



GAME ON

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**EQUIPPING LEADERS TRAINING &
MISSISSIPPI WMU ANNUAL MEETING**

TRAINING FOR MEN'S MINISTRY,
WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT MINISTRY & WMU LEADERS

AUGUST 18-19, 2023

**BROADMOOR
BAPTIST CHURCH**

**MADISON,
MISSISSIPPI**



A Winning Hope . . .

As we gather this weekend to equip ourselves with more tools and resources to be in the "Game" of winning people to Jesus, we are in a fight with forces seen and unseen. I encourage you to put on the game gear the Lord has given us. Through our WMU emphasis we are currently exploring Hope in Christ. As Christians, having hope in Christ gives us a home field advantage. Let us equip

ourselves with the tools we need to continue to make disciples and expand the team players to spread the gospel in our homes, our communities, our nation, and our world. With a "Winning Hope" for 135 years, Woman's Missionary Union has been equipping others to pray, give, educate, and do missions. Join us as we seek to equip leaders to make an impact for years to come.

Terrie Harwood
President
Mississippi WMU



Getting into the Game . . .

The Bible is clear that all Christians have been given spiritual gifts and abilities meant to build up the kingdom. This weekend is designed to help equip Christian men and women to identify their gifts and abilities and prepare to use them in ministry. There are many missions and ministry leader roles in the church and local community. How has God called you to serve? How will you use your God given gifts

and abilities to provide hope and healing to others? You may have arrived here this weekend with your calling clear in your mind or you may be seeking direction from God. Either way, we are glad you are here and hope that you will choose to *Get into the Game!*

Tammy Anderson
Executive Director-Treasurer
Mississippi Women's Ministries/WMU



A Winning Game Plan . . .

Men have a desperate need. That need may not be expressed verbally and some men may not even know that they have such a need. But, all men need other Christian men who will walk with them in their lives to provide spiritual guidance and encouragement. I hope that as you attend some of our Men's Ministry breakouts you will be encouraged to take the call to disciple the men in your church. Spiritual

friendship among men is at an all-time low.

We are told now that men have fewer friends than ever before, they are less likely to be involved in small group discipleship and therefore they are less likely to live up to the calling they have as husbands, fathers, church, and community leaders.

But there is Hope in Christ! As you learn this weekend about new strategies and methods that you can use to reach our boys (in RAs), our students (in Challengers), and the men of your church, you can't forget that the only real hope for our world today is found in Jesus.

This should motivate us to do all that we can to connect all men to authentic relationships within the church. With a *Winning Game Plan*, let's do all that we can to reach and disciple the men in our church and our community!

Jon Martin
Director
Men's Ministries, MBCB

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Displays: Check out the displays set up throughout the Main Hall.

First Aid: A first aid station is available in the room behind the Welcome Center Desk.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

- 2:00 PM Registration/Exhibits Open
- 2:15 PM "Missionary Mingle" Cookie Fellowship, Main Hall
- 3:00 PM Mississippi Missionary Reunion, Venue
(Invitation Only)
- 3:00 PM Conference Session #1
- 4:00 PM Conference Session #2
- 5:00 PM Missions Celebration Banquet, Gym
(Reservations Required)
- 6:00 PM Opening General Session, Venue
- 7:30 PM Conference Session #3
- 8:30 PM Dismiss

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

Doors Open: 8:00 AM • Exhibits available

- 8:30 AM Conference Session #4
- 9:30 AM Conference Session #5
- 10:30 AM Grab & Go Break
- 10:45 AM Conference Session #6
- 11:45 AM Closing General Session
- 12:30 PM Lunch, Gym *(provided)*
- 1:30 PM MS WMU Annual Meeting
- 2:30 PM Dismiss

SPECIAL HAPPENINGS...

Missionary Mingle – Join us in the Main Hall from 2:15-2:45 PM for a meet and greet with Mississippi Missionaries. Enjoy some Garaywa cookies!

WorldCrafts Market – Shop the WC Market in the Main Hall. WC is a fair-trade ministry of WMU. Items are available from artisans around the world. Credit Card and Checks Only.

Prayerwalk Mississippi – This is a virtual prayer-walk experience spotlighting the spiritual lostness of Mississippi by county. You can stop by one or two stations or take a breakout session to complete the entire prayerwalk. Located in and near the Faith Essentials Room.

