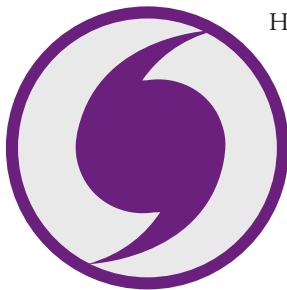


## Hurricane Preparation 101



Hurricane season lasts from June 1 to November 30. Now is the time to prepare for potential tropical storms and hurricanes.

The seminary website contains detailed information about hurricane preparation. The site includes information on developing a personal evacuation plan, evacuation maps, information on evacuation shelters, tips on how to stay informed during an evacuation and many helpful links. [Click Here](#)

Please take time to read this information and plan ahead. Careful planning is essential for a timely and orderly evacuation.

## LifeSongs Video Awards set for Friday

Join LifeSongs Friday, July 17 at 7PM for our Music Video Awards Show with Meredith Andrews! We'll be showing the winning videos from our Music Video Contest and handing out awards in various categories. Plus, Meredith Andrews will be performing! It's FREE! The

Music Video Awards Show will be at the LifeSongs Studios screening room located on the second floor of the William Carey College Building on the campus of the New Orleans Baptist Seminary. FMI visit [lifesongs.com](http://lifesongs.com) or call 504-816-8000.

## Multi-talented McKeever makes ministry transition

By Gary D. Myers

Joe McKeever (NOBTS ThM '67, DMin '73) has spent his life ministering to others. No matter what changes life brings his way, ministry is not an option – it is a continuing call from God.

After 42 years as a pastor and five years at the helm of the Baptist Association of Greater New Orleans (BAGNO), McKeever transitioned into a new phase of ministry in May. Anyone who knows him, knows "retirement" is not the right word to use for this transition. Ministry will continue. He'll be busy preaching, writing, drawing cartoons and ministering to people, all in the name of Christ.



Photo by Boyd Guy

McKeever now has a new place to work and his desire to help churches and pastors keep him busy. First Baptist Church in Kenner, La.,

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## Chorus concert set for July 14 at NOBTS

### An Evening of Choral Music Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Sellers Building: Recital Hall, 7:00 P. M.  
Free admission; donations welcome.

*Requiem*, Gabriele Faure  
*Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo*,  
Franz Joseph Haydn

The concert will feature several Seminary students: Laramie Minga, baritone soloist; Jennifer Hoover, soprano soloist; and Jaehan Mo, baritone soloist. Also, NOBTS staff members Wanda Gregg and Else Miklavcic, are singing in the chorus.

## Latin classes to be offered in 2009-10

The Providence Learning Center is pleased to be able to offer Latin classes for the purpose of preparing students to meet the language requirements necessary for entry into NOBTS Research Doctoral Programs. Part one will take place in

the Fall 2009 semester, beginning Tuesday, August 25 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. Part two will take place in the Spring 2010 semester, beginning Tuesday,

January 26 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. The cost is \$500 per part. For more information and to find out about registration, please contact J.P. Cox in the Providence Learning Center at [jpcox@nobts.edu](mailto:jpcox@nobts.edu) or at ext. 8442.

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## Former pastor, BAGNO DOM to focus on writing, drawing and preaching

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a church he pastored for 14 years, has given him an office in their library. There, McKeever will begin writing three books – the books will focus on prayer, fellowship and leadership.

According to McKeever, he plans to accept every speaking opportunity that comes his way – especially if it is a chance to speak to pastors. And he'll be blogging his pastoral thoughts at joemckeever.com.

### Ministry at BAGNO

When the McKeever was asked to serve as Director of Missions for BAGNO in 2004, he offered to do the job for three years. The committee pressed him for a five years commitment and he agreed. Little did he know what the next few years would bring.

Just six months into his new role, McKeever was diagnosed with tongue cancer. That was late 2004. Surgery and radiation treatments followed. Through the early part of 2005, McKeever began the difficult recovery.

"Just about the time I had recovered is when Katrina hit," McKeever said. "Then life changed forever for all of us."

### Post-Katrina Ministry

Katrina ushered in a significant change in McKeever's role at BAGNO. The scale of the disaster and the number of churches devastated was initially overwhelming. But God soon gave McKeever clarity about his role.

"We all have definitive moments in our ministries," McKeever said. He distinctly remembers a moment that came as he visited the BAGNO office for the first time following the storm.

Though the office did not flood, the area was cut off by severe flooding in Gentilly. It was at least a month after the storm before McKeever could get to the BAGNO office.

