



THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST FOUNDATION

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Scholarship (*skōl'ər-shīp'*) *n.* – 1. a grant-in-aid to a student (as by a college or foundation);
2. the character, qualities, activity, or attainments of a scholar.

Recently, while making a presentation to donors and other friends of Blue Mountain College, one individual exclaimed, “I didn’t know the Foundation had a scholarship ministry!” In the past 3-1/2 years that I have served as the Executive Director of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, I have encountered numerous folks who are not fully aware of the role and goal of the Foundation ministry in general and our scholarship ministry in particular. Therefore, the purpose of this newsletter is to increase awareness of the MBF Scholarship Ministry, to highlight various aspects of this ministry, to recognize our 2007-08 scholarship recipients, and to offer helpful tips for establishing and administering a scholarship ministry in the local church.

The MBF Scholarship Ministry

The apostle Paul expressed confidence in his Lord when he declared, “And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19). This well-known verse highlights the focus of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation’s Scholarship Ministry.

Due to the generosity of many faithful Christian stewards, the Foundation has the privilege of providing needs-based supplemental financial assistance to Mississippi students who are pursuing a degree at a Mississippi Baptist college or a Southern Baptist seminary. Most of these endowed scholarship accounts offer specific eligibility guidelines for awarding a schol-

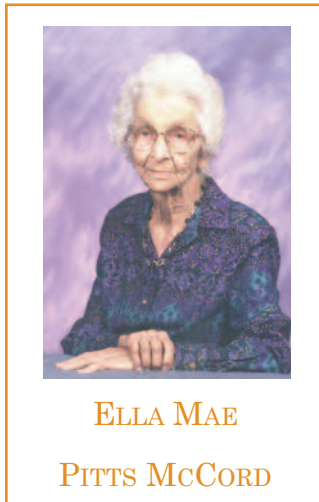
arship grant. Factors such as field of study, institution attended, and scholarship amount often are included as stipulated criteria for award consideration.

In an effort to honor the purpose of the MBF Scholarship Ministry, the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation has set forth additional guidelines that are applicable to all scholarship awards. An online application and our scholarship policies may be reviewed at www.ms baptist foundation.org.



Daniel Hall
Executive Director
Mississippi Baptist Foundation

Ella Mae Pitts McCord Trust



For many people, books are held in the highest regard as they represent someone's creative handiwork, offer knowledge, provide enjoyment, and afford opportunities for sharing. All of us have known people through the years who receive great joy by sharing their love for books and learning with others while witnessing the windows of knowledge and

opportunity that are opened through the educational process.

Carolyn Mounce was and is one of those special people who spent a career opening windows of opportunity and enhancing the educational experience of students. After graduating from Blue Mountain in 1960, Carolyn served as librarian at the college from 1960 until her retirement in 2004. In this capacity, Carolyn diligently sought to minister to thousands of students as they pursued their academic and vocational goals. In an effort to

honor servants such as Carolyn, perhaps a bumper sticker should be printed that reads "Have you hugged your librarian today?"

About a year ago, Carolyn contacted the Foundation office with some questions about establishing an endowment with the MBF. From that contact and subsequent visits, Carolyn established the "Ella Mae Pitts McCord Trust" in memory of her aunt. The earnings from this fund will provide scholarships to female students attending Blue Mountain College.

The Mississippi Baptist Foundation is grateful for the opportunity to come alongside of Carolyn and Blue Mountain College as "laborers together with God."



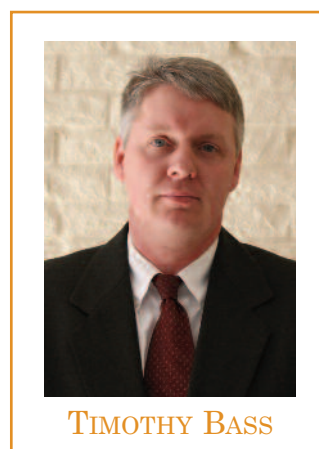
Students Grateful for MBF Scholarships



Michal Roberson, a sophomore at Blue Mountain College, is one of many female students who benefit from the Ella Mae Pitts McCord Trust. "The foundation scholarship means so much to me and my family because it is enabling me to attend a college

which strengthens my spiritual walk with Christ, sense of responsibility, and character."

Michal is seeking a double-major in English and Biblical studies. After graduation, she plans to spend time on the mission field and to be involved in Christian publishing.



Timothy Bass is another scholarship recipient who attends Blue Mountain College. "I am a full time pastor, full time husband and full time father. Without the scholarships that I receive from the Mississippi Baptist Foundation it would be difficult to further my education

in the calling to which God has called me. I am very grateful for the opportunity that has been given me."

