

# Metro Ministries of Mobile

Casting a life line to the inner city for over two decades

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## Honoring others



When Pastor Cedrick Valerie was 15, Pastor Bill took him to Pastor Tommy Barnett's Pastors School, Phoenix, Arizona. Cedrick was one of 8 pastors chosen that day to award a medal Pastor Barnett called "Go for the Gold." (pictured above)

Vision was being cast to Cedrick to answer God's call. Years prior Pastor Barnett had prayed with Pastor Bill and Cheryl on prayer mountain believing God for the property and building that now houses our ministry. That prayer was over 20 Years ago.

Pastor Barnett turns 80 this fall. His influence in America and around the world is incredible. His passion for soul winning, authenticity and love for people is the reason men like Cedrick were touched by his influence.

May we all heed one of Pastor Barnett's famous quotes: **'Find a need and fill it, find a hurt and heal it.'**



On May 4, 2017 Dr. Tommy Barnett was honored at Southeastern University as they dedicated the Barnett College of Ministry and Theology in his honor. Pictured here is a faculty member of 7 years teaching at Southeastern, Dr. Cedrick Valerie who was influenced to "Go for the Gold" when he was only 15 years old.

Thank God, Pastor Barnett and Dr. Cedrick Valerie for their faithfulness. Cedrick was a 7 year old boy when he surrendered his heart to Jesus on the tarps at the Orange Grove Sidewalk Sunday School in Mobile's inner city. Our God is so faithful. That's why we continue to mentor young children ages 8-15 teaching them Who Jesus Is and how to follow Him living in the real world.



**Honoring Mr. Sam Wooley, Boys Teaching Leader faithfully serving over 5 consecutive years. And Kitty York, Girls Teaching Leader, who has faithfully served over 20 years in many capacities as teacher, mentor, parent and many other serving gifts.**



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### **Words from the director...**

**We shared the same vision when God called me to Happy Hills over 28 years ago with a small congregation near Wetumpka, Alabama, Pastor Mark Pate, Jubilee Christian center back in the spring. They invested that day in our children's ministry. Mark shared at their kids crusade this summer they saw the beginning of the harvest of that seed that was planted. When you understand you're chosen by God, and then Go to where He's called you, He takes care of bringing in the harvest.**

**Thank you to all who faithfully support Metro Ministries to share the gospel of Jesus with children. We continue answering God's call to introduce Jesus through a mentoring program whereby the student completes a worksheet based on a Bible passage. A completed worksheet is their ticket to ride the vans. Once at Metro Ministries, one adult mentor and his student eat a meal together at a table like a family, worship and pray together. As a group we answer the questions the students and mentors have completed. It is amazing the discussion and questions our students are asking. Some of them have opened their heart to Jesus and all are studying God's Word together. It is the same thing we did with Cedrick when he came to live with us at 12 years old.**

### **Prayer**

**1. I am still experiencing pain from a surgery complication I had last May. I ask you to continue in your prayer for my healing that Cheryl and I can continue in the call God has placed on our lives.**

**2. Pray for our mentors and students as we start discipleship classes in September.**

**3. Pray for our City, Mobile, Alabama, that believers will continually be united in love, purpose and spirit. Also, that we will continue to evangelize those who don't know Jesus and direct them to small group discipleship training.**

**Thank you for your partnership in the work the Lord has called us to over 28 years ago. We love you,**

**Bill and Cheryl Gray, Missionaries to Mobile's inner city**