



THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST FOUNDATION

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MBF SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY

Honoring the Past, Encouraging the Present, Preparing for the Future

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 pur-

suing a degree at a Mississippi Baptist college or a Southern Baptist seminary. This edition of Foundation News serves to recognize scholarship recipients for 2009-2010 and to present several newly-established scholarships through which God is meeting needs. In a manner consistent with all other scholarships administered through the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, these funds illustrate the common theme of "Honoring the Past, Encouraging the Present, and Preparing for the Future."

MISSISSIPPI SHEPHERD SERVANT SCHOLARSHIP AND MINISTRY FUND:

Honoring Servants of the Past... Preparing Servants for the Future

Although Paul's affirmation of his faith in the Lord and in the adequacy of God's provision was presented initially to the church at Philippi, Christians have experienced the truth of this unwavering expression of trust throughout history. Such faith has been demonstrated in the life and ministry of countless numbers of faithful servants of God who, for generations upon generations, shepherded their flocks during an era when little thought was given and few plans were made regarding adequate financial resources for retirement. Today, many retired ministers or their widows often find themselves with "too much month at the end of the check" in terms of some basic needs such as utilities.

Such faith also may be recognized in a tangible manner as God-called men and women pursue academic and ministerial training in response to God's invitation to serve Him through a lifetime of vocational ministry. Providing financial assistance for students who are pursuing theological education is one of the most meaningful areas of ministry in which the Mississippi Baptist Foundation is engaged. Unfortunately, the availability of substantial scholarship funds has not always kept pace with the number of students that apply for an

MBF scholarship. Often this reality surfaces most noticeably with seminary students who will be the shepherd servants of the future.

Against the backdrop of meeting financial needs and the desire to join God where he is working, the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation established the "Mississippi Shepherd Servant Scholarship and Ministry Fund." The stated purpose of this fund is two-fold. First, the fund is designed to provide scholarship awards for students who are pursuing a graduate degree at a Southern Baptist seminary. Second, retired Mississippi Baptist ministers or their widows will receive financial benefit from this fund through the Church Retirement and Retiree Benevolence Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Beyond the expressed purposes of this new fund, the "Mississippi Shepherd Servant Scholarship and Ministry Fund" promotes an



additional goal. While monies from several undesignated gifts have provided the initial corpus, this fund also provides the opportunity for individuals and churches to make memorial gifts in honor and memory of deceased ministers. Each year, a large number of our shepherd servants "retire" to their mansion in Glory. And while these faithful ministers are remembered each year during a special memorial service when the Mississippi Baptist Convention convenes in the Fall, the "Mississippi Shepherd Servant Scholarship and Ministry Fund" provides further opportunities to honor these deceased loved ones and shepherd servants.

Gifts to the "Mississippi Shepherd Servant Scholarship and Ministry Fund" may be made through the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, Post Office Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205. In this manner, shepherd servants of the past will be honored and shepherd servants of the future will be encouraged.

Margie McCaffrey Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund



MARGIE SMITH

Born on February 4, 1921, Margie McCaffrey grew up and was educated in the small rural town of Bogue Chitto, MS. Shortly after graduation, she married Vernon W. Smith on July 31, 1939 and the newlyweds moved to Gulfport where Mr. Vernon (as some folks referred to him) was a federal employee working for the U.S. Government.

When Vernon retired in 1969, the couple returned to Lincoln County and the family farm in Bogue Chitto. Vernon and Margie

joined the Arlington Baptist Church where they served together. Following Mr. Vernon's death in June, 1976, Margie lived alone on the farm and she continued her faithful service to the Lord through Arlington Baptist Church.

Margie didn't draw attention to herself. Rather, Margie approached life with the goal of being a blessing to someone else each and every day as she sought to be a source of encouragement to others. With a quiet and humble voice, Margie often told various worship leaders – whether the choir members, the minister of music, the Sunday school director, or the pastor – how much she enjoyed and appreciated their willing service to the Lord through Arlington

Baptist Church. Margie's kind and gentle spirit captured the heart and respect of everyone who knew her.

