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Reflections STORY

Executive Director
Pastor James Pennington

I am writing this reflections story in the Cumberland Mountains in Tennessee. The good people of Pleasant Hill Community Church – United Church of Christ (UCC) invited me to give the Sunday morning message, share our 100 year Capital Campaign plans and speak at their shrimp boil they were planning to support Back Bay Mission. It was a magical time connecting with many who have been supporters of Back Bay for more than 30 years and nurturing new friends of the Mission. I also had new awareness's as I visited with the members of both Pleasant Hill Community Church and the Uplands Village Retirement Community also celebrating 100 years. It was discovered that we are built on a similar foundation. In the impoverished Cumberland Mountains, the UCC presence began in the late 1880's as an outreach to the hill folk of the Cumberland Plateau that were in need of education for their children and medical care for the entire community. Eventually a church, school and hospital were "planted" on the Cumberland Plateau. I discovered on this trip that both Back Bay Mission and the early UCC pioneers in the Cumberland Mountains in Tennessee had identified the injustice of poor folk not having access to medical care and education. Those early pioneers knew that a healthy mind, body, and spirit were important equity and justice issues.

This work deeply rooted in justice promoting healing minds, bodies and spirits is still the important work being done by the good people of the Uplands, Pleasant Hill Community Church, and Back Bay Mission. We continue to support those living in poverty and need on the coast of Mississippi and on the Cumberland Plateau offering a hand up rather than a hand out. Although the ministries have expanded in both Pleasant Hill and Biloxi, the ministries continue to serve based on the same core values of equity and justice.

In this work of justice and equity for those who are vulnerable and in need on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Back Bay Mission has been stretched over the last several months as we are seeing double the numbers of families seeking help from our client choice food pantry, energy assistance, and a notable increase in the number of newly unsheltered persons seeking case management and other services at our Micah Day Drop In and Service Center. In addition, there has been a higher volume of calls coming in for home repairs and rehabilitation. High gas prices and rising grocery costs have put many of our folks living on the coast who are already challenged to make ends meet in even greater need and dangerously close to losing their shelter. The need is great and we, like those who began the mission 100 years ago, realize that a healthy mind, body and spirit are important to living a full and satisfying life. I can only assume you are also seeing this in your own community.

Due to the increased number of person's seeking services from BBM we recently had a local therapist present a 2 part series on Burnout and Compassion Fatigue to assist Back Bay Mission Case Mangers and staff with their own wellness and self-care during these times of increased need among those we serve. Now more than ever, we need your prayers and good energy sent our way as Back Bay Mission continues find new and creative ways to meet the needs of the vulnerable populations we serve.

As I was taking an early morning walk around Lake Alice with my dog Jackson on the Uplands Campus, our Back Bay Mission theme verse on the back of the new 100 anniversary t-shirt I was wearing kept going through my mind and spirit: "What does God require of you, but to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6) I was clearly aware that these are the words that unite The Uplands Village, Pleasant Hill Community Church, Back Bay Mission and, you our generous supporters. It is the call to do justice and love mercy that beats in our spirits. These are difficult times and we are being called to share our resources so that everyone may have enough and justice and mercy may come to all.

I would like to leave you with these motivating words from organizer and worker of justice Cesar Chavez:

"We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community … Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own."

The founders of Back Bay Mission, The Uplands Village, and Pleasant Hill Community Church all knew that "our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others". Right now in our history and our culture, it is time to realize we are in this together as community, the rich, the poor, and the unsheltered. The time is now to share our resources so that all may have enough and justice and mercy may rain down on everyone. Please share your resources and prayers with us so that we may share those among the most vulnerable.

Executive Director

Pastor James Pennington

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HISTORY

As a continuation of Back Bay Mission's proud history of service on the Mississippi Gulf Coast this issue of The Changing Tides, you will see some of our history from the 1960's to the 1990's The final issue for 2022 will highlight from 2000's to present.

1960s

A new community center opens featuring a craft shop, library, preschool classrooms, kitchen, and community room. St. Paul's and First Evangelical combine to form The United Church of Christ of Biloxi. Back Bay Mission becomes a member of the Commission on Health and Welfare Services of the Evangelical and Reformed Church (soon to be the Council for Health and Human Services Ministries of the United Church of Christ). The Mission is heavily involved in founding Harrison County Head Start and the Harrison County Planned Parenthood Association. The Mission begins hosting summer work camps to improve housing for elderly residents.

