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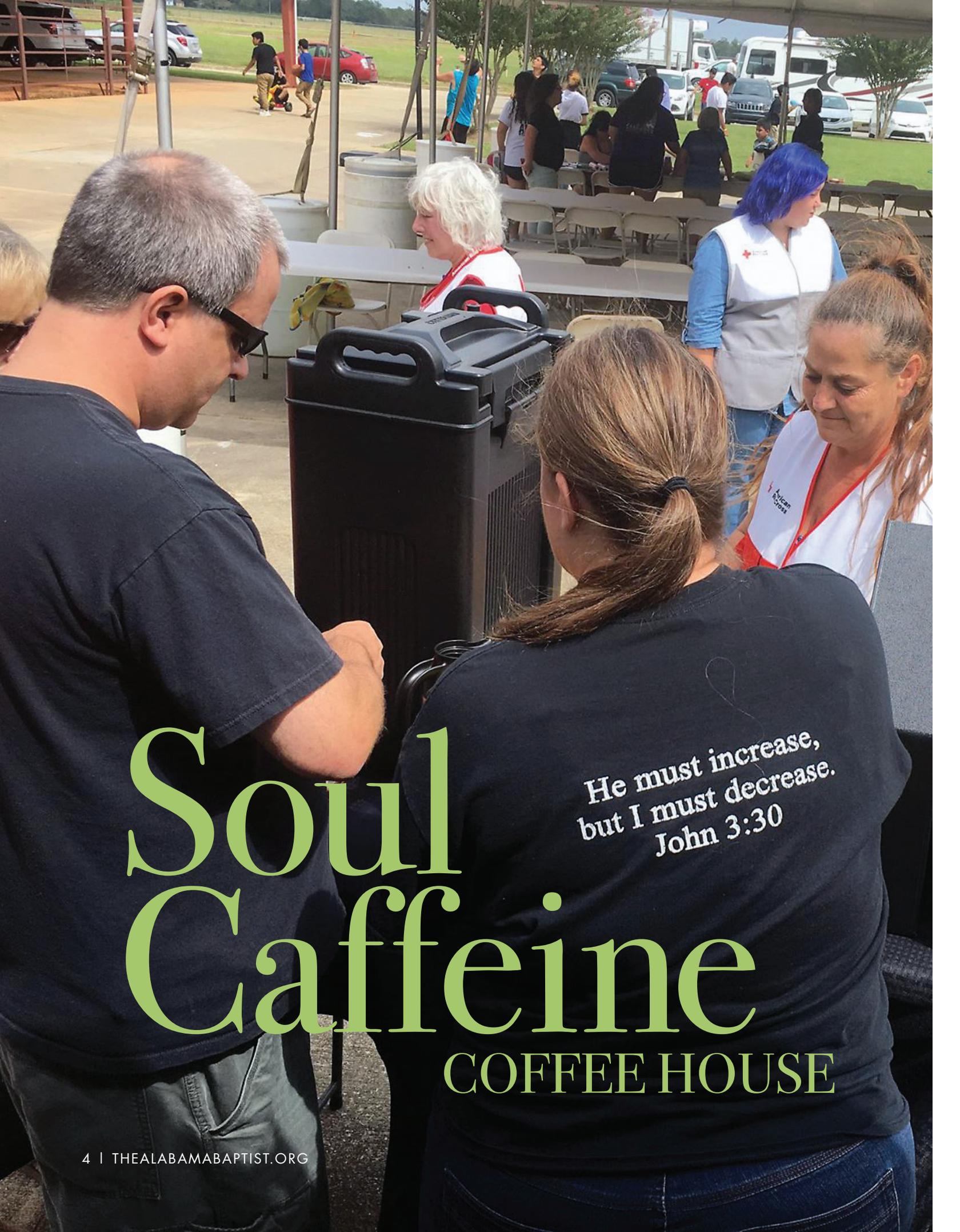
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Soul Caffeine

He must increase,
but I must decrease.
John 3:30

COFFEE HOUSE

Coffee, community, missions, ministry

Owners and employees at this Daphne coffee shop use tips to support missions, ministries and nonprofits in the area.

By Lanell Downs Smith
Correspondent, The Alabama Baptist

What began as a dream to combine coffee and community with missions and ministry became a reality in 2015 when friends Eric and Mallory Friese and Gabe and Lynne Holloway opened Soul Caffeine Coffee House in Daphne.

Today the coffee house is a gathering place where coffee is served with attention to the detail of the drink and to the life of the customer.

Valued people

"[Soul Caffeine] has given us the chance to really get to know so many people and their stories, and by extending them warm service and lovingly crafted drinks we are

hoping to show them how valued they are, not just as customers but as people," said co-owner Mallory Friese.

Funds collected in a tip jar are donated to local ministries, missions organizations and nonprofits helping to build the local community outside the store's walls.

Soul Caffeine owners didn't begin by asking for tips. Friese said they felt their customers already paid enough for their coffee. But they soon discovered that people wanted to give. They decided to put out a tip jar agreeing to gather funds to support missions and ministries, families and individuals.

Since then the tip jar has blessed the Daphne community, funding contributions to a wide range of local, regional and national organizations and ministries.



Soul Caffeine Coffee House owners Eric and Mallory Friese and Lynne and Gabe Holloway opened the business in Daphne in 2015.

"That's one of my favorite things: being able to work at a place where we actively love on people and our community," said Angie Middleton, the shop's general manager. "Watching so many being affected by the donations (and) tips of our customers is a blessing."

Tip jar funds have allowed Soul Caffeine to assist homeless and low-income families in the region with basic needs alongside partners like Eastern Shore Baptist Church and the local Family Promise team.

Everyone involved in the coffee shop has been blessed through

"... We are hoping to show them how valued they are, not just as customers but as people."

MALLORY FRIESE
co-owner, Soul Caffeine Coffee House

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SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Baldwin and Mobile Baptist associations minister through coastal camps and getaways.

CAMP BALDWIN

By Grace Thornton
The Alabama Baptist

The place Gil Johnson calls home has “some of the best sunsets around.” And he says you and your church are welcome to come visit and see for yourselves.

Johnson, director of Camp Bald-

win, says they have their own little sanctuary on Wolf Bay and people “can come and feel the difference.”

“I love having guests come through and have that opportunity to retreat away from everything else going on out in the world,” he said. “You can see the relief some of them have just getting to fellowship, watch the sunrise and enjoy a meal. There’s refreshment that happens here.”

Nearly 9,000 guests come every year to Camp Baldwin, a ministry of Baldwin Baptist Association. The 66-acre camp is a rental facility — they don’t do any programming. But they can house your church’s retreat and provide meals and activities like ziplining, miniature golf, water trampolines, swimming, canoes and kayaks, fishing, a gym and a challenge course.

Variety of events

“Most every weekend we have something going on here,” Johnson said. “We host youth and

children’s groups, family camps, women’s retreats, marriage retreats — you name it.”

They also run Estuary Life, a creation-based outdoor program, for school and church field trips.

Coming to Christ

Rick Ellison, director of missions for Baldwin Baptist Association, said the camp is a great place for a spiritual retreat.