"I'm driving up Elysian Fields Avenue ... not a vehicle in sight ... and I'm crying," McKeever said. "I said, 'Lord, it's not just this house or that house or that Burger King ... it's the whole business and I don't know what to do about it.'"

McKeever clearly remembers the message from God, "This is not about you, this is about Me. I cannot tell you how liberating that was. So many times since then I have been reminded

that it's not about me, it's about the Lord."

McKeever focused his post-Katrina ministry on being a pastor to pastors and connecting area churches with resources for recovery. Both roles came naturally for McKeever.

Pastors turned to McKeever for support and encouragement and he gave it freely. Churches outside the region were calling him to offer support and he directed the help to hurting people.

"I was connecting people with one another, sort of a middle man," McKeever said. "I was not gutting out any houses."

McKeever commended BAGNO staffer Freddie Arnold (ADiv '82) for his work after Katrina.



Recent Joe McKeever cartoons

Arnold carried a heavy load following the storm directing disaster relief and rebuilding efforts.

"If I had not had Freddie, I wouldn't have known what to do," McKeever said. "I was like a pastor and he was like the world's best assistant pastor. I got the credit, he did the work."

To build a support system for pastors, McKeever started a weekly pastors meeting. These weekly meetings, reaching 80 to 100 pastors and church staff members, continued for two years. He also started two small mentoring groups comprised of young pastors.

"That's been fun ... sitting down with three or four pastors on a weekly basis and getting involved in their lives," he said.

For his service after Katrina, McKeever was given a special Outstanding Service award from NOBTS during the Southern Baptist Convention in 2006. NOBTS administrators created a special award for a special situation – McKeever had already received the Alumnus of the Year in 1988.

"Dr. Joe McKeever has held our association together," Chuck Kelley said at the time. "He has done everything he could possibly do to reach out and encourage the congregations of

the Greater New Orleans area that were under his responsibility."

### Blogging

A gifted writer, McKeever's blog played a significant role in the area's recovery. His frequent updates kept pastors and displaced New Orleanians informed and shared the story of the recovery with a wider audience.

McKeever started blogging a few years before Katrina. At first he posted occasional pastoral articles and cartoons. On September 1, 2005 the blog's purpose changed – both in frequency and message. Staying with his sister during the immediate aftermath of Katrina, McKeever sent emails to his son who would then post the messages.

He provided information that proved vital to the early stages of recovery. The archived messages and the comments are preserved, giving a record to the emotions people were facing after the storm.

### Cartooning

For many, McKeever is best known through prolific cartoon ministry. His works have appeared in many state Baptist papers and in a 1980s church clip art book that sold over 300,000 copies.

Whenever McKeever draws, he draws a crowd. He often shares his gift at schools and Baptist gatherings, making free sketches of all who ask. Most of McKeever's work, however, focuses on the church and its ministries.

McKeever began drawing at age 5 and took a mail-order drawing course as a teen. He has been drawing ever since. His "big break" came in the 1970s when Alabama Baptist editor Hudson Baggett started running his cartoons. He was paid \$1.50 per cartoon.

Cartooning is just one of the ways McKeever ministers to people. Each drawing serves as a reminder of his interaction with others and the resulting cartoons are often treasured by those who receive them. This was evident during last year's SBC Annual Meeting in Indianapolis.

The closest eatery to the convention hall was a small, constantly packed Steak 'n Shake. The massive grills where cooks fry burgers and cook grilled cheese sandwiches were stationed directly behind an old-fashioned lunch counter. Proudly displayed on one grill was a caricature McKeever had drawn for a hard-working cook named Luis.

Some would be tempted to retire after 47 years of ministry, but not McKeever. He'll be busy with ministry. Whether it is through his writing, drawing, mentoring or preaching, one thing is for sure, he will continue touching lives for the Kingdom.



## Other NOBTS NEWS

New Orleans Seminary President Chuck Kelley said that the graduates at the seminary's Parchman prison extension can be "gloves on the hand of God," capable of bringing hope and restoration to broken lives.

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### Youth

#### Full-time

- Buffat Heights Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.
- Towering Oaks Baptist Church, Greeneville, Tenn.
- Piney Grove Baptist Church, Fortson, Ga.
- First Baptist Church, Longview, Texas
- First Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.
- First Baptist Church, Oneonta, Ala.
- First Baptist Church, Live Oak, Fla.
- First Baptist Church, Raleigh, Miss.
- First Baptist Church, Bay St. Louis, Miss.
- Immanuel Baptist Church, El Dorado, Ark.
- Sweetwater First Baptist Church, Longwood, Fla.
- Bowdon Baptist Church, Bowdon, Ga.