Timothy is majoring in Church Related Vocations, and is currently the pastor of Tiplersville Baptist Church in the Benton-Tippah Association.

2007–2008 Scholarship Recipients



Blue Mountain College

Ryan Baker Myrtle
 Timothy Daniel Bass Tiptersville
 Jennifer Best Blue Mountain
 Billy Blackmon Columbus
 Samantha Chism Ecu
 Charles Keith Cisco Lamar
 Amie Elizabeth Clark Olive Branch
 Aaron Clay Olive Branch
 Chelsey Maria Culver Ripley
 Stephen Ford Greenwood Springs
 Daniel Paul Harkins Leland
 Jamie Diane Harrison Belmont
 Robert David Haynes Booneville
 Jonathan Hobson Indianola
 Jason Howell Myrtle
 Ryan Andrew Howell Booneville
 Nicholas Hughes Blue Mountain
 David Brian Jones Carthage
 Amber Keltz Tupelo
 Matthew Wayne King Water Valley
 Andrew Ledbetter Tupelo
 Thomas Magers, II Nettleton
 Barry Matthews Algoma
 Crystal Sue McAlexander Holly Springs
 Wesley McCain Plantersville
 Carissa Joy McElyea Walnut
 Emily Caroline Miller Pontotoc
 Lydia Morton Thaxton
 Jack Daniel Napier Blue Mountain
 Emily Newell Pontotoc
 Kayla Otts Ripley
 Brooke Phillips Corinth
 Kimberley Dawn Phillips Blue Mountain
 Daniel Lynn Pitts Blue Mountain
 Blake Richardson Etta
 Michal Kristin Roberson Coldwater
 Elizabeth Anne Roby Belden
 Lacasey L. Russell Shannon
 Nathan Russell Eupora
 Heather Scott Etta
 Elizabeth Short Ecu
 David T. Singleton Saltillo
 Bonnie Christina Teel Red Banks
 Kimberly Renay Tutor Vardaman
 Taryn Wenzel Long Beach



Mississippi College

Zachary Adams Stringer
 William (Jeff) Armstrong Vicksburg
 Eric Shane Atkins Purvis
 Laurie Babb Madison
 Mamye (Liza) Ball Utica
 Anna K. Beasley Crystal Springs
 Erika Paige Bingham Kilmichael
 Anna Ray Bird Jackson
 Ann-Carter Bloomfield Vanclave
 Ashlynn Bloomfield Vanclave
 Emily Boutwell Laurel
 David Boyd Collinsville
 Andrea Burrows Mantachie
 Kelsey M. Cade Macon
 Victoria Card Oxford
 Katie Chancellor Terry
 Patrick Chandler Southaven
 Audrie Cirlot Moss Point
 Elizabeth Anne Clark Hattiesburg
 Jeffrey Hunter Clark Hattiesburg
 Christa Ann Clarkson Holly Springs
 Cynthia Deann Cleveland Union
 Annisha Collins Jackson
 Mallory Lynn Conner Oxford
 Brittany Prather Raymond
 Amber L. Coots Clinton
 Jacob Russell Crouch Toomsaba
 Reese Daniels Monticello
 Cameron James Davidson Columbus
 Charles Sherman Davis Oxford