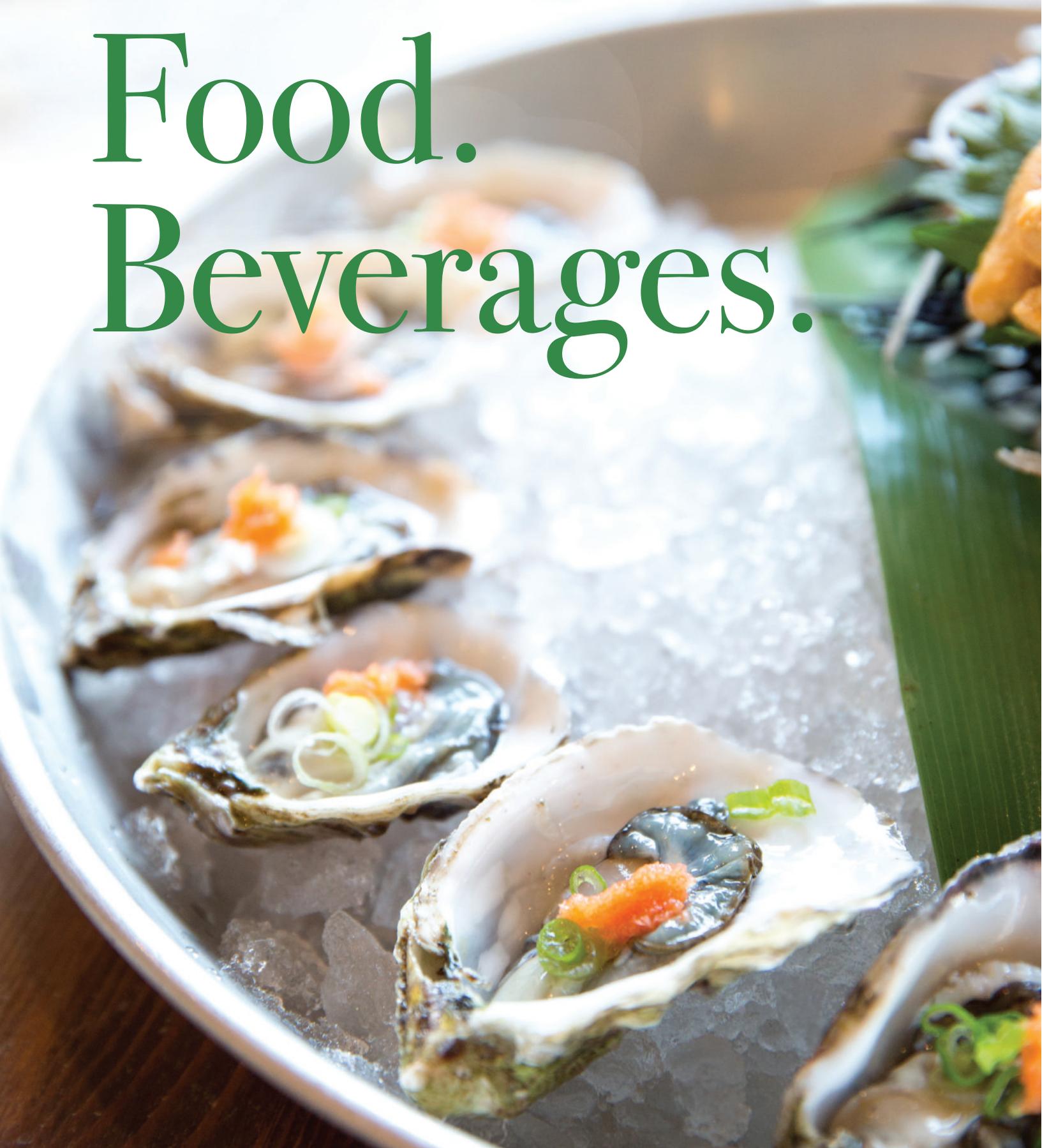
“We have all kinds of groups who come from all kinds of places to use the camp and we see a number of people come to Christ each year through their camp experience,” he said.

The association also has two other places that host retreats near the coast. The Mission House in Orange Beach hosts groups who come down to do missions projects with Baldwin Association, and Romar Beach Baptist Church hosts groups in their retreat center right on the beach.



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Restaurants.
Food.
Beverages.



DAPHNE

Baumhower's Victory Grille
6880 U.S. Highway 90, Suite F-1
251-625-4695

Bombay & Co.
25935 Friendship Road, Unit C
251-404-0913

Boudreaux's Cajun Grill
29249 U.S. Highway 98
251-621-1991

Burger King
29295 U.S. Highway 98
251-230-8652

Chicken Salad Chick
1802 U.S. Highway 98, Suite F
251-220-9921

Chick-fil-A
1682 U.S. Highway 98
251-621-3215

Dickey's Barbecue Pit
6882 Highway 90, Suite G-2
251-210-2151

Divine Empanadas
11101 County Road 64
251-273-3321

Foosackly's
29181 U.S. Highway 98
251-375-1104

Glazed Doughnuts
2200 U.S. Highway 98, Suite 5A
251-586-8180

Le Bouchon
1903C Main Street
251-340-2812

Manci's Antique Club
1715 Main Street
251-375-0543

Moe's Southwest Grill
1539 U.S. Highway 98
251-626-3334

CiCi's Pizza
6882 Highway 90, Suite G-1
251-621-6820

Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen
1511 U.S. Highway 98
251-621-0005

Something Sweet Bake Shop
1712 Main Street
251-621-2253

Soul Caffeine Coffee House
2004 U.S. Highway 98, Suite B
251-345-4156

Southwood Kitchen
1203 U.S. Highway 98, Suite 3D
251-626-6676

Taziki's Mediterranean Cafe
1539 U.S. Highway 98, Suite 201
251-273-3337

RESTAURANT RECOMMENDATION

Café del Rio located on the Causeway is my go-to Tex-Mex restaurant. With a breathtaking view of the Mobile skyline and Mobile Bay, Café del Rio will stand out for its food and view. Make sure to sit in the sunroom



area to get the best view and be sure to try their jalapeño ranch dip and enchiladas! After eating, walk around the waterfront outdoor area. Café del Rio is located at 1175 Battleship Parkway in Spanish Fort.

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RESTAURANT RECOMMENDATION

When family and friends come to visit we take them to our favorite seafood restaurant in Daphne — **Kravers!** This casual family-friendly restaurant is easy on the wallet and the generous portions mean you won't go away hungry. My favorite is the tail-on fried shrimp basket with slaw and the friendly staff will let you substitute sides, so I choose the zesty corn-on-the-cob instead of fries. My landlubber husband says the chicken fingers are amazing and the green beans are nearly as good as his momma's. Our grandchildren love the crab claws. Choose your seafood fried, blackened or grilled, or try one of their daily specials like shrimp or mahi tacos. If you have time, check out another local favorite next door — **Allegri Farm Market.** Kravers is located at the intersection of County Road 64 and AL 181, at 25965 Highway 181 in Daphne.

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RESTAURANT RECOMMENDATION



Walking into **Meat Boss** in west Mobile feels like coming home for a family dinner — if that family dinner includes one of the best sandwiches in the state. Meat Boss has been awarded best ribs and sauce in Mobile for back-to-back years. They offer pork, chicken, brisket, ribs, turkey and more and all of it is smoked to perfection. With everything being made to order you are always guaranteed to get exactly what you want. From burgers with eggs, bacon and Conecuh sausage to a plate of ribs with mac and cheese, Meat Boss has exactly what you need. With their smoker right outside cooking 24/7 you can't help but be drawn down to 5401 Cottage Hill Road in west Mobile to give it a try.

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The Good Guys Food Truck
26992 State Highway 181
251-721-4979

Tropical Smoothie Cafe
29740 Urgent Care Drive
251-626-1160

Yinzers Brew & Grill
28850 U.S. Highway 98, Suite 200
251-621-6990

Zaxby's
29053 U.S. Highway 98
251-621-0400

FAIRHOPE

Another Broken Egg
300 Fairhope Avenue
251-210-6901

Big Daddy's Grill
16542 Ferry Road
251-990-8555

BILL-E'S
19992 Highway 181
251-281-2663

The Bone and Barrel
311 Fairhope Avenue
251-990-0782

El Mexicano of Fairhope
195 Baldwin Square Shopping
Center Highway 98
251-929-7827

**The Fairhope Brewing
Company**
914 Nichols Avenue
251-279-7517

The Fairhope Market
101 S. Greeno Road
251-929-8277

**Fairhope Roasting
Company**
759 Nichols Avenue
251-928-2606

Frios Gourmet Pops
218 Fairhope Avenue Suite B
251-605-7539

Gambino's Italian Grill
18 Laurel Avenue
251-990-0995

RESTAURANT RECOMMENDATION

Take a drive down Scenic 98 and be sure to stop in downtown Daphne at **Cousin Vinny's** for authentic Italian pies, homemade bread and homemade bread pudding. Their sister restaurant, **Guido's**, is right next door and is open in the evening with a chalkboard menu boasting of entrées like roasted duck, eggplant parmesan and shrimp and grits. Get your grub to go and enjoy a sunset picnic in Daphne's quaint bayside parks right down the street!

