



Hello Church,

Staying Thankful at Thanksgiving and Keeping Christ at the Center of Christmas

As the leaves turn and the air grows crisp, we enter a season filled with warmth, family, and celebration, but it's easy to lose sight of what truly matters. For believers, Thanksgiving and Christmas are more than just holidays—they are opportunities to draw closer to God, to give thanks, and to remember the incredible gift of Jesus Christ.

A Heart of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a time to pause and reflect on God's goodness. Scripture reminds us, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever" (Psalm 107:1). Gratitude shifts our focus from what we lack to the countless blessings we already have.

Even when life feels uncertain or difficult, we can choose gratitude because our hope rests not in circumstances, but in Christ alone. True thanksgiving begins in the heart—a heart that recognizes God's hand in every detail of life. When we thank Him not just for the good things, but even in the challenges, we express faith that He is working all things for our good (Romans 8:28).

This season, let's slow down long enough to thank God for His provision, His faithfulness, and His unchanging love. Let our gratitude not be confined to one day in November but become a daily posture of worship.

Keeping Christ in Christmas

As Thanksgiving gives way to Christmas, the world around us often rushes into shopping, decorations, and endless to-do lists. While there's nothing wrong with enjoying traditions, we must be careful not to let

the busyness overshadow the beauty of what we're celebrating.

Christmas is about Christ—God's greatest gift to mankind. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). The manger wasn't just a sweet scene; it was the moment when heaven touched earth. God became flesh to redeem us from sin and bring us eternal life.

Keeping Christ at the center means making time for prayer, scripture, and worship. It means teaching our children that Christmas is about the Savior, not the season's sparkle. It means extending love, generosity, and grace to others, just as God has done for us.

Living in Gratitude and Grace

When we remain thankful through Thanksgiving and focused on Christ through Christmas, we carry the true spirit of both holidays. Gratitude opens our hearts to God's presence, and focusing on Christ fills our hearts with peace.

So this year, let's gather around the table with thankful hearts and approach the manger with humble awe. May our homes be filled with joy that doesn't fade when the leftovers are gone or the lights come down—a joy rooted in Jesus, our Savior and King.

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"

In His Service,

Bro Dennis

John 10:10



The 2025 DTBA Annual Meeting was a beautiful night of worship and celebration.

We heard salvation testimonies, and Levi L. gave an encouraging message celebrating the 400 baptisms in our Associational churches this year.



Staff Updates?

We are updating the Associational Directory for 2026. Please provide any staff or contact information changes to donnaflower@desototote.org by December 1.

I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify Him with thanksgiving.

Psalm 69:30

Financial Report

Compiled by: Donna Fowler, Ministry Assistant

Organization	Monthly Gifts	YTD Gifts
A Path of Grace	0.00	0.00
Arkabutla Baptist Church	0.00	500.00
Bethel Baptist Church	0.00	556.40
Boulevard Baptist Church	0.00	1,305.65
Broadway Baptist Church	250.00	2,500.00
Calvary Baptist Church	20.84	208.32
Carriage Hills Baptist Church	0.00	1,416.24
Cedar View Baptist Church	148.62	1,939.34
Center Hill Baptist Church	0.00	900.00
Church Road Baptist Church	412.53	6,526.92
Coldwater FBC	125.00	1,250.00
Colonial Hills Baptist Church	166.67	1,666.70
Community Point Baptist	300.00	300.00
Days FBC	387.00	5,596.00
Desoto Hills	3,976.40	35,013.15
Desoto Woods	0.00	0.00
East Tate Baptist Church	100.00	700.00
Eastpoint Church	0.00	1,000.00
Ebenezer Baptist Church	253.44	2,482.47
Eudora	0.00	750.00
Evansville Baptist Church	240.99	2,305.91
Flag Lake Baptist Church	0.00	900.00
Gracewood Baptist Church	606.83	5,987.23
Grays Creek Baptist Church	321.94	4,262.53
Greenbrook Baptist Church	0.00	200.00
Heartland	207.90	2,089.50
Hernando Baptist Church	1,000.00	10,000.00
Highland Baptist Church	0.00	1,192.95
Horn Lake FBC	199.22	2,758.60
Immanuel Baptist Church	1,000.00	10,000.00
LaBelle Haven	2,634.19	31,565.87

