

## Meet our Featured Speaker **Jay McSwain**



Jay McSwain is an established author and speaker, known around the world as an expert in church member assimilation. He is also the founder and president of PLACE Ministries and the MOC Today Foundation. Jay is the author of ten books and numerous other resources to help the church and her members. He currently serves as a trustee at Golden Gate Seminary and is a board member of Student Life Publishing. He resides in Atlanta.

### Area Attractions

Downtown Fairhope Shops  
Tanger Outlet Mall in Foley  
Eastern Shore Center at Malbis I-10 at Exit 38  
In Mobile:  
U.S.S. Alabama Battleship, I-10 at Exit 30  
Gulf Coast Exploreum/IMAX Theatre, I-10 at Exit 26B

### About ABREA

The Alabama Baptist Religious Education Association exists to support and encourage staff members who lead the Christian education/discipleship ministries of the church. Our desire is to assist in Kingdom work by helping those who build the local church to be more effective as they seek to reach people and make disciples. We do this through providing training opportunities, encouragement, networking and mentoring. Visit the ABREA website at [www.abrea.org](http://www.abrea.org) to get the latest information.

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## ABREA 2011 Gathering



## Finding Your PLACE in Life and Ministry: FROM ASSIMILATION TO SERVICE

A Conference for Church Staff  
who oversee the  
Christian Education Ministries of the Church

Thursday & Friday  
January 27 & 28, 2011  
First Baptist Church  
Fairhope, Alabama

## 2011 Workshop Features

**Casual Environment** - Please dress casually for the workshop and banquet. Our desire is for the environment to be relaxed and focused on learning, fellowship and networking.

**Annual Banquet** - On Thursday night we will share a delicious dinner and a great time of fellowship with other ministers and their spouses from around the state.

**Fellowship Time** - Meet new friends and renew old acquaintances.

**Network Groups** - We will provide a brief time for Alabama Regional Groups to meet and share.

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## Conference Location:

**300 S. Section Street, Fairhope, AL 36532**

From I-10, take exit 35.

Go south on Hwy 98 on the four-lane and travel approximately 10 miles to Fairhope.

Turn Right on Fairhope Avenue (Walgreen/Hardees on the corners) and head toward downtown (west).

Turn left on Section Street (south) and go three blocks to First Baptist.

## Schedule

### Thursday, January 27

12:45 PM ABREA Registration Table Opens  
1:30 Greetings and Introductions  
1:45 Session One with Jay McSwain  
3:15 Break and Fellowship  
3:45 Session Two with Jay McSwain  
5:15 State Themes - Rick Ellison  
5:30 Dismiss  
6:45 Banquet - FBC Fairhope

### Friday, January 28

7:30 AM Breakfast Snacks & Fellowship  
8:15 Morning Devotion with Wayne Polk  
8:30 Session Three with Jay McSwain  
10:00 Breakout Groups  
10:30 Break & Fellowship  
10:45 Session Four with Jay McSwain  
11:30 Lifeway Themes  
11:45 Election of Officers

Sessions 1-4 with Jay McSwain will be focused on helping you understand the importance of helping people become fully assimilated into your church as it relates to equipping, empowering and encouraging ministry volunteers to find their unique place of service.



## Registration

Religious Education Workshop 2011

**Cost: \$35 Conference/Membership Fee**

Participants are responsible for lodging.

### AREA HOTELS

Hampton Inn, 251.928.3381  
(located in downtown Fairhope)

Holiday Inn Express 251.928.9191

Key West Inn 251.990.7373

Marriott's Grand Hotel Resort & Spa 251.928.9201

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Enclosed is an additional \$10 for my spouse/Banquet