Go a little farther south to one of the two single-tax colonies left in the U.S. Idyllic Fairhope is one of Alabama's pride and joys. The streets here boast of French Quarter-esque shops and delicious restaurants banking the streets.

One of my favorites is a little further down the highway in the ware-

house district on Nichols Avenue. This Instagram-worthy restaurant is called the **Warehouse Bakery**. Go here for a yummy brunch with chicken and waffles doused in sriracha butter and Alabama cane syrup. Need a pick me up? Locally roasted cold-brew coffee is always available. Make sure to get yours with chocolate milk creamer and don't forget to purchase a homemade pop tart for the road!

If you're trying to eat healthier, try the **Farmer's Market Bowl** composed of roasted sweet potatoes, steamed veggies, shredded cheddar, avocado and salsa.

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Guthrie's of Fairhope
51B N. Greeno Road
251-990-2897

It's All Greek To Me!
108 N. Section Street, Bldg. C
Suite 2
251-265-3623

McSharry's Irish Pub
101 N. Bancroft Street
251-990-5100

Panini Pete's
42 1/2 S. Section Street
251-929-0122

Rotolo's of Fairhope
100 Eastern Shore Shopping
Center, Highway 98
251-990-4005

Sage Lebanese Cuisine & Cafe
319 Fairhope Avenue
251-517-7536

**Sunset Pointe at Fly Creek
Marina**
831 N. Section Street
251-990-7766

Suzie Q's Rolled Ice Cream
70 S. Section Street
251-517-7249

Tamara's Downtown
104 N. Section Street
251-929-2219

The Hope Farm
915 Nichols Avenue
251-689-7990

The Mill
85 N. Bancroft Street
251-644-5326

Thyme on Section
33 N. Section Street
251-990-5635

Warehouse Bakery and Donuts
759 Nichols Avenue
251-928-7223

Wok by d'Bay
420 Fairhope Avenue
251-270-7262

Yak: The Kathmandu Kitchen
400 Eastern Shore Shopping
Center, Suite 13
251-990-6192

SPANISH FORT

Beef O'Brady's
6450 US Highway 90, Suite J
251-447-0660

Felix's Fish Camp
1530 Battleship Parkway
251-626-6710

Fresh Healthy Cafe
10184 Eastern Shore Boulevard
Suite C
251-444-7170

California Dreaming
30500 Highway 181, Suite 700
251-626-9942

David's Catfish House
10810 Highway 31
251-930-1252

Ed's Seafood Shed
3382 Battleship Parkway
251-625-1947

Half Shell Oyster House
30500 Highway 181 Suite 800
251-206-8768

Honeybun Donuts & Kolaches
6729 Spanish Fort Boulevard
Suite H
251-355-5190

Original Oyster House
3733 Battleship Parkway
334-626-2188

Ralph & Kacoo's
1595 Battleship Parkway
251-626-0045

Smoothies N Things Spanish Fort
30500 AL 181, Suite 702
251-654-7121

Stix Restaurant
10240 Eastern Shore Boulevard
251-621-9088

Trattoria Pizza & Italian
11611 U.S. Highway 31
251-375-0076

RESTAURANT RECOMMENDATION

On a street where every place offers its own unique spin on some of the best food in Alabama, **Squid Ink Eclectic Eats & Drinks** stands out. As the new kid on the block they're not off to a slow start — they've hit the ground running with amazing specialty burgers, Mobtown hot chicken that tops any Nashville hot chicken you'll ever have, fried calamari, the best street cauliflower and an amazing atmosphere. Choose either the upstairs platform seating or the sidewalk tables — both offer a perfect place for you and your friends! Located at 102 Dauphin Street, Mobile, Squid Ink is sure to become a new favorite!

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Coastal

As children arrive for a summer day camp hosted by Baldwin Baptist Association's Gulf Area Resort Ministry, they are invited to play with sidewalk chalk to help them settle into the camp. During the camp the children hear Bible stories, play games and enjoy snacks.

MINISTRY

Opportunities to share Christ and serve others abound in the resorts, campgrounds and RV parks dotting Alabama's Gulf Coast.

By Grace Thornton
The Alabama Baptist

Dan Rush said someone told him once that everyone at the beach was running away from something.

Rush didn't buy it at first. But the more he thought about it he said he realized it was true.

"Sometimes they're just getting away from everything to relax and sometimes they're trying to get away from a crisis they will have

to deal with when they get back," he said.

Whatever it is they're escaping from, Rush likes to offer them a little encouragement to take home with them. In his work as a park chaplain with Gulf Area Resort Ministry (GARM) of Baldwin Baptist Association he conducts services at RV parks in the Gulf Shores area and spends a lot of time getting to know people.

"We have built friendships there and gotten to do some pastoral

ministry," Rush said, noting that especially during the winter snow-bird season people will often stay for months at a time.

"There are a lot of senior adults, and health problems come up sometimes. We've been able to be there in a bigger way than just between closing and opening prayers of a service," he said.

But the services are a part of his role that he loves too. Before he and his wife, Kathy, moved to the area from Illinois he had served

more than 30 years in pastoral ministry there.

For the past five years he's been shepherding the little flock that gathers every Sunday morning when he and Kathy bring food and fresh brewed coffee to the RV park.

"We have a mini congregation there," said Rush, who also works as a glass blower at the Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach. They also hold Wednesday night services and activities like movie nights.

"It's been fun," he said. "I tell people whether they're there for a weekend or longer, we want to share something with you that hopefully will encourage you when you get back. And it's not watered down — we preach the gospel. And there are always a few people who say, 'I really needed that.'"

Nate Diehl, GARM director, said resort and beach ministry on the Gulf Coast gives him, Rush and many others the chance to connect with people they might never have the opportunity to meet in other settings.

"Whether it's students on work-related, internship-type things or whether it be vacationers coming from all over the place, we have the opportunity of planting a seed that's going to go far beyond Baldwin County," Diehl said. "That's definitely an exciting aspect of this type of ministry."

In the winter months ministry in the parks like what Rush does is a big focus for GARM. In the other seasons ministry on the coast involves a lot of volunteers and different types of outreach. One example is how at the recent Shrimp Festival teams came in and helped with snacks and games for children and used creative ways to engage people with the gospel.

"There's a lot of opportunity and open doors for people to serve,"

Dan Rush (right) demonstrates glass blowing, a skill that helps him earn a living while he does chaplaincy work in RV parks on the Gulf Coast.

Diehl said. "We have youth groups that come into the area and serve. [It's] their missions trip for the summer. Around 90% of our volunteers are coming in from outside the area."

Dauphin Island Baptist Church in Mobile Baptist Association also hosts many out-of-town youth groups who come to help with local ministry.

"For more than 40 years we've been hosting youth groups in the summer," Pastor Chris Schansberg said.

Serving at the beach

Around 600 to 700 students come each summer to help area churches with Vacation Bible School and to participate in canvassing and outreach. They also help area ministries with food distribution and lead worship services at rehab centers.



While there they stay at Dauphin Island Baptist's Resort Ministry and Conference Center, which can host up to 200 guests at a time.

"Those groups have done a lot of good through the years," Schansberg said.

More information on GARM is at www.baldwinbaptist.org/gulf-area-resort-ministries.

A youth group leads a poolside worship service for guests staying in a Gulf Coast-area RV park as part of Baldwin Baptist Association's Gulf Area Resort Ministry.



PRIDE & DIGNITY

At this donations-only restaurant in Brewton, hungry customers from all walks of life get more than just a home-cooked meal.

By Martha Simmons
Correspondent, The Alabama Baptist

Along the cafeteria-style food line at Drexell and Honeybee's in Brewton you'll see plenty of soul-satisfying Southern fare that changes from one day to the next — but two items are always on the menu of this donations-only restaurant: Pride and dignity.

That's why you'll have a hard time distinguishing between the patrons who can afford to drop money into the donations box for their meal and those who cannot.