Organization	Monthly Gifts	YTD Gifts
Lifepoint Church	50.00	500.00
Longview Heights Baptist Church	2,500.00	33,000.00
Longview Point Baptist Church	2,129.82	28,707.49
Looxahoma Baptist Church	573.85	4,954.39
Macedonia Baptist Church	116.00	317.00
Meadow Brook Baptist Church	2,472.75	30,190.91
Mercy Hill	0.00	496.00
Mt. Manna Baptist Church	788.00	11,044.00
Mt. Zion - Hernando	0.00	0.00
Mt. Zion - Independence	225.00	2,250.00
Nesbit FBC	894.90	9,448.10
New Garden Baptist Church	0.00	0.00
New Hope Baptist Church	0.00	462.12
New Prospect Baptist Church	100.00	1,000.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church	40.00	400.00
Olive Branch FBC	0.00	1,800.00
Parkway Baptist Church	115.92	1,492.99
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	100.00	550.00
Redeemer Baptist Church	0.00	3,040.00
Riverbend	100.00	1,025.00
Sarah Baptist Church	0.00	0.00
Senatobia FBC	0.00	4,240.00
Southaven FBC	412.38	4,714.65
Strayhorn Baptist Church	163.00	2,003.00
The Grove Baptist Church	125.00	1,250.00
Trinity Baptist Church	107.57	987.51
Twin Lakes Baptist Church	300.00	3,000.00
Tyro Baptist Church	0.00	3,000.00
Victory Baptist Church	0.00	350.00
Wyatte Baptist Church	0.00	5,000.03

TOTALS \$ 23,665.76 \$ 291,096.97

Totals include gifts made to the Ervin Brown Training Center

OCTOBER
2025

RECEIPTS	MTD	YTD
CHURCH RECEIPTS	23,665.76	291,096.97
OTHER RECEIPTS	1,154.13	36,434.18
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 24,819.89	\$ 327,531.15
BUDGET NEEDS	\$ 32,880.27	\$ 328,802.65
BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$ 23,665.76	\$ 291,096.97

CHECKING BALANCE	47,921.66
CONTINGENCY FUND	52,592.01
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 100,513.67



CHURCH FINANCIAL LEADERS SEMINAR

EQUIPPING CHURCHES WITH FINANCIAL CLARITY

FEBRUARY 20-21, 2026
GARAYWA CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER
CLINTON, MS

Join us for an essential two-day event designed to help associational leaders, churches, pastors, and other ministry staff navigate the complex world of IRS regulations and tax issues specific to ministry. Led by Guest Speaker Johnny Rakestraw, a seasoned pastor and CPA, this conference provides practical guidance and resources to ensure financial integrity and clarity in your church operations.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Associational Staff
- Pastors and Church Staff
- Budget & Finance Committee Members
- Church Treasurers and Financial Secretaries

Equip your ministry with the tools and understanding needed for responsible financial stewardship. Don't miss this opportunity to gain clarity and confidence in your church's financial practices.

\$50 REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

- Church Financial Binder with IRS guidelines, best practices, and planning tools
- Friday night lodging on Garaywa's campus at Patterson Place
- Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast



Scan QR Code
to register!

Contact Stewardship/Prayer Ministries at 601-292-3347 or
amckay@mbcb.org for more information.

FREE PIANO

preferably to a church or school

If interested, call the DTBA office at
662-429-5033

2026 SENIOR ADULT RALLIES

Date	Host	Address
JAN 19	LaBelle Haven	4800 Highway 305 N Olive Branch
FEB 23	Olive Branch FBC	9155 Highland St Olive Branch
MAR 16	Wyatte	257 Wyatte-Tyro Rd Senatobia
APR 20	Longview Heights	4501 Goodman Rd Olive Branch
MAY 18	EBTC	9664 W Commerce St Hernando
AUG 17	FBC Senatobia	317 S. Ward St Senatobia
SEP 14	Mt. Zion (Independence)	9290 Hwy 306 Coldwater

Ministry Opportunities

Oak Grove Baptist
Church in Hernando is
hiring a part-time
Music Minister.

Please send resumes to:
ogbcmusicminstersearch@gmail.com.



Trinity Baptist Church is seeking a
Youth Pastor. For more information,
please call Pastor Andy Smith at
662-292-5203.

10700 Bluff Rd • Hernando

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baptistchurch

WE ARE

HIRING

**Part-time
Youth/Music Leader**

For more information please contact:

Nathan Boyd 662-560-7189

Send resumes to:

easttatebaptist@gmail.com



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November	
11	Veterans Day
18	Administrative Meeting 1:00 PM @ DTBA Office
27	Thanksgiving Day
December	
24	Christmas Eve
25	Christmas Day
31	New Year's Eve
January	
1	New Year's Day
19	Martin Luther King Day
19	Senior Adult Rally 10:30 AM at LaBelle Haven
20	Administrative Meeting 1:00 PM @ DTBA Office
22	Executive Meeting 11:00 AM at Redeemer



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