

Meet our Board

LARRY PAPASAN, President, Retired
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DRAKE BASSETT, CEO
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LARRY BOYD, Senior V.P.
Patriot Bank Mortgage Collierville

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Bank Tennessee

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Innovo Publishing Company

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Town of Collierville

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Civil Engineering



From left, Biblical Resource Center and Museum Chairman and CEO Don Bassett, Board Member John Green, Shelby County Mayor & C. Wharton, Board Member Drake Bassett and Board President Larry Papasan after the ribbon-cutting for the center.

Staff

Don Bassett, Ph.D.
Executive Director

Nancy Bassett
Volunteer Assistant/Interim Director

Steven Turner
Educational Director/Part-Time

Christian Roesler
Archaeologist/Part-Time

Eve Olsak-Smith
Museum Assistant/Part-Time

The museum holds membership in the American Alliance of Museums, Tennessee Association of Museums, International Council of Museums, Memphis Convention & Visitors Bureau, Collierville Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Collierville, Biblical Archaeology Society, Associates for Biblical Research, Where to Give Midsouth.org

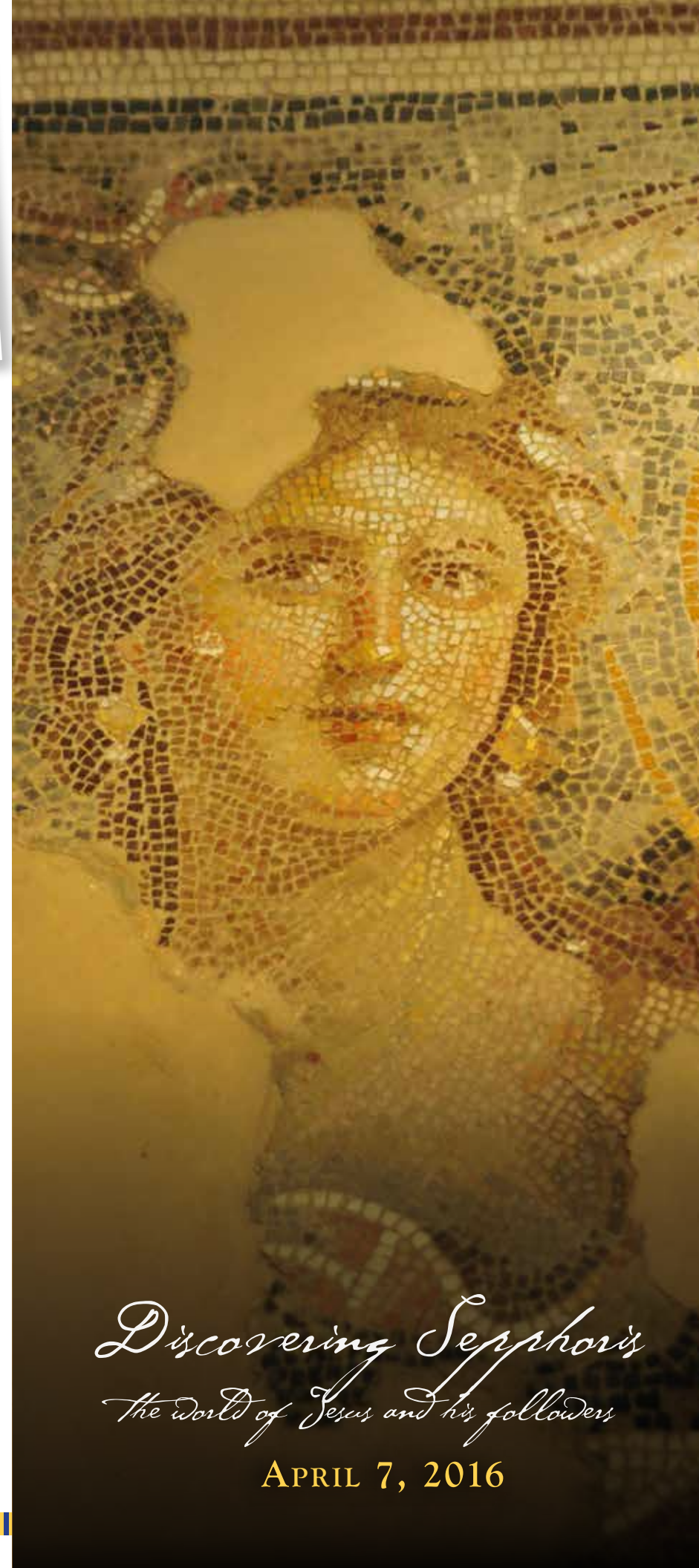
Volunteers

Betty Edmunds, Chair	Robbye Green
Jill Akers	Selena Henson
Watty Brooks Hall	Linda Lannom
Wendy Boyd	Dee Dee Mizell
B'Lou Carter	Dianne Papasan
Denise Collins	Judy Ryan
Sharon Dahmer	LaNeal Salter
Connor Dearmas	Bob Akers
Gwen Dulah	Bill Kelsey
Valerie Frazier	Dennis Ryan
	Karen Conlan

Thanks to volunteers:

Assisting with school tours	• Taking Photos
Window Displays	• Food for Receptions
Cleaning Bathrooms	• Vacuuming interior
Moving cases/furniture	• Front Desk/Reception

Membership on the board requires a special kind of service from men and women who are committed to the mission of the organization and are willing to donate their time, their resources, and their influence in its advancement. We are extremely grateful for the corps of key leaders who comprise the board of the Collierville Bible Museum.