There's no cash register in the restaurant. The metal donations box is attached to the wall in a screened-off section where patrons can either drop in money, a hand-scrawled thank you note ... or nothing at all.

The menu contains no prices, no



Lisa Thomas-McMillan serves hunger-satisfying Southern fare to customers at Drexell and Honeybee's.



Four days each week Lisa Thomas-McMillan and Freddie McMillan serve a meal to anyone who comes to Drexell and Honeybee's. Their donations-only restaurant in Brewton serves about 100 people from all walks of life each day.

suggested donations and no volunteer requirements for receiving free meals. "No strings attached," says proprietor Lisa Thomas-McMillan.

"It's all about two words: Pride and dignity," she says. "A lot of folks will die before they give that up."

There's no need for that at Drexell and Honeybee's, located on 109 Lee Street in Brewton, but plenty of local folks think the food is to die for.

"Best food in town!" said a regular patron waiting in line one recent morning. "I come all the time."

The parking lot across the street begins to fill well before the red

neon open sign is switched on. Open 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, the restaurant feeds some 100 people daily from all walks of life.

The restaurant is the culmination of Thomas-McMillan's decades of feeding the hungry in the Brewton area — first by traveling 100 miles per day delivering hot breakfasts and food boxes to shut-ins and then by starting a nonprofit — Carlisa, Inc. — to support a food bank.

Lisa gained a partner in her journey eight years ago when she

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Pastors Conference

schedule

Monday, November 11, 2019
Eastern Shore Baptist Church, Daphne

Morning

- 9:00 Worship
- 9:10 Welcome — Dr. Stuart Davidson, president, Alabama Baptist Pastors Conference; pastor, Eastern Shore Baptist Church, Daphne
- 9:18 Prayer — Dr. Clint Landry, pastor, First Baptist Church, Foley
- 9:20 Worship and Solo
- 9:30 Message — *Partners Through the Cross* — Rev. Terrence Jones, pastor, Strong Tower at Washington Park, Montgomery
- 10:10 Worship
- 10:25 Message — *Provision Through the Cross* — Dr. Dana Watson, COO for South Alabama, Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries
- 11:05 Special Presentation — Dr. Chip Colee, chief administrative officer, Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries
- 11:25 Message — *Perfection on the Cross* — Dr. Robert Mullins, pastor, Crossroads Community Church, Elmore
- 12:00 Prayer and Dismissal — Rev. Chris Bell, pastor, 3Circle Church, Fairhope

Afternoon

- 1:30 Worship
- 1:35 Welcome/Election of Officers — Dr. Stuart Davidson
- 1:45 Prayer — Dr. Blake Kersey, pastor, First Baptist Church, Decatur
- 1:47 Special Presentation — Mrs. Jennifer Davis Rash, president and editor-in-chief, *The Alabama Baptist*
- 1:55 Message — *Peace Through the Cross* — Dr. Rick Lance, executive director, Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions
- 2:30 Worship
- 2:45 Special Presentation — Mr. Rod Marshall, president/CEO, Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries
- 2:48 Solo
- 2:50 Message — *Picking Up Your Cross* — Dr. Jay Wolf, pastor, First Baptist Church, Montgomery
- 3:30 Special Presentation — LOGOS
- 3:45 Worship
- 3:50 Message — *Preach the Cross* — Dr. Steve Gaines, pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Cordova, Tenn.
- 4:30 Prayer and Dismissal — Rev. Richard Richie, pastor, Blue Springs Baptist Church, Somerville

Evening

- 6:30 Pre-Service Music
- 6:35 Special Presentation — Video
- 6:40 Welcome and Prayer — Dr. Stuart Davidson
- 6:45 Worship
- 7:00 Message — *Praising God For the Cross* — Dr. Johnny Hunt, senior vice president, evangelism and leadership, North American Mission Board
- 7:40 Worship
- 7:50 Special Offering for Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries
- 7:55 Special Music — Joint choir from Eastern Shore Baptist Church and FBC Fairhope
- 8:05 Message — *The Power of the Cross* — Dr. Fred Luter, pastor, Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans, La.
- 8:45 Closing Prayer — Rev. Nathan Daniels, pastor, Bethany Baptist Church, Andalusia

Explore the Eastern Shore

i Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce
327 Fairhope Avenue, Fairhope, AL
eschamber.com

Shopping:

1. Downtown Fairhope
2. Eastern Shore Centre
3. Jubilee Square Shopping Center
4. Olde Towne Daphne
5. Spanish Fort Town Center

Things to do:

6. 5 Rivers Delta Resource Center
7. 17 Turtles Outfitters
8. Barnwell Sports Complex
9. Bayfront Park & Pavilion
10. Blakeley State Park & Delta Explorer
11. Centennial Park
12. Daphne Art Center
13. Daphne Central Park
14. Eastern Shore Art Center
15. Eastern Shore Lanes
16. Fairhoper's Community Park
17. Fairhope Museum of History
18. Fairhope Pier & Park
19. Pier Street Public Boat Launch
20. Fairhope Soccer Complex
21. Fairhope Yacht Club
22. Fairways Indoor Golf Club
23. Fels Toddler Park
24. Fly Creek Marina
25. Founder's Park
26. Gator Alley Boardwalk
27. Hot Wheels Skate Center
28. Joe Louis Patrick Park
29. Lake Forest Yacht Club & Boat Launch
30. May Day Park & Pier
31. Lott Park
32. Marietta Johnson Museum
33. Meaher State Park
34. Miss Coleen's House & Punta Clara Kitchen
35. Mullet Point Park & Boat Launch
36. Nall Foundation Gallery
37. Oak Hollow Farm
38. Premiere Cinema
39. Spanish Fort Kids Park
40. Spirit Park
41. Stimpson Park & Tennis Center
42. The American Sport Art Museum & Archive
43. The Old Methodist Church Museum of Daphne

44. Theatre 98
45. Trione Sports Complex
46. Tolstoy Park
47. View Point Boat Launch
48. Village Point Park Preserve & Jackson Oak
49. Volanta Park
50. Weeks Bay Estuary & Pitcher Plant Bog
51. Weeks Bay Plantation
52. WildNative Delta Safaris

Points of Interest:

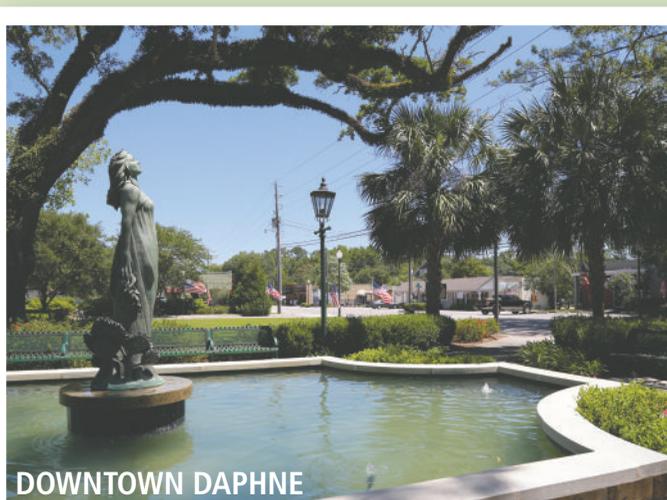
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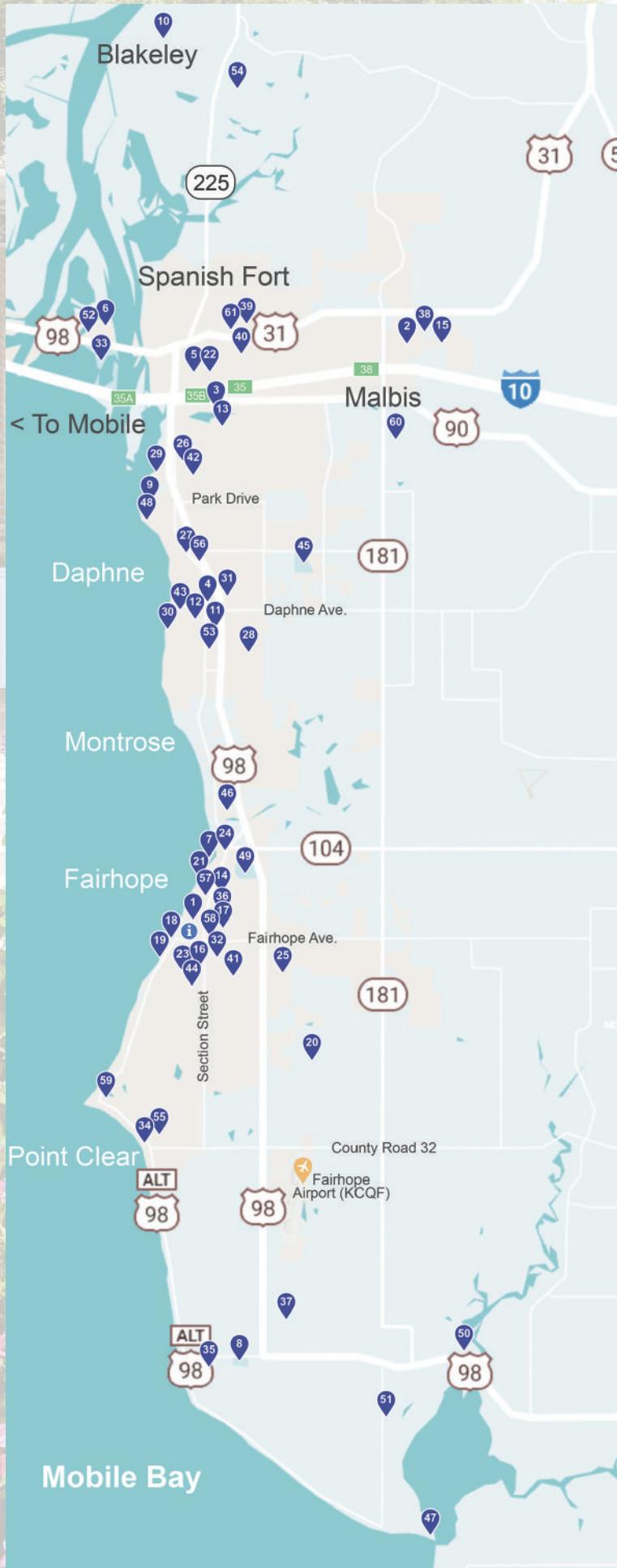
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Alabama Baptist schedule

November 12–13, 2019
Eastern Shore Baptist Church, Daphne

TUESDAY MORNING

	PIANIST.....	Frank Jones
	WORSHIP LEADER.....	Keith Hibbs
8:30	Pre-session Music.....	Alabama Singing Men/Women
8:35	Prayer	Clint Landry
8:40	Call to Order.....	Tim Cox
	GREETINGS	
	Baldwin Baptist Association.....	Rick Ellison
	Eastern Shore Baptist Church, Daphne.....	Stuart Davidson
	Congregational Music.....	Keith Hibbs
8:50	Enrollment of Messengers.....	Billie Davis
8:55	Committee on Order of Business.....	Rob Jackson
9:00	Committee Appointments.....	Tim Cox
9:05	Memorial Service.....	Allan Murphy
9:15	Alabama Baptist Ministers Benefit Society.....	Herman Pair
9:20	Introduction of Resolutions.....	Craig Carlisle
9:25	Special Music.....	Alabama Singing Men/Women
9:30	FRUITFUL — ABIDING IN CHRIST	Annel Robayna
	COMMITTEE REPORTS, Part 1	
9:55	Committee on Committees.....	Greg Corbin
10:05	Committee on Boards and Commissions.....	Stuart Davidson
	RECOGNITIONS	
10:15	Recognition of Former Convention Presidents.....	Rick Lance
10:25	Recognition of New Pastors and New Church Staff Members.....	Bobby DuBois
10:30	Cooperative Program Recognitions.....	Rick Lance
	FRUITFUL IN MINISTRY	
10:40	<i>The Alabama Baptist</i> , Jennifer Davis Rash; Alabama Baptist Historical Commission, Lonette Berg; The Baptist Foundation of Alabama, Barry Bledsoe; Alabama Citizens Action Program, Joe Godfrey; Christian Life Commission, Michael Brooks	
11:10	Miscellaneous Business, Part 1	
11:15	Presentation of Convention President.....	Rick Lance
11:20	Special Music.....	Mike May
11:25	President's Address.....	Tim Cox
11:55	Benediction	Paul Matthews

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

	PIANIST.....	Keith Hibbs
	WORSHIP LEADER.....	Frank Jones
	WORSHIP	
1:30	Congregational Music.....	Frank Jones
1:40	Prayer	Eric Hankins

State Convention

FRUITFUL IN MINISTRY

REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS

1:45 Report of Executive Director Rick Lance

2:05 State Board of Missions Recommendations and Convention Recognitions

2:45 **FRUITFUL — BEARING FRUIT FOR CHRIST** Jarman Leatherwood

FRUITFUL IN MINISTRY

3:10 Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries, Rod Marshall; Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center, Russell Klinner; Alabama Baptist Retirement Centers, Ray Burdeshaw; Alabama Woman's Missionary Union, Candace McIntosh

3:40 Miscellaneous Business, Part 2

COMMITTEE REPORTS, Part 2

3:45 Resolutions Committee Craig Carlisle

4:00 Committee on Time, Place and Preacher Nic Seaborn

4:05 Audit and Insurance Bobby DuBois

4:10 Benediction Kerry Mitchell

TUESDAY EVENING

6:40 Pre-session Music Frank Jones

6:50 Missions Recognitions Rick Lance

6:55 Church Planting Recognitions Rick Barnhart

7:00 Scripture and Prayer James Jones

Music Worship Voices of Mobile

Introduction of Speaker Rick Lance

7:30 Message Jason Allen

8:15 Benediction Mike Flowers

WEDNESDAY MORNING

PIANIST Frank Jones

WORSHIP LEADER Steve Bowersox

WORSHIP

8:30 Congregational Music Steve Bowersox

8:35 Prayer Robert Knowles

8:40 **FRUITFUL — UPON CHRIST** Ben Stubblefield

9:05 Election of Officers, Part 1

9:15 Previously Scheduled Business

9:45 Resolutions Committee Report Craig Carlisle

FRUITFUL IN MINISTRY

10:00 Samford University, Andrew Westmoreland; University of Mobile, Lonnie Burnett; Judson College, Mark Tew; Education Commission, Bobby Hopper; Board of Aid to Students in Church-Related Vocations, Randy Johnson

10:30 Election of Officers, Part 2

10:40 Congregational Music Steve Bowersox

10:45 Introduction of Convention Preacher and Alternate Preacher Tim Cox

Special Music Keith Pate

Scripture Jeff Meyers

10:55 Convention Sermon Rick Marshall

11:25 Introduction of Convention Officers Rick Lance

11:30 Benediction — Adjournment Chip Starnes

Soul Caffeine Coffee House

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personal involvement with several of the outreach projects funded by tips, Friese said.

One of their most touching projects involved their work with Eye Heart World, an organization that combats human trafficking, she said. Coffee house tips were used to purchase airline tickets for the parents of a young trafficking victim, allowing the victim's parents to fly to their daughter's location and bring her home.



Soul Caffeine's recent Latte Art Throwdown helped the shop bring awareness to human trafficking and raised additional funds for the cause, Friese said.

Following Hurricane Michael in 2018 many storm victims sought refuge in Daphne, Friese said.

Providing aid

The coffee house partnered with V60 Community Church, which got its start at Soul Caffeine, and a local Target store to fill the store's coffee truck with supplies.

Store employees and church volunteers then distributed the supplies — and free coffee and hot chocolate — at the Robertsdale Coliseum.

Soul Caffeine also has partnered with Dumas Wesley Community Center to stock apartments at the Sybil H. Smith Family Village, a nonprofit housing community

helping homeless women and families become self-sufficient. Soul Caffeine has provided items like dishes, bedding, small appliances and towels, completely funding one apartment once a year. The coffee shop's staff works with the center, shopping for supplies and helping to set up apartments.

