



The Baptist blues man

Chaplain and his band to play at International Blues Competition

Steve Tipton sings the blues.

Chaplain at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Memphis, Tipton ministers to colleagues, patients and their families during emotional extremes. In all cases, he's there for comfort, but also acts as a reminder for those in need that God is also there. He prays with families, speaks with patients and is one of many in all Baptist hospitals who are there to help and foster healing.

He restored his love of music from his younger days a few years ago when he recruited a few members of the church band at White State Baptist Church to form Grace and Gravity, a Christian blues band. The band will represent Memphis at the International Blues Competition on Beale Street Feb. 4-7.



Grace and Gravity, with Baptist Memphis chaplain Steve Tipton, practices at White Station Baptist Church. Pictured are band members Kenny Kellon, guitar, Donald Cox, bass, and Gary Carter, drums. The band will represent Memphis in the International Blues Competition in February.

And it seems fitting that Tipton, in his duty and calling, would see a ministry through playing the blues.

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Foundation unveils new Web site

The Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation recently launched its new Web site, www.bmhgiving.org.

The site has many new features, including video and a secure donation portal where colleagues or anyone interested in giving can donate to a specific program the Foundation benefits.

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GuideStone Annuity Representative Schedule

Dates and times are subject to change. Please contact your facility's human resources office for information. Baptist colleagues can contact Ken Peavy at 901-226-3518 or e-mail Ken.Peavy@GuideStone.org, contact April Mollerberg at 901-226-3516 or e-mail April.Mollerberg@GuideStone.org.

Feb. 2 Baptist Memphis	Feb. 18 Baptist Tipton
Feb. 3 Baptist Collierville Baptist North Mississippi
Feb. 4 Baptist Women's Hospital	Feb. 19 Baptist Memphis
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Feb. 10 Baptist corporate building	Feb. 20 Baptist College
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Health Care Observances

Monthlong Observances

- Age-Related Macular Degeneration/Low Vision Awareness Month
- American Heart Month
- National Children's Dental Health Month
- Kids ENT Health Month
- Wise Health Care Consumer Month

Weeklong Observances

- Feb. 1-7: Burn Awareness Week
- Feb. 1-7: National Patient Recognition Week
- Feb. 7-14: Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week
- Feb. 8-14: National Cardiac Rehabilitation Week
- Feb. 8-14: Cardiovascular Professionals Week
- Feb. 22-28: National Eating Disorders Awareness Week

Recognition Days/Events

- Feb. 6: National Wear Red Day
- Feb. 11: World Day for the Sick
- Feb. 20: Tentative date for National Women's Heart Day

LifeBlood blood drive dates

- Corporate Building:** March 31, June 9, Aug. 26, Nov. 11
- Baptist College of Health Sciences:** Feb. 9, June 22
- Baptist Memphis:** Feb. 13, April 10, June 5, Aug. 7, Oct. 2, Dec. 4
- Baptist Tipton:** March 19, Sept. 17, Dec. 10
- Baptist Women's Hospital:** March 20, May 29, Aug. 7
- Baptist DeSoto:** Feb. 11, April 8, June 3, July 29, Sept. 23, Dec. 2

Please mark your calendar and reserve the dates. For information, contact Ayoka Pond at 901-227-3503 or ayoka.pond@bmhcc.org.

Free back pain seminar

Back pain and the weekend warrior is the topic of a free seminar hosted by Semmes-Murphey Neurologic and Spine Institute. Allen K. Sills, MD, and physical therapist Monica Baker will provide information about the prevention and treatment of back problems in active adults. A question and answer session will follow the presentation. The seminar is from 6-7 p.m. March 3 at Semmes-Murphey Clinic at 6325 Humphreys Blvd. To register, call 901-522-2619 or visit www.semmes-murphey.com.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

PSALM 124:8

Baptist Memphis is participating in a contest for a free fun center for children. The basic contest tallies votes among participating hospitals. Colleagues can visit www.colgate.com/showthelove and vote for Baptist Memphis beginning Feb. 1. Voting ends at 11 p.m. Feb. 27. The contest benefits the Starlight Children's Foundation, which brings together experts from pediatric health care, technology and entertainment to create programs that educate, entertain and inspire seriously ill children. Whether it's finding friends online, learning more about a disease, or just spending time together as a family, Starlight's programs help children and families cope with the challenges they face daily.