The Mission and Civil Rights: In 1962, the Mission began hosting integrated activities. In 1963, Mission staff and volunteers were arrested at the final wade-in on Biloxi's beaches. Many members of the church resign their memberships in response. Also in 1963, the Mission hosts the Annual Ministerial Banquet of the Mississippi State Conference of the NAACP and is subjected to attacks for several months afterwards, including a cross burned at the Mission. The Mission serves as the mailing address for the Council of Federated Organizations.

1970s

The Mission is involved with a HUD-supported Neighborhood Improvement Program in Biloxi. The Anchor, a coffeehouse for military personnel, is created as a joint project between the Mission and protestant chaplains at Keesler (the chaplains are ordered to disassociate because of alleged antiwar activity there). Back Bay Mission is instrumental in founding Coastal Family Health. Shrimp boils begin. The Mission creates the Gulf Coast Women's Center (1978).1974: The United Church of Christ in Biloxi dissolves. Back Bay Mission is the only remaining presence of the United Church of Christ on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

1980s

The Mission founds Loaves and Fishes (1983). Gulf Coast Women's Center creates the state's first pre-school program to prevent substance abuse (1987). The Mission creates the South Mississippi AIDS Task Force (1988).

1990s

Back Bay Mission is forced to sell its historic property to the Port Authority of Biloxi so that a road can be widened to service casino barges. The Mission moves to its current location on Division Street. The Mission launches a capital campaign to create a national Center for Community Ministry. The Mission reactivates the Mississippi Coast Interfaith Disaster Task Force.

1990: The title for the Mission's property moves from the South Central Conference (who inherited it from previous denominational bodies) to the Mission.

The Mission Moves: In the early 1990s, casinos opened on barges along the Gulf Coast. In 1994, a developer approached the Mission asking to purchase or lease the Mission's property. When the Mission asked more than they were willing to offer, the developer went to the City for help. The City chose to sue the Mission for land to widen Bayview and Caillavet Streets to create better access to the casinos on the Back Bay. After a lengthy court battle, the Mission agreed to sell its property to the Port Authority of Biloxi for $2.2 million. The new campus came to include the office building (1996), a thrift store (1997, on the corner of Division and Caillavet), a cottage on Division (1997), and a house on Iroqois (1997).

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MAKING GOOD TROUBLE CONFERENCE

Come and grow with Back Bay Mission as we have fun, fellowship, and growth. We will cover topics such as: Climate Change, Racial Injustice, Myths of the Unsheltered, How to Grow Your Organization/Church, Benefits of Plant Based Foods, and so much more. What a great experience to be a part of as we welcome guest speakers such as Rev. John Dorhauer, Rev. Phil Hodson, Renee Collini, Katherine Egland, Rev. Bruno Schroeder, Karlyn Stephens, Lauren Turner, and Rev. James Pennington.

Day 1 (Thursday, May 4, 2023): "In Their Shoes" Experience at BBM

Day 2 (Friday, May 5, 2023): "Making Good Trouble" Conference with Breakout Sessions featuring Rev. John Dorhauer, Rev. Phil Hodson, Renee Collini, Katherine Egland, and Rev. James Pennington. (Lunch is included with the Conference) - BBM Shrimp Boil Dinner at Shaggy's Biloxi Beach featuring Rev. Bruno Schroeder and Karlyn Stephens.

Day 3 (Saturday, May 6, 2023) Fellowship Breakfast (Hot breakfast) - Enjoy the Beautiful MS Gulf Coast on your free time - Sunset Bonfire on the Beach with Hot Dogs & Smores

Day 4 (Sunday, May 7, 2023): The First United Church of Christ Church Service on the MS Gulf Coast since 1974! Followed with reflections from the conference.

The Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Biloxi is partnering with Back Bay Mission to provide a great rate for their rooms until April 4, 2023. Once registered you should receive an email the next business day on how to book your room. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Laura Payne Breeland at lpayne@thebackbaymission.org or call 228-432-0301.

Buy your "Making Good Trouble" shirt now to wear to the conference! Go to the following website to see the styles, prices and to order! https://www.bonfire.com/backbaymission/

Tickets https://give.classy.org/trouble

Limited Scholarships Available!

Purchase your tickets before the event sells out. Limited to 100 tickets sold.

