

Meet our Board

LARRY PAPASAN, President, Retired
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John Green & Company Realtors

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Town of Collierville

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St. Andrews Episcopal Church

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Civil Engineering



Board Members:
John Green, Greg Frazier, & Bob Baumgartner

Staff

Don Bassett, Ph.D.
Executive Director

Nancy Bassett
Volunteer Assistant

Steven Turner
Educational Director/Part-Time

Christian Roesler
Archaeologist/Part-Time

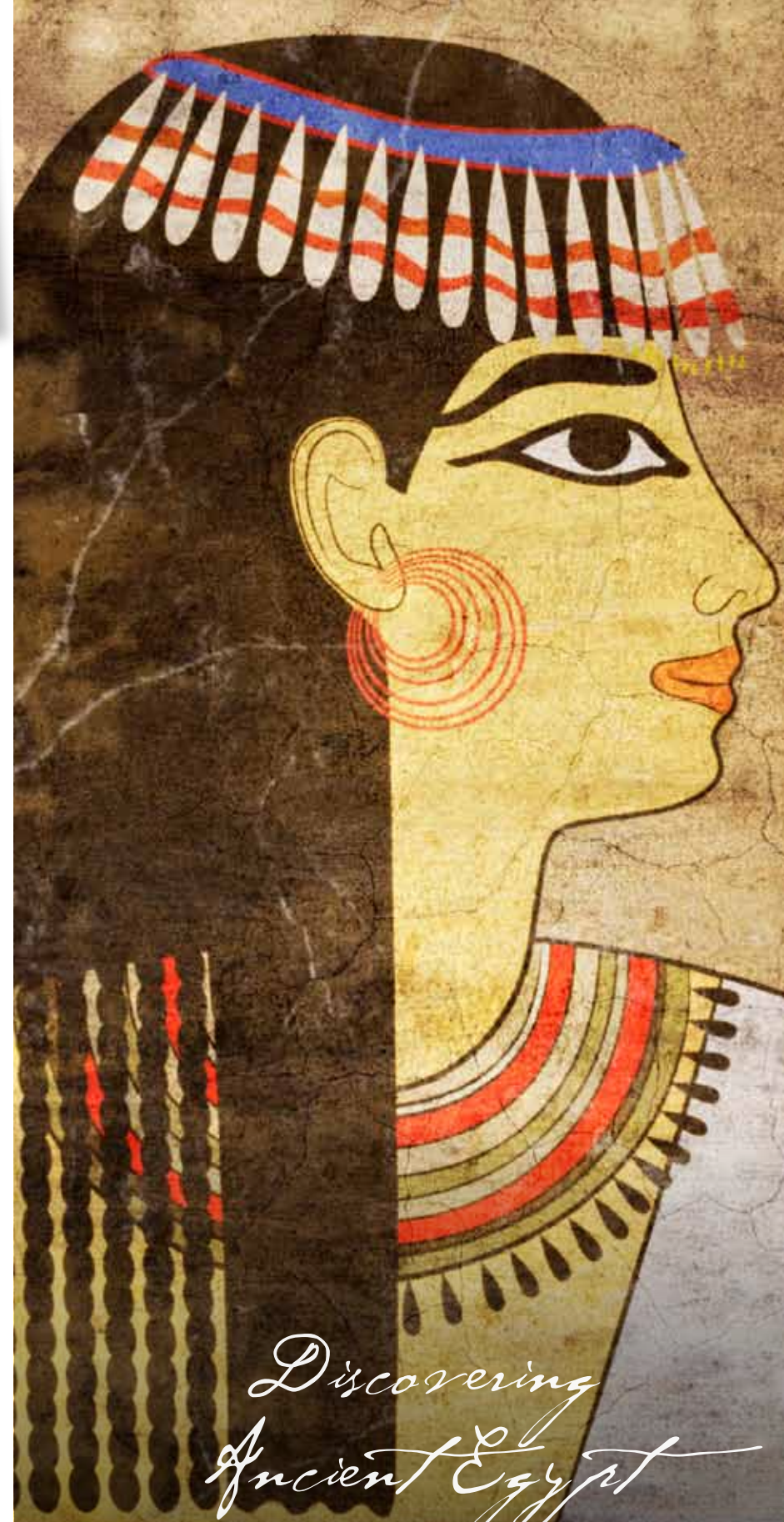
The museum holds membership in the American Alliance of Museums, Tennessee Association of Museums, International Council of Museums, Memphis Convention & Visitors Bureau, Collierville Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Collierville, Biblical Archaeology Society, and Associates for Biblical Research.

