

# EQUIPPING LEADERS

with WMU Annual Meeting



## TOY BOX LEADERSHIP

Leadership Training for Men's Ministry Leaders, Women's Ministry Leaders,  
Multicultural Leaders, & WMU (all age-levels) Leaders

**AUGUST 16-17, 2024 • BRANDON BAPTIST CHURCH**





**TERRIE HARWOOD • *President, Mississippi WMU***

As I was thinking about toy boxes and equipping leaders, I thought about my nursery babies and the things we build in Sunday School and worship service. I often try to make connections to Bible stories whether its building walls (me) or knocking them down (the toddlers). I see them go from babies being rocked to toddlers making connecting roads to drive their cars on or castles to hide their animals and people in. They did not learn that on their own, they observed, mimicked, or were taught about those things.

When I think of equipping leaders if I only taught what I know, or how to do things the way I do them, we would live in a small world and not be creative. Praise the Lord we do not all do the same thing, in the same way, at the same time! I challenge you to learn different methods of equipping your church to be On Mission for our Lord and encourage thinking outside the box and building that leadership program with multiple ways to be On Mission, Do Missions, Teach Missions, and Give to Missions through your church, association, state, and to the uttermost. Remember the Lord does not always call the equipped, He equips the called. Let us be part of His plan to do so.



**TAMMY ANDERSON • *Executive Director-Treasurer, Mississippi Women's Ministries/WMU, MBCB***

During the next two years, WMU's theme is "What JOY!" Emphasizing 1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NIV), "because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well." WMU will renew our focus on the assurance of our God-given joy in Christ and how we can share our joy with others by serving them in His name. This weekend, leaders will be equipped and encouraged to be passionate about the lost, compelled by love, generous in sharing and to serve with great delight (joy). It is our joy to serve alongside you as you serve in the local church. We are praying for you as God works in your life this weekend and empowers you in serving Him this year.



**PAULA SMITH • *Director, Multicultural Ministries, MBCB***

JOY! Is there anything more joyful than a bunch of kids playing their favorite games?! No matter where I've gotten to work, I've seen it happen. Not with just children, but adults also playing "La Mancha" in Uruguay to "Go-Go-Im" in Israel and even here in Mississippi with our Choctaw youth and adults playing "Stickball". Everyone is learning leadership, followship and teamwork all the while having fun! So it is with this year's Equipping Leaders! We are thrilled there will be conferences touching on other ethnic and culture groups to share and learn from each other. ENJOY!



**DWAYNE PARKER • *Director, Discipleship/Sunday School Ministries, MBCB***

We are thrilled to have you with us for Equipping Leaders! As men, we often prefer to tackle challenges without reading directions or seeking help, but this approach rarely yields the best results. In Ephesians 4:11-13, the apostle Paul highlights the importance of both equipping others and being equipped ourselves.

Over the next two days, you will explore various leadership styles through the unique lens of toys, revisit the fundamental principles of disciple-making, and discover the profound impact of small groups within men's ministry. I am looking forward to this journey of growth and learning together and the results we will see in days to come!

# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

## Friday, August 16

2:00 PM	Registration / Exhibits & WorldCrafts Market Available
3:00 PM	Conference Session #1
4:00 PM	Conference Session #2
5:00 PM	Missions Banquet ( <i>Multipurpose Building</i> )
6:00 PM	Opening General Session ( <i>Multipurpose Building</i> )
7:30 PM	Conference Session #3
8:30 PM	Dismiss

## Saturday, August 17

*Doors open: 8:00 AM – Exhibits & WorldCrafts Market 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 ( <i>Multipurpose Building</i> )
12:45 PM	Lunch ( <i>Multipurpose Building</i> )
1:45 PM	MS WMU Annual Meeting ( <i>Sanctuary</i> )
3:00 PM	Dismiss

# THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

## FIRST AID:

A first aid station is available in Room W134 on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Worship Center Building.