"Making Good Trouble" Conference with all 4 Days of Festivities $250.00
"Making Good Trouble" Conference Ticket includes all activities for Thursday through Sunday. Thursday: In Their Shoes Event, Meet & Greet Speakers Event Friday: "Making Good Trouble" Conference & Shrimp Boil Event Saturday: Morning Breakfast Fellowship & Sunset Beach Bonfire w/ Hotdogs and Smores Sunday: Sunday Morning Worship Service - Rev. Dorhauer, United Church of Christ President

"Making Good Trouble" Conference Friday Admittance Only $150.00
"Making Good Trouble" Conference Only Includes the Friday Conference at the Frank Gruich Center on Friday, May 5, 2023 and the Shrimp Boil Dinner that evening.

"Making Good Trouble" Conference Sponsorships Available. To find out more contact Laura Payne Breeland at 228-432-0301 or lpayne@thebackbaymission.org.

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CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER REV. DR. JOHN C. DORHAUER
General Minister and President

Opening Keynote Speech:
Beyond Resistance: The Future of the Church under the Guidance of the Holy Spirit and in the Shadows of a Pandemic

Overview:
Relying on his decades of dedicated research into postmodern faith, experiences in the wider church as both Conference Minister and General Minister and President, and the latest research data from the UCC Center for Analytics Research Data and Development (CARDD), John will open up discussion and give critical insight into changes that are coming. The Church is fast growing beyond what have been decades of resistance to change and is learning to embrace new pathways to future vitality. Focusing more on love in mission than on buildings and membership, a new paradigm is fast emerging that centers the love of God, self, neighbor, and creation and asks serious questions about how to wisely steward all resources for the sake of a mission that matters.

Breakout Session:
White Privilege and Its Effects on the Church

Overview:
Based on his own doctoral research into the subject and his decades of teaching the church and the culture to learn about the manifestations and impact of privilege, John will lead a presentation into how to recognize privilege and how to become a co-conspirator for racial equity. John's primary goal is to enable white leaders to recognize a privilege they have conditioned themselves to be largely ignorant of, and to then become active agents of first their own transformation and then of the nation's conversion to anti-racist systems and structures.

Short Bio:
John is currently serving as the 9th General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ. Ordained in 1988, he has served churches in Mayview and Lebanon MO, followed by calls to serve as the Associate Conference Minister of the Missouri Mid-South Conference and then as the Conference Minister of the Southwest Conference. He has a BA in Philosophy, a Master's of Divinity, and a Doctoral degree in White Privilege and Its Effects on the Church. He is the author of Steeplejacking: How the Christian Right Has Hijacked Mainstream Religion and Beyond Resistance: The Institutional Church Meets the Postmodern World. He was named one of the 12 Faith leaders to watch in 2017 by the Center for American Progress and was named the recipient of Eden Seminary's Shalom Award for a lifetime commitment to peace and justice. He and Mimi have now been happily married for 38 years with three children and two grandchildren. He loves cycling, baseball, soccer, poetry, good novels and good music.

KATHERINE EGLAND
Co-founder, EEECHO (Education, Economics, Environmental, Climate and Health Organization)

Closing Keynote Speech:
Our Nation's Reckoning: A Call to Action

Overview:
Kathy's message will focus on the need to keep "Making Good Trouble" to challenge the disproportionate, systemic injustices confronting communities and why we must achieve true social justice reform. She will layout a framework that brings awareness to the mounting infringements on our fundamental civil rights and explain the urgency to act to protect them. Kathy will also discuss her international work and connect the imperative of a local to global focus in averting further deterioration of our climate.

Short Bio:
Katherine T. "Kathy" Egland is the co-founder of the Education, Economics, Environmental, Climate and Health Organization (EEECHO). She was elected to the National Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in 1998 and has served as chair of the Board's Environmental and Climate Justice (ECJ) Committee since the ECJ Program was established in 2010. Kathy chairs the advisory committee for The Chislom Legacy Project.

She was recently appointed to the Board on Gulf Education and Engagement (BGEE), of the seven major program areas of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, 2020-2022.

One of her greatest honors was a special invitation from former United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon to attend the High Level Discussion and High Level signing of the historic Paris Climate Agreement in New York, N.Y. on April 22, 2015. Her global climate advocacy work has taken her to over 30 countries.

LAUREN TURNER
Owner, Makin' Groceries

Breakout Session:
Why Plant Based?

Overview:
Lauren's message will focus on why it is important to consider changing at least two meals a week to a plant-based option.

Short Bio:
Lauren Turner specializes in plant-based, whole food meals with those that have allergies and dietary restrictions in mind. While she is no doctor, she believes life is too short to say no to a delicious cheeseburger, she does think everyone could benefit from adding some plant-based meals to their diet.
Her meals are inspired by travels in Europe, North Africa, and Mexico and if her kids can enjoy plant-based food, she knows you will, too!

