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# UNION COUNTY IS OUR MISSION FIELD

## WE NEED WISDOM

Different studies and printed articles suggest that the average person makes between 33,000-35,000 decisions every day. If the average person sleeps 7 hours a night, then this equates to making about 2,000 decisions per hour, or 1 decision every 2 seconds. That is a lot of things being decided upon! So what do you use as the foundation of the decisions you make every single day. It has to come from somewhere or someone. There can be only 2 sources: (1) from yourself or (2) from God's word.

If the foundation of all our decisions come from ourself, then we can only make a judgement call based upon: our emotions at that time, what we know about that particular issue, or what someone else tells us about it. Most of the time when we make a decision pertaining to our lives we get results that are on par with what we use to make that decision with in the first place. So, I think that is safe to say if we use a flawed foundation from which we make decisions, we will get flawed results - every single time. I don't know about you, but I can remember a lot of decisions I have made in my life that I got exactly what I deserved - most, if not all, were horrible results that cost me more in the end than before I made the decision.

So now lets examine the other foundation one can use in the decision making process - God's word. Proverbs 2:6 says, "For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding." If God's word is without error and without the capability to fail, then we are talking about game-changer type outcomes that have just entered the picture here. The writer of Proverbs goes on to say in 3:5-7 to, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; in all your ways know Him, and He will make your paths straight. Don't be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and turn away from evil."

We have the availability to get God's opinion about every aspect of our life. I think that it is a very awesome thing to consider that the all-powerful, all-knowing, every present Creator of existence actually care about the decisions we make in our lives. This is especially true when the decision pertain to Jesus.

The decision to trust in Christ is at the forefront of God's heart for us: to come to Him in our broken state of sinfulness, by acknowledging that we are sinful and have broken God's perfect law, by turning from that sin (repent), and by trusting that Jesus came as the only sacrifice that could take broken people and make them perfect in the eyes of God - this is the greatest decision to be made by any individual. This is the very heart of God.

Once we have trusted in Christ as the only way to peace with God, and have chosen to follow Christ with our lives, the decisions for the believer carry greater and greater weight. Now every decision is attached to your walk with Christ. It either gives credence and validity to your personal witness for Christ or it tarnishes and confuses your witness for Christ. The very name of Jesus is either exalted or mocked by every decision we make in this life. Don't get me wrong, there is not a person who follows Christ that is perfect in every decision - no matter who they are. It is just that those following close to Christ are way more sensitive about their lives being fully pleasing to God. We, as Christians, should make it our daily life's goal to be fully pleasing to Him in every aspect of our lives.

So, if you have read to this place, then thank you for putting up with the craziness that goes through my brain and my seemingly ramble at times. But please, make no mistake about it, we all need the wisdom of God to make solid decisions in life. We need His wisdom more than anything, because it is that wisdom that we come to understand Him and His ways more and more. It makes and puts everything into an eternal perspective. It shows that our very mundane moments of life are submitted and subjected unto the One who gave everything for us to be made right before His eyes. Never forget that when we gave our lives to Christ, at that moment, we were bought with a price and we are no longer our own, we are His that are purchased with such a great redemption.



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Get wisdom, get understanding; don't forget or turn away from the words of my mouth. Don't abandon wisdom, and she will watch over you; love her, and she will guard you. Wisdom is supreme – so get wisdom. And whatever else you get, get understanding.

Proverbs 4: 5-7

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## BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARES

### **AUGUST**

- 1- LARRY BAIN - MT. GILEAD
- 2- ANDREW & AUDRA CHESTEN - FBCNA
- 2- THOMAS MAGERS - INGOMAR
- 8- SCOTT & HEATHER DULEY - PARKS
- 8- AUGUSTE HANKINS - FREDONIA
- 13- LISA HALL - MOSS HILL
- 18- PERRY REED - CORNERSVILLE
- 26- PAM BAIN - MT. GILEAD

### **SEPTEMBER**

- 1- EARL FARLEY - MYRTLE
- 4- ROBERT & SHERRY SHEPPARD - ENTERPRISE
- 7- KELSEY MCCLUSKEY - JERICO
- 8- BETH BAKER - AMS SPOUSE
- 12- CHRISTI MCMILLEN - NEELY
- 17- VIC GARRISON - OAK HILL
- 25 - BRENDA POWELL - ELLISTOWN

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### **2024-2025 ASSOCIATION OFFICERS:**

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JUST A REMINDER

# OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

A TIME TO HONOR THOSE  
WHO SERVE GOD BY SERVING  
US



2025

MBCB

# IMPACT *training*

August 12: FBC Tupelo

5:15-8:30PM • 300 N Church St, Tupelo, MS 38804

## WHAT IS IMPACT TRAINING?

Impact provides training for pastors, church staff, and volunteer leaders in age group ministries.