James (Jay) Davis Madison
 Victoria Deere Summit
 Roger Austin Dillard Saltillo
 Whitney Caroline Dodd Picayune
 Mark A. Dragon, Jr. Picayune
 Tyler Edwards Madison
 Bethany Ellis Courtland
 Lesley Ford Vicksburg
 Jeremy Shawn Fortenberry Carthage
 Lauren Brynn Fortenberry Oxford
 Camille Garrett Clinton
 Chauncey Garrett Clinton
 Melanie E. Gladney Madison
 Elizabeth B. Golding Winona
 Rebecca Marie Goysich Tupelo
 Laura Graves Leland
 Thomas J. Gray Columbia
 Daniel Griffin Meadville
 Kyle Hancock Macon
 Laura Allison Hankins Clinton
 Sarah Hankins Clinton
 Nicole Harrell Forest
 Andrew Hicks Clinton
 Corey Hicks Jackson
 James Andrew Hollingsworth Fulton
 Charlie House Drew
 Rachel Hudson Oxford
 Lindsey Rea Hunt Pearl
 Laura Jo Hurt Natchez
 Joseph Ivey Vicksburg
 Reagan Erin Jackson Philadelphia
 Audra Yvonne Johnson Holcomb
 Emily Elizabeth Jones Brandon
 Sara Elizabeth Jones Brandon
 Christopher Lee Krzyzkowski Canton
 Amber Lasource Madison
 Brooke Lincoln Jackson
 Myles J. Lofland Madison
 Trent Marchman Madison
 Sarah D. Marler Carthage
 Lauren Carol McGee Crystal Springs
 Matthew Meece Long Beach
 Robin Milner Tinsley
 Christina Alicia Mullin Oxford
 Brian Murphy Columbus
 Laura Murphy Columbus
 Joshua Allen Neely Harrisville
 Courtney O'Dell Centerville
 David Ostrander Indianola
 William Cody Pannell Pontotoc
 Gillian Patrick Brandon
 Heather Danielle Peevy Brandon
 Christopher Penton Gautier
 Sarah Pigford Moss Point
 Jason B. Pounds Brandon
 Wes Prather Raymond
 Brian Prewitt Jackson
 Lana Patrice Queen Raymond
 Christopher Ray Sumrall
 Jerrod Mitchell Rayborn Brookhaven
 April Rayner Pearl
 Emily Bess Rich Prentiss
 Heather Richards Brandon
 Samantha Roberts Laurel
 Zachary A. Sanders Star
 Stuart Saxton Canton
 Bryan M. Sheffield Picayune
 Chad Everett Shelley Georgetown
 Amy Simpson Kosciusko
 Whitney Smith Carriere
 Erika Stanford Moss Point
 Hamilton F. Stevens Benton
 Gloria Kadiana Stewart Hattiesburg
 Kaleb Lee Thompson Purvis
 Emily Tillman Philadelphia
 Lane Alexander Vance Grenada
 Jonathan Kaleb Van Landingham Hazlehurst
 Jordan Renee Warren Madison
 Jeremy White Vicksburg
 Justin White Vicksburg
 Damon Williamson Monticello

Kyle Wilson Palm Bay, FL
 Aston Woodward Madison
 Anna Hays Tutwiler
 Joel Hays Tutwiler
 Bradley Mann Boyle
 Evan Mumbower Clinton



William Carey University

Joseph Daniel Bird Brandon
 Kristen Williamson Bishop Brookhaven
 John Blackledge Sandersville
 Lesley RaeAnn Blackwell Ellisville
 Cory Cotton Laurel
 Lauren Ellzey Hattiesburg
 Chineme Enyioha Hattiesburg
 Laura Denise Evans Petal
 Samuel N. Gillie Brooklyn
 Justin Ryan Grice Hattiesburg
 Matthew Benton Henley Florence
 Jeffrey A. Hollingsworth Petal
 Dan Ivey Vicksburg
 Shelby Lawson Ludlow
 Lauren Massengale Petal
 Jerrod Don McCabe McComb
 Daniel Trent Odom Waynesboro
 Lindsey Allen Stovall Brandon
 Kimberly Ann Smith Waller Poplarville
 Ashley Webb Holly Springs
 Kimberly Webb Holly Springs
 Lisa Wicker Tylertown
 Cari Williamson Hattiesburg



New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Jill Albritton Bogue Chitto
 Jason Allen Brandon
 Kenneth Armstrong Calhoun City
 Amanda Aslam Philadelphia
 Jonathan Bailey Long Beach
 Eric Ballard Columbus
 Patrick Barnes Oakvale
 James Barnett Biloxi
 Eric Bean Petal
 James Belcher Starkville
 Dave Best Amory
 Matthew Bishop Brookhaven
 Joshua Braddy Brandon
 James Bradford Waynesboro
 Joel Brister Bogue Chitto
 Jason Britt Brookhaven
 Larry Bryant New Albany
 Jared Busby Rienzi
 Andrew Carroll Richland
 Ronald Cook Magee
 Kasia Crider Monticello
 Ricky Cummings Hattiesburg
 Michael Doss Gulfport
 Timothy Freeny Jackson
 Chris Gaskin West Point
 Matthew Gazaway Amory
 Jacob Gaasz Gore Springs
 Jason Hathorn Ellisville
 Kendra Hinson Natchez
 Anna Inmon Amory
 James Jackson Olive Branch
 Jennifer Jefcoat Saltillo
 Richard Johnson Crystal Springs
 Janna Johnston Batesville
 Ana Keith Clinton
 Victor Keyes Morton
 Joseph Kuykendall Meridian
 Brandi Lambert Silver Creek
 Timothy Lawrence Jayess
 Brian Lees Woodville
 Elizabeth McGraw Woodville
 Mauricka McKenzie Jackson