Andre Grisham, MD, recently joined the surgical staff at **Baptist Memorial Hospital-Collierville**. Grisham joins Dr. Lovell Smith at Collierville Surgical Associates. The author of several papers in peer-reviewed surgical journals, Grisham has a special interest in minimally invasive surgery and the management of diseases of the breast.



Andre Grisham



The **Allied Health Student Association at the Baptist College of Health Sciences** recently donated art supplies to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for children to use while they await tests and treatments. **Emily Tawater**, radiology major, coordinated the donation of supplies from Business Product's Incorporated-Skinner School Supply. Pictured above are **Amy Kennedy**, child life therapist from St. Jude, left, and **Sandra Hannah**, president of AHSA, with all of the donated items.

AHSA members include Sandra Hannah, Jessica McGraw, Karli Williams, Elizabeth VanTassell and faculty advisor Julie Kunkle.

**BMHCC Helpline/Hotline
877-BMH-TIPS**

If you have a question about legal or regulatory requirements, suspect any violation of BMHCC Standards of Conduct, legal or regulatory requirements or suspect that anyone is committing acts of patient abuse in any form, call 877-BMH-TIPS. Reports to the hotline may be made anonymously. Calls are handled confidentially to the extent allowed by law. Baptist does not tolerate retaliation for reports made in good faith. It is the policy of Baptist Memorial Health Care to admit and provide services to patients and guests without distinction due to race, color, age, religion, sex, national origin, handicap or disability. Marilyn Dunavant is Baptist's corporate compliance officer.

AROUND THE SYSTEM



Molly Heaton, accounting, right, first-place winner in the chili cook-off Jan. 19 at the corporate building, dishes out some of her chili to colleagues while the Baptist Health Services Group team of Sammie Hardin and Donna Leech looks on. The contest raised money for the Baptist Trinity Hospice House and the Kemmons Wilson Family Center for Good Grief.

Nearly \$1,000 was raised to benefit the **Baptist Trinity Hospice House and Kemmons Wilson Family Center for Good Grief** at a chili cook-off at the corporate building, sponsored by the Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation.

A panel of judges awarded Molly Heaton of accounts payable with the first prize for her "Taste of Honey" chili.

The second-place chili was made by Laurie Christensen of risk management, "Blazin' Barrister's Criminally Addictive Chili."

The third-place chili, "Palette Pleaser," was made by Jennifer Massey in corporate communications. Pam Hill of information systems' "TeleCom-Quistadors" chili was given the employee choice award.



Foundation Chili Cook-off benefiting the Baptist Trinity Hospice House and the Kemmons Wilson Family Center for Good Grief judges, from left, are David Elliott, vice president of managed care and CEO of Baptist Health Services Group; Lee Meredith, vice president and general manager at WMC TV; Ron Childers of WMC TV; and Bob Gordon, executive vice president and chief administrative officer of BMHCC. Not pictured is Larry Braughton, vice president of human resources.

Dr. Gene Nobles Jr. passed away Dec. 22. He was 79. A noted physician, Nobles served Baptist Memorial Hospital-Medical Center as chair of both the department of surgery and the accreditation committee, in addition to being president of the medical staff. Nobles served as president of both the Memphis Surgical Society and the Southern Surgeons Club.



Gene Nobles

He held three patents for inventing a heated stethoscope, golf training device and antifreeze detector.

Nobles served as chief of surgery for the 44th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital during the Korean War.

Following a residency at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, he moved to Memphis and joined the department of surgery at the Medical Center, where he served 38 years.