## PANELISTS

Shawn Parker • Jon Martin  
Russell Mord • John Allen May

## BREAKOUT LEADERS

Engaging Your Community Through Strategic Planning

JohnAllenMay, Lead Pastor, Eastpoint Church, Olive Branch

Engaging Your Community Through Small Groups

Joseph Luby, Associate Pastor of Education, West Heights BC, Pontotoc

Engaging Your Community Through Events

Clint Ritchie, Community Missions Strategist, Arkansas Baptists

Engaging Your Community Through Personal Evangelism

Chad McCord, Missions Mobilization Director, MBCB

Don Lum, Evangelism Director, MBCB



REGISTER HERE

2025

ENGAGE  
YOUR  
COMMUNITY

Theme

Dinner is provided  
for those who  
pre-register.  
Deadline to register  
is 1 week prior to the  
event date!

## SCHEDULE

5:15 PM	Dinner
6:00 PM	Welcome
6:10 PM	Panel Discussion
7:00 PM	Breakouts
8:30 PM	Dismissal

Register at [mbcb.org/events](https://mbcb.org/events)

All Locations: Aug. 7 Philadelphia • Aug. 11 Greenwood • Aug. 12 Tupelo • Aug. 18 Laurel

• Aug. 19 Natchez



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# FIRST IMPRESSIONS SEMINAR

THE FIRST IMPRESSION OF THE GREETER IS THE MOST VISIBLE FACE OF YOUR CHURCH (**NO MATTER THE SIZE**) WHEN YOU GATHER. THE GREETER SETS THE TONE FOR THE CHURCH. LET US HELP YOU HELP YOUR CHURCH.

## WHAT WILL BE SHARED

- THE 1<sup>ST</sup> 3 IMPRESSIONS
- HOW TO RECRUIT WELL
- SPECIFIC TRAINING
- REPRODUCIBLE IDEAS

**LED BY JOHN PACE**  
**MBCB LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**



**MONDAY**  
**AUGUST 18**  
FROM 6:00 - 8:00 PM  
**NORTHSIDE**  
**BAPTIST CHURCH**  
HWY 15 NORTH, NEW ALBANY



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**ABSOLUTELY NO COST**

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# General Budget Contributions

This is the giving to the general associational budget for missions and ministries of the UCBA in the second quarter of 2025. In this time period UCBA received \$29,261.97. The Second quarter budgeted expenses were \$28,158.45. The following churches gave to the UCBA budget. Thank you for your faithfulness!

**(April - June 2025)**

Amaziah	\$750.00	Jericho	\$ 962.18	Nueva Vida	\$ 480.00
Beech Springs	\$450.00	Keownville	\$749.00	Old Oak Grove	\$ 602.52
Bethel	\$460.00	Liberty	\$750.00	Parks	\$ 789.36
Beulah	\$750.00	Lighthouse	\$870.20	Pleasant Dale	\$1,468.45
Blue Springs	\$100.00	Macedonia	\$1,546.74	Pleasant Hill	\$ 733.34
Center	\$1,500.00	Martin	\$300.00	Pleasant Ridge	\$ 479.11
Cornersville	\$300.00	Moss Hill	\$600.00	Temple	\$ 500.00
First Baptist	\$3,000.00	Mount Gilead	\$1,133.00	Wallerville	\$774.00
Fredonia	\$1,116.00	Myrtle	\$ 200.00	Zion Hill	\$ 221.28
Glenfield	\$750.00	Neely	\$150.00		
Harmony	\$200.00	New Harmony	\$1,369.20		
Hillcrest	\$450.00	New Hope	\$1,705.13		
Ingomar	\$2,725.06	Northside	\$327.40		



*We encourage every member church to give  
to the missions and ministries of the UCBA.*