James McMillen New Albany
 Joel Medina Carthage
 Blanca Montero Bolivia
 Jonathan Moyers Iuka
 Marshall Pace Picayune
 Timothy Peabody Clinton
 Stephanie Powell Purvis
 Marsha Price Baldwin
 Robert Rikard Duck Hill
 Ken Robey Taylorsville
 Devin Rost Amory
 Angelia Routzahn Laurel
 Dori Rushing Magnolia
 Johnnie Rushing Magnolia
 Richard Scoggins McComb
 Paul South Biloxi
 Jessica Stanford Coldwater
 Dustin Stewart Crystal Springs
 John Tedder Grenada
 Ken Tew Meridian
 Kristin Tew Forest
 Ashton Thompson Brandon
 Darla Walker Brookhaven
 Richard Warren Brookhaven
 William Weeks Southaven
 Jason Westmoreland Shivers
 Michael Wilbanks Winona
 William Williamson Greenwood
 Joey Wolfe Vicksburg
 Joshua Wright Purvis
 Kenneth Wright Batesville
 Lois Zinc Bay St. Louis



Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Jonathan Berry Crystal Springs
 James A. Donahou Starkville
 Jon Derek Fortenberry Oxford
 William H. "Opie" Hurst Tupelo
 Jonathan Eric Kitchens Petal
 Jason Klamm Louisville
 Angela Lewis Tupelo
 Jeff Nelmeyer, Jr. Oxford
 Brandon A. Powell Batesville
 Victor Robinson Southaven
 Charles Smith, Jr Clinton



Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Karmen K. Hutchins Smith Edwards
 Casey W. Powell Columbus
 Stephen A. Roberts Guntown



Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Jonathan Baker Ripley
 Daniel Teasler Senatobia
 Michael Edwards Flora
 Charles Feathers Slayden
 Jerry Caston Crystal Springs
 Steven Mangum Moselle
 David Fedele Brandon
 Amanda Cowart Laurel
 Mark Isbell New Albany
 Remy Graham Ridgeland
 Melinda Loyd Senatobia
 Sarah Fedele Brandon
 Joshua Loyd Nesbit
 Ethan Jones Lamar
 Laura Parrish Greenville
 Jonathan Coleman Clinton

Church & Association Scholarship Ministry

Periodically, Foundation staff receive inquiries from churches and associations that are exploring the possibility of establishing their own scholarship ministry. The following questions and suggestions are offered to assist churches and associations interested in this unique ministry opportunity.

- **Will the church have an application process?**
- **Who will be eligible to apply for and receive a scholarship from the scholarship ministry?** (Only graduating high school seniors?; Only members of the church, etc.? Students from the local Baptist Association?) The church may want to consider writing the eligibility requirements in broad sweeps by prioritizing the church's preferences. For instance, while the church may desire to make a scholarship award to a church member, members of another Southern Baptist church in the association might be considered if the awarding church has no students eligible in a given year.
- **Will the scholarship be renewable?**
- **Will a church Scholarship Committee be established to process applications and make awards from the fund?** This approach will help maintain the integrity of the ministry.
- **Will recommendations be accepted from church members?** Remember, the donor should not be allowed to dictate who receives an award. If a donor wants to advance a specific individual's education, then the donor probably should offer assistance to the student in a different manner than the church's Scholarship Fund.
- **Will the scholarships be awarded only to students attending a Mississippi Baptist College and/or one of the six Southern Baptist seminaries?**
- **Will a certain grade point average be required?**
- **Will candidates for an award be expected to declare a certain major or course of study?** The church may want to consider keeping the stipulations as broad as possible in order to increase the opportunities for accomplishing the goal of awarding scholarships.
- **Will the scholarship be a budgeted item, an endowed fund from which the earnings will be awarded, or will awards be distributed as gifts are received?**

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY

It's that time of year.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2008-2009 ACADEMIC YEAR ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.

VISIT

www.msbaaptistfoundation.org
TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION



The Mississippi Baptist Foundation's Scholarship Ministry provides needs-based supplemental financial assistance to Mississippi students who are pursuing a degree at a Mississippi Baptist college or a Southern Baptist seminary. For more information about the MBF Scholarship Ministry, please visit our website, www.msbaaptistfoundation.org. Scholarship applications for the 2008-2009 academic year will be available on our website beginning January 1, 2008. Completed applications must be received in the MBF office by April 30.

Please receive these ideas as "food for thought" as your church strives to offer scholarship assistance to students. Your friends at the Mississippi Baptist Foundation can assist with the investment and administration of your church's scholarship funds. Please call our office at 601-292-3210 with questions regarding the Foundation's Scholarship Ministry and/or for assistance with the scholarship ministry of your church or Baptist Association.