A limited number of tickets for the upcoming **Memphis Symphony Orchestra's Annual Martin L. King Jr. Tribute** performance at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 15 are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The event will be at the Cannon Center for the Performing Arts. Limit two tickets per person. For tickets, please call the community involvement department at 901-227-3528. PTO and manager approval are needed if the event occurs during regularly scheduled work hours.



Baptist Memorial Hospital-Huntingdon is renovating patient rooms.

Improvements include fresh paint, new wall boards and baseboards, new lighting and hand sanitizers, to name a few.

Lighting was also enhanced in the bathrooms, in addition to other such improvements as new paper towel dispensers, shower curtains and paint. All patient rooms are projected to be complete within 18 months.

*Intervention
of Parkinson's disease*

*Wednesday, Feb. 25
noon - 1 p.m.*

Dr. Danielle Hinton, physiatrist, specializing in physical medicine & rehabilitation, will speak on Parkinson's disease intervention.

Parkinson's disease is one of the most common neurological disorders affecting individuals older than 60 years.

It is often recognized by tremor, difficulty walking and slow movement.

Commonly treated with medication, Parkinson's disease can significantly affect an individual's functional mobility, daily self-care, speech and cognition. All of these impairments can be treated with physical medicine and rehabilitation intervention. A team of specialists led by a physiatrist can offer techniques for increasing independence and improving quality of life for those coping with Parkinson's disease.

Please call 901-227-8478 or 800-4-BAPTIST between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday for reservations.

**Baptist Memorial Hospital-
Union City**

has named **Nicky Thomas** as director of human resources. Prior to being named director, Thomas was



Nicky Thomas

the director of human resources at Heckethorn Manufacturing in Dyersburg, Tenn. She has a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Memphis. Thomas resides in Newbern with her husband, David, and their sons, Evan and Ty

**Amy Barringer, clinical
director at Baptist**

Rehabilitation-Germantown, is now chairman of the board for the Germantown Area Chamber of Commerce. Barringer has served on the board for three years. Her one-year term will involve such duties as presiding over the board's monthly meetings, attending and speaking at new member functions, writing articles for the newsletter and participating in various chamber committees. Barringer has served as a liaison to the chamber on behalf of Baptist Rehab-Germantown since 2001.



Amy Barringer

**Baptist Memorial Hospital-
Booneville**

recently purchased a GE Signa Horizon LX MRI unit. The new MRI provides more detailed images and allows for images of the abdomen to be shown. The system also has the ability to detect strokes sooner through a process called diffusion weighted imaging. It allows for organ-specific imaging as well.

The Horizon LX also eases patient anxiety, which results in reduced exam time. It also offers a look-out mirror, which can make claustrophobic patients more comfortable during head and neck examinations.

"This upgrade will allow us to provide better results to our patients and their families," said Larkin Kennedy, administrator and chief executive officer for Baptist Booneville. "We strive to provide the latest technology for Prentiss County and the surrounding area. This new MRI is another step toward this goal."



Larry Peyton plays guitar as Steve Tipton sings during Grace and Gravity's rehearsal at White Station Baptist Church.

Blues man

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"Music is a passion of mine I neglected for some time," he said. "But I found myself writing songs and had a desire to do more. The blues are born from the toil of labor and from spirituals, and it is just a natural extension of our band's ministry."

Grace and Gravity has about 25 original songs, and many relate to Tipton's experiences at Baptist Memphis.

"I remember one day I was just worn out and tired from a lot of difficult calls," he said. "And one of the ladies from housekeeping, Miss Laura, asked me 'Has the day got next to you?,' which became the title of a song."

Another, "Hinges in the Stairwell," is about hinge plates on stairwell doors at the hospital. Others are more of what can be considered classic blues titles, like "We Got Us Some Stormy Weather" and "When the Foundations Go."

One hundred eighty bands from all over the world will be competing. Grace and Gravity finished second at the 2006 local competition.

Foundation

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"The Web site allows our donors and potential donors an easy and convenient way to find out what the Foundation is doing," said Jenny Prascher, director of development. "Plus, there is a secure donation page where you can donate to the Foundation and the cause of your choice."