## FACILITIES:

Multipurpose Building = MP  
Worship Center Building = W

# SPECIAL FEATURES

## Let's Build a Houseboat CP Style – An Interactive Craft

Join the fun of building a houseboat one craft stick at a time and find out how to engage your church in learning about the Cooperative Program. We've got the glue and the craft sticks... we just need you! Only offered during **Friday, Session 1 in Room W 220** (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Worship Center Building).

## WorldCrafts Market, MP 321

*(Check or Credit Card Sales Only)*

Friday: 2:00-6:00 PM / 7:30-8:30 PM  
Saturday: 8:00-11:30 AM / 12:30-1:30 PM

## Escape to the GREAT PURSUIT (Escape Room), W 103

A fun-interactive missions learning experience. Participants will partner together to explore clues to solve the mystery of the missions escape room. Offered during these sessions:  
Friday: 1 & 2 | Saturday: 4, 5, & 6

## Tours of MS Baptists Disaster Relief Equipment

*(Equipment located in the parking lot between the Multipurpose Building and Children's Building)*

Friday: 3:00-5:00 PM  
Saturday: 8:30-11:30 AM

## Baptist Nursing Fellowship State Meeting

In the Youth Cafe, MP 206, upstairs in the Multipurpose Building, 4:00-4:50 PM

## Missions & Ministry Exhibits

Located in Rooms MP 305 and MP 320 and throughout the event, available all weekend.



# PROGRAM GUESTS



**RON HUNTER, Jr.**  
Executive Director & CEO  
D6 Family Ministry



**DAN & LIBBY PANTER**  
Missionaries to Kenya



**BRIAN CRAWFORD**  
President  
Mission Mississippi



**KRIS SMITH**  
Director  
Worship Ministries, MBCB



**MARILYN GRAVES**  
Executive Director-Treasurer  
Baptist Nursing Fellowship

# SPECIAL GUESTS



**CAROLYN FOUNTAIN**  
President (Former)  
Louisiana WMU



**CHRISTINE GILL**  
Women's Missions/Ministry Strategist  
Louisiana WMU



**GAYLA PARKER**  
Biblical Studies Professor  
Ouachita Baptist University



**JOYE SMITH**  
Preschool Missions  
National WMU



**HEATHER KELLER**  
Student/Children Missions  
National WMU



**SCOTT SULLIVAN**  
Discipleship Catalyst  
Georgia Baptists



**STAN STATHAM**  
Men's Ministry & Disaster Relief Strategist  
Louisiana Baptist Convention

# PRAYER CALENDAR

## Friday, August 16

**Alabama:**  
Catherine Coleman

**California:**  
Martin Casas, Jordan Rodseth

**Florida:**  
Miguel Estevill

**Nebraska:**  
Tarrence Barlow

**Oklahoma:**  
William Sandmann

**South Carolina:**  
Lavery Gibson

**American Peoples:**  
Shelah Fathauer, AS

**Asian Pacific Rim Peoples:**  
TS

**Northern African and  
Middle Eastern Peoples:**  
HC, MD, SS

**Sub-Saharan African Peoples:**  
Ryan Curry, Michael Ley

**Chaplains • Volunteers**

**State Convention Missionaries**

**Retired NAMB:**  
Jerry Reynolds

**Retired IMB:**  
Carroll Golden, Pamela Henagan,  
Barney Hutson, David Johnson,  
Susan Ludwick, Trisha Price,  
Manuel Sosa