Volunteers

Betty Edmunds, Chair	Linda Lannom
Jill Akers	Eva Lenfest
Watty Brooks Hall	Dot Lott
Wendy Boyd	Missy Marshall
B'Lou Carter	Dee Dee Mizell
Ashley Carver	Dianne Papasan
Denise Collins	Judy Ryan
Sharon Dahmer	LaNeal Salter
Connor Dearmas	Bob Akers
Gwen Dulah	Bill Kelsey
Valerie Frazier	Dennis Ryan
Robbye Green	Laura Rosas
Selena Henson	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
Ancient Egypt*

OCTOBER 6-31, 2015

A special exhibit highlighting the museum's collection of Egyptian artifacts. Also, educational programs and activities for group focus.

**MUSEUM OF
BIBLICAL
HISTORY**

140 East Mulberry Street
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*Annual
Report
2015*

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



Larry Papasan, was designated the museum's Annual Reception Honorary Chairman, December 10, in appreciation of his twenty years of service as President of the Board.

While presenting a plaque to him at the reception, I was

happy to say, "I have known Larry for more than forty-five years. His hallmark in all that time has been service to others. You can ask any of Larry's former employees, or members of service clubs and churches and non-profit charities all over Shelby County what kind of man Larry is, and they will give you one answer - 'a man who honors God and serves his fellow man, always.'"

Larry has labored tirelessly in service to others without thought of praise or recompense - always with a special concern for those whom Jesus called "the least of these." And during the busiest years of his professional career, when the demands on his time, energy, and resources were at their peak, Larry made time for the Bible museum, gave generously to meet its financial needs, and chaired critical meetings that were essential to its survival. His leadership has been, and is indispensable.

I am grateful to Larry - and to all of you who have helped us continue our service in the only museum of the Bible on a town square in America. Please keep us in your prayers - as you remain in ours.

Sincerely yours,

Don Bassett
Executive Director

Educational Programs

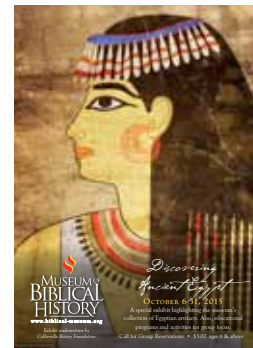


HIGHLIGHTS

- School & Group Tours
- Archaeology Field School
- Story Days in July
- Guest Lectures
- Demonstrations of the Gutenberg Press
- Merchant's Breakfast for Town Employees

DISCOVERING ANCIENT EGYPT EXHIBIT

Exhibit highlighted our Egyptian Collection from Oct 6-31 with banners, information leaflets, scavenger hunts, bookmarks, banners, teacher kits, and posters. 902 visitors enjoyed the special exhibit. Special thanks to the Collierville Rotary Foundation for underwriting this event.



EXHIBITS & LECTURES

Lecture Series featured Carl Kirby, Dr. Paul Meier, and Dr. David Musgrave. Dr. Musgrave is pictured translating a small clay tablet in our collection which dates to ca. 2,200 B.C.

ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD SCHOOL

Students excavated ancient Phillipi on Main Street! Archaeologist, Christian Roesler, challenged youngsters with hands-on archaeological instruction, while uncovering ancient artifacts. Special thanks to BankTennessee and Chick-Fil-A Collierville for funding. Also, John Green for use of the property, Steve Madden construction for back-hoe, and Café Piazza for Pizzas. Volunteer Diggers included Daniel Meinsen, Lee Anderson, and Tracy Hollowell.

STORY DAYS IN JULY

Heroes of the Bible read by Collierville Heroes. The museum partnered with Collierville YMCA and invited local heroes Fireman Buddy Billings and Erin Daniels; Airline Pilot, Jeff Dula; Meg Krisel, Policewoman; and Craig Hall, Judge. Museum Friends helped with the hands-on activities.



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

Financial Summary

OPERATING SUPPORT & REVENUE	OPERATING EXPENSES
Donations/Grants: \$115,678	Educational Programs: \$34,589
Memorials & Honorariums: \$15,590	Exhibit Fabrication/Outreach: \$35,083
Group Tour Admissions: \$2,989	Administrative: \$9,831
Museum Store Sales: \$8,524	Facilities/Services: \$45,530
Total: \$142,781	Total: \$125,033

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

The traveling exhibit traveled to BankCorp South, Triumph Bank, and BankTennessee in 2015. Pictured above is Director, Don Bassett and Bank Manager, Robyne Earnest at BankTennessee's Schilling Branch. Special thanks to Bill Kelsey for his assistance in transporting the case.



BIBLES FOR FOOD PANTRY

Director, Don Bassett, and Volunteer, Gwen Dula, present Collierville Food Pantry volunteers with a case of Bibles to include with the Holiday Food Baskets.

CHAMBER EXPO

Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for a booth at the annual Chamber Expo on October 22nd. Nancy Bassett set up our display advertising for our Ancient Egypt exhibit.



ANNUAL RECEPTION

In addition to honoring the museum's President, the reception highlighted artifacts from Israel "Nazareth to Bethlehem," plus our Christmas ornaments.

