

# THE MONTGOMERY BAPTIST



Serving Christ Through Montgomery Area Churches

KEN MAY, DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS • THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2008

## A Personal Word



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In my visiting around our MBA churches, I continue to be amazed at how many people comment about reading this column. That leads me to two important conclusions: first, I had

better watch what I write or at least be able to defend it, and second, it seems that most people appreciate or at least acknowledge the validity of what I write.

In recent months I have written repeatedly about change and the need for our churches to be willing to change, not the Good News, but the way we go about doing what God has commissioned us to do. Many church members will verbally acknowledge the need for change, but when they are the ones who need to change, a strong resistance develops. They adopt the phrase "I shall not be moved!" When the change affects me, it becomes a different story. In other words, "I am all for change for others, but not for me!"

A popular chorus I have sung with some of our churches recently is "Change My Heart, O God." The words are "Change my heart, O God. Make it ever new. Change my heart, O God. May I be like you! You are the potter. I am the clay. Mold me and make me. This is what I pray. Change my heart, O God. Make it ever new. Change my heart, O God. May I be like you!"

The reality is that many of us are willing to admit our attitudes may not be right, but we don't really want change from God that drastically alters our lives or our lifestyles. Instead of being soft and pliable clay, we are hardened and brittle in our ways. In our current state, we cannot be easily molded by God into vessels He wants to use. We would rather God just conform to our ways, or at least bless our ways so we don't have to change.

My prayer is that God would soften our spirits and change our hearts so that we would be seeking His will for us and for our churches. I pray that God would give us the freedom and compel us to change any structure, practice, or method in favor of others that might be more effective for His Kingdom. After all, that is why we are here.

## Ministers Conference Update

May 5 – Pintlala (11:30 a.m.)

73 Federal Road  
Program: Michael Jones  
All church staff & ministry assistants are invited.

**R.S.V.P.** to 281-9439 by Thursday, May 1.

May 12-Southlawn (11:30 a.m.)

Speaker: Dr. D'Linell Finley  
Call by Thursday, May 8 for reservations.

May 19-Brookwood (Millbrook)  
Call by Friday, May 16.

June 2- MBA Office – 11:00 a.m.  
**VERY IMPORTANT:**  
We will determine our approach and focus for next year. We will have a dutch treat lunch afterwards at a location to be determined.

### Special Bonus Meeting

June 23-Baptist Foundation (10:00)  
Special Program on Stewardship led by Foundation staff.  
Reservations required. Sign up at Pintlala on May 5.

### District Youth Speakers Tournament



Patrick O'Connor, Pintlala, and Bethany Pate, Eastern Hills, represented the Montgomery Association. Congratulations to Bethany for winning the district title.

### Donate to Samaritan Inn Ministries through May 9

by shopping one of the following Food World locations:  
2020 East South Blvd., Montgomery  
4896 U.S. Hwy. 231, Wetumpka  
1860 East Main St., Prattville  
3543 Alabama Hwy. 14, Millbrook

### MBA News:

**Cloverdale** is hosting a Living Proof Live (Beth Moore) simulcast at the church, August 1-2. Tickets will be \$25.00 per person and will be available soon.

**Eastmont**-Congratulations to Ginger Andrew for 15 years of service as Minister to Preschool and Children.

**Lakeview** is currently accepting resumes for a part-time Minister of Students. Please send to:

Attn: Pastor, Lakeview Baptist Church  
P.O. Box 241738, Montgomery, AL 36124.

**McGehee Road** will be having a revival **April 27-30, 6:30 nightly** with special music each night. **Rev. Neal Hughes** will be speaking Sunday evening. **Dr. Jay Wolf** will be the guest speaker Monday through Wednesday. Nursery provided.

**Thorington Road** is in need of a piano player for Sunday/Wednesday worship services and choir rehearsals. The worship style is blended with an emphasis on contemporary choruses.

Interested applicants can call Shirley Milton at 396-9376 or Chris Palmer at 318-1284. Thorington Road Baptist is located in East Montgomery on Ray Thorington Road, just off Vaughn Road as you travel past the Festival Plaza shopping center.

**Dalraida** is having a community-wide yard sale on April 26th at 7 a.m. till 1 p.m. Proceeds from yard sale will support the June mission trip to Guatemala.



## MBA Baptist Men's Golf Tournament

Thursday, May 1

Lunch - 12:00 p.m.

Tee Time - 1:30 p.m.



Lagoon Park Golf Course



Cost \$50

(includes lunch, green fees, cart and prizes)

Registration and money due in the MBA office by Friday, April 25th.  
Contact the office at 271-6227 or visit us on-line at [www.mgmbaptist.org](http://www.mgmbaptist.org) for a registration form.

*Proceeds to benefit the Samaritan Inn,  
a ministry of the churches of the Montgomery Baptist Association.*

### Executive Board

April 28 - 11:30 a.m.

**Thorington Road**  
450 Ray Thorington Road

**R.S.V.P.** to 271-6227 or  
[jhedden@mgmbaptist.org](mailto:jhedden@mgmbaptist.org)  
by Friday, April 25.

### "FUN IN THE SON"

May 10, 2008

Eastdale Baptist Church

Double elimination volleyball tournament and all day music event.  
Cost is \$100 per team of 6-8.  
Call Jennifer at 657-7435 or Michael at 799-9315 for more info.