#### Part-time

- First Baptist Mableton, Mableton, Ga.
- Amelia Baptist Church, Fernandina Beach, Fla.
- Ridge Avenue Baptist Church, West Monroe, La.
- Cold Springs Baptist Church, Collins, Miss.
- First Baptist Church, Bude, Miss.
- Navilla Baptist Church, McComb, Miss.
- Topeka Baptist Church, Jayess, Miss.
- St. Clair Baptist Church, Boyce, La.

### Children and Preschool

- Hillcrest Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla.; Preschool Director
- First Baptist Church, Corinth, Miss.; Minister to Children
- The Church at Catoosa, Rossville, Ga.; Children and Family

- DeSoto Hills Baptist Church, Southaven, Miss. Children's Minister
- Woodland Place Baptist Church, Magnolia, Texas, Children's Minister
- Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Live Oak, Fla.; Minister of Children
- Byne Memorial Baptist Church, Albany, Ga.; Minister for Children and Families
- First Baptist Church, Winter Park, Fla.; Minister to Preschool and Children
- Jubilee Baptist Church, Daphne, Ala.; Children's Minister
- West Acres Baptist Church, Evans, Ga.

### Combination

#### Full-time

- First Baptist Church, Alabaster, Ala.; Children and Preschool
- Southside Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.; Minister of Arts and Community Development
- First Baptist Church, Osceola, Ar.; Music and Youth
- First Baptist Church, Graham, N.C.; Music and Families (Youth)
- Evergreen Baptist Church, Evergreen, Ala.; Students and Education
- First Baptist Church, Mableton, Ga.; Youth and Education
- West Bay Community Church (SBC), Waveland, Miss.; Part-time Worship and Creative Arts
- First Baptist Church, Enterprise, Ala.; Music and Senior Adults
- Bellview Baptist Church, Westlake, La.; Music/Youth/College
- First Baptist Church, Oak Grove, Mo.; Music/Outreach

- First Baptist Church, East Brewton, Ala.; Youth and Children
- East Cooper Baptist Church, Mount Pleasant, S.C.; Young Adult/Singles
- First Baptist Church, Aliceville, Ala.; Music and Youth/Music and Other

### Other

- First Baptist Church, McComb, Miss.; Minister of Education
- Zion Congregational Church, Brighton, Colo.; Associate Pastor
- Gloster Baptist, Gloster, La.; Associate Pastor of Family Ministries
- Cornerstone Baptist Church, Greensboro, N.C.; Associate Pastor of Church Growth
- Northside Baptist Church, Liverpool, N.Y.; Associate Pastor of Discipleship and Missions
- First Baptist Church of Alpharetta, Ga.; Minister of Education
- Trinity Baptist Church, Henderson, Texas; Families
- Central Baptist Church, Clovis, N.M.; Associate Pastor (Education)

### Crescent City Rock seeks Children's minister, AV/IT minister and worship leader

Crescent City Rock is a brand-new contemporary SBC church plant in Metairie, LA (11). This church is searching for a Children's minister, AV/IT minister, and worship leader. If interested, contact Pastor Jim Louviere at [JIMatJC@yahoo.com](mailto:JIMatJC@yahoo.com).

## Church-Minister Relations

### CMR Ministry Opportunities

*The following are a few of the ministry positions received by the Church-Minister Relations office. Churches are listed according to the type of ministry position needed and whether the position is classified as part-time or full-time. All positions within a 2-hour radius of New Orleans are listed separately with the approximate distance in parentheses. To contact any of these churches, or to have your resume sent to other unpublished ministry opportunities, visit the CMR office (second floor, Frost Building) or contact them at 504-282-4455 or 1-800-662-8701, ext. 3291, or [cmrconsultant@nobts.edu](mailto:cmrconsultant@nobts.edu).*

#### New Orleans Area

##### Full-time

- Friendship Baptist Church, McComb, Miss.; (111)
- Fernwood Baptist Church, Gulfport, Miss.; Pastor (78)
- Teche Baptist Church, Beaux Bridge, La.; Pastor (124)
- Lexie Baptist Church, Tylertown, Miss.; Pastor (133)
- Doyle Baptist Church, Livingston, La.; Church Planter/ Pastor (74)
- Woodland Baptist Church, Springfield, La.; Pastor (65)
- North McComb Baptist Church, McComb, Miss.; Pastor (112)
- First Baptist Church, McComb, Miss.; Student Minister (112)
- First Baptist Church, LaPlace, La.; Pastor (30)