There is also a complete description of the different Foundation funds.

"The site is a good way to share with a new audience how they can help make a difference in the lives of others," said Jay Atkinson, development officer. "And now, that audience can donate securely online, and then revisit the site to find out how their money helped someone."

Baptist to host eighth women's heart Sunday event

Free health screenings available to women

Baptist Memorial Health Care and Macy's have joined forces to present the eighth annual Women's Heart Sunday event on Feb. 8 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at all four Memphis-area Macy's stores.

Baptist health care professionals will provide free screenings, including cholesterol, body mass index and blood pressure, as well as information about heart disease for women at the Macy's stores in Oak Court Mall, Wolfchase Galleria, the Avenue at Carriage Crossing and Southland Mall.

In addition, women can complete a risk assessment and speak with Baptist representatives about their results.

All women who get a heart assessment will receive free gifts.

Baptist is the only health care system in the Mid-South that offers the full spectrum of heart care, from noninvasive cardiology to adult heart transplantation.

In 2008, HealthGrades, a leading health care ratings organization, ranked the Baptist Heart Institute's heart surgery program in the top 5 percent in the nation and No. 1 in Tennessee.

For more information about Women's Heart Sunday, please call 800-4-BAPTIST or visit www.baptistonline.org.



Bless these hands so they can heal

Pastoral care colleagues recently gathered students from the Baptist College of Health Sciences who are beginning clinical rotations for prayers of support and blessings. This "blessing of the hands" was led by Anthony Burdick, system director of pastoral care, in the chapel at Baptist Memphis. In the above photo, Burdick blesses Latoya McDaniel, and Karen Smith, foreground, director of campus ministries at Baptist College of Health Sciences, blesses Tachika Love.



New twist on counterfeit check scam

An increasing number of scams targeted at local consumers involve counterfeit checks.

The scams include phony lotteries and sweepstakes, loans from Internet-based lenders and job offers.

Consumers call the Better Business Bureau about them on a daily basis.

The consumer is generally instructed to deposit the check and wire some or all of the money to a third party to pay some sort of fee.

While the consumer's bank or credit union may make the funds available for withdrawal, the check will ultimately bounce.

The crooks have their money and the consumer is liable for

repaying the money to the bank or credit union.

The BBB has heard from a local business that accepted one of these checks in payment from a consumer.

It was a \$4,800 check that they accepted for \$2,100 in merchandise – they wrote the consumer a check for the difference. The check purportedly was issued by a credit union in Florida.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

HOUSEHOLD

- Thomasville mahogany dining room table with six chairs, like new, \$1,500. Call 901-489-7864 or e-mail tcalles@hotmail.com.
- Microfiber sectional, \$100; sofa and loveseat, \$100; glass top coffee table with iron base, \$75; coffee table \$75, two white chests, \$20. Call 901-574-7989.
- Oversized maroon chair with matching ottoman for sale, \$75; navy blue, red, yellow and green plaid couch, great condition, \$150. Call 901-359-3809.
- Fully refinished dark wood antique bedroom suite, full-size bed, new mattress and box spring, chest of drawers, vanity with mirror, \$600 OBO. Call 901-581-0926.
- Frigidaire refrigerator with ice maker, 18 cubic feet, \$500; Kenmore refrigerator with ice maker, 14.5 cubic feet, \$400; HotPoint dishwasher, \$300; Magic Chef microwave/vent-a-hood, 1,000 watt, \$150; HotPoint electric stove, 30-inches, self-cleaning, \$300; all appliances are white and less than four years old; 40X60 table with chairs, \$200; 60-inch round table with two leafs and four chairs, \$200; other items for sale include sofa, chair with ottoman, chairs, end tables, lamps, dishes, mirrors, pictures, bedroom furniture, entertainment center, computer station, wet bar, no reasonable offer refused. Call 901-758-0125.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Olhausen style cherry finish pool table, eight feet full slate table with premier set Belgian balls, dufferin maple house cue, four more cues, bridge stick, wall rack, full dust cover, triangle rack, excellent condition, \$1,700. Call 901-412-9615.
- Aigner leather jackets, size 10 and 14, like new, \$100 OBO. Call 901-412-2897.
- Ladies' 2.01 carat diamond ring, white gold with baguettes, \$7,500. Call 901-831-9890.
- Casablanca style champagne and ivory gown, style #1900, size 8, matching veil, strapless lace and satin material with a train, \$525. Call 901-572-2592 or e-mail motheroflove3@bellsouth.net.
- Manicure table, green marble, good condition, \$100. Call 901-831-9890.
- Maternity clothes, 45-pieces, many size medium, shirts, tank tops, pants, capris and shorts, all in good condition. Call 901-351-9822 or e-mail pwzanella@hotmail.com.
- Kasson eight-foot pool table, excellent condition, American made, quality table, accessories included, will assist in disassembly and loading, \$450. Pictures are available upon request. Call 901-277-1269.