## Saturday, August 17

**Florida:**  
Vitaly Rymar

**New Mexico:**  
Miranda Lash

**North Carolina:**  
David Parsons

**South Dakota:**  
Richard McGehee

**Virginia:**  
Fisseha Tesfaye

**Asian Pacific Rim Peoples:**  
KA, Pierce Hite, AJ Lewis

**Central Asian Peoples:**  
RB

**Deaf Peoples:**  
AA

**European Peoples:**  
KN, Patricia Vazquez

**Northern African and Middle Eastern  
Peoples:**  
MH, SP

**South Asian Peoples:**  
DB, TC

**Global:**  
ER

**Chaplains • Volunteers**

**State Convention Missionaries**

**Retired NAMB:**  
Willie Johnson, Bobby Lovejoy,  
Michael Procter, Claude Stevens

**Retired IMB:**  
Oakie Blevins, Sharon Fairchild,  
John Fischer, EH

# MISSISSIPPI WMU ANNUAL MEETING

## "Live Sent"

Saturday • 1:45-3:00 PM

Pre-Worship Music

Welcome..... Terrie Harwood

Congregational Worship.....Kris Smith

Living Sent Through BNF ..... Marilyn Graves

WMU Business Meeting..... Terrie Harwood

Mississippi WMU Annual Report ..... Media

Living Sent in Kenya..... Dan & Libby Panter

Worship in Song.....Kris Smith

Live Sent Challenge..... Brian Crawford

Congregational Worship.....Kris Smith

Prayer to Dismiss ..... Tammy Anderson



# CONFERENCE BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Rooms	Session 1 3:00 PM	Session 2 4:00 PM	Session 3 7:30 PM	Session 4 8:30 AM	Session 5 9:30 AM	Session 6 10:45 AM
MP 310	Communicating Like Jesus	Understanding the "Not My" Generation	Planning with Purpose: Everything You Need to Know to Start a Ministry to and for Women	Understanding the "Not My" Generation	Communicating Like Jesus	Planning with Purpose: Everything You Need to Know to Start a Ministry to and for Women
MP 326	50 Steps with Jesus - Learning to Walk Daily with the Lord	Sisters Who Care	WMU Toy Box	WMU Toy Box	Sisters Who Care	50 Steps with Jesus - Learning to Walk Daily with the Lord
MP 328	Deaf Culture & Ministry in Mississippi	What does ASL (American Sign Language) Look like?			Deaf Culture & Ministry in Mississippi	What does ASL (American Sign Language) Look like?
MP 330	Who is My Neighbor?			Who is My Neighbor?		Who is My Neighbor?
MP 340		Conflict Resolution Within the Church	Conflict Resolution Within the Church	Conflict Resolution Within the Church	Conflict Resolution Within the Church	
MP 344	Whatever is Lovely		Adult Missions Toy Box		Adult Missions Toy Box	Whatever is Lovely
W 103	Escape to the Great Pursuit	Escape to the Great Pursuit		Escape to the Great Pursuit	Escape to the Great Pursuit	Escape to the Great Pursuit
W 105		MBCB Missions Involvement Opportunities	Pursuing Missions Opportunity with IMB		MBCB Missions Involvement Opportunities	
W 106	Living Sent in Kenya	Hear Our Heartbeat: Explore Hope in Christ with BNF	Living Sent in Kenya	Hear Our Heartbeat: Explore Hope in Christ with BNF	Living Sent in Kenya	Living Sent in Kenya
W 122	Reaching the Culture Without Compromising the Gospel		Finding Unity in Christ in Today's World		Reaching the Culture without Compromising the Gospel	Finding Unity in Christ in Today's World
W 125		Disaster Relief - Is Your Church Disaster Ready?		Disaster Relief - Is Your Church Disaster Ready?		
W 132		Raising a Generation of Men's Leaders	The Disciple's Mission	The Disciple's Life	The Disciple's Power Source	The Disciple's Call
W 211	Influencing Preschoolers' Mental Health		Mission Friends Toy Box	Mission Friends Toy Box	Influencing Preschoolers' Mental Health	
W 219		Next Level Royal Ambassadors	The Nuts and Bolts of Leading Royal Ambassadors		The Nuts and Bolts of Leading Royal Ambassadors	Next Level Royal Ambassadors
W 220	Let's Build a House Boat CP Style - Interactive Craft	Scabble: Student Missions Discipleship for 9 Points	Kids & Missions? YES (CA & GA)	Kids & Missions? YES (CA & GA)	Beyond the Basics for CA/GA	Scabble: Student Missions Discipleship for 9 Points



# CONFERENCES TO ATTEND

SESSION	TIME	CONFERENCE TITLE	ROOM
1	3:00 PM		
2	4:00 PM		
3	7:30 PM		
4	8:30 AM		
5	9:30 AM		
6	10:45 AM		

Use this chart to organize information about the conferences you would like to attend.

