



In January 2023, *The Compass Rose*, started sharing an article each month from the book entitled “*Reclaiming Glory*” by Mark Clifton.

Mark Clifton is Lead National Strategist for Revitalization/Replanting at the North American Mission Board. God has used Mark to lead in the planting and replanting of more than a dozen churches across the United States and Canada.

#8 of 8 Characteristics of a Dying Church
They confuse caring for the building with caring for the church
and the community

Often, declining churches see no difference between the building and the church. The primary motivation of the remaining members may be to “keep the church doors open” or to make sure they don’t lose possession of the place that has meant so much to them throughout the years. At times, the most important and coveted committees in the congregation revolve around the church’s properties and facilities. More and more of the time, attention, and resources of the church find their way into maintaining the building. It’s not unusual for several meetings to be consumed with endless discussions about a roof, mechanical systems, or maintaining the lawn. While these issues may need attention, they seem to become the primary reason the church exists. To be frank, it is easier to spend time and money fixing a building than doing the hard work to become an indispensable part of the fabric of the community.

If you have spent any time around struggling churches, you have likely noticed many of these characteristics. It’s tempting, when you do, to wonder, “Can this dying church be saved?” As you consider whether your church should be replanted, this is a critical truth to remember: *God can only replant a dying church if the people are willing to seek him, his glory, and his plan above all else.*

In His Will,

Bro. Steve



HOME COMING

County Line BC July 30th 10:45
Guest Speaker: Rev. Danny Sephton

FBC-Kosciusko Celebrating 175 years every Sunday in the month of August— **MORE INFO. Page 5**



**McAdams BC
Revival**

**Sunday-Wednesday
August 6-9th**

Sunday— 11am & 6pm

Monday— Wednesday— 7pm

**Guest Speaker— Rev. Randy Bridges, Pastor
French Camp BC**

**Guest Music led by— Mr. Ken Coleman, musi-
cians Mrs. Guinevere Young, Mrs. Mary Jordan,
& Mrs. Judy Hearon**



- 8/8 Minister's Fellowship; ABC, 10am*
- 8/21 ACP Training for clerks & treasurers , 6pm*
- 8/22 Administrative Team meeting (budget) 6pm*
- 10/9 Associational Annual Meeting,
Second Baptist Church 6pm*
- 10/24-25 MBCB Convention, FBC-Jackson*

COMMUNITY REVIVAL

**Sunday, July 30th-Wednesday, August 2nd
Sunday, 6pm**

**Unity BC— Rev. Butch Bingham
Monday, 7pm**

**Springdale BC— Dr. Ladell Blanton
Tuesday, 7pm**

**North Union BC— Rev. Danny Townsend
Wednesday, 7pm**

Sand Hill BC— Rev. James Culpepper

THANK YOU ATTALA BAPTIST

Your donations of \$5,157.00 you gave to The Baptist Children's Village, will be use toward equipment, appliances & home furnishing the homes are in need of.

Thanks you for your generous heart!





The Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions is the primary funding stream for key mission efforts in many different areas: Garaywa Camp and Conference Center in Clinton, Central Hills Retreat near West, Missions Volunteers, Church Multiplication, Community Ministry, Disaster Relief, Criminal Justice Ministries, Collegiate Outreach, Christian Women's/Men's Job Corps, Cross-Cultural Evangelism, Language/Deaf Ministry, and Port Ministry.

College and University Outreach \$95,000

Margaret Lackey funds provide resources to help Baptist Student Unions (BSU) across Mississippi share Christ with students, lead them to make disciples of Jesus, and mobilize them to take the Gospel to the nations.

Short-Term Mission Servants \$630,000

Every year Mississippi Baptist churches send hundreds of short-term servants to North America and to many countries around the globe. They serve alongside long-term workers, helping to strengthen ministries that share the message of the Gospel. MLSO help provide assistance for these short-term servants.

To download digital resources or order resources

<https://www.margaretlackey.com/>

Launch 2023 is a new event focusing on student disciple-making. As Mississippi Baptists, we believe that God has uniquely gifted and called you and your students to be the conduit of his gospel message. The goal of Launch 2023 is to train students to be evangelistic in all the spheres of life where God has placed them. The weekend event will include inspiration, training, and encouragement. This event is focused on grades six through twelve.

Cost: \$40 per person (includes lodging, meals, retreat materials, and t-shirt). Space is limited. Registration ends July 31st.

Launch has replaced Youth Evangelism Challenge (YEC)

REGISTER: [CLICK HERE](#)

March 24-25
Central Hills Baptist Retreat
or
August 11-12
Garaywa Camp and Conference Center



LAUNCH

A new event to motivate and train students to share their faith (formerly YEC)

Cost: \$40 per person (includes lodging, meals and t-shirt)
Space is limited
Register your group today at www.tinyurl.com/2023Launch



back 2 school

prayer

"Dear Lord, use my eyes to
see new friends.

Open my ears to
hear my teacher.

Open my mind to
learn new things.

Let my heart
remember YOU are near
when I'm afraid.

Help me to
love others like you do.

I want to
shine your light so bright in my school."
Amen.

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BACK TO
SCHOOL
&
LOOKING
COOL

FIRST BAPTIST KOSCIUSKO
RICH *History.*
Bright **FUTURE.**

August will be a month to restart, celebrate, and look forward to what is to come!
Start praying now for these men who will lead us each week.

August 6

Dr. Shawn Parker

Dr. Parker currently serves as the Executive Director Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Prior to leading the MBCB, he spent 17 years in Columbus, Mississippi, as the Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church.



August 13

175 years
of FBCK



Dr. Anthony George

Dr. George is a native of Kosciusko and succeeded Dr. Charles Stanley as the Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. Before joining FBC Atlanta in 2012, he served at Aloma Baptist Church in Winter Park, FL, as senior pastor for 15 years.

August 20

Dr. Hal Kitchings

Dr. Kitchings is the son of the late Rev. Harold Kitchings who served as the senior pastor of FBC Kosciusko from 1965-1976. He currently serves as Senior Pastor of Easthaven Baptist Church, in Brookhaven.



August 27



Dr. Jim Shaddix

Dr. Shaddix serves as the Senior Professor of Preaching at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina, occupying the W.A. Criswell Chair of Expository Preaching. He has pastored churches in Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Colorado.

**Services Start @ 10:15a.m.
each Sunday of August**

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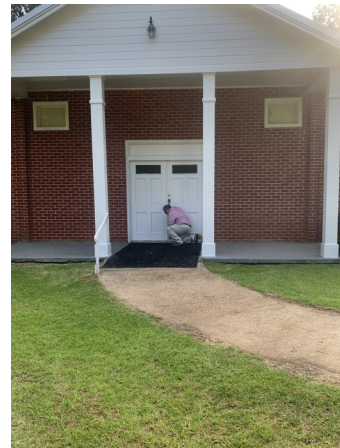
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