

# THE MONTGOMERY BAPTIST



Serving Christ Through Montgomery Area Churches

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## A Personal Word



Ken May

For the past several months, I have been writing in this column about the need for our churches to become missional, which is another term for missionary. But, by “missionary” we do not mean having a program and sending money. Being a “missionary” church is a mindset of all members seeing themselves as personally called and commissioned by God to reach his world with the good news of Jesus Christ. Each of us should think, pray, and act like missionaries. Prior to arriving new missionaries study the language and culture of their new field of service. They learn about customs, foods, climate, and values of the people.

Can you imagine how revolutionary it would be if we as church members realized that God had actually called us to reach our community, and if we accepted that responsibility with zeal and excitement? What would we do? We would begin to study the people who live around us to discover ways to connect with them. We would look for ways we could get outside the walls of the church and link up with what is going on in the community. No longer would we see this task as “the preacher’s job.” We would accept the challenge and get busy. Making this kind of connection would become a passion with us. We would not focus on getting people into our church. Instead, we would focus on being Christ to the community. We would discover the pain, anxiety, and fears of the community and seek to saturate these with the incarnational love of Jesus Christ. We would focus on giving people hope in Jesus. But that hope would have to be lived out in the flesh through genuine human connections. The focus would be on building new deeper relationships, not on getting the people to come to church activities. As new missionaries, we would have to develop a challenging kind of transparency that did not hide our own infirmities, but sought to apply the grace of Jesus Christ to our own lives as well as the lives of the people we were sent to reach.

I just thought it would be good to use our imagination. Maybe God will bless that imagination. It’s a joy to serve Christ with you. *Ken*



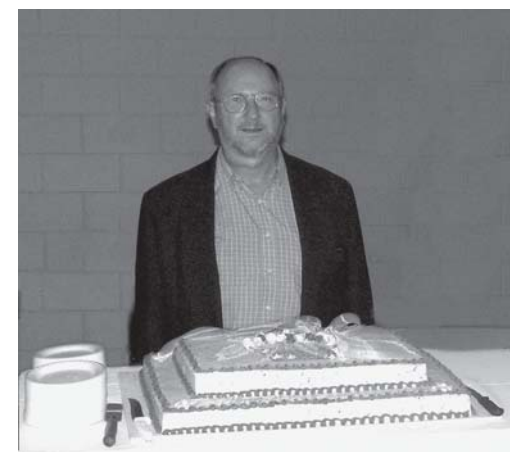
Bob Dempsey

## Thanks, Montgomery Baptist

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the privilege of serving the MBA for the past twenty years. I have truly been blessed to work with a host of talented Christian servants who have contributed greatly to my life as well as our association. Among them are Dr. B.C. McGohon who was a colleague, mentor and friend for 16 years, Gene Haynes, secretary, friend and honorary grandmother for our daughters, Ricky Creech, Debbie Hooks, Mary Lilly, Jim Lilly to name a few. Our present staff of Ken May, Lisa Rose, Judy Randall, Joan Hedden, Patsy Watson, Robin Crowe, and Dr. Kline Johnson are dedicated talented servants of the Lord who are impacting our association for Christ.

Gifted lay people have also contributed greatly to the work of our association. Brunies Cauthen, Jerry Dykes, Steve Brown, Daniel Dykes, Gary Walker, Al Baker, Robbie Robinson, Wayne Robinson, Steve Dubose, Wayne Hooks, Robert Bates, Linda Solze, Sara Tyler, Charlie Winsett, Tammy Rolling are just a few that come to mind.

Thank you for your generosity in recognizing my 20 years of service. I am grateful for the gifts and pledge to begin playing golf once again since I will have new equipment. The Montgomery Baptist Association has always treated my family and me fairly. I thank you for allowing me to serve my Lord in such a magnificent place. My prayer is that we will once again network to embrace the future. Montgomery continues to need strong churches to impact the communities around them. We pledge to help our churches fulfill the vision that God has given them. I am indeed a blessed servant of our Lord. *Bob Dempsey*



Key Leaders celebrate Bob Dempsey's 20 years of ministry.

## MBA News:

**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.

**Capitol Heights**-Congratulations to **Carole Egerton** upon her 44th anniversary as organist. 

## Ministers' Conference

September 17<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m.  
Yarbrough Street, 1701 Yarbrough St.  
Speaker: Cliff Stever  
Music: Tim Stough  
Make reservations by the 13<sup>th</sup> at 264-8990.

## Next Meeting:

**Executive Board**  
September 24<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m.  
Dalraida, 3838 Wares Ferry Rd  
Make reservations by the 20<sup>th</sup> at 272-2412.

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