MS Disaster Relief Equipment Tour – The DR Equipment Tour is located in the side parking lot. Check out the kinds of equipment that MS Baptists use to bring hope and healing to those suffering from disasters. Meet DR team members and find out how you can be involved in this ministry.

PROGRAM GUESTS



GORDON FORT

Ambassador to President
International Mission Board



RUSSELL MORD

Associational Missions Strategist
Golden Triangle



CONNIE DIXON

President
National WMU



KAY BENNETT

Retired NAMB/Send Relief Missionary



MATT & SHEA WILLIAMS

IMB Representatives
Southeast Asia



JARED VARDAMAN

Worship Leader

CONFERENCES TO ATTEND

| Session | Time | Conference Title | Room |
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**Use this chart to organize information about the conferences you would like to attend.*

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace . . .*

1 Peter 4:10



OPENING GENERAL SESSION

FRIDAY: 6:00-7:15 PM

Pre-worship music

Welcome & Introductions Tammy Anderson

Congregational Worship.....Jared Vardaman

Revive Us Again / Graves into Gardens

Living the Call in SEA Matt & Shea Williams

Congregational Worship.....Jared Vardaman

Victory in Jesus / See A Victory / This Blood (solo)

Theme Interpretation Video

Get in the Game Gordon Fort

Calling Out the Called.....Jon Martin

Closing Prayer/DismissJon Martin

MISSIONARY PRAYER CALENDAR: August 18

Colorado: Kathryn Britton

Florida: Blake Harcup

Indiana: Leonid Marsan

North Carolina: Donald Charles

Ohio: Doug Wampler

Texas: Robeam Getaneh Solomon

Asian Pacific Rim Peoples: JB, Vicki Dueker, Caleb Huhmann

Central Asian Peoples: KD, SO

European Peoples: Shannon Garner

Northern African and Middle Eastern Peoples: KG

South Asian Peoples: Eddie Landry, DM

Sub-Saharan African Peoples: Sam Brittain, Jeffrey Johnson

Chaplains

Volunteers

State Convention Missionaries

Retired IMB: Harry Bush, Lynnette Kinnison, Lou Ann Lee, SP, FR,
Alfredo Valencia, Alan Waters, Jack Yates

CLOSING GENERAL SESSION

SATURDAY: 11:45 AM-12:30 PM

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| Pre-worship music | |
| Announcements/Introductions..... | Tammy Anderson |
| Music Solo | Jared Vardaman |
| Living the Call in Europe..... | Kylie Swenson |
| A Winning Game Plan | Russell Mord |
| <i>Commissioning of Leaders</i> | |
| Congregational Worship..... | Jared Vardaman |
| Prayer/Dismiss | Jon Martin |

MISSIONARY PRAYER CALENDAR: August 19

- Illinois: Joshua Burks
- American Peoples: Phoebe Harrison
- Central Asian Peoples: WH
- European Peoples: Cal Hiebsch
- South Asian Peoples: MP, MS
- Sub-Saharan African Peoples: Trey Lancaster, Brooke Tipton
- Chaplains
- Volunteers
- State Convention Missionaries
- Retired IMB: Chip Clary, Lee Collins, Gerry Colston, Janene Ford, Bruce Gerling, Delores Graham, Cheri Orange, Larry Plyler, DS, Betty Sledd, Paul VanStone, Joyce Wright

MISSISSIPPI WMU ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY: 1:30-2:30 PM

Pre-worship music

WelcomeTerrie Harwood

Congregational Worship.....Jared Vardaman

King of Kings

WMU Business MeetingTerrie Harwood

Hope for Mississippi: WMU Annual Report.....Video

Congregational Worship.....Jared Vardaman

Living Hope

Planning for the Future.....Connie Dixon

Sharing A Winning HopeMissionary Panel

Kay Bennett, Kylie Swenson, Matt & Shea Williams

Congregational Worship.....Jared Vardaman

Here Am I Lord...Send Me

Closing Prayer/DismissGordon Fort

CONFERENCE DESCRIPTIONS

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Ministry and The Local Association: How the Local Association can Assist Your Church in Developing a Men's Ministry Strategy – David Addy

In this session, leaders will be introduced to one method that your association can use to assist your church in developing a strategic men's ministry. You will learn how a partnership between your association and your church can help to begin small groups for men and provide support for your men's ministry.