## CAMPS

**GARAYWA CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER • CLINTON, MS**



**CENTRAL HILLS BAPTIST RETREAT • WEST, MS**



Visit [mbcb.org](http://mbcb.org) to learn about upcoming events and activities.



# **GENERAL SESSIONS**

**Dr. Ron Hunter, Jr. | "The Ethos of Leadership" NOTES**

# CONFERENCE DESCRIPTIONS

## MEN'S MINISTRY LEADERS

### **Raising a Generation of Men's Leaders • Steven Platt**

In this session, we will explore how to cultivate a generation of men's leaders who are authentic disciples of Jesus Christ. We will focus on equipping them to lead their families and actively serve and teach within their local church communities.

*Join us for a transformative journey through "Jesus Centered Discipleship for Every Man," spread across four impactful sessions. Each discipleship session below is designed to stand alone, so you can attend any or all according to your schedule. Don't miss this chance to grow spiritually, connect deeply with others, and hear a life-changing message from King Jesus!*

### **The Disciple's Mission • Scott Sullivan**

Dive into the Great Commission as we explore Matthew 28. This session will challenge you to embrace the mission that defines every disciple.

### **The Disciple's Life • Scott Sullivan**

Discover what it truly means to be a biblical disciple of Jesus. Gain insights from II Timothy 2:1-7 and learn how to embody these principles in your daily life.

### **The Disciple's Power Source • Scott Sullivan**

Understand the vital importance of abiding in Christ. Drawing from John 15:1-8, this session will reveal the key to long-term fruitfulness in your family and personal life.

### **The Disciple's Call • Scott Sullivan**

Reflect on the profound meaning of "Take Up Your Cross" as described in Luke 9:23-26. This session will inspire you to live out this call with courage and conviction.

## WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT LEADERS

### **Understanding the "Not My" Generation • Gayla Parker**

Titus 2 instructs women to teach women of all ages. It sounds easy, but crossing generational borders is much like crossing cultural borders. In this conference, enjoy taking a look at the characteristics of past and present generations and learning how women really can effectively minister to and communicate with one another. We can grow and do so much more together than we can separately.

### **Planning with Purpose: Everything You Need to Know to Start a Ministry To and For Women • Gayla Parker**

It has been said that if you aim at nothing you will hit it every time. That is certainly true in life but it is also true in beginning or growing a ministry. Join us as we take an in depth look into the in's and out's of stewarding an effective women's ministry program.

# CONFERENCE DESCRIPTIONS

## WMU LEADERS

### **The WMU Toy Box • Terrie Harwood**

WMU Directors and Churchwide Missions Leaders will explore ways to lead their church to make disciples of Jesus who live on mission. Participants will review this year's theme and resources that can help lead their church to pray for, give to, and be more involved in missions locally and around the world.

### **Adult Missions Toy Box • Christine Gill**

Adults today are busy and it can be a real challenge to live your life for Jesus. Come explore how to make disciples of Jesus who live on mission by engaging in myMissions, Adults on Mission and Women on Mission. Discover resources and ways that your life can impact the world for Jesus.

### **Sisters Who Care • Carolyn Fountain**

Sisters Who Care is a missions group of WMU designed to reach women in African American churches and involve individuals in responding to God as they learn about missions, pray for missions efforts, support missions work, do missions and tell about Jesus. This session aims to help participants further clarify the who, what, why, and how, of organizing Sisters Who Care in the local church, association, or state.