Friese said the Soul Caffeine team is like family, working together to support each other, and they strive to extend the same sense of value and worth to each other that they offer to customers.

Middleton added that hearing customer's stories and offering them a safe place to open up has deepened her relationship with Jesus and shown her how much people really need Him.

"It gives me the opportunity to pray for them, love on them and see a bigger picture."✝

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A little farther up the road in Citronelle, Mobile Baptist Association's Camp Whispering Pines also offers a place for church groups to get away. They offer outdoor activities like ziplining, kayaking, a ropes course and paintball as well as facilities like a gazebo and a large outdoor chapel.

If needed they also can provide programming through camps like their Veritas Students and Momentum Kids Camp, which are "fast-paced, non-stop fun" with a strong emphasis on faith and community.

Thomas Wright, executive director of missions for Mobile Association, said there will always be a need for people to get away from distractions to hear the Holy Spirit speak.

Evangelistic ministry

"Camp Whispering Pines, our associational camp, continues to provide effective evangelistic ministry to every age group," he said. "In 2019 we had over 200 decisions including salvation, repentance or call to ministry or missions."

In recent years the camp has added a hotel option to their dorm space and made a lot of upgrades and repairs.

"We will continue to use that marvelous facility with the lake, ropes course, game room, paint ball and climbing wall to introduce campers to the still small voice of the Creator God," Wright said.

For more information on the camps visit campbaldwin.org or campwhisperingpines.com. 🇺🇸

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married Freddie McMillan, a retired U.S. marine who knows his way around the kitchen.

"I always cared about people," he said. "I saw what she was doing and I thought, 'That's where I'm supposed to be.'"

Between Lisa, who spent most of her early years working in and around restaurants, and Freddie, whose grandmother taught him to cook, Drexell and Honeybee's began to take shape.

"We started talking about having a nice place that people could come in, sit down and eat a hot meal," Lisa says. The dream came true when the couple bought the brick building, paid off the note as they renovated it and opened Drexell and Honeybee's in 2018.

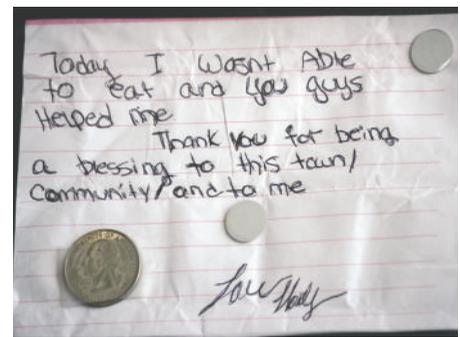
Lisa dreamed up the name of the restaurant about 30 years ago, she said. She thought it would be a nice name for an ice cream shop.

Since then the couple starts early in the morning and works shoulder-to-shoulder in the small, efficient kitchen. "Freddie's a good cook," Lisa says proudly as she helps prepare the dishes and move trays of food from the stove to the glass-enclosed serving line out front. A volunteer shows up just before opening to help serve their guests.

Gathering spot

Within 15 minutes of the restaurant opening, the tables begin to fill and it's apparent that Drexell and Honeybee's is more than just a lunch place. It's a community gathering spot for young and old, rich and poor, spry and disabled.

Patrons choose from entrées such as turkey and dressing, meatball-stuffed peppers, ribs or spaghetti,



and sides like greens, mac and cheese and black-eyed peas. Each plate is loaded with an entrée, two sides, a cornbread fritter and dessert and customers receive a bottle of water to drink.

Especially grateful

On this day the tables are filled with silver-haired retirees, business professionals, blue-collar workers, high school basketball players and an assortment of other men, women and children.

Many of the customers know each other and enjoy chatting over their meal. Some patrons look worn and appear to be especially grateful for a good, hot meal.

Although the attractively decorated restaurant looks and operates much as any family-owned commercial enterprise would, it doesn't turn a profit, Lisa said.

"Nobody gets paid," she said. In fact Lisa said she and her husband devote half of their retirement income to keeping the restaurant going. The small church they attend — Zion Fountain AME Church — and the Greater Brewton Lion's Club regularly contribute to its operation. And, of course, some regular income comes from the donations box, though not nearly enough to cover the daily cost.

As for the future, it's up to God, Lisa said.

"If anything is going bad, I know God is going to handle it for me." 🇺🇸

Sights on the EASTERN SHORE

Have you ever heard of a jubilee? This rare coastal event is just one of the many wonders of Mobile Bay and its shoreline communities.

By Martha Simmons
Correspondent, The Alabama Baptist

Shaded by moss-draped live oaks and bordered by the glittering Mobile Bay, Alabama's Eastern Shore offers residents and visitors a year-round taste of the good life.

Seafood is a specialty in many local restaurants, some of which offer waterside dining along the bay and

rivers in upscale, down-home or fish-camp settings.

And no wonder since Mobile Bay is one of only two places in the world that offers up a "jubilee," in which crab, shrimp, flounder and other sea creatures suddenly appear near the shoreline offering themselves up to jubilant residents wading out in shallow waters with

buckets, hampers and sacks to simply scoop them up. The only other place in the world jubilees occur is in Japan's Tokyo Bay.

The famous jubilee is just one of the natural wonders of the Eastern Shore. There is much to see and do here and not surprisingly many attractions are inextricably linked to the water. Here's a sampling starting



GRAND HOTEL

at the north end of the shore and traveling south.

DAPHNE

Retail shopping and restaurants abound in this busy, fast-growing city which is Baldwin County's largest. Take Main Street or Scenic 98 to see the older and more historic sights and residential areas.

Gator Alley Boardwalk — Smack dab in the middle of a busy shopping and hotel area on Main Street is a half-mile boardwalk over a creek where alligators and other wildlife hang out, plus a butterfly garden. Free admission, wheelchair accessible and open dawn to dusk.

Jubilee Festival of Arts — Now in its 31st year this juried art show and two-day festival takes place in Olde Towne Daphne the last weekend in September. The show features more than 100 local and regional artist booths, a makers' market, kids' art activities, entertainment and food, drawing more than 30,000 attendees.

