

## **Museum of Biblical History Appoints Craig Gyergyo as New Executive Director**

The Museum of Biblical History is pleased to announce the appointment of Craig Gyergyo as the new Executive Director, effective immediately.

Gyergyo recently served at Highpoint Church in Memphis, TN. and specializes in ministering and educating people of all ages on the truth of the Gospel. His past teaching experience includes teaching elementary students in the Mercer Area School District for eleven years, and providing vision and direction for a multi-faceted ministry that served over 1,000 children when he directed the children's ministry at Hope Church in Cordova, TN.

Gyergyo has led mission trips to Belize and Kenya, was a contributing author for a child's ministry leadership book, *The Eric Trap*, has organized community outreach, and is a regular speaker at church conferences and seminars.

"Craig Gyergyo is an accomplished minister, an innovative thinker, and a passionate advocate for teaching biblical history; we are thrilled to welcome him to the Museum as the Executive Director, a critical role for our future and the community of Collierville," said Larry Papasan, Chairman of the Board. "Craig's deep understanding of the Bible is a gift that will guide us socially and culturally, allowing the museum to advance new and challenging ideas to support our mission. His experience with children and his passion for serving the next generation will bring fresh ideas and a true commitment to unlocking the potential of the Museum."

Gyergyo received his B.A. in Elementary Education from Grove City College, Grove City, PA. A call to ministry led him to take more leadership roles in the school, church, and other organizations. Ordination into pastoral ministry was a natural progression resulting from years of varied ministry experiences and in 2012, he became an ordained minister through Highpoint Church.

"Craig Gyergyo brings a fresh voice, and the Museum is very fortunate to have him," said Drake Bassett, Board Member. "He brings extraordinary passion to the role and as an accomplished minister, he understands biblical principles intimately. It is my opinion that he is exactly what the Museum needs to carry our mission forward."

As the Executive Director, Gyergyo will oversee the extensive historical collections, which trace the development of the Bible from its earliest days and include exceptional examples of Old and New Testament artifacts. He will provide strategic leadership and oversight of the Museum's staff and volunteer network.

Having worked in both educational and church settings, Gyergyo will draw on this varied experience to develop exhibitions, public lectures, and other programming, and will play an integral role in the planning of regular rotations of events to highlight both new and permanent collections.

"For the past twenty years, I have had the opportunity to serve as an educator, leader and pastor. I see the role of Executive Director at the Museum of Biblical History as a culmination of that unique blend of experiences," said Gyergyo. "I am incredibly honored to have the opportunity to build upon the mission that Don and Nancy Bassett have established through the Museum of Biblical History. I believe that the museum is uniquely positioned to be a resource to families, schools, and churches in Collierville and the surrounding areas. We will continue to

seek to tell the story of the Living Word of God in compelling fashion so that all will be able to see how relevant and applicable the Truths of the Scriptures are to our lives today.”

### **About the Museum of Biblical History**

Organized in 1995, through the efforts of Mrs. B'Lou Carter and interested individuals, the museum's mission is *to present to the public, especially young people, the historical and cultural context of the Bible, the living word of God.* In 2003 the museum renovated a historic building on the Town Square in Collierville, TN and opened its doors to the public. Since that time, the organization has grown and developed and is now among the nation's leading Biblical museums, comprised of exhibits that share the stories of the Bible. The permanent gallery showcases ancient Near Eastern and Classical artifacts and artifact replicas, as well as maps, images, and interpretive texts. Artifacts dating back to the time of Abraham and Sarah are included in this exhibit, including artifacts used in daily life 2,000 years ago. These collections enable scholars, students, and the public to learn more of God's word, while affirming the Bible's reliability. The museum is rooted in a history of collecting and teaching with artifacts, and the collections have been shaped by diverse curatorial expertise. A full size replica of the Guttenberg Press is used for demonstrations to visitors in understanding the history of writing.

Located on the Town Square, the museum finds multifaceted ways to offer exemplary information, but also provides a hands-on approach to bridge the gap of time and culture between visitors and the Bible. Presentations about biblical lands, history, and culture along with a guided tour of the museum gallery are available to schools, home school groups, churches, civic clubs, scout groups and other organizations. Educational programs include archaeological digs, lectures, workshops, and story time. The organization has sponsored group tours to Bible Lands, touring ancient sites in Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Greece and Italy.

The Museum is non-denominational, a 501(c) 3 organization, and receives support from the generosity of private donors, organizations, and grants. The organization holds membership in the International Council of Museums, American Alliance of Museums, Tennessee Association of Museums, Biblical Archaeological Society, Memphis CVB, Collierville Chamber of Commerce, Collierville Main Street, and WHEREtoGIVE MIDSOUTH.org

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