*Discovering Sapphira's
the world of Jesus and his followers*

APRIL 7, 2016



MUSEUM OF
**BIBLICAL
HISTORY**

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*Annual
Report*
2016

Our Mission:
To present to the public, especially young people,
the historical and cultural backgrounds of the
Bible, the living word of God.

Dear Friends



Drake Bassett, Nancy Bassett, Larry Papasan, and John Green accepting the 2016 Person of the Year Award for Don Bassett.

For 21 years, the Museum of Biblical History has helped anchor the Bible in its historical context. Wonderful exhibits, images, lectures and tours have helped so many, especially young people, better understand the Bible. The recent ceremony honoring Don Bassett was a reminder that the mission extends well beyond artifacts, history and geography.

We were reminded that a personal commitment to the spirit of the text, along with the historical facts, will change a life and truly make the world a better place. The Museum is much more than an exhibit of interesting artifacts. Its purpose is to connect the heart and the mind, to engage the public in a deeper discovery of the riches in the text, and most of all, its Author.

We are grateful for the past, and for all of you who have carried the Museum thus far. Now, we turn the page and look to the future.

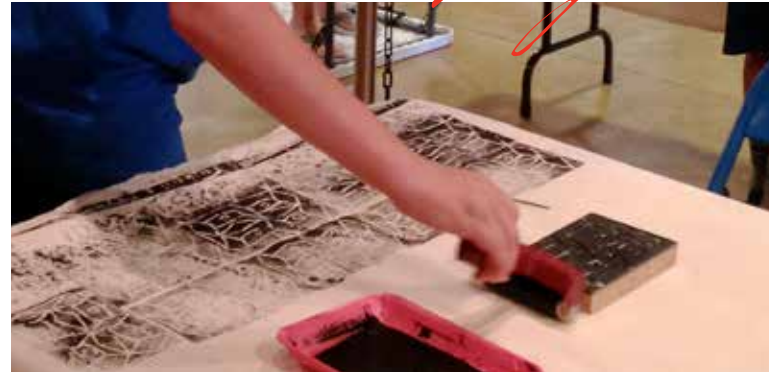
Don's work, to build the Museum and share historical aspects of the Bible was sacrificial and rich with impact. He recognized that to carry the work forward, the task would fall to others. That work falls to us and we are confidently making plans for the future. On behalf of the board, I invite you to renew your passion for all that the Museum can accomplish.

You have seen the good the Museum can do, and you share with us the belief, that people need to embrace and value the Bible, God's special gift to mankind.

