



The Pulse

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From the President's Desk



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I can imagine how Nehemiah felt when he heard the report from his brother, Hannai, about how things were going with the people of Jerusalem. The report stated: *"Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire."* This report

rocked Nehemiah to his core. It broke his heart to hear that after over 163 years the problems of Jerusalem remained. He goes on to say, *"when I heard these things, I set down and wept. For some days I fasted and prayed before the God of heaven."*

I can identify with Nehemiah. In 2018, TMM's Board invited me to serve as President of TMM. My wife and I returned to Mendenhall after being away roughly 30 years, pastoring in several other states.

I left Mendenhall when TMM was in it's glory days. Upon my return, there was a great need to rebuild. This rebuilding includes staffing, infrastructure/facilities and relationships.

Nehemiah's challenge required a visible, heart rending response: sitting down, weeping and mourning. His initial response tells us something of the depth of his pain. Fortunately, his pain did not paralyze him; it energized him. Nehemiah began by fasting, praying, and seeking God on behalf of the people. Then he and his team began to work.

Like Nehemiah, after fasting and praying and requesting the Lord's help, we began to undertake the rebuilding of TMM.

This newsletter is a celebration of the faithfulness of our God; His favor towards us and his grace that empowers us to move forward— energizing others in the process.

It took Nehemiah and his team 52 days to rebuild the wall, which was not the ultimate goal. The ultimate goal was to rebuild the people. This took 19 years.

As in Nehemiah's case, our goal, ultimately, is not to rebuild facilities or to fill vacant positions. Our ultimate goal is to rebuild lives

This newsletter will give you a glimpse of where God has brought us, anticipating what he will ultimately do in people's lives.

We are thankful for the vital role you, our ministry partners, play in this journey. Please continue to travel with us in rebuilding facilities/infrastructure and in rebuilding lives.

R.A. Buckley Christian Center Facelift

Shinning new flooring!

Scoring should be a breeze with the new basketball goals;

New light fixtures;

New exterior doors; and

New toilets!

Remaining work to be done:

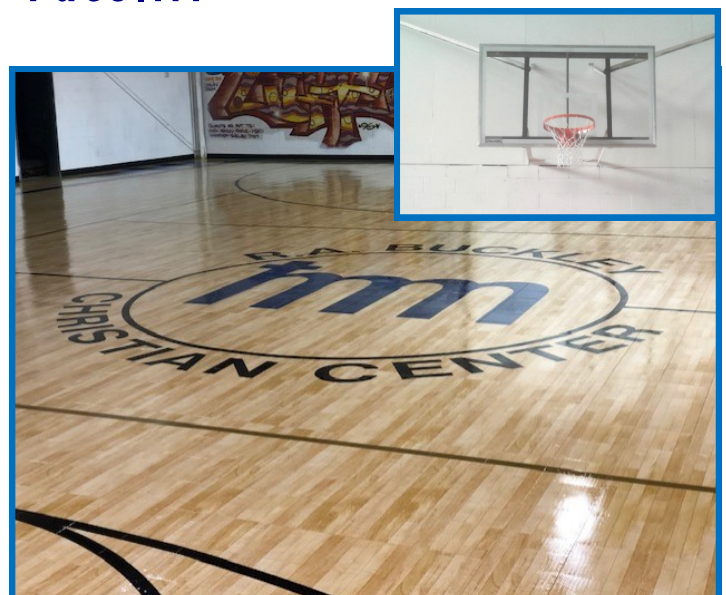
Painting of Exterior Walls;

Refurbishing Concession Stand

Refresh/Painting Sign

Acquire & Installing Sound Panels

Acquire & Installing HVAC



Volunteer Update

With the exception of one volunteer team that came in January, we had to cancel all other volunteer teams scheduled for 2020, due to the Coronavirus. Since most of the rebuilding work is done by volunteers, (local and from across the country), much of the rebuilding was put on hold, with the exception of work that simply could not be postponed.

Preparing the new school facility for the 2020/21 academic year is one of those tasks. The former Head Start building was converted into a modern and spacious learning environment by local craftsmen and volunteers: it was ready for occupancy by September 2020.

Our goal is to have the Gym ready for use by the summer break. With the many “stay at home” mandates and practices in 2020, it became even more important that youth have a safe place to play and exercise in 2021. With funds from several of our partners we were able to move forward with refurbishing the Gym. A few cosmetic tasks remain, (see page 1).

As the virus rates drop, we are cautiously inviting you to return to TMM in 2021. Our 100-bed volunteer barrack-like center can accommodate coronavirus protocols. We will host only one group at a time and we will do a deep clean before and after each group come and departs.

With your partnership we will rebuild so that we can minister more effectively to the community. Prayerfully, we will see you this year.



