

# **STRIVE TO BE HOLY**



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FOR I AM HOLY!**

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**Lawrence County  
Association of Baptists**

**Book of Minutes  
2017**

# **LAWRENCE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS**

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**NINETY-NINETH ANNUAL SESSION**

**MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH  
LAWRENCEBURG, TN  
OCTOBER 9, 2017**

**NEXT ANNUAL SESSION:**

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2018  
GUM SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH  
LAWRENCEBURG, TN**

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## GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator	Howard Kitter	360 Henryville Road	Ethridge	931-279-1015
Vice-moderator	David Simmerman	260 Dunn Fall River Road	Lawrenceburg	931-982-3764
Clerk	Donna Wilbanks	109 W. Commerce St.	Loretto	931-629-7277
Treasurer	Rhonda Brown	1220 Wesley Court	Lawrenceburg	931-242-7393

## STAFF

Director of Missions	Steve Flippo	135 S. Old Military	St. Joseph	256-856-6840
Secretary	Donna Wilbanks	109 W. Commerce St.	Loretto	931-629-7277

# PROGRAMS

## SMALL GROUPS

Director VBS Director	David Simmerman	6 Dunn Leoma Road	Leoma	931-852-2904
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## DISCIPLESHIP

Director	Jose Fernandez	604B 2 <sup>nd</sup> Av	Lawrenceburg	931-762-0954
Extreme/Youth Bible Drill	Renita Copeland	779 Old Florence-Pulaski Rd	Lawrenceburg	931-766-2156
Children's Bible Drill	Bruce & Susan Landtroop	5459 Gimlet Road	Lawrenceburg	931-762-6618

## W.M.U.

Director	Cheryl Augustin	1617 Sundown Drive	Lawrenceburg	931-762-0582
Secretary	Betty Smith	122 E. Scott Street	Lawrenceburg	931-762-0007
WOM Consultant	Beth Murrell	723 Brenda Ave.	Loretto	931-853-6646
Acteens Consult.				
G.A.'s Consultant	Carol Edmondson	109 Merrill Street	Ethridge	931-829-2622
Mission Growth	Lou Durham	1619 Whippoorwill Drive	Lawrenceburg	931-762-7497
Training Consult.	Linda Warren	510 8th Street	Lawrenceburg	931-762-8978

## BROTHERHOOD

Director	Mike Gower	2950 Lawrenceburg Hwy	Lawrenceburg	931-322-5212
Disaster Relief	Stanley Faulkner	466 Campbellsville Pike	Ethridge	931-829-2884

## EVANGELISM

Director

## PRAYER MINISTRY

Coordinator	Jerry Roebuck*	139 Rabbit Trail Rd.	Leoma	931-215-6226
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## MUSIC

Director	Greg Ivey*	30 Mt. Horeb Road	Ethridge	931-207-0590
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## YOUTH

Coordinator	Tim Abernathy*	PO Box 89	Summertown	931-477-5513
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## MEMORIALS

Coordinator	Charles Gresham*	1710 Deer Hollow Drive	Lawrenceburg	931-231-5470
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## MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT

Director	Steve Flippo	2427 Hwy 43 S	Leoma	256-856-6840
Small Groups	David Simmerman	6 Dunn Leoma Road	Leoma	931-852-2904
Discipleship	Jose Fernandez	604B 2 <sup>nd</sup> Av	Lawrenceburg	931-762-0954
WMU	Cheryl Augustin	1617 Sundown Drive	Lawrenceburg	931-762-0582
Brotherhood	Mike Gower	2950 Lawrenceburg Hwy	Lawrenceburg	931-322-5212
Evangelism				
Prayer	Jerry Roebuck*	139 Rabbit Trail Rd.	Leoma	931-215-6226
Youth	Tim Abernathy*	PO Box 89	Summertown	931-477-5513
Music	Greg Ivey*	30 Mt. Horeb Road	Ethridge	931-207-0590

\* indicates a new person in that position

# COMMITTEES

## FINANCE

					Term
Meadow View	Brant Wilson	411 9th Street	Lawrenceburg	931-762-0979	1 year
Lawrenceburg First	Lenny Pack	3915 Highway 43 North	Ethridge	931-829-2155	1 year
Deerfield	Tony Gordy	4200 Waynesboro Hwy	Lawrenceburg	931-244-4393	2 years
					2 years
Highland Park	Bob Johnston	46 Johnston Road	Lawrenceburg	931-829-4614	3 years
Loretto	Brett Weaver	202 E. Main St	Loretto	931-279-1047	3 years