##### Part-time

- New Zion Baptist Church, Kentwood, La.; Youth Pastor (95)
- Journey Christian Church, Jefferson, La.; Children's Minister (12)
- New Zion Baptist Church, Covington, La.; Children's Intern (52)
- New River Baptist Church, St. Amant, La.; Worship Leader (55)
- Jefferson Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La.; Preschool Ministry Assistant (77)
- Fellowship Church, Prairieville, La.; Children's Minister (65)
- Hays Creek Southern Baptist Church, Franklinton, La.; Pastor (80)

- First Baptist Church, Greensburg, La.; Youth Minister (89)
- Calvary Baptist Church, New Orleans, La.; Music and Worship (9)

#### Pastor

##### Full-time

- Union Baptist Church, Tylertown, Miss.
- Judson Baptist Church, Atmore, Ala.
- First Baptist Church of Manvel, Texas
- Calvary Baptist Church, Rusk, Texas
- Spring Creek Baptist Church, Honoraville, Ala.
- Grace Southern Baptist Church, Virden, Ill.
- Carlisle Baptist Church, Carlisle, Pa.
- Louisa Baptist Church, Louisa, Va.
- Highland Baptist Church, Laurel, Miss.
- Emmanuel Baptist Church, Oakdale, La.
- Spring Creek Baptist Church, Honoraville, Ala.
- First Baptist Church, Falkville, Ala.
- Kanto Plains Baptist Church, Tokyo, Japan
- Shively Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.
- New Life Korean Church, Crestview, Fla.
- Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Bogalusa, La.
- New Life Korean Church, Crestview, Fla.
- First Baptist Church, Cotton Valley, La.
- First Baptist Church, St. Charles, Mo.
- First Baptist Church, Demopolis, Ala.
- McCool Baptist Church, McCool, Miss.
- First Baptist Church, Rota, Spain
- Hiland Park Baptist Church, Panama City, Fla.
- Columbia Baptist Church, Columbia, Ky.
- First Baptist Church, West Columbia, Texas
- Lafitte Baptist Church, Saraland, Ala.
- Emmanuel Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.
- Immanuel Baptist Church, Racine, Wis.
- First Baptist Church, Tupelo, Miss.
- New Zion Baptist Church, Monticello, Miss.
- Wrightsville Beach Baptist Church, Wrightsville Beach, N.C.
- First Baptist Church, Irmo, S.C.
- First Baptist Church, Joshua, Texas
- York Terrace Baptist Church, Sheffield, Ala.
- Friendship Baptist Church, Malone, Fla.
- Stapleton Baptist Church, Stapleton, Ga.
- First Baptist Church, Brandywine, W.V.
- Northwood Baptist Church, Shreveport, La.

##### Part-time

- Gardner Baptist Church, Boyce, La. (bi-vocational)

- New Vision Baptist Church, Berkeley Springs, W.V. (or bi-vocational)
- Life Giving Church (Church Plant), Denham Springs, La.
- Boulevard Baptist Church, Lake Charles, La.
- North McComb Baptist Church, McComb, Miss.
- Calvary Baptist Church, Lincoln, Neb.

#### Music

##### Full-time

- First Baptist Church, Mary Esther, Fla.
- Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Columbus, Miss.
- First Baptist Church, Bentonville, Ark. (Music Associate)
- Grawood Baptist Church, Keithville, La. (Contemporary)
- Bull Street Baptist Church, Savannah, Ga.
- First Baptist Church, Roswell, N.M.
- Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church, Meridian, Miss.
- Wooley Springs Baptist Church, Toney, Ala.
- Peavine Baptist Church, Rock Spring, Ga.
- Selma Baptist Church, Dothan, Ala.
- Mantee Baptist Church, Mantee, Miss.
- Northcliffe Baptist Church, Spring Hill, Fla.

##### Part-time

- First Baptist Church, Pickneyville, Ill.
- The Church at Catoosa, Rossville, Ga.
- Roxie Baptist Church, Roxie, Miss.
- The Well, Huntsville, Ala.
- Olive Springs Baptist Church, Marietta, Ga.
- High Point Baptist Church, Covington, Ga.
- Goodyear Baptist Church, Picayune, Miss.
- Laton Hill Baptist Church, Chatom, Ala.

#### Youth

##### Full-time

- North Metro First Baptist Church, Lawrenceville, Ga.
- First Baptist Church, Monroe, La.
- Calvary Baptist Church, Arcadia, Fla.
- Chesbrough Baptist Church, Kentwood, La.
- Parkway Baptist Church, Clinton, Miss.
- Trinity Baptist Church, Calhoun, Ga.
- Thomasville Baptist Church, Thomasville, Ala.

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