Sincerely yours,

Larry Papasan
President

Educational Programs



HIGHLIGHTS

- School & Group Tours
- Archaeology Field School
- Story Days in July
- Traveling Exhibit
- Demonstrations of the Guttenberg Press
- Book Signing
- TAM Award



DISCOVERIES OF THE CENTURY EXHIBITS & LECTURES

Discovering Sepherus: The world of Jesus & his followers. Lecture in April, 2016 by Dr. Milton Moreland, Professor of Religious Studies and Dean of the faculty at Rhodes College.

"Discovering the Dead Sea Scrolls" November 3rd & 4th Lecture Series was with Dr. Andrew Perrin, Co-director of the Dead Sea Scrolls Institute at Trinity Western University, Canada. Grant funding was provided from Collierville Community Fund with in-kind donations from Hampton Inn, Silver Caboose, and Collierville United Methodist Church.



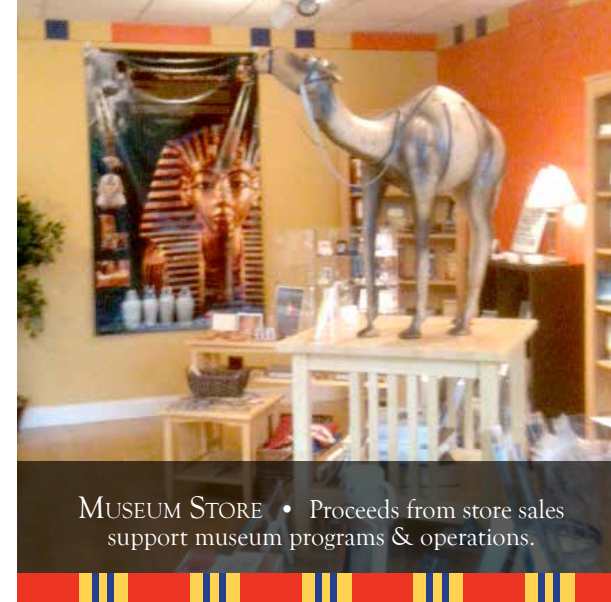
ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD SCHOOL

Students excavated ancient Jericho on Main Street in Collierville. Archaeologist, Christian Roesler with assistance from Laura Sherman and Leslie Godwin challenged youngsters with hands-on archaeological instruction, while uncovering ancient artifacts. Thanks again to Bank Tennessee and Chick-fil-A for funding. Also, John Green for use of the property, Steve Madden construction for back-hoe, and Café/Piazza for Friday Pizzas!



STORY DAYS IN JULY

Heroes of the Bible read by Collierville Heroes. The museum partnered with Collierville YMCA again this year and invited local heroes including Realtor John Green, Judge Craig Hall, and Mayor Stan Joyner. Museum Friends assisted with the hands-on educational activities.



MUSEUM STORE • Proceeds from store sales support museum programs & operations.

Financial Summary

OPERATING SUPPORT & REVENUE	OPERATING EXPENSES
Donations/Grants: \$131,358	Educational Programs: \$33,600
Memorials & Honorariums: \$34,929	Exhibit Fabrication/Outreach: \$36,681
Group Tour Admissions: \$2,272	Administrative: \$ 8,114
Museum Store Sales: \$7,666	Facilities/Services: \$57,673
Total: \$176,225	Total: \$136,068

The Museum of Biblical History is a duly qualified tax-exempt charitable organization as defined by Section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Complete financial statements may be obtained from the museum's business office.

Community Outreach



TRAVELING EXHIBIT

Thanks to Collierville banks and hotels for hosting the traveling exhibit. The Collierville Burch Library hosted the exhibit for several months in 2016. Pictured above is Don Bassett with Library Director, Deanna Britton. Special thanks to Bill Kelsey and George Lofton for their assistance in transporting the case.



BIBLES FOR FOOD PANTRY

Board Member, Larry Boyd (center) of Patriot Bank, presents Collierville Food Pantry volunteers Jenifer Beyer, Joyce Sogga, and Collierville Volunteer Police Officer with a case of Bibles for the Holiday Food Baskets.

BOOK SIGNING

Children's Author Kelly Johnson and Illustrator, Jan Hamilton of the Mr. How Do You Do Series visited the museum for a book signing and reading in December.



Presentation to Steve & Crystal Turner