## PERSONNEL

					Term
Meadow View	Jimmy Nave	2825 Buffalo Road	Lawrenceburg	931-244-0151	1 year
Mars Hill	David Daniel	58 Beuerlein Lane	Lawrenceburg	931-762-5956	1 year
Leoma	Chad Franklin	34 Franklin Drive	Lawrenceburg	931-698-5070	2 years
Beech Grove	David Gallaher	4066 Waynesboro Hwy	Lawrenceburg	931-762-4831	2 years
					2 years
Highland Park	Ricky Cotton	15 Whiteoak Drive	Leoma	931-242-7940	3 years

## COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

					Term
					1 year
Loretto First	Brett Weaver	202 E. Main St	Loretto	931-279-1047	2 years
Macedonia	Mike Aaron	308 Greenwood Road	Lawrenceburg	931-762-2544	3 years

## NOMINATING

					Term
Faith	Dr. Steve Headrick	721 N. Military St.	Loretto	931-853-4660	1 year
Macedonia	Larry Spears	509 Railroad Bed Pike	Summertown	931-279-0729	2 years
Highland Park	Bob Johnston	42 Johnston Road	Lawrenceburg	931-629-9262	3 years

## BUILDING AND GROUNDS

					Term
Lawrenceburg First	Ken Hamby	99 Mint Springs Rd	Ethridge	931-829-2524	1 year
Center Point	Hobert Seymore	118 Ramah Rd	Leoma	931-242-0545	2 years
Oak Hill	Tony Shults	511 N. Military Street	Loretto	931-201-3774	3 years

## TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER

					Term
Park Grove	Ricky Cox	52 Day Road	Leoma	931-852-2358	1 year
FBC Loretto	Sammy Wallace	PO B ox 28	Loretto	256-810-9451	2 years
Summertown	Jim Mounts	253 Gobbler Springs Lane	Lawrenceburg	931-964-0202	3 years

## ANNUAL MEETING

Committee consists of General Officers of Association

## YOUTH

					Term
Center Point	Ethan Giles	113 White Way Lane	Leoma	731-267-1339	1 year
Lawrenceburg FB	Chuck Joiner	48 Hawthorne Dr.	Lawrenceburg	205-230-7178	1 year
Gum Springs	Isaac Brown	622 W. Irvine Ave	Florence, AL	256-764-2693	2 years
Lakeview	Greg Simpson	80 Pleasant Valley Rd.	Ethridge	931-201-2577	2 years
Leoma	Chad Franklin	6 Dunn Leoma Rd	Leoma	931-689-5070	3 years
Macedonia	Trea Dunnavant	2213 Cherry Dr	Pulaski	931-309-7625	3 years

## SEMINARY EXTENSION/CONTINUING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

					Term
Mars Hill	Mickey Brackin	630 Weakley Creek Rd	Lawrenceburg	931-762-6550	1 year
Lawrenceburg First	Robert McIlwain	306 Hood Lakes Rd	Lawrenceburg	931-242-2553	2 years
Faith	Dr. Steve Headrick	721 N. Military St	Loretto	205-531-0298	3 years

## CREDENTIALS

					Term
Meadow View	Charles Gresham	1710 Deer Hollow Dr	Lawrenceburg	931-766-6729	1 year
Ethridge First	Mike Wimberly	200 Walnut Av	Ethridge	270-350-0376	2 years
Mt. Horeb	Greg Ivey	30 Mt. Horeb Rd	Ethridge	931-207-0590	3 years

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

					Term
Leoma	David Byrd	425 Old Jackson Hwy	Loretto	931-853-7249	1 year
Lawrenceburg First	Jeff Vanlandingham	2100 Springer Rd	Lawrenceburg	931-762-9292	2 years
Summertown	Howard Kitter	PO Box 89	Summertown	931-279-1015	3 years

## TRUSTEES

					Term
Macedonia	David Chapman	5 Blackwood Rd	Summertown	931-964-2321	1 year
Highland Park	Bob Johnston	42 Johnston Road	Lawrenceburg	931-629-9262	2 years
Macedonia	Nick Patterson	221 Greenwood Road	Lawrenceburg		3 years