### **Scrabble: Student Missions Discipleship for 9 Points • Heather Keller**

Learn how to use the new Missions Journey: Student materials to teach Acteens, Challengers and Youth on Mission about the peoples of the world, how to share their faith and serve the Lord.

### **Kids and Missions? YES! • Heather Keller**

Children have access to a missions field most adults do not: other children and their families. Dive into the basics of Girls in Action and Children in Action as we help your church reach this untapped missions field by helping children see their potential to do their part to fulfill the Great Commission.

### **Beyond the Basics for Children in Action and Girls in Action • Heather Keller**

Join the discussion and find out how to take your GA or CA group from playing in their own toy box to sharing the good news about Christ with the world.

### **The Nuts and Bolts of Leading Royal Ambassadors • Stan Statham**

This session will help leaders discover the fundamental skills needed to lead the weekly RA Chapter meeting and other important aspects of RA ministry.

### **Next Level Royal Abassadors (Beyond the Basics) • Stan Statham**

In this session, we will discuss how to build excitement in the RA ministry and use that excitement to help boys carry out the RA Pledge in their daily lives.

### **Mission Friends Toy Box • Joye Smith**

Come see how to use play to teach preschoolers about missions! Gain an understanding of the basics of Mission Friends and learn how play makes missions exciting for preschoolers.

# CONFERENCE DESCRIPTIONS

## **MISSIONS & MINISTRIES**

### **Let's Build a Houseboat CP Style • Heather Keller**

Join the fun of building a houseboat one craft stick at a time and find out how to engage your church in learning about the Cooperative Program. We've got the glue and the craft sticks... we just need you!

### **Hear Our Heartbeat: Explore Hope in Christ with BNF • Marilyn Graves**

Combining healthcare skills and missions is the heart of Baptist Nursing Fellowship. Come learn how BNF can walk alongside you to plan a healthcare missions activity for every age group in your church. This is a wonderful way to reach people in your community to meet their physical and spiritual needs.

### **Deaf Culture and Deaf Ministry in Mississippi • Vickie Stuart**

Learn about the 97,000 Deaf living in Mississippi through their eyes – learn how and why there is a need for a Deaf Church and Deaf ministries in already established churches.

### **Is Your Church A Disaster Ready Church? • Hubert Yates**

The "Disaster Ready Church" is a strategy of MS Baptist Disaster Relief to prepare, engage and connect the local church with disaster ministry opportunities on the local, state, national and international levels. Come learn how your church can help meet immediate disaster needs: feeding, shelter and cleanup/recovery.

### **Finding Unity in Christ in Today's World • Brian Crawford**

Being who we are as a body – as the body of Christ – through diversity being unified and one in Christ as Galatians 3:28.

### **MBCB Missions Involvement Opportunities • Chad McCord**

Participants will explore the many ways you and your church can be engaged in missions through MBCB connections in Mississippi and around the world. Come learn how you and your church can take the next step in missions involvement.

### **Living Sent in Kenya • Dan & Libby Panter**

What does it mean to *Live Sent*? Come join Dan and Libby Panter as they share how they've responded to God's call to Live Sent in Kenya. Learn ways that you can partner with them on this journey.

### **Pursuing Missions Opportunities With IMB • Matt & Shea W.**

Come learn about all the ways you can participate in international missions through the International Mission Board.

### **Reaching the Culture Without Compromising the Gospel • Brian Crawford**

Keeping a Christ-centered focus with steps in not allowing culture to influence ministry – to guard against the influences of cultural norms of today.

# CONFERENCE DESCRIPTIONS

## **What Does ASL (American Sign Language) Look Like? • Vickie Stuart**

Learn some basics of ASL to be able to begin communication with the Deaf of Mississippi even as ASL is now being offered as a foreign language in our high schools.

## **Who is My Neighbor? • Paula Smith**

Statistics project that there will be no minorities in the United States by 2045. Discuss ways to engage with other cultures living in Mississippi to share the Good News.