Challengers: Leading Challengers In Your Church – Keith Gates

As young men transition into adulthood, it is of the utmost importance that their faith grows with them. Learn how missions discipleship, through Challengers, prepares teenage boys to face the world with confidence in Jesus Christ and a heart on fire for the gospel. Experiences in missions discipleship build boys' awareness that, while God wants every person to know of His love and to have a relationship with Him through Christ, there are still people in the world who know nothing of God's love. With this knowledge, boys progress from self-focus to a focus on others. A foundation of missions is set for a lifetime.

Effective Small Groups: How to Lead Effective Small Groups for the Men in Your Church – Steve Sonderman

Men desperately need a safe place where they can become all that God desires them to be . . . a men's small group, operating properly, is the optimal place for a man to grow spiritually. In this session, Steve Sonderman will address how to effectively lead a small group.

How Men Grow Spiritually: The Fundamental Principles of Spiritual Growth for Men – Steve Sonderman

Men are missing the joy of walking with Christ in an intimate way. They aren't growing deeper with Him, seeing their lives transformed, their relationships changed or knowing the satisfaction of being involved in something much bigger than themselves. In this session, Steve Sonderman will share some fundamental principles of spiritual growth and the ways that God grows a man into spiritual maturity.

Royal Ambassadors: Basics To Leading Royal Ambassadors In Your Church – Keith Gates

Royal Ambassadors (RA) is a missions discipleship group for boys in grades 1-6. Learn how RAs can provide an opportunity for boys to grow spiritually, physically, mentally, and relationally with others through missions involvement and character development.

CONFERENCE DESCRIPTIONS

Royal Ambassadors: Using The Trek Guide And Other Extra Resources – Keith Gates

Tools to be used in addition to Royal Ambassador materials can be a great way to take your RA boys to the next level. These tools include the RA Trek and the Campcraft Manual. RA Trek is the achievement plan for Royal Ambassadors (RAs). Keep your chapter engaged with more than 120 hands-on activities, Scripture memorizations, and ministry ideas. The Campcraft Manual is a compilation of skills from years of Royal Ambassador camping experiences and ideas shared by many people.

How To Disciple Men: The Foundational Principles for Discipling Men – Steve Sonderman

Seeing men grow in their faith and be intentionally discipled is the goal of every men's ministry. In this session, Steve Sonderman will lay a foundation of basic principles that have been instrumental in his life and ministry for more than forty years.

Ministering to the Next Generation of Men: How to Reach the Next Generation of Men – Steve Sonderman

In this session, Steve Sonderman will draw from his personal experiences and the experiences of younger men in whom he has invested to help you understand how best to reach the next generation of men in your congregation.

Men's Ministry Curriculum: What is Available and How Is It Used? – Jon Martin

In this session, you will be introduced to various curricula for Men's Discipleship. Recognizing that curriculum is only a tool, you will be guided through different options and the appropriate uses of those curriculums.

WOMEN'S & GIRLS' MINISTRY

Developing A Winning Strategy for Your Women's Ministry – Tammy Anderson

Let's work through the basics for developing a comprehensive Women's Ministry strategy. Learn how to customize a Women's Leadership Team that works for your church.

NEXT LEVEL Women's Ministry: Beyond the Basics – Lisa Leavell

Join Lisa to explore fun ideas for taking your women's ministry to the next level. Hear and share about events, promotions, resources and etc . . . that are working to reach today's women.

CONFERENCE DESCRIPTIONS

Girls' Ministry: Growing Godly Girls – Catherine Inman

Discover resources to help you connect with and disciple teen girls. Learn how to develop trusting relationships and help girls learn to share their faith with others.

WMU

Associational WMU (all Associational WMU Leaders)

– Terrie Harwood

Learn the difference between leading at the associational and church WMU level. Develop an understanding of your role as an associational leader.

Churchwide Missions (WMU Directors, Churchwide Missions Leaders) – Connie Dixon

Learn updates and explore the resources designed to encourage churches to make disciples of Jesus who live on mission. We want to enable congregations to take the glory of His gospel to their communities and to the nations.

Sisters Who Care in the African American Church – Joye Smith

For leaders in African American churches, explore how *Sisters Who Care* inspires women to live out a missions lifestyle.

Missions for the Win! (Adults on Mission, myMission and Women on Mission) – Stephanie Newton and Kristy Carr

Come learn creative ideas on how to coach adults in your church in Missions for the Win! We'll discuss learning about missions, praying for missions, giving to missions, doing missions and discipling others to live on mission.