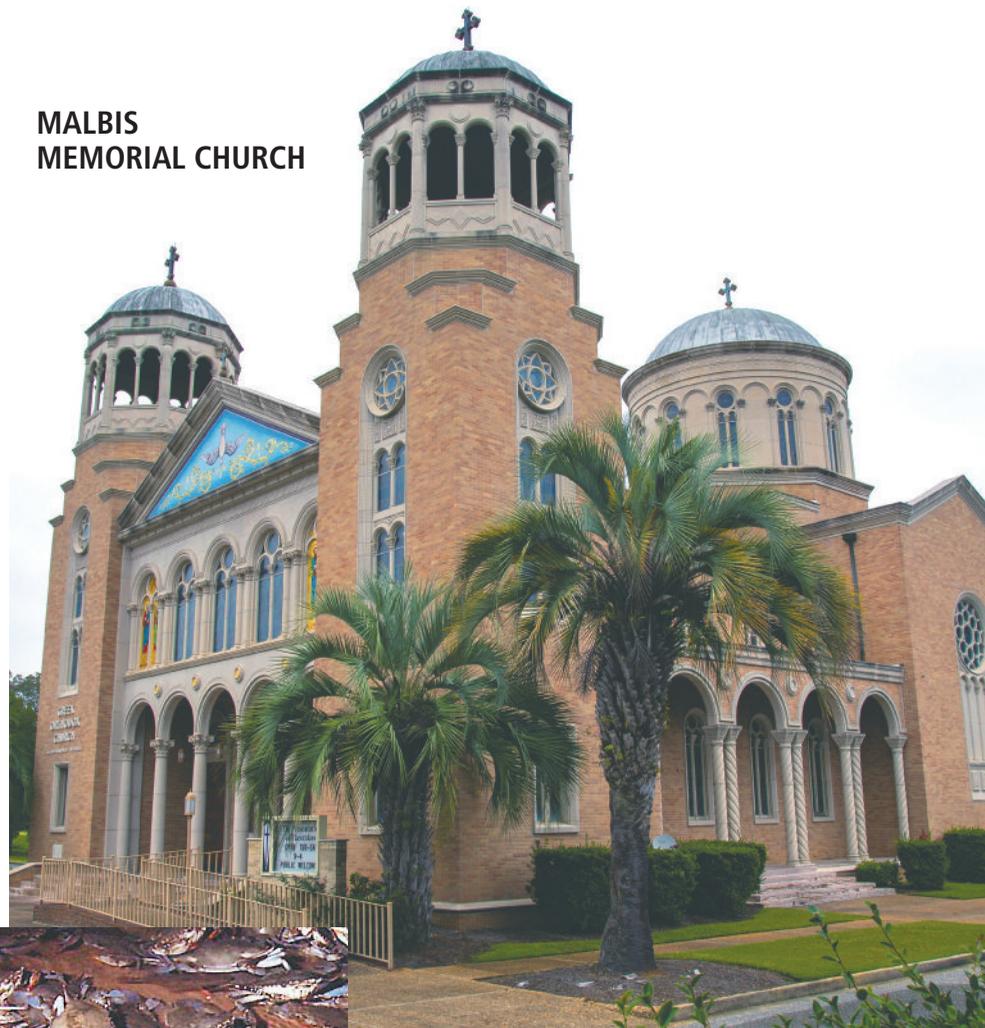
MALBIS

Malbis Memorial Church — Formally known as the Sacred Patriarchal and Stavropegial Monastery of the Presentation of Theotokos, this historic structure is one of only a half-dozen Greek Orthodox churches in Alabama. The privately owned church is run by a foundation and located just down the road from the Eastern Shore Shopping Center. Visitors enjoy its Byzantine Revival Architecture and its many mosaics and beautiful paintings. Open Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission but donations are accepted.

POINT CLEAR

Grand Hotel — Originally built in 1847 the Grand Hotel started with just 40 rooms overlooking Mobile Bay. During the ensuing

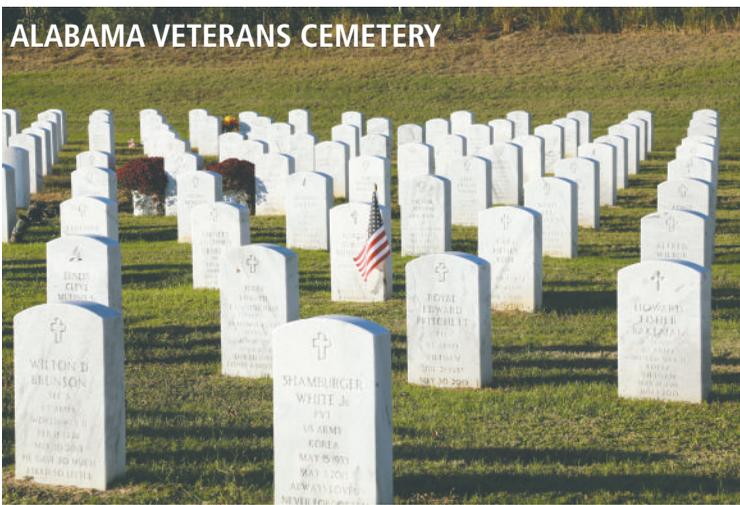
MALBIS MEMORIAL CHURCH



Mobile Bay is one of only two places in the world that offers up a "jubilee" (left), in which crab, shrimp, flounder and other sea creatures suddenly appear near the shoreline.



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Fairhope is always picture-perfect, its walkable streets adorned with lavish plantings of colorful flowers.



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years the facility served as a military hospital and an Air Force training facility. Now much grander — with 405 guest rooms, nine restaurants, a spa and an award-winning golf resort, the Grand Hotel Golf Resort and Spa still celebrates its history with a military procession and cannon firing every afternoon. www.grand1847.com

SPANISH FORT

Blakeley Park — The site of the last major battle of the Civil War, Blakeley State Park now offers more peaceful diversions including self-guided tours of the historic site, camping, Delta boat tours and a variety of events throughout the year such as ghost storytelling, reenactments and bluegrass music. Open daily 8 a.m. to dusk, the park is located on Highway 225 just north of Spanish Fort. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6–12 and kids under 6 are admitted free. Leashed pets are welcome. www.blakeleypark.com.

Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery — On your way to or from Blakeley Park stop in to pay your respects at the 120-acre cemetery that has been the final resting place for local veterans since 2013.

FAIRHOPE

Downtown Fairhope — Renowned for its vibrant arts community Fairhope is always in picture-perfect form, its walkable streets adorned with lavish plantings of colorful flowers. Quaint shops, restaurants and cottages harkening back to the best of Southern coastal traditions line the streets. Take in the town at night during the First Friday Art Walk where you can enjoy live music and duck into shops staying open a little later for the monthly 6–8 p.m. event. There’s always something going on in the area — for instance, a Veterans Day Sunset Prayer Service at 4:45 p.m. Nov. 11 at Henry George Park.

Fairhope Municipal Pier and Park — Whether you want to admire the rose garden, picnic by the bay, walk your dog or just sit on a bench and watch people and wildlife, the pier offers a bayfront “town square” feeling. Fishing is permitted from the quarter-mile-long pier which features a restaurant and views of bobbing sailboats. Take a walk on the high bluffs overlooking the pier to enjoy the stunning sunset views facing westward toward Mobile.

THE CAUSEWAY



Annual Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival — More than 230 exhibitors from all over the United States bring their work to this juried show held the third weekend in March in downtown Fairhope. This three-day event draws 250,000 visitors each year and is rated one of the best in the state and the region. The Eastern Shore Art Center, which sponsors the annual outdoor event, is open year-round, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and admission is free.

THE CAUSEWAY

Battleship Parkway — Known locally as the Causeway, Battleship Parkway was the only link between Mobile and the Eastern Shore before the interstate highways were built. Now it serves as a more laid-back drive dotted by seafood restaurants and nature centers.

5 Rivers Delta Resource Center — Situated on the Delta where the Mobile, Spanish, Tensaw, Apalachee and Blakeley rivers flow into the Mobile Bay, 5 Rivers offers wildlife and other exhibits, a learning center, theater, gift shop and lovely views of the Delta, also known as “America’s Amazon.” Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily with free admission. Boat tours, kayak rentals, canoe trips and field trips may be arranged there.

Meaher State Park — Directly across from 5 Rivers this scenic 1,327-acre park is a great place for a picnic, camping, a nature walk or fishing. It’s open daily 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (or dark). Admission is \$2 per person.

Battleship Park — Since it opened in 1965 the USS *Alabama* Battleship Memorial Park has received 15 million visitors. Located at the west end of the Causeway the park offers tours of the retired battleship USS *Alabama*, the submarine USS *Drum*, the Aircraft Pavilion and displays of military boats, planes, tanks, artillery and memorials. General admission

is \$15 for adults and children 12 and older and \$6 for children ages 6 to 12. Children 5 and under and active duty military are admitted free and children of active duty military receive a \$5 discount. The park is open daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. October through March (and until 6 p.m. April through September). www.ussalabama.com

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GERALD BURCH
director of international ministries
Mobile Baptist Association

DIVERSITY

in the Mobile area

A missionary couple who served 37 years in Asia finds global outreach opportunities among seafarers and international students.

By Grace Thornton
The Alabama Baptist

The small strip of Alabama that touches the Gulf of Mexico is like a gateway to the world, according to Gerald Burch. Every year more than 500 ships pull up to it and drop anchor for a day or so.

It's an open door to a lot of diversity — and it's a door that's only getting bigger. In September, Alabama lawmakers approved a project to make the Port of Mobile's shipping channel deeper and wider — something that will allow for more and bigger ships.

To Burch, who serves as director of international ministries for Mobile Baptist Association, that sounds like a massive opportunity.

"We're excited about the work the Lord has us in," said Burch, who began serving in this position in early October.

Before starting his work in Mobile he and his wife, Brenda, served for 37 years as International Mission Board missionaries in Asia so he said he knows how to relate to internationals.

But it's still a "sharp learning curve," he said. "I've never done seamen's ministry."