Through her Last Will and Testament, Margie named the Arlington Baptist Church as the beneficiary of her estate. When the Lord called Margie to "higher service" with Him on March 26, 2006, the church received the blessings of Margie's generous stewardship and careful planning. With the goal of honoring Margie's love for her Lord and for His people, the Arlington Baptist Church established the "Margie M. Smith Memorial Scholarship Trust Fund" through the Mississippi Baptist

Baptist Foundation. While the emphasis of this relationship is students from Arlington Baptist Church, the primary focus is the hope that many lives will continue to be touched by the humble spirit and generosity of Margie McCaffrey Smith.



ARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Jack Gregory Memorial Scholarship Fund

As a young man, Dr. Jack Gregory accepted God's invitation to spend his life in pastoral ministry within the local church setting. Following graduation from college and seminary, Jack and his wife Betty faithfully served several congregations in North and South Carolina prior to coming to Pontotoc, MS as the pastor of the West Heights Baptist Church.

The far-reaching and eternal impact of Dr. Gregory's ministry is immeasurable as numerous young men surrendered to vocational ministry under his leadership. Jack's influence on future ministers was particularly evident during his nine-year pastorate at West Heights Baptist Church where thirteen men answered God's call to ministry.

Throughout his fifty-one years of full-time ministry, numerous churches in the Carolinas, Mississippi (including FBC Poplarville and Carey Chapel Baptist Church in Mt. Pleasant), and Tennessee received the blessings of Jack's love for the Lord and his love for people. Although officially



JACK AND BETTY GREGORY

retiring in February 1999, Jack and Betty continued to illustrate the reality that "there is no retirement in the Christian life...only a new place of service." For Dr. Gregory, the new place of service initially meant as a part-time preacher at the Thomastown Baptist Church near Carthage and as a faithful member of the Broadmoor Baptist Church in Madison.

When Jack entered his eternal place of service in October 2006, Betty honored the memory and ministry of her husband by establishing the "Jack Gregory Memorial Scholarship Fund." With special emphasis on the West Heights Baptist Church in Pontotoc, this fund is designed to offer financial assistance to students who are pursuing ministry training for a church-related vocation through a Baptist college in Mississippi or a Southern Baptist semi-

nary. Thus, the "Jack Gregory Memorial Scholarship Fund" honors a lifetime of ministry while offering encouragement to students as they prepare for their own lifetime of ministry.

2009–2010 Scholarship Recipients

Encouraging the Present... Preparing for the Future



Blue Mountain College

Adams, Jeffrey.....Hickory Flat
 Baker, John.....Hickory Flat
 Baker, Rebekah.....Bruce
 Bennet, Rebekah.....Independence
 Bennett, Whitney.....Coldwater
 Berryhill, Haley.....New Albany
 Bishop, Michael.....Ackerman
 Brady, Marisa.....Ripley
 Cisco, Terrance.....Slayden
 Clark, Amie.....N. Carrollton
 Coleman, Jamie.....Greenwood
 Conely, Rebecca.....Ripley
 Cooper, Jonathan.....Rienzi
 Cox, Sarah.....Blue Mountain
 Deaton, Stephen.....Mooreville
 Edwards, Cole.....Okolona
 Faulkner, JoAnna.....Tupelo
 Greer, Jonathan.....Meridian
 Hall, Corey.....New Albany
 Harbor, Andrew.....Corinth
 Harrell, Deanna.....Morton
 Haulcomb, Jerry.....Pontotoc
 Haynes, Robert.....Corinth
 Hill, Brad.....Ripley
 Howell, Ryan.....Booneville
 Huckaby, Kevin.....Pontotoc
 Jackson, Michelle.....Baldwyn
 Jaggars, Dixilee.....Saltillo
 King, Matthew.....Water Valley
 Leathers, Emily.....Pickens
 Magers, Thomas.....Nettleton
 Matthews, Barry.....Pontotoc
 McClure, Chris.....Ackerman
 McGee, Lauren.....Crystal Springs
 Miles, Katie.....Corinth
 Miller, Emily.....Pontotoc
 Otts, Justin.....Senatobia
 Reeder, Matthew.....Thaxton
 Russell, Christian.....Pontotoc
 Scott, Heather.....Etta
 Sharp, Christy.....Tupelo
 Sizemore, Hanna.....New Albany
 Sterling, Tremaine.....Blue Mountain
 Strachan, Logan.....Walnut
 Taylor, Haley.....New Albany
 White, Rebecca.....New Albany
 White, Stephanie.....Starkville
 Whitt, Matthew.....Mooreville
 Wilson, Audrey.....Independence