## **Conflict Resolution Within the Church • John Maxey**

Using Biblical examples, participants will explore common ways we respond to conflict. Suggestions will be shared for developing healthy relationships and finding positive outcomes.

## **SPIRITUAL/PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNICATION**

### **Communicating Like Jesus • Gayla Parker**

If our words are misunderstood, then our intent and preparation is for naught. As leaders, there is much we can learn by looking at the tools Jesus used to be understood by both genders and all generations. This conference will examine His techniques and look at ways in which they can be incorporated into our speaking, teaching, meetings, and writing.

### **Whatever is Lovely (Mental Wellness) • Christine Gill**

In Phillipians 4:8, the Bible describes clearly how we are to dwell on praiseworthy and excellent thoughts. In this breakout, you will learn about common "thinking errors" that can rapidly affect our mood and keep us stuck in a cycle of anxiety, sadness, or other difficult emotions and discover practical tips for managing them.

### **Influencing Preschoolers' Mental Health • Joye Smith**

The mental health crisis reaches our kids in their early years. How do we support preschoolers and their families? How do we build a foundation of positive mental health? Explore ways for preschool leaders to respond.

### **50 Steps with Jesus: Learning to Walk Daily with the Lord • Carolyn Fountain**

*50 Steps with Jesus: Learning to Walk Daily with the Lord* is one of the latest resources embraced by WMU that is designed for discipling new believers. This session will introduce participants to a plan to disciple/mentor new believers as they search for answers to probing questions such as: who am I in Christ; what does it mean to be a Christian; what is prayer and how can I develop my prayer life; and how can I study the Bible and understand faith terms and practices.