RENEE COLLINI
Coastal Climate Resilience Specialist with Mississippi State

Breakout Session:
Sea-Level Rise: What is going on, what is at risk, and what can we do about it?

Overview:
In this working session participants will be provided with an understanding of the science, expected changes in flood risk for those living on and near the coasts, and the impacts these changes will have locally and nationally. Participants will also have an opportunity to use active learning to transition their knowledge into identifying actions they can pursue.

Short Bio:
Renee has a dual appointment as a Coastal Climate Resilience Specialist with Mississippi State University and Sea Grant. Focused on sea-level rise, Renee facilitates the flow of information between researchers and decision-makers to improve science application. The lead of the Program for Local Adaptation to Climate Effects: Sea-Level Rise, she integrates a multi-state network of stakeholders, researchers, NGOs, and state and federal agencies to build tools, programs, and projects to address gaps in sea-level rise observing, research, and decision-making in the northern Gulf of Mexico. She has collaborated on projects and efforts that have improved coastal community and environmental resilience and has led development of tools that have been applied throughout the Gulf and across the United States. Collini is a recognized leader in resilience across the Gulf of Mexico and is serving as an author on the Fifth National Climate Assessment Coastal Effects Chapter.

REV. JAMES PENNINGTON
Back Bay Mission Executive Director

Breakout Session:
The Myths of Homelessness and Poverty

Overview:
As a group we will discover the myths around individuals who are unsheltered and/or living in poverty. What is the poverty mindset? How can we rethink our personal and communal narrative of homelessness? Are their solutions to the American pandemic of Homelessness and Poverty?

Short Bio:
Rev. Pennington, a Mississippian, has most recently served as Senior Pastor at UCC churches in Phoenix, Arizona, and Minneapolis, Minnesota. His accomplishments in these two ministries included providing extensive services for feeding people experiencing homelessness; being an advocate for migrants at the border; and conducting recovery groups, transgender support groups, and racial reconciliation groups. He was recognized by the Minnesota Conference Office for exemplary leadership. Particularly notable in his body of work is merging Spirit of the Lakes, a predominantly LGBT congregation with a historic church of mostly older members, and Minnehaha UCC to create a new church, Living Table, which became wildly successful and provided ministry to a diverse congregation.

REV. PHIL HODSON
Conference Minister

Breakout Session:
Partnership is Key to Grow Your Organization or Church

Overview:
If any single thing has come to be known in these past few years, it is this: We desire connection. All of us. Connection feeds our souls and fuels our creativity. So much of our world, from the smallest family to the largest enterprise, is interconnected. When we forge partnerships fulfill more productively and find our work more fulfilling. In the church, and industry, our ability to partner is key to crafting new solutions, mobilizing energy, and unleashing creativity. Simply put, we're better together. Let's explore why and how to make that happen.

Short Bio:
Rev. Hodson joined us as Conference Minister on July 15, 2021, He is husband to Joelle and father to 4 incredible, energetic boys. Phil graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Sales Management, from Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology with a Master of Divinity, and is completing doctoral work at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C.
Phil has worked with congregations in both church planting and revitalization throughout his ministry, working with congregations in financial oversight, administrative reorganization, building campaigns, and community engagement. Phil is convinced that the gospel is truly good news for all people and that the United Church of Christ is uniquely suited to offer extravagant welcome and creative engagement in the repair of the world in each new generation. Working together with the movement of the Spirit, we can be part of the promise of a "future filled with hope.

THE WADE-IN OF 1963

By Terry White

Back Bay Mission historian & United Church of Christ member (Falmouth ,MA)

There have been many events in the life of Back Bay Mission that have both reflected its faith-based commitment to social justice and shaped its future. The wade-in of 1963, the casino challenge of the 1990s, and Hurricane Katrina in 2005 come quickly to mind.

On June 23, 1963, three persons associated with the Mission joined sixty-nine Blacks in an effort to integrate the Biloxi beaches. The third attempt under the leadership of Black physician Gilbert Mason, the 1963 event recalled the bloody ending to the 1960 wade-in and for the first time included whites. Back Bay Mission director, the reverend Roger Gallagher; pastor of the UCC Biloxi congregation, the reverend Jack Aregood; and University of Michigan student and Back Bay Mission summer volunteer, George Wright, driven by the faith commitment to social justice that has long characterized Back Bay Mission, joined the wade-in and were arrested and convicted. The conviction was later over-turned by the U.S. Supreme Court. While an apparent failure, the wade-in led to eventual opening of the beaches and broader integration of the community.