Game On with Student Missions (Acteens & Youth on Mission)

– Melissa Prestage

Students experience transformation as they learn how to study God's Word, live out their own faith, and recognize its sustaining power in the lives of missionaries and believers. Hear updates and explore resources to lead students in missions discipleship through Acteens and Youth on Mission.

Game On with Children Missions (Children in Action & Girls in Action) – Ann Rials

Through missions discipleship, children come to understand that God can use them now – even while they are young – to make a difference. Hear updates and explore the resources used to help children develop a missional foundation for the rest of their lives through CA and GA.

CONFERENCE DESCRIPTIONS

Next Level Children Missions: All the Extras – Ann Rials

Come hear how you can use all the extra CA & GA Resources to take your program to the next level. Ann will share ideas on badges, award ceremonies and much more . . .

Kick Off with Preschool Missions – Joye Smith

Discover how to get missions started with preschoolers with Mission Friends. This session will cover the basics of leading Mission Friends, and we will look at the year ahead in Mission Friends.

Extra Yards in Preschool Missions – Joye Smith

Find ideas for extras in Mission Friends that make for a winning game plan for preschool missions.

MISSIONS & MINISTRY CONFERENCES

Calling Out The Called: Intentionally Calling Young Men Into Ministry – Ken Hall

Many young men involved in RAs or Challengers will sense the call on their lives to full-time ministry or missions, or to serve as volunteers in their congregations. In this session, you will learn how to foster the call in the lives of young men, how to call out those that are called, and how to support them if they are sensing a call to ministry.

Disaster Relief: Becoming a “Disaster Ready Church” – Hubert Yates
The “Disaster Ready Church” is a strategy of Mississippi Baptist Disaster Relief to prepare, engage, and connect the local church with disaster ministry opportunities on the local, state, national, and international levels. This workshop will introduce you to the “Disaster Ready Church” concepts that focus on meeting immediate disaster needs: Feeding, Shelter, and Cleanup/Recovery.

Game On in Eastern Europe – Kylie Swenson

Come listen as Kylie shares about living and working in Europe.

Game On in Southeast Asia – Matt & Shea Williams

Come listen as Matt & Shea share about living and working in Southeast Asia.

Faith Community Nursing – Deborah Bolian Massey

Do you see health concerns and needs in your church? Come learn about Faith Community Nursing. The Faith Community Nurse (FCN) provides spiritual care in the faith community as well as in the broader community. Faith Community Nursing allows for service to the congregation that relieves physical discomfort, emotional anguish, and spiritual distress.

CONFERENCE DESCRIPTIONS

Impacting Communities Through WMU Compassion Ministries

– Ann Stone

Come hear how you can minister through the WMU Compassion Ministries. Learn how these ministries reach local communities in the United States and even around the world.

Mississippi Connections: Your Church on Mission – Chad McCord

Come listen as our new Missions Mobilization Director, Chad McCord, shares ways to get your church to take the Next Step in Missions. He will share opportunities for you and your church to be engaged in missions through MBCB connections in Mississippi and around the world.

Opportunities to Serve Through the IMB – Gordon Fort

Gordon will share all the many ways you and your church can serve with the International Mission Board. There are short-term, long-term and volunteer opportunities.

Prison Ministry: Mobilizing To Be On Mission Through Prison Ministry

– Walter Nixon

One of the ways that you can involve your congregation in missions is through local prison ministry. In this conference, you will learn how your church can minister to those living inside of our prison system. Prison ministry allows your church to be involved in missions right where you live.

SPIRITUAL & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Gifted to Serve: Maximizing Your Spiritual Gifts – Sonya Auston

Come learn how to identify your spiritual gifts and explore how your giftedness is part of God's plan.

Embracing Your Strengths – Connie Dixon

We usually don't consider our strengths as unique or as stunning as someone else's because whatever ours is, it comes so easily to us that we may take it for granted. We are uniquely equipped with natural strengths. Strengths that just feel right. If we deny our strengths and miss out on using our God-given abilities . . . we may walk through life feeling like we don't fit.

Sharing Your Faith in Everyday Encounters – Kay Bennett

Listen as Kay explains how she shares her faith in everyday situations. Develop a burden for the lost people around you. Learn how any conversation can become an opportunity to share Jesus with others.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

Margaret Lackey State Offering Promotion

OCTOBER 24-25

Mississippi Baptist Convention

NOVEMBER 3-4

Mother/Daughter Weekend at Garaywa

NOVEMBER 10-11

Mother/Daughter Weekend at Garaywa

DECEMBER 3-10

Week of Prayer for International Missions and
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

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