



## 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-

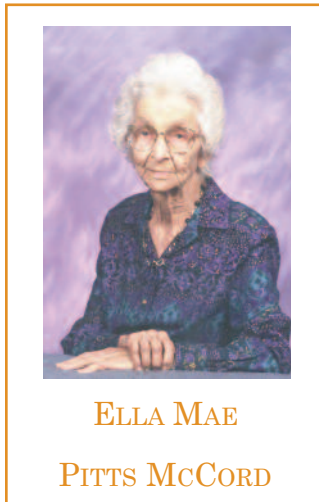
arship grant. Factors such as field of study, institution attended, and scholarship amount often are included as stipulated criteria for award consideration.

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](http://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

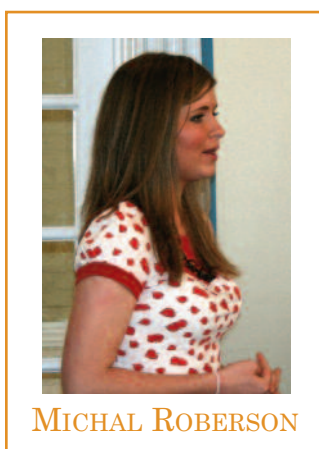
honor servants such as Carolyn, perhaps a bumper sticker should be printed that reads "Have you hugged your librarian today?"

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](http://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](http://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.