William Carey University

Bennett, Mary.....Kokomo
 Booth, Tanya.....Waveland
 Bowman, Suzanne.....Columbia
 Fox, Ashlie.....Magee
 Gillie, Samuel.....Janice
 Harrison, Amanda.....Hattiesburg
 Harrison, Chris.....Union
 Jordan, Erica.....Brookhaven
 Lawrence, Kayla.....Purvis
 Layton, Courtney.....Runnelstown
 Layton, Heather.....Collins
 Layton, Lori.....Runnelstown
 Mcmillen, Ashley.....Amory
 Nightengale, Robin.....Poplarville
 Odom, Daniel.....Waynesboro
 Parsons, William.....Brandon
 Pippen, Jeremy.....Laurel
 Roberts, Amanda.....Columbia
 Roberts, Tiffany.....Raleigh
 Sanguinetti, James.....Hattiesburg
 Saucier, Kayla.....Petal
 Stewart, Allison.....Laurel
 Taylor, Melanie.....Laurel
 Thompson, Joshua.....Hattiesburg
 Tolar, Peyton.....Pascagoula
 Toomey, Ashley.....Waveland
 Urruchi-Soto, Pavel.....Hattiesburg
 Warren, Kyle.....Soso
 Webb, Kimberly.....Holly Springs
 West, Amanda.....Laurel
 Williams, Kaci.....Moss Point