Sowing Seeds of Joy Ministry, Arlington, TX, presented Laptops and PPE to TMM during their pre-service visit in March 2021. Evelyn Njoroge received donations on behalf of TMM.

Praises

Because of your faithful partnership:

- GOCS is having a safe and successful 2020/21 academic year in its newly renovated facility;
- Students successfully transitioned to virtual learning and back to the in-class experience;
- Received donations of Chromebooks, Laptops, and educational supplies for GOCS and Tech Center;
- We continued ministering to community throughout 2020 with food, water, and PPE;
- R.A. Buckley Christian Center will open up for recreational activities this summer.



Unloading donations from Truck

Donated food & household supplies ready for distribution



Ministry Needs

- Administrative Assistant—A believer with a servant heart and a minimum of two years of college and/or five years experience in a similar position;
- Maintenance/Volunteer Assistant—A believer with a servant heart and a minimum of high school diploma;
- Primary School Teacher— A believer with a servant heart and teaching credentials;
- Commercial Lawn Mower
- Digital Camera with Zoom Lenses

Genesis One Christian School

Students, principal, teachers, and staff are having a great year at GOCS in their new facility. The move to the new facility was just in time! The larger facility made it possible to operate the 2020/21 academic year while observing Covert-19 protocols: social distancing; face masks; and frequent hand washing. The temperature of each person was taken at the entrance of the building. GOCS was closed only one week in September in compliance to a State directive.

Because GOCS was able to operate most of the academic year, it met the needs of many students who did not perform well with virtual learning. Parents continued to enroll their children at GOCS even during the second semester.

Looking forward, GOCS expanded its outreach from 5th grade to 6th grade.

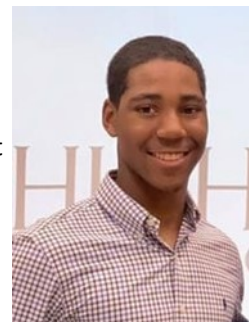
Congratulations to principal, teachers, and staff for a job well done!



Kids enjoying recess on GOCS new playground

Former GOCS Student Continues to Shine

Brennon McNair matriculated from GOCS to Magee High School (MHS), where he is graduating Valedictorian of his 2021 class. He is also enrolled at Copiah-Lincoln Community College where he has maintained a 4.0 GPA and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa.



Brennon served on the MHS Student Council as President for several years; and he had the honor of being a part of Future Leaders of Simpson County, Mayor's Youth Council, Trent Lott Leadership, Boys State and Leadership Summit at Harvard Law School. Brennon has received numerous awards throughout his high school years. He is a member of the MHS Trojans Varsity Baseball Team and is also involved in his church as the Youth and Inspirational Choir drummer at Calvary Baptist Church.

After graduation, Brennon is off to the University of South Alabama with a baseball scholarship.

Congratulations Brennon! We are so proud of you.

Candice McCullum: Community Service at GOCS

Community service is a requirement for graduation at Mississippi Valley State University. During the winter break, Candice McCullum, an advance junior majoring in Speech Communication, (a recent graduate of Copiah-Lincoln Community College and a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society), gain community service hours as an instructional assistant at Genesis One Christian School, GOCS. This is what she had to say about her experience:



“While at GOCS, I worked with the three to five year old class and their awesome teacher, Mrs. Kemp. I am grateful for Principal John Hardy who gave me the opportunity to become part of such a wonderful and positive learning environment.”

We wish Candice success as she continues her college journey.



A big “THANK YOU” from GOCS staff and students for gifts they received at Christmas



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Partners in the Gospel

“...in all remembrance of you...thankful for your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now.” Philippians 1:3-5

Thank you for standing with TMM. I pray that you will prayerfully consider the following ways you can partner with us:

- Pray regularly for us.
- Sponsor a child at Genesis One for \$50, \$100, \$200 or \$400 per month, or \$_____. (Circle one)
(You will receive a information, academic updates, and a photo of the child you are sponsoring).
- Support the Youth Leadership Development/Summer Enrichment Programs. Enclosed is my gift for: \$_____.
- Give to the General Fund. Enclosed is my Monthly, Quarterly, or Annual Gift \$_____. (Circle one)
- Give to the President’s Support. Enclosed is my Monthly, Quarterly or Annual Gift for \$_____. (Circle one)
- Host a home meeting. Invite church members, Sunday school class, friends, and co-workers, etc.
- Provide accommodation and/or transportation for TMM representative when traveling in your area.
- Find out about Volunteer opportunities.

Find out about employment opportunities.
Position interested in: _____

(For more information on any of the above please email: President@tmm.org or Develop.tmm@gmail.com)

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