

# THE MONTGOMERY BAPTIST



Serving Christ Through Montgomery Area Churches

KEN MAY, DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS • THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2007

## A Personal Word



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Assessment is a necessary component of almost every endeavor. Businesses assess how they are doing by profit and market share. Sales people assess their success by total sales volume. Football players are evaluated on how they perform in practice and in the game. Employees are evaluated on job performance by a particular set of standards. Many of us grew up with some built-in assessment of how we were doing in Sunday School and Discipleship Training. We checked off the record—present, on time, Bible brought, studied lesson, giving, attending worship, etc. In discipleship we were asked about daily Bible reading.

How do we assess how we are doing in church? Last week I mentioned two typical modes of measurement, “nickels” and “noses,” or contributions and participation. Evaluation is important to tell us how we are doing, but evaluation must be geared toward those values that are most important to us according to our stated purpose. If the stated purpose of the church is to “reach people for Christ,” then we should evaluate based on that purpose, on how well we are doing in evangelism. If our stated purpose includes “fulfilling the Great Commission,” then we should evaluate ourselves based on our missions and evangelistic involvement. Unfortunately, sometimes we are using the incorrect scorecard. If our stated purpose includes “being a missionary church,” then our assessment ought to include how many people we are equipping and releasing to be on mission for Christ, not just how much we are giving to mission causes. Some more recent tools for assessment include things like “per capita giving to missions” or “ratio of baptisms and resident members.” These figures sometimes give us a better read on how well or how poorly we are doing.

I am not advocating one specific mode of evaluation, but I am strongly encouraging all our churches to assess how we are doing in relationship to our stated purposes. Our purpose or mission statements should not be changed or watered down to make us look better, but rather ought to be consistent with the teaching of Holy Scripture on the purpose of the church.

Remember, your association exists to resource your church’s vision as you seek to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandment. We are your fellow workers. It is indeed a joy to serve our Lord with you.

*Ken*

## FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH

“THE CHURCH BORN IN A BARN”

Pastor: Rev. Johnny Rush

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Revival Celebration

Sunday, October 7, 2007

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

## Lunch & Gospel Music

(Following morning worship service)

Guest Pastor: Barry Schahn (the first Pastor of the Church)

Guest Minister of Music: Tommy Scarborough  
(former Minister of Music)

Guest Pianist: Celia Scarborough (former Pianist)

## 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration

Montgomery Baptist Association

Monday, October 15, 2007

## Ridgecrest Baptist Church

5260 Vaughn Road, Montgomery, AL

5:00 p.m. Finger Food Fellowship & Displays - Family Life Center

6:15 p.m. Musical Prelude - Sanctuary

6:25 p.m. Annual Session Begins - Sanctuary

**Please list your messengers to the associational annual session on your 2007 Annual Church Profile or call Joan at 271-6227.**

**Section 1. Messengers.** Each affiliated Church may select, according to its own method, five (5) messengers for its first one hundred (100) members or fraction thereof, and one (1) additional messenger for each additional one hundred (100) members or fraction thereof; provided, such Church has made some financial contributions to the work of the Association during the preceding year. No Church may select more than fifteen (15) messengers to the annual meeting. All duly selected messengers must be certified on the Annual Church Profile submitted by the Church to the Association.

## Revival

### Ridgecrest Baptist Church

5260 Vaughn Road

Sept. 30 - Oct. 3

6:30 p.m. each night

Speaker: Dr. Sammy Gilbreath

Music: Rev. Mike Vickers

## Minister's Conference

Lunch \$5

October 1 - 10:00 a.m.

McGehee Road

2877 McGehee Rd.

Speaker: Marcus Merritt,

Associate in Office of Evangelism,

AL State Board of Missions

Make reservations by September

28 at 262-0689.

October 8 - 11:30 a.m.

Catoma

Speaker: Mike Stephens

Music: Eileen Wright

October 22 - 11:30 a.m.

First Southern - Hope Hull

Speaker: Johnny Rush

Music: Chuck Francisco

October 29 - 11:30 a.m.

Memorial Heights

Speaker: Rick Marshall

Music: Tom Snowden

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Conversational English:

*drivers/vans*

Regional Baptist Centers:

*receptionists, food pantry,  
intake training on site*

For more information, contact Lisa Rose at 271-6794 or

[lrose@mgmbaptist.org](mailto:lrose@mgmbaptist.org)

## Ministry Assistant Needed

Good computer skills (Microsoft Office)

are required. Knowledge of WMU would be helpful, but is not necessary.

Excellent benefits are available. To

apply contact: Pat Hall, Alabama

WMU, 288-2460 ext 223 or email:

[phall@alsbom.org](mailto:phall@alsbom.org).

## MBA News:

**Eastern Hills**-Congratulations to **Debbie Farthing**, pastor's secretary,

and **Chad Royal**, maintenance supervisor, who are both celebrating their 13th anniversary.

**Lakeview**-Congratulations to **Stephanie Hubbard**, administrative secretary, upon her 2nd anniversary.

**Heritage** - An opening is currently available for a ministry assistant. Send resume to the personnel committee at 1849 Perry Hill Road, Montgomery, AL 36106.