Mississippi College

Adams, Zachary.....Stringer
 Aker, Allison.....Brookhaven

Allen, Bethany.....Clarksdale
 Anderton, Bailey.....Vicksburg
 Bailey, Brett.....Ellisville
 Ball, Mamyne.....Raymond
 Barefoot, Tiffany.....Sumrall
 Barker, Rebecca.....Wesson
 Barnhardt, Kristen.....Clinton
 Beasley, Anna.....Crystal Springs
 Bennett, Jamie.....Indianola
 Bennett, Justin.....Picayune
 Benson, Jessica.....Laurel
 Bloomfield, Ann-Carter.....Vancleave
 Bounds, Cameron.....Raymond
 Brashier, Kelley.....Tupelo
 Brown, Anna.....Brandon
 Bryant, Shannon.....Madison
 Cade, Kelsey.....Macon
 Caldwell, Stephanie.....Petal
 Campbell, Katherine.....Clinton
 Cannon, Presley.....Leesburg
 Cirlot, Audrie.....Moss Point
 Clift, Tyler.....Star
 Cook, Allison.....Starkville
 Cooper, Mark.....Quitman
 Corder, Emily.....Madison
 Covey, Gabrielle.....Richland
 Crane, Ashley.....Quitman
 Crowder, Richard.....Madison
 Cummings, Laura.....Richland
 Cupstid, Delia.....Pearl
 Davidson, Cameron.....Columbus
 Davis, Jeana.....Hurley
 Dobbs, Camea.....Brandon
 Dodd, Whitney.....Picayune
 Downing, John.....Pontotoc
 Drake, Jessica.....Pearl
 Edwards, Tyler.....Madison
 Fondren, Ellen.....Mathiston
 Gardner, Luke.....Smithville
 Gilreath, Victoria.....Gulfport
 Gladney, Jennifer.....Madison
 Gladney, Melanie.....Madison
 Godfrey, Rebecca.....Florence
 Gonzalez, Constantino.....Biloxi
 Goysich, Rebecca.....Tupelo
 Graham, Callie.....Sumrall
 Graves, Justin.....Laurel
 Graves, Laura.....Leland
 Gray, John.....Hernando
 Greer, Brandon.....Crystal Springs
 Griffin, Dann.....Brandon
 Griffin, Hannah.....Pearl
 Hammack, Erin.....Madison
 Hancock, Kyle.....Macon
 Hardin, Ashli.....Madison
 Hardin, Britni.....Madison
 Harrell, Kristen.....Forest
 Harris, Joyce.....Quitman
 Haynes, Erin.....Petal
 Hays, Anna.....Tutwiler
 Hicks, Andrew.....Clinton
 Hicks, Corey.....Byram
 Hiers, Kara.....Vancleave
 Hollis, Elizabeth.....Pearl
 Holloway, Brandon.....Clinton
 Howard, Kelcie.....Greenville
 Howard, Margaret.....Meadville
 Howard, Matthew.....Meadville
 Hudson, Rachel.....Oxford
 Hurt, Laura.....Natchez
 Jackson, Reagan.....Philadelphia
 Jacobson, Lauren.....Madison
 Jeffcoat, Cassandra.....Crystal Springs
 Jeffcoat, Raymond.....Florence
 Johnson, Audra.....Holcomb
 Jolly, Meredith.....Indianola
 Keen, Laney.....Louisville
 King, Christopher.....Pearl
 King, Joshua.....Brandon
 Koestler, Alice.....Vicksburg
 Lake, Lindsey.....Columbus
 Langworthy, Jordan.....Clinton
 Lashley, Kimberly.....Ocean Springs
 LaSource, Amber.....Madison
 Lofland, Myles.....Madison
 Luckey, Lauren.....Clinton
 Lusk, Valarie.....Summit
 Marler, Sarah.....Carthage
 May, Melissa.....Brandon
 May, Rebecca.....Madison
 McIntyre, Christine.....Ocean Springs
 McKay, Jessi.....Morton

Meece, Matthew.....Long Beach
 Murphy, Brian.....Columbus
 Murphy, Laura.....Columbus
 Oates, Jeff.....Clinton
 Palich, Emily.....Brandon
 Pannell, William.....Pontotoc
 Parella, Ashley.....Grenada
 Penton, Christopher.....Pascagoula
 Phillipson, Timothy.....Morton
 Pinson, Paige.....Madison
 Pope, Jesse.....Flowood
 Ramey, Olivia.....Tupelo
 Rayborn, Jerrod.....Brookhaven
 Robertson, Sara.....Ocean Springs
 Rucker, Rachel.....Brandon
 Sanders, Zachary.....Star
 Schilling, Laura.....Poplarville
 Simpson, Eithan.....Coldwater
 Singletary, Beverley.....Crystal Springs
 Sisson, Kolby.....Philadelphia
 Smith, Azia.....Brandon
 Smith, Britta.....Brandon
 Smith, Micah.....Brandon
 Southerland, Hannah.....Lorman
 Stanley, Seth.....Braxton
 Stevens, Hamilton.....Benton
 Sturniolo, Amanda.....Greenwood
 Sutherland, M. Taylor.....Richland
 Tarver, Emily.....Greenville
 Teasley, Heather.....Crystal Springs
 Tillman, Emily.....Philadelphia
 Tisdale, Donald.....Saucier
 Touchstone, Jantsen.....Eddiceton
 Turner, Joshua.....Brandon
 Valentine, Kristen.....Florence
 Walker, Caitlin.....Learned
 Wallace, Jana.....Meadville
 Warren, Jacan.....Leakesville
 West, Brenna.....Brandon
 White, Jeremy.....Vicksburg
 Williamson, Damon.....Brookhaven
 Wilson, Kristen.....Meadville
 Wilson, Kyle.....Palm Bay
 Windham, Hannah.....Florence
 Winstead, Emily.....Madison
 Woods, Haley.....Greenwood
 Woodward, Ashton.....Madison
 Young, Barbara.....Tylertown



Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Alexander, Matthew.....Brookhaven
 Benson, Rebecca.....Laurel
 Bryant, Jonathan.....Woodland
 Coleman, Jonathan.....Meridian
 Crouch, Daniel.....Meridian
 Fedele, Sarah.....Laurel
 Hammond, Andy.....Aberdeen
 Hill, Samuel.....Ripley
 Hughes, Nicholas.....Ripley
 Kendrick, Robert.....Laurel
 Kinsey, Alan.....Sumrall
 Loyd, Josh.....Nesbit
 Loyd, Melinda.....Senatobia
 Mangum, Steven.....Moselle
 Robbins, Bethany.....Clinton
 Roberts, Samantha.....Laurel
 Truhett, Jillian.....Gulfport
 Watts, Jessica.....Southaven
 Williams, Chris.....Oxford



Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Brady, Courtney.....Vancleave
 King, Katherine.....Oxford
 Lindsey, Mark.....Brandon
 Russell, Casey.....Lamar
 Stewart, Joseph.....Columbus



Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Blackwell, Ben.....Hattiesburg
 Bunn, Jason.....Gulfport
 Edwards, Jill.....Quitman
 Fortenberry, Jon.....Oxford

Jimenez, Kleber.....Forest
 Johnson, Paul.....Gulfport
 Kitchens, Jonathan.....Laurel
 Lang, Fletcher.....Cleveland
 Lucius, Andrew.....Brandon



New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Bailey, Jonathan.....Long Beach
 Baker, Michael.....Hickory Flat
 Barnes, Patrick.....Columbia
 Barnett, James.....Biloxi
 Beeland, Heather.....Madison
 Beville, Kristopher.....Southaven
 Bracy, Jacqueline.....Madison
 Bradford, James.....Waynesboro
 Britt, Jason.....Brookhaven
 Brooks, Joseph.....Batesville
 Bryant, Larry.....New Albany
 Burnell, Tyler.....Crystal Springs
 Cook, Anna.....Hurley
 Crozier II, Thomas.....Pearl
 Cullum, Brandon.....Oxford
 Cummings, Ricky.....Hattiesburg
 Doss, Michael.....Hattiesburg
 Eaton, James.....Sparta
 Elliott, Donald.....Byram
 Ferguson, Heath.....Wesson
 Freeman, Talmadge.....Meridian
 Freeny, Timothy.....Jackson
 Garland, Richard Keith.....Clinton
 Givens, Bonnie.....Hattiesburg
 Hagar, Josh.....Clinton
 Herndon, Daniel.....Picayune
 Hinson, Kendra.....Natchez
 Hodges, Dane.....Meadville
 Jackson, James.....Olive Branch
 Johnson, Brandy.....Starkville
 Johnson, Kelby.....Laurel
 Johnson, Richard.....Crystal Springs
 Jones, Molly.....Laurel
 Jordan, Joseph.....Terry
 Joy, Mason.....Cleveland
 Kelly, William-Brandon.....Gulfport
 Lawler, Kimberly.....Aberdeen
 Lawrence, Timothy.....Brookhaven
 Lee, Brandon.....Purvis
 Manning, Edward.....Pearl
 Marsh, James.....Tylertown
 McDonald, Stephen.....Hattiesburg
 McKenzie, Mauricka.....Clinton
 Moorman, Fletcher.....Grenada
 Montero, Blanca.....Bolivia
 Morea, William.....Richland
 Morgan, Timothy.....Petal
 Pace, Marshall.....Picayune
 Palmer, Clay.....Petal
 Painter, Gene.....West Point
 Price, Chester.....Brookhaven
 Pritchett, Carianne.....Terry
 Pritchett, James.....Biloxi
 Rikard, Robert.....Cascilla
 Robey, Kenneth.....Tupelo
 Rule, Caroline.....Madison
 Rushing, Dori.....Magnolia
 Rushing, Johnnie.....Magnolia
 Seal, Kenneth.....Hattiesburg
 Sellers, Lindsey.....Poplarville
 South, Paul.....Biloxi
 Stephens, Bradley.....Sumrall
 Taylor, Ashley.....Starkville
 Tew, Kenneth.....Meridian
 Tew, Kristen.....Forest
 Thompkins, Richard.....Hattiesburg
 Thompson, Ashton.....Brandon
 Thompson, Lloyd.....Columbia
 Vardanna, Talmadge.....Morton
 Walker, Brandy.....Hattiesburg
 Westmoreland, Kimberly.....Newhebron
 Whitaker, Warren.....Woodville
 Wilbanks, Michael.....Walnut
 Williamson, Britt.....Hattiesburg
 Wright, Kenneth.....Brandon
 Zinc, Louis.....Bay St. Louis



Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Cupit, Jeffrey.....Natchez



Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary

Norman, Shan.....Liberty
 Wenzel, Taryn.....Long Beach

Frank and Sandra Gunn Scholarship Fund: Honoring Your Interim

For over five decades, Frank and Sandra Gunn have been a blessing to multitudes of Mississippi Baptists through their leadership within churches, institutions, and agencies. Dr Gunn has held pastorates in Mississippi including a lengthy ministry at First Baptist Church of Biloxi. In addition, Dr. Gunn has served as a trustee for Mississippi College, on various committees of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and as president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

While Mrs. Gunn has played a special ministry role alongside her husband, she too has held important positions of leadership among Mississippi Baptists including her role as an officer for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Whenever and wherever Mississippi Baptists are gathering – whether a church revival, a regional rally, a Convention-wide annual meeting, or a host of other opportunities – the Gunns are usually counted among the participants. Quite often such occasions find Frank and Sandra offering encouragement and exhortation to those assembled through their ministries of preaching and teaching.

Since his retirement from First Baptist Church of Biloxi, Dr. Gunn has served numerous churches as interim pastor. Though serving on an interim basis, Dr. Gunn exhibits the same energy in preaching, commitment to God’s purpose, and gentle spirit toward people that have been his pattern across his many years of ministry.



FRANK AND SANDRA GUNN



The congregation of Calvary Baptist Church in Waynesboro, MS was a recent recipient of Dr. Gunn’s faithful leadership. During his tenure as interim pastor, Dr. Gunn’s biblical preaching and wise counsel helped prepare the church for the arrival of their new pastor, Whit Lewis.



REV. WHIT LEWIS
AND WIFE LEANNE
PASTOR
CALVARY BC,
WAYNESBORO

Desiring to express their appreciation for Dr. and Mrs. Gunn in a unique manner, the membership of Calvary Baptist Church consulted their new



BARRY CORBETT
PASTOR
FBC,
KOSCIUSKO

pastor for his suggestions. Whit placed a phone call to Barry Corbett - pastor of the First Baptist Church in Kosciusko - a friend and mentor with whom Whit had served earlier in his ministry. Dr. Corbett suggested that Whit call the Mississippi Baptist Foundation. When Whit contacted Daniel Hall at the Foundation office, he learned that Dr. Gunn has been both a strong advocate for the ministry of the MBF and a life-long supporter of Mississippi College. In God’s providence, this sequence of calls and conversations led to the idea that Calvary Baptist Church could establish a scholarship fund through the Mississippi Baptist

Foundation that benefits students attending Mississippi College. At a farewell reception for the Gunns, the church honored Dr. and Mrs. Gunn through the establishment of the “Frank and Sandra Gunn Scholarship Fund.”

Not only did Calvary Baptist Church honor their interim, but they also made provision to encourage future generations of young people. Please contact the Mississippi Baptist Foundation for more information about honoring the past and encouraging the future through a scholarship or other endowed fund through the Foundation.



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