Burch is surrounded by people who have though — Mobile Association isn't new to ship outreach. Their Seafarer's Ministry has been functioning since 1970 when they first opened the International Ministries Center.

The center offers internet access, phone cards, fellowship, food, recreation and other services to seafarers. It also provides free Bibles and is staffed by volunteer chaplains who occasionally are invited aboard the ships to lead Bible studies.

Volunteer chaplains

"It used to be that the ships would come in for three to five days, but sometimes now they only stay a day," Burch said. "So we're looking for more volunteer chaplains to help us be able to reach out to more."

Thomas Wright, executive director of missions for Mobile Association, said with all these opportunities to reach internationals, it's never been easier for Christians to be obedient to Acts 1:8. He believes one



Top: Walkers from Lafitte Baptist Church, Saraland, participate in Mobile Baptist Association's annual Walk For Bibles and International Ministries. **Bottom:** Phi Vo, pastor of the New Life International Vietnamese Church, leads in prayer.

reason God brought the nations to Mobile's doorstep is to stretch churches and individuals outside of their normal comforts and conveniences.

"Every believer in every church now has an opportunity to share Christ across cultures," he said. "Each congregation can engage members to step out of their comfort zone to make an eternal difference."

Wright said 73 language-culture groups make their home in Mobile County and more than 100 language groups are studying on the city's university campuses.

Finding ways to reach out

"Thankfully many believers here are asking how to communicate across cultures," he said. "They find the New Testament demonstrates many ways to build a bridge to the lost so they can hear about Jesus. The outreach begins with making a new friend."

That can sometimes be difficult in tight-knit communities, but Mobile Baptists are trying to find ways to reach out. They have an International Language School to teach English skills to internationals, and local Baptist Campus Ministries are working to reach international students with the gospel.

Mobile Association also has Korean, Laotian and



Paula Padilla (right) teaches an advanced English class during Reading Club at the International Language School.

Vietnamese churches now and hopes to start more among different language groups.

"We are starting churches and Bible studies so every person can hear, understand and respond to biblical truth," Wright said. "Each of these opportunities is more effective when churches make the effort to work together."

Kristy Kennedy, an associate in the office of associational missions and church planting for the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions, said Mobile has a lot of opportunities and noted that English as a Second Language ministry is thriving there.

The world is coming to Alabama

"Mobile is slightly more diverse (than the rest of Alabama) due to the number of refugees who move there and because it is a port city," she said. "That provides many wonderful opportunities for ministry."

But the whole state has international ministry possibilities, Kennedy said.

"Alabama is ever growing due to our universities. Many internationals come here to obtain an education. We as Alabama Baptists should take advantage of our opportunities to share the good news with the many visitors to our state who have never heard." 🇺🇸

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‘A cheerful heart is good medicine’

Chonda Pierce has used her brand of clean, honest comedy to speak truth to audiences around the world for more than 26 years.

By Tracy Riggs
Correspondent, The Alabama Baptist

If comedian Chonda Pierce had a motto it might be “Trust God and keep laughing.”

Calling herself “practically a doctor” because Proverbs 17:22 says “a cheerful heart is good medicine,” Pierce has been “treating” audiences for more than 26 years through her stand-up comedy and related books, videos and albums.

Pierce recently spoke to TAB News’ host Jennifer Davis Rash and co-host Debbie Campbell about the challenges she’s faced along the way and how laughter and the Lord have gotten her through.

‘Beautiful release’

“[Laughter] is absolutely this beautiful release of endorphins on a physical standpoint,” Pierce said. “The other thing is, why not laugh? There’s plenty to cry about.”

Pierce has seen her share of difficult times.

“I always feel like I’m going through something,” she said. “Since I’m as ordinary as they come then that means somebody else is probably walking down the same path. So maybe the good, the bad and the ugly of who I am can save them a few steps or guide them a little bit.”

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CHONDA PIERCE

ed female comic in history, Pierce first got stage experience impersonating Minnie Pearl at Opryland USA.

Invitations to churches to tell her stories and make people laugh followed.

“I wanted to use comedy as a vehicle to speak truth,” she said. “It’s gotten bigger than I ever dreamed it would.”

‘Trust God more’

If she could go back in time to the early days of her career Pierce said she would tell herself, “Trust God. Just trust God more.”

“The times that I’ve gotten the idea that I could handle something on my own or straighten something out it’s been a mess. The times I’ve ... trusted God to work things

out have always worked.

“So the biggest thing I would say to that girl who started out in comedy is, “Trust God. He’s really got this.” ✝

To hear the full chat with Chonda Pierce and other conversations from the world of faith-based news, subscribe to the TAB News podcast at Apple podcasts or your favorite podcasting app or go to www.tabonline.org/podcasts.



UNIQUE GIFT GIVING

The holiday season can be busy and stressful. Maybe this is the year to simplify by being missions minded in your giving.

By Janet Erwin
The Alabama Baptist

Christmas is a great time to be missions minded in one's giving — both in time and gifts.

If your family has time to give consider blessing others in some way. A few years ago my mother was spending her first Christmas in an assisted living facility almost a two-hour drive from my home. Our family decided to take Christmas to her and the other residents of the facility.

I prearranged with the facility director to present a program for the residents. My husband, Monte, led us in Christmas carols accompanied by my son, Trey, on guitar. My younger son, Trent, interspersed the songs

with portions of the Bible story. Monte shared the story behind “Silent Night” and Trey sang the song in German.

Sweet way to share the Christmas story

I read “The Legend of the Candy Cane” and then helped residents craft candy canes out of pipe cleaners and beads. We assisted those who couldn't see well or whose hands were too arthritic to work with the pieces.

Then we distributed store-bought candy canes as a treat. We encouraged the men and women to share one of their candy cane treats with another resident who didn't attend and to tell that person the Christmas story using their sweet gift.



While our family's Christmas Day was different that year God used us to bring a Christmas experience that focused on Jesus to these dear people. Perhaps your family or small group could engage in something similar this Christmas.

Gifts with a missions purpose

Or maybe your time is limited but you still have lots of gifts to purchase for your family, coworkers or small groups. Consider giving gifts with a missions purpose. That's what I did last year for family stocking stuffers. I requested a gift catalog from Baptist Global Response (BGR) and began planning. (Catalogs are available at gobgr.org/gift-catalog or by calling 866-974-5623.)

As I turned the pages packed with photos and stories showing ways my gifts could meet global needs and introduce people to Jesus, I began to match projects and items with family members.

For my 9-month-old granddaughter I chose infant formula. I selected a blanket for refugee relief as a reminder of the time my husband assisted in blanket distribution to refugees in Albania. My younger son has a heart for rescuing people from human trafficking and I discovered I could connect with his passion by providing a safe place for a day. I continued until every-

one was matched with a gift. If you choose to purchase gifts with a missions purpose consider following these steps after making your selections:

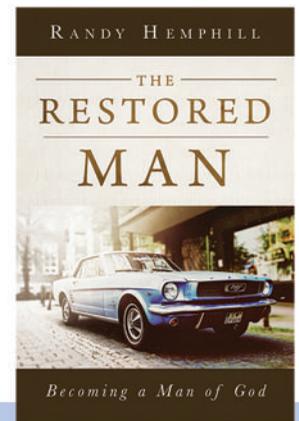
1. Download and complete the BGR gift catalog order form and send your payment.
2. Cut out the descriptions of the gifts you selected and glue each onto a separate index card.
3. On the other side of the index card, write the reason for the gift choice. On my granddaughter's card I wrote: Meredith, I chose this gift of baby formula with you in mind. I know your mommy and daddy feed you well each day, but some children in our world go hungry. This gift will help another baby like you survive.
4. Designate a special stocking or gift box to store the cards in prior to opening.
5. Select a family member (consider a child old enough to read) to pull out the cards one by one and distribute them to the recipients.
6. Listen as each person reads aloud about his or her gift and the reason behind it.
7. Pray for the global recipients of these gifts.

Begin with Christmas gifts and then expand your missions catalog gift-giving to birthdays, other holidays, Vacation Bible School offerings or missions projects for small groups. 🇺🇸

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