Reaction to the wade-in led to the decline of the UCC congregation in Biloxi and tension between the Mission and the Biloxi community. However, the event became a symbol of the Mission's commitment to justice and its willingness to live out the faith that gave it birth. The wade-in also has given courage to the Mission staff and its supporters over the years to persevere in its mission.

"PLEASE DON'T SPIT"

BY DANIEL CARIDAD

One thing that has become apparent to me in the course of working with a population of individuals experiencing shelter irregularity is the vast disparity between the way some members of the community expect to be treated by providers and the way we expect we should be treating one another. As treatment providers and social service practitioners, we appreciate an "attitude of gratitude" including some level of respect given the work we do. However, it can be uncomfortable when the individuals you serve feel as if they must prostrate themselves before you in order to receive services. The old adage is, "treat others as you wish to be treated" and that can go both ways. Many individuals find themselves treating others the wonderful (or terrible) way they themselves feel they have been treated. This could account for the less-than-grateful attitudes we as treatment providers occasionally encounter. However, two specific instances stand out in my mind, not of a client with a bad attitude or a disrespectful demeanor but of guests on our campus who expected to be treated horribly because of their own experiences. This, in retrospect, is a very sobering thought, that the people who deserve the most kindness are hard-wired to believe that they are unworthy of common decency
and respect.

Shortly after beginning to work with Back Bay, I exited the building through the back door. Loaves and Fishes was serving in the parking lot, the sun was shining, and a dog was taking refuge from the sun in the shade of the back porch. I heard the dulcet tones of someone playing a guitar unseen below me and as I leaned over the balcony to appreciate the idyllic day, I heard the words that would change my perspective: "please don't spit".

The speaker was none other than the gentleman who was playing the guitar. I also learned that the aforementioned dog belonged to this guest. I assured him that I had no intention of spitting off the porch, and he informed me that it happens more than one would think. This gentleman reported that he has been nearly run over because some drivers refuse to move over, and that he nearly lost his dog to what he believes was an intentional pedestrian/car collision. I have heard variations of this story in my time at the Micah Day Center, with numerous individuals speaking of drivers speeding up when they are using the crosswalks, spitting or throwing liquids from car windows, and intentionally driving through standing water. For a population that has to seek out opportunities to shower or wash clothes, this antisocial behavior from the seemingly "civilized" housed population is a disgrace. What sticks with me to this day is the normalization of behavior that the majority of the population would not tolerate or expect from their fellow human being. It wasn't that he was afraid that I would spit on him because I didn't know he was there, it was that I would do so specifically because he had the audacity to exist. We can do better.

More recently, I was walking to my car parked on the far side of the mission house after a long day. It was a typically hot south Mississippi day, even at nearly 5pm. As I approached the parking lot, I observed two homeless individuals taking refuge in the shade of a tree adjacent to the parking area. They were talking and laughing, visibly having a good time (which is what we are aiming for here at Back Bay). One individual was leaning against the hood of a car, my car to be specific. As I approached my vehicle, the gentleman in question's demeanor immediately changed from happiness to trepidation. He apologized profusely; his body language indicated a level of subservience he had been conditioned to believe was expected of him. He was adamant that, "I didn't scratch it" despite a plethora of pre-existing scratches, dents, and a cracked windshield. The gentleman was also quick to inform me that "I wouldn't have been leaning on it if I knew it was yours." This inequality perceived within our power dynamic made me uncomfortable, but also indicated how people who resemble me have a sordid history of mistreating individuals who look like him. I assured the individual, as well as his companions that no harm was done, that I had no issue with anyone escaping the sun where I park my car, and that I couldn't care less if that caused the car to become scratched, any more than I am concerned with coffee on my pants or bleach on my boots. I reiterated that I come to work fully prepared to getting a little dirt under my fingernails so that others can wash the dirt from theirs. These situations do give us pause however and remind us of inherent biases that exist. These will continue to exist until we can create enough "good trouble" that these inconsistencies are no longer socially acceptable.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Back Bay Mission Experience (April 17 - 23, 2022)

By Minister Gary E. Williams
Assistant Pastor, Red Oak UMC - Stockbridge, GA

Our Back Bay Mission Trip Experience was an outstanding example of truly serving in the local communities surrounding Biloxi and Gulfport Mississippi.