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Ads run at least once, and will run as space allows. New ads will receive preference over repeat ads. Services and goods offered must be legitimate and legal, and Leader cannot be responsible for misprints, omissions or false advertising. All ads may be rejected at the discretion of Baptist Memorial Health Care administration or the editor.

Ads for services and goods must be offered or wanted by Baptist colleagues, individuals or independent contractors. Franchises, other non-independent services, medical, dental and other clinical services are not eligible for classified ads.

To submit an ad, e-mail leader@bmhcc.org or fax to 901-227-3516.

- New custom-built computers with 4-year warranties and free onsite maintenance, offsite data backups, upgrades, virus protection and removal, electronics repair. Call 901-383-3542.
- Window replacements, shower and tub glass enclosures, more than 20 years' experience. Call 901-212-0073.
- Affordable auto repairs, motorcycles and ATVs, towing also available, free with service, alarm installation and more. Call 901-3377-3031.
- Home renovations, room additions, decks, fencing, electrical, plumbing, carpet and tile installation and more. Call Dan at 901-626-7159 for a free estimate.

VEHICLES

- 2004 Ford Crown Victoria LX, all power, leather, clean Carfax, just serviced, beautiful condition, 43,000 miles, \$7,200. Call 901-867-9677.
- 1997 Ford Mustang convertible, red, new top, \$3,200. Call 901-603-3097.

REAL ESTATE

- Cordova home for rent in Gardens of Country Hill subdivision, 3 BR/2 BA, fireplace, patio home, one-year lease required, \$500 deposit, \$900 per month. Access to pool, tennis courts and clubhouse. Call 901-574-2152.

- Memphis condominium for rent near I-40 and Sycamore View, 1,200 square feet, 2 BR/1.5 BA, includes refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, fireplace, one reserved parking space, \$600 deposit, \$715 per month. Call 901-489-2090.
- Home for sale at 4524 Flamingo Rd., 3 BR/1 BA, hardwood floors, updated kitchen, new cabinets, sink appliances, ceramic tile, half-acre, patio, storage building, \$89,900. Call 901-921-8510.

WANTED

- Roommate needed, prefer single adult male or female, non-smoker, clean living standards to share home convenient to Baptist DeSoto. Call 901-301-4192 or e-mail dschwartz101@yahoo.com.

PETS

- Boston terrier/pug puppies for sale. Call Eddy at 662-420-5348.

Scam alert

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The business called a number on the check to verify it and was told it was good. The check has bounced and the consumer and business are now arguing over who will take the loss.

The check may have been the proceeds from a loan that was consummated over the Internet, and the consumer probably paid some hefty fee up front to get the loan, which was bogus.

This scam has two victims: the consumer is out the fee she paid to get the loan, and the company is out the amount of the fake check.

The BBB believes the consumer is liable, but that may not do the business much good because the consumer says she has spent the money they gave her.

Even if she returns the merchandise, the business will still be out \$2,700.

Most businesses would not accept such a check, but if one did, others might. Please watch out for these bogus checks.

They look legitimate and often have real company names and account numbers.