

THE MONTGOMERY BAPTIST



Serving Christ Through Montgomery Area Churches

KEN MAY, DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS • THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2008

Montgomery Christians on Mission

In August 2007, Kim Wilson, a member of Heritage, began a ministry for the families who experienced a premature delivery of a child. The Footprints Ministry began first serving Baptist South hospital in Montgomery. In December 2007 through the support of Grace Point Church, the ministry expanded to Baptist East hospital. Several Montgomery churches are collaborating with Footprints to bring hope and comfort to hurting families.



The Footprints Ministry distributes gift bags to parents who have a baby admitted into the Neonatal Intensive Care Units at Baptist South and Baptist East hospitals. Footprints has distributed over 350 bags. Each bag contains a Bible, disposable camera (for the nurses to take pictures when the parents can't be there), gift cards to local restaurants and stores, burp cloth monogrammed with footprints, a scent blanket (with a poem attached) for the mother to sleep with and return to the baby, travel necessities, a prayer request card, baby magazine, pens and notepads. These items are very important to the families. Seasonal events, like Santa at Christmas, Easter Bunny and Mother's Day visits, offer creative opportunities as part of the ministry.



The Footprints Ministry seeks to share the love of Christ with families to provide comfort and encouragement during this exciting but difficult time in their lives. Many families have been touched by the volunteers presence and prayers.

In her book, *Cry Pain, Cry Hope*, Elizabeth O'Connor says, "Out of our pain can come our calling." Kim found her calling to minister out of her own pain and challenges of a premature delivery. She has since encouraged others to join in and give a "ministry of presence" for many families.

For more information on how you can support Footprints go to their web log at www.nicufootprints.blogspot.com or email Kim at nicufootprints@yahoo.com.



**Summer emphasis for
"WE PRAY for OUR SCHOOLS!" is:
PRAY through the SUMMER!**

Changes are made for some teachers, staff, principals, students and families, and schools. Teachers reassigned must start over with plans and preparations and spend the summer doing so. Praying for these persons can help smooth the edges of disruptive changes to individuals that cause hardship or inconvenience, especially students and families.

MBA Ukraine Mission Trip Information

Dates: August 22-29 (or 30)

Leave early on Friday, arrive in Ukraine on Saturday
Depart Ukraine on Friday (29th), arrive ATL late Friday or overnight in Kiev and return to NY & Atlanta on Saturday (30th).

Missionary/Strategy Coordinator in Ukraine: Mike Ray

Trip Group Leader: Ken May

Probable location of proposed work: Krinichkee, a "county-seat" town in the state (Oblast) where Mike lives.

Type of work proposed: Children's ministry/BYBC/VBS that would lead to a church plant in this county-seat town with no evangelical church, prayer walking, possible evangelistic services. (Since there is no existing church, no construction is connected with this particular project.)

Cost: Approximately \$2,500-\$2,600 per person. Some scholarship assistance is available for MBA church members from gifts given by some of our MBA churches.

Please contact Ken May to indicate your interest: kmay@mgmbaptist.org, 271-6227 no later than June 20.

Deposit: A deposit will be required shortly to secure tickets and spaces.

Group Members Needed: 10-12

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



June 16th - 20th

<u>Church</u>	<u>Time</u>
Bethel (15-20)	9:00- 12:00p.m.
Capitol Heights	9:00- 12:00p.m.
First Baptist	9:00- 12:00p.m.
Lakeview	5:45- 8:30p.m.
Yarborough Street	6:00- 8:00p.m.

June 23rd - 27th

<u>Church</u>	<u>Time</u>
Eastdale (22-27)	TBA
Heritage	8:30- 11:45 a.m.
Highland Ave.	6:00- 8:30p.m.
Open Acres (24-28)	6:00- 8:30p.m.
Snowdown (22-26)	6:30- 9:00p.m.

Ministers Conference

**Special Bonus Meeting
June 23**

11:00 a.m.

Baptist Foundation

Special program on stewardship
led by foundation staff.

Reservations required.

Call Marie at The Baptist Foundation,
394-2000, by June 20.

MBA News:

Cloverdale is hosting a Living Proof Live simulcast with Beth Moore and Travis Cottrell at the church, August 1-2. Tickets will be \$25.00 per person and are available at the church or the "Mom and Pop Convenience Stores" in Montgomery.

Ridgecrest-Congratulations to **Anita Ellis** upon her 22nd anniversary as accompanist.

Eastern Hills welcomes **Mark McLendon** as their Minister to Students and Activities.

