource and Counseling Ministry (12 years)

Mrs. Lisa Rose, director of Church & Community Ministries (1 year)

The 'Women's Enrichment Ministry' welcomes you to worship "At His Feet"

Sunday, August 26 ~ 6:00 p.m.
Eastern Hills Baptist Church
3604 Pleasant Ridge Road
Lemonade and cookies fellowship to follow in the Reception Room

Michigan Vision Trip

September 24-27
(two days on field, two days travel by van)
Cost: approx. \$180.00 per person (financial assistance available) Explore mission partnership opportunities with our partner state.

For more information contact Ken May 271-6227 or kmay@mgbaptist.org

Key Leader Conference

August 28th

5:45 pm- 8:30 pm

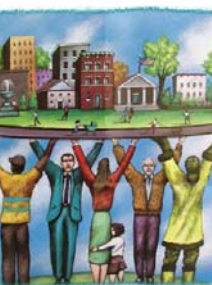
Ridgecrest Baptist Church

5260 Vaughn Road

The cost of the meal will be \$5.

Please contact Patsy by phone at 271-6227 or by email at pwatson@mgbaptist.org to confirm your reservation.

Please RSVP by August 23rd.



\$5 meal	5:45 p.m.	Conferences Begin	7:00 p.m.
General Session	6:30 p.m.	Conferences End	8:30 p.m.

"Connecting the Legacy of the Past with Opportunities of the Future"

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

LOCAL MEETINGS

Cloverdale Baptist Church 608 E. Fairview Ave. (334) 265-9223	Fridays 5:30 p.m.
Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church 6000 Atlanta Hwy. (334) 272-8622	Thursdays 6:30 p.m.
St. James United Methodist Church 90454 Vaughn Rd. (334) 277-3037	Mondays 6:30 p.m.

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.

"Celebrating Courage," Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Eastmont Baptist Church

Fundraiser Banquet: Six O'clock in the evening

Cost: \$50.00 per person/\$75.00 per couple/\$150 per table of 8

Remembrance Service & Concert: Seven-thirty in the evening

A love offering will be taken.

Speakers:

Officer Brian O'Neill, NYPD (Retired)

Attorney General Troy King

Benefit Concert: Kyle Matthews, Dove Award Singer and Songwriter

www.911banquet.com

For ticket sales: 334-271-6794

All proceeds from the banquet will go toward the

River Region Chaplain Service:

an interdenominational public safety ministry.