The journey started at a United Methodist Men's Meeting in the spring of 2021. Rev. Wilmer Brown, a United Church of Christ Ordained Clergy serving at Red Oak UMC, introduced us to the ministry at Back Bay Mission. Mrs. Hulen Brown, a Volunteer Coordinator for Back Bay and a member of Red Oak UMC, provided additional instructional guidance and encouragement as the departure dates grew near.

DAY 1: SUNDAY

We arrived at Back Bay Mission at approximately 1430 on Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022. Upon arrival, we were pleasantly surprised with the accommodations provided. The living quarters were very welcoming. After we had a scrumptious dinner at a local restaurant, we received our orientation presented by Volunteer Coordinator Linda Lenhart. She provided us with a work schedule for the week.

Day 2: MONDAY

0530 – Prayer Devotion with Red Oak UMC
0600 – Rise and Shine
0700 – Morning Devotion and Breakfast
0730 – Construction Staff Orientation. We met with the Construction Lead, Mr. Craig Steenkamp and Construction Supervisor, Chance Williams who provided work site locations for those who chose to do construction work. The staff provided a history of Back Bay Mission which was very informative.
0830 – The group was then dispatched to the various work area assignments:

- 3 to the Construction Site
- 2 to the Food Pantry
- 2 to the Intake Counter
- 1 to Fish and Loaves serving hot breakfast and lunch to 60 to 80 people

(Left to Right): Charles Jackson, Larry Brock, Alice Brock, Gary Williams, Mrs. Hulen Brown, Will Brown, Malinda Brown, Charles Weems

DAY 3: TUESDAY

0600 – Rise and Shine
0700 – Morning Devotion and Breakfast
0730 – Daily Construction Briefing. We received a briefing from the Executive Director of Back Bay Mission, Pastor James Pennington. The story of how he became their director was very enlightening.
*HIGHLIGHTS
0830: The group was then dispatched to the various work area assignments. We worked a full day up until 1600.

DAY 4: WEDNESDAY

0530 – Prayer Devotion with Red Oak UMC
0600 – Rise and Shine
0700 – Morning Devotion and Breakfast
0730 – The Construction Lead shared the vision of upcoming projects for Back Bay including providing shelter trailers for each individual to live in.
*HIGHLIGHTS

- Served over 25 people in the Food Pantry
- 20 people received prayer upon our request. The joy and appreciation of those receiving the blessing that the Food Pantry provided was quite evident.

DAY 5: THURSDAY

0530 – Prayer Devotion with Red Oak UMC
0600 – Rise and Shine
0700 – Morning Devotion and Breakfast
*HIGHLIGHTS

- ½ Day of Work
- 0830 - 1230: Construction Site (all participants). We built a back porch and stripped siding off of the house. Some were trained on the use of wood cutting construction tools.
- Buffet Dinner Fellowship in Biloxi, MS
- Worked in Back Bay Clothes Ministry
- Recreation Time
- Reflected on the week in review

DAY 6: FRIDAY
0700 – Devotion and Breakfast
0730 – Week in Review
• The Red Oak UMC team presented mission shirt to the Back Bay Mission staff.
0830: The group was then dispatched to the various work area assignments:
• 3 to Construction Site
• 2 to Fish & Loaves – Breakfast/Lunch
• 1 to Food Pantry
• 2 to Shower/Intake Ministry
1300: LUNCH
• Final Exit Orientation/Thoughts

*FINAL HIGHLIGHTS/THOUGHTS
By the end of the week, we felt a sense of accomplishment in assisting this great outreach ministry. We also recognized the awesome need for outreach ministries like Back Bay Mission on a national level. The staff and members of Back Bay Mission truly have a servant's heart as mentioned in the Old Testament scripture of Micah 6:8 "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Testimonies
"The people at Back Bay were very pleasant and it was a great experience." ……Malinda Brown
"The best expression of love and care and witness to others that I've ever seen." ……Alice Brock
"The experience of working with the homeless was a very enjoyable difference and the Back Bay staff was outstanding also." ……Charles Weems

(Left to Right): Sitting: Linda Lenhart, Alice Brock, Craig Steenkamp, Malinda Brown
Standing: Mrs. Hulen Brown, Gary Williams, Charles Jackson, Charles Weems, Will Brown, Jaye Herrick

The Changing Tides Turned 63!

The first issue of The Changing Tides was sent out on June 18, 1959. This is a publication produced by Back Bay Mission to inform their supporters of the work being done on the Mississippi Gulf Coast that still exists today.

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