# ADDITIONAL FACULTY



**JOHN MAXEY**  
Director  
Church Planting/Revitalization, MBCB



**CHAD McCORD**  
Director  
Missions Mobilization, MBCB



**STEVEN PLATT**  
Pastor  
Providence Baptist Church



**VICKIE STUART**  
Consultant  
Deaf Ministry, MBCB

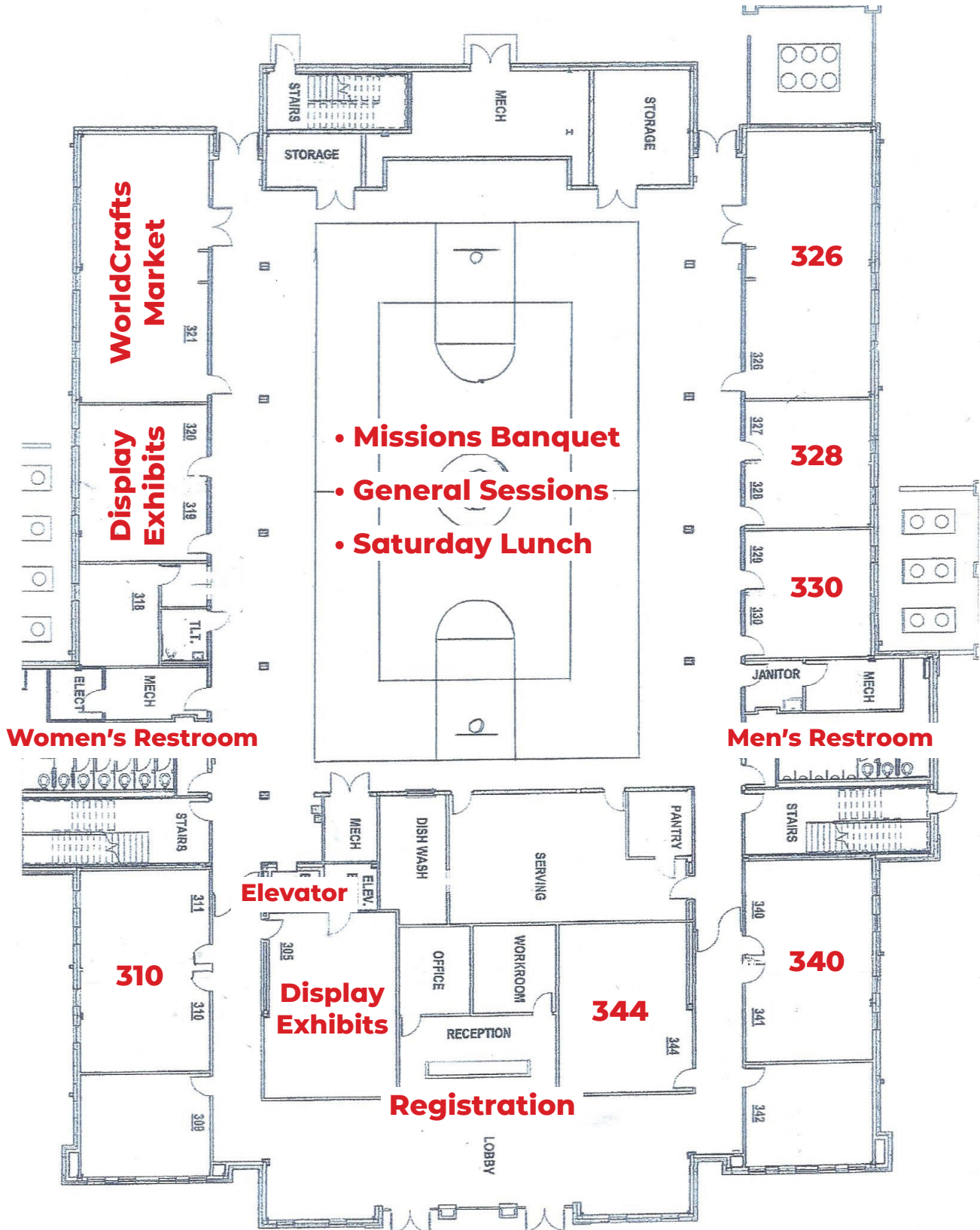


**MATT & SHEA W.**  
APAC Representatives  
IMB

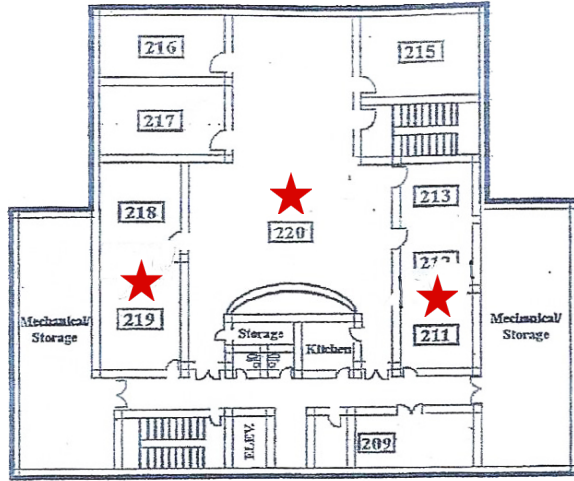


**HUBERT YATES**  
Director  
Disaster Relief, MBCB

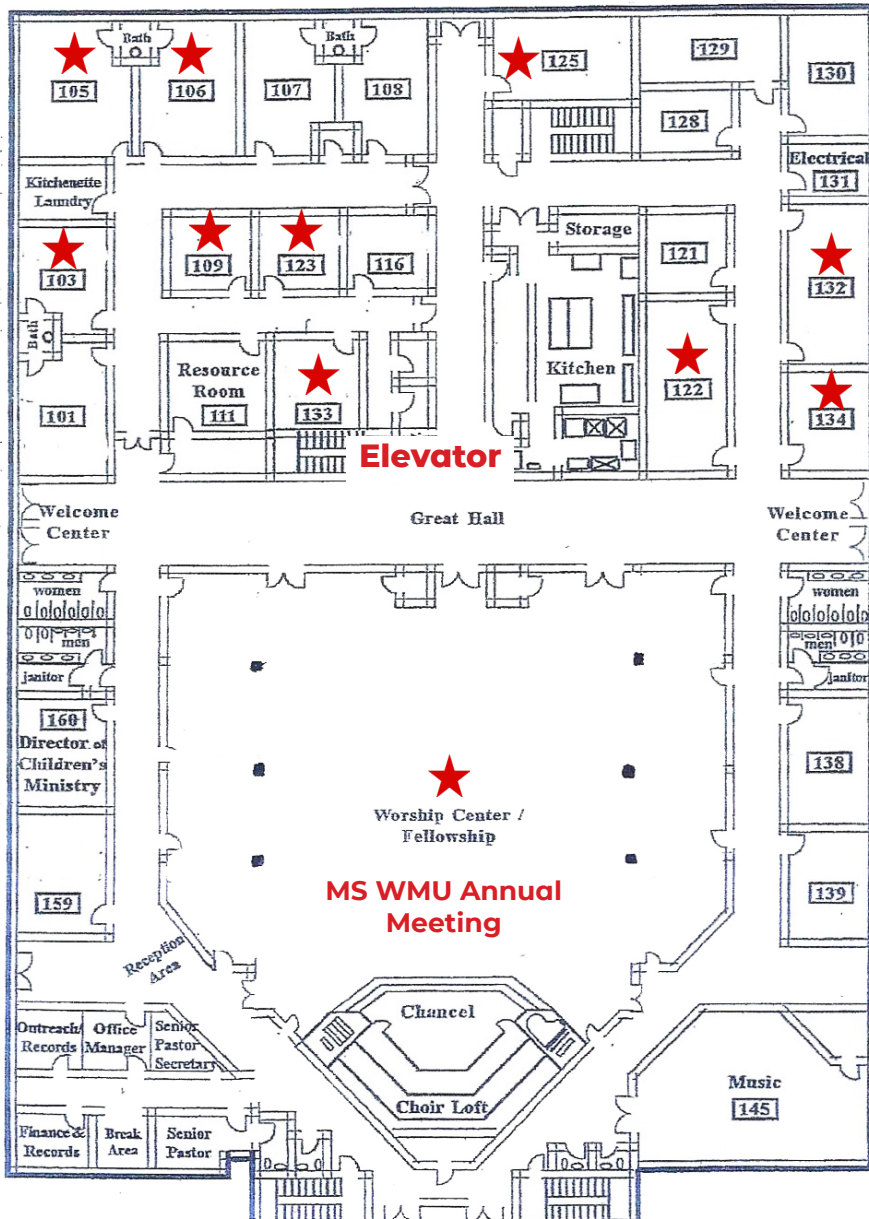
# MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING



# WORSHIP CENTER



**SECOND FLOOR**



First Aid

**FIRST FLOOR**

Restrooms

Restrooms

**MS WMU Annual Meeting**

Worship Center / Fellowship



# EXTENDING

# OUR



**MARGARET STATE  
LACKEY OFFERING**  
MISSISSIPPIANS ON MISSION

# REACH

ALCANZANDO NUESTRA META

擴大我們的影響力



*Pictured:  
2024 Choctaw  
Youth Retreat*

**OFFERING GOAL**

# \$2.3 MILLION

For more information about the offering, go to [margaretlackey.com](http://margaretlackey.com)

Para más información acerca de la ofrenda vaya a [www.margaretlackey.com](http://www.margaretlackey.com)

了解更多信息, 请登录 [www.margaretlackey.com](http://www.margaretlackey.com)









MISSISSIPPI  
BAPTISTS

This event is co-sponsored by Discipleship/Sunday School Ministries (MBCB), Multicultural Ministries (MBCB) and Women's Ministries/WMU. Mississippi WMU is a department of and an auxiliary to the Mississippi Baptist Convention.