

Church Development Ministry Report

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Vacation Bible School Ministries

It's hard to believe the MBA 2016 Vacation Bible Schools have come to a close and a new chapter is beginning. I had the opportunity to visit 44 Vacation Bible Schools during the summer. Many children and adults were ministered to and we look forward to sharing the final results soon.

The **2017** LifeWay VBS theme is "GALACTIC STARVEYORS, *Discovering The God of the Universe.*" The Bible verses for the study are Colossians 1:15-16.

Also, a very special note about the 2017 Clinic, we are delighted to share that the 2016 MBA VBS Staff will serve on the 2017 Association VBS Team. The team members are:

MBA VBS Director - Vicki Willis

3 & 4 Year Olds - Teresa Jones

1st & 2nd Grades - Cathy Eden

5th & 6th Grade - Carolina Burkholder

Missions - Jeannie Flowers

Recreation & Snacks - Melissa Willis

Pastors - Dino Danzey

Kindergarten - Tracey Mardis

3rd & 4th Grade - Lori Frye

Crafts - Tracy Posey

Music - Liesl Langley



Please begin uplifting the team in prayer as they begin preparation for the 2017 clinic which will be held at Dauphin Way Baptist Church on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

South Regional Sunday School and Discipleship Leader Training

The 2016 South Regional Sunday School & Discipleship Leader Training was held August 13 at Government Street Baptist Church. We were delighted to have 117 church leaders and 23 teaching staff at this year's conference.

Over the next few months, the 2017 South Regional event will be planned. This year, Pastors, Ministers of Education, Sunday School leaders and others from our association, district and state, will meet to discuss and plan the program. Please contact the MBA Office to share specific training opportunities that you would like to see addressed at this, and future training conferences.

If you would like to be a part of the planning team and/or need a special training event for your workers, call the MBA office at 661-7111 for additional information.

Men & Boys Ministries

On August 15, we held our annual Men's Ministries, RA's & Challengers Leadership Training at Government Street Baptist Church. The training event was an overview of the individual age group programs, resources and responsibilities of the ministry leaders. We had Chris Jackson, Men's Ministry Consultant for Church & Association Men's Ministries from Covington Association, Steve Stephens, state Men & Boys Ministries Consultant and Derek Blackmon, MBA Challengers Ministry Director as conference leaders.



Coming Event: Please begin now praying for the 2016-2017 **Challenger's Basketball Ministry Coaches and Leadership Meeting** which is Monday, October 10, 6:30 p.m. at the MBA Office (616 Azalea Road). **All Challenger Leaders and Coaches** are encouraged to

WMU & Women's Ministries

The WMU Leadership Team provides many opportunities for Girls and Women to minister. The Girls Mission Camp was held June 27-July 1 at Camp Whispering Pines. The theme for the camp was *Jesus is the Light of the World*. There were 41 attendees and we rejoice in the 2 decisions made for Christ.

Currently the team is working on plans for two major events. The first is the 2016 *Girls Winter Weekend* which is November 4 & 5 at Camp Whispering Pines, for girls in grades 1- 6. The second major event is the *Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer* on Tuesday, November 1. The location is yet to be determined. The special guest is Laura Harper from the national WMU.

Upcoming Opportunities

- **Sept. 19** - 10:00 a.m. - *Stress Management* - Government Street Baptist Church
- **Sept. 19** - 1:00 p.m. - *Time Management* - Government Street Baptist Church
- **Sept. 27** - 6:30 p.m. - *Compensation Planning* - MBA office
- **Oct. 18** - 6:30 p.m. - *10 Common Financial Mistakes Ministers Make* - MBA office
- **Nov. 1** - 10:00 a.m. - *Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer* - Location TBA

Thank You!

to the Church Development Ministry Directors, Leaders and Volunteers for your ministry through the Mobile Baptist Association.