

TMM THE PULSE

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From the President's Desk
Dr. Scottye Holloway

I praise and glorify my heavenly Father for what He has done. The gym is open and God has moved on the heart of one of our former youth participants to return to provide leadership in this area. Coach Rahim Lockhart, a former college player who also coached basketball at Ole Miss and other colleges and high schools, is building support so that he can

work full-time in the health and recreation ministry.

We are also preparing for the Summer Enrichment and Youth Leadership Development Program. Mr. Jamal Banks, assistant principal at Mendenhall High School and a former Youth Leadership Development participant, will direct the program as he did last year, accompanied by a staff from GOCS. Please pray that we will raise the funds to fully implement this four-week program.

Join me in celebrating the kids at GOCS. They ranked FIRST in the 7th Annual STEM/SUMO Robotics Competition held in Flowood, MS on March 12, 2022. Our enrollment is increasing at GOCS. Please join me in believing God for more GOCS sponsors. Finally, we are working to increase the number of volunteer

groups this year. Last year we focused on rebuilding our facilities. This year we plan to focus more on the community. We hope to get some groups out into the community to repair homes of our most needy neighbors: a roof, a porch, or a handicap ramp. This is love in action. Our ultimate goal is to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ and share the Good News. Please pray that we remain pliable so that God can use us to bring in the sheaves. The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.

Summers are very challenging for the Ministry financially. We need your prayers and financial support to accomplish these goals. I pray that you will continue to stand with us as you have so faithfully done in the past. May God continue to bless you mightily.

Congratulations Nigel Caesar

Nigel Caesar is graduating third in his class at Mendenhall High School, with a 4.0 GPA. With this achievement comes the honor of giving the invocation during his graduation ceremony.

Nigel has participated in TMM's Summer Enrichment/Youth Leadership Development Program since third grade. During the past three years he participated as a youth leader.

We are very proud of Nigel and his consistently excellent performance in academics, leadership, and community service.

Alcorn State University, (Lorman, MS), has offered Nigel a full scholarship in band.

Congratulations Nigel. We wish you continued success.



Rent Assistance for Harper Village Residents

In collaboration with Mississippi Housing Partnership, (MHP), TMM was able to assist several residents of Harper Village with their rent. This assistance is made possible through a grant, administered by MHP from Rental Assistance Mississippi Program (RAMP), a federal initiative to assist households whose ability to pay rent and/or utilities was impacted by COVID-19.

On February 18th, applications were reviewed. So far, nine residents have received assistance and two are under review.

We are grateful for the partnership with Mississippi Housing Partnership. Residents who were struggling with rent payment were able to catch up.

It is our aim to continue to collaborate with MHP and other agencies in the state to enhance the quality of life of the residence of Harper Village and the wider community.



Harper Village Residents completing applications for rent

Learning is FUN: STEM/SUMO Robotics Competition



The 7th Annual STEM/SUMO Robotics Competition was held in Flowood, MS on March 12, 2022. This competition is sponsored annually by Mississippi Robotics, a non-profit organization involved in training youth and teachers in science, technology, math and engineering through practical hands-on activities. The competition is designed to exercise and measure students' abilities in several areas involving skills, critical thinking, and strategy.

Nine 3rd–5th grade students from Genesis One Christian School (GOCS), participated. They performed exceptionally well.

Three of GOCS students were interviewed by one of the local TV reporters. The students were confident and poised. All three interviews were broadcasted on the evening news.

One hundred sixty-four students ranging from 3rd grade through 12th grade, representing 16 schools participated in the competition. Overall, Genesis One Christian School ranked first in the 3rd through 5th grade competitions. The students competed in the following categories: Math, Science, Tool ID, and Electricity.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE GYM?

The R.A. Buckley Christian Recreation Center (the Gym), did not get renovated a minute too soon! An average of 20 youth of all ages use the facility each evening. Once school closes this number will increase greatly.

Coach Rahim Lockhart, a former Youth Leadership Development participant and a former division one player who played and coached basketball at Ole Miss and other colleges and high schools, has returned to TMM to provide leadership to the Health & Recreation Ministry. He has developed a program that allows

for free play and organized basketball with structured exercise and training/practice for both genders and all ages. One of the objectives is to develop an outstanding TMM basketball team for each age group. Secondly, to facilitate the development of other teams in surrounding communities to participate in competitions. Six teams from four counties have already registered for the Spring Men's League.

The exercise room is also shaping up. Two Total Gyms were donated by Mr. R.A. Buckley's granddaughter, Deloris Hughes.

We are anticipating a summer full of activities and fun in the Gym. The beautiful state-of-the-art flooring and air-conditioning make it a very inviting place to spend hours of (supervised) time. The Gym has always been a safe place for neighborhood kids to meet and play. It has also served and will continue to serve as a facility to reach young people with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We are thankful for those who gave so generously to remodel this community treasure.



VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

Dordt University (Sioux City, IA), Students Spend Spring Break in Mendenhall

Seven undergraduate students from Dordt University (IA), exchanged a week of fun and relaxation for a week of hard work and service in Mendenhall. And what a blessing they were! Below are some of the tasks they performed:

- Painted & organized classroom at GOCS
- Provided technical assistance with computer at GOCS
- Assisted with students in classrooms
- Organized equipment & supplies in two buildings
- Pressure washed two buildings
- Reupholstered 12 gym backboards
- Built book cases
- Dug 110 feet of trench for water pipes
- Weeded flower beds



One student said this about her experience: "My experience taught me what it looks like to serve God and others with whole hearts. Dr. Holloway models whole-hearted serving and encouraged me to love others in a sacrificial way. I am thankful for those who spoke to our group. Those conversations made me aware of struggles others have, especially in the African-American community. This experience is teaching me to recognize and counteract injustice in a new way. My biggest takeaway is that the Lord is good. His work in Mendenhall is evident, and it is encouraging to see how He is using The Mendenhall Ministries to bring hope to the community and glory to Himself."



Puckett Disciple Now, Brandon/Puckett, MS



Jeremy Martin, Youth Leader at Antioch Baptist Church, Brandon, MS, led a team of 20 young people (representing several churches) to TMM in February as part of Puckett Disciple Now annual week of service. The youth worked tirelessly all day on a Saturday to clean the former GOCS building. They organized and moved books and supplies and transported them to the warehouse for distribution later.

Thank you Jeremy Martin and the Puckett Disciple Now team.

Look Who Stopped By



Normally when John and Margaret Rhine come to TMM they are too busy working to sit and chat. They made a special trip in February to fellowship with staff. How precious!

Gary & Susan Bauer, Former Board Members, Return to Serve



Since meeting Dolphus Weary in the 1970s, we have been privileged to know and serve The Mendenhall Ministries. We've visited many times, served with our professional video production skills, and interacted with leaders, volunteers, and members of the community. It always amazes us to meet such hardworking volunteers from far-away places, and nearby, and to see Jesus' love for others in their hearts.

Together, we produced several videos for TMM. "On God's Side of the Tracks" is our favorite. We enjoyed capturing the changes and challenges in people's lives. Using the artificial division of railroad tracks in a Southern town, we showed God mightily at work on the "side of the tracks" that some folks might discount or be unaware of.

Gary served on the Board of Directors and is also an associate member of Mendenhall Bible Church. He gained insight into socio-economic situations of rural Mississippi, issues in small towns, and increasing united cooperation between black and white believers in Christ. Susan edited the Youth Development Manual for Voice of Hope in Dallas. Intentional teaching and modeling are vital for youth to build effective, satisfying lives that bless others. Since the 1960s-70s, we praise God for progress made, but more is needed.

Mississippi is woven into our hearts! Though we're Texans, we met at Belhaven College (now University) and lived as newlyweds in Jackson. It was a joy to meet with Dr. Scottye Holloway last Fall in Dallas, and again with him and Evelyn Njoroge when we visited TMM in March.

In 2009, our local Bible church commissioned us as business-and-video missionaries. Since we teach Biblical Financial Principles, Business Ethics, and Video Production Skills --with passion to train future leaders--Dr. Holloway invited us to TMM to teach a week in the Summer Enrichment/Youth Leadership Development Program. We look forward to that cooperation!

Gary and Susan Bauer | www.alptx.org | Garland, Texas

THANK YOU MINISTRY PARTNERS FOR STANDING WITH US

PRASIES

1. Health & safety of staff, students, and volunteers
2. GOCS placed FIRST overall in the 7th Annual STEM/SUMO Robotics Competition, (3rd -5th grade), March 12, 2022
3. Opening of R.A. Buckley Recreation Christian Center
4. Coach Rahim Lockhart returned to TMM to provide leadership to the Recreation Ministry
5. Students from Dordt University (IA) and Puckett Disciples Now (MS) volunteered in Feb & March
6. Summer Enrichment/Youth Leadership Development Program in planning/development stage

PRAYER/NEEDS LIST

Please stand in prayer with us for the following:

1. Continued health & safety of staff, students, and volunteers
2. Two certified teachers in elementary/pre-school education
3. Farm manager
4. Development assistant
5. Volunteers: teams and individuals
6. Sponsors for GOCS students next year
7. Resources for Summer Enrichment Program this June
8. Equipping of the Exercise Room in the Gym
9. Ministry Partners to host Dr. Holloway and other TMM representatives when they travel to various cities (See P. 6)
10. Ministry Partners to serve as 'TMM Ambassadors' (See P. 6)



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Partners in the Gospel

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1: 3-5

Dear Ministry Partner, Please consider the following ways you may continue to partner with us:

- Pray regularly for us.
- Give to TMM General Fund. \$_____.
- Give to the President's Support. Enclosed is my Monthly, Quarterly or Annual Gift for \$_____. (Circle one)
- Sponsor a child at Genesis One Christian School (GOCS) for \$50, \$100, \$200 or \$400 per month, or \$_____
- Give to GOCS General Fund \$_____
- Give to Recreation Program \$_____.
- Give to Summer Enrichment Program \$_____.
- Request information about Volunteer Ministry.
- Request info about hosting or serving as TMM Ambassador.

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