## ASSOCIATIONAL COUNCIL

Moderator	Howard Kitter	PO Box 89	Summertown	931-964-3387
Vice-moderator	David Simmerman	6 Dunn Leoma Road	Leoma	931-852-2904
Clerk	Donna Wilbanks	109 W. Commerce St	Loretto	931-629-8761
Treasurer	Rhonda Brown	1220 Wesley Court	L'burg	931-242-7393
Small Groups Dir.	David Simmerman	260 Dunn Fall River Road	Lawrenceburg	931-982-3764
Discipleship Dir.	Jose Fernandez	604B 2 <sup>nd</sup> Av	Meadow View	931-762-0954
WMU Director	Cheryl Augustin	1617 Sundown Drive	Lawrenceburg	931-762-0582
Brotherhood Dir.	Mike Gower	2950 Lawrenceburg Hwy	Lawrenceburg	931- 322-5212
Evangelism Dir.				
Missions Dev. Dir.	Steve Flippo	2427 Hwy 43 S	Leoma	931-852-4700
Music Director	Greg Ivey	30 Mt. Horeb Road	Ethridge	931-207-0590
Youth Coordinator	Tim Abernathy	PO Box 89	Summertown	931-477-5513
Seminary Ext. Chair.	Mickey Brackin	630 Weakley Creek Rd	Lawrenceburg	931-762-6550
Finance Chairman	Brant Wilson	411 9th Street	Lawrenceburg	931-762-0979
Personnel Chairman	Jimmy Nave	212 Marston St	Lawrenceburg	931-244-0151
Prayer Coordinator	Jerry Roebuck	139 Rabbit Trail Rd.	Pine Grove	931-215-6226
Constitution Chair.	David Byrd	425 Old Jackson Hwy	Loretto	931-853-7249

All Committee Chairpersons as needed.



# Registered Messengers to the 2017 Annual Meeting

## **BEECH GROVE**

Rev. David Gallaher  
Jessie Rodgers  
Lisa Rodgers

## **DEERFIELD**

Ferris Yarbrough  
Patrick Augustin  
Judy Petrich  
Josh Ray  
Sarah Wilkes

## **ETHRIDGE FIRST**

Rev. Mike Wimberly  
Debbie Wimberly  
Mackie Hovater  
Susan Hovater  
Norman Calvert

## **FAITH**

Rev. Steve Headrick  
Beth Murrell  
Joyce Kelley  
Catherine Burden  
Janice Wade

## **HIGHLAND PARK**

Rev. Ricky Cotton  
June Sandlin  
Dawn Brown  
Bob Johnston  
Kevin Chaney

## **IMMANUEL**

Lou Durham  
Frank Angus  
Linda Warren

## **LAKEVIEW**

Greg Simpson

## **LAWRENCEBURG**

### **FIRST**

Robert McIlwain  
Katie McIlwain

## **LEOMA**

Rev. David Simmerman  
Randy Myers  
Sue Myers  
Clarence Smith  
Betty Smith  
Travis Moore  
Alesha Moore

## **LORETTO FIRST**

Rev. Sammy Wallace  
Rev. Clayton Wilbanks  
Donna Wilbanks

## **MACEDONIA**

Rev. Larry Spears  
Joyce Spears  
David Chapman  
Jerry Ivie  
Trea Dunnavant  
Hannah Spears  
Bryant Gobble  
Ernestine Curtis  
Todd Ozment  
Patsy Ivie

## **MEADOW VIEW**

Rev. Jimmy Nave  
Charlie Cook  
Beverly Cook

## **MT. HOREB**

Rev Greg Ivey  
Rich Edmondson  
Carol Edmondson

## **NEW PROSPECT**

Kim Bivens

## **OK**

Brent Perry  
Monica Perry  
Gary Hawn  
Darryl Brown

## **PARK GROVE**

Rev. Ricky Cox  
Evelyn Cox  
Ronnie Perry  
Brenda Perry  
Betty Perry  
Bill Patterson

## **PINE GROVE**

Rev. Jerry Roebuck  
Pamila Roebuck  
Frances Hartsfield

## **RAMAH**

Pearl Richardson

## **SUMMERTOWN**

Rev. Howard Kitter  
Vicky Kitter  
Jim Mounts  
Susie Mounts  
Joan Wedhoff  
Billy Burdette  
Tony Kidd  
Riki Kidd

## **TRINITY**

Rev. Steve Inman  
Rone Simbeck

## **WEST POINT**

Rev. Jerry McLain  
Sheila McLain

# Directory of Churches and Pastors

## **Barnesville Baptist Church**

413 Railroad Bed Pike  
Summertown, TN 38483  
Interim Pastor Charles Gresham

## **Beech Grove Baptist Church**

380 Mt. Lebanon Road  
Lawrenceburg, TN 38464  
Pastor David Gallaher

## **Blooming Grove Baptist Church**

246 Blooming Grove Road  
Five Points, TN 38457  
Mail: 162 Freeman Hill Rd  
Leoma, TN 38468  
Pastor Barry Sells

## **Bonnertown Baptist Church**

1130 Rabbit Trail Road  
Five Points, TN 38457  
931-556-3040  
Mail: 99 Hood Hollow Rd.  
Five Points, TN 38457  
Pastor Chris Joiner

## **Brace Baptist Church**

Brace Road  
Summertown, TN 38483  
Mail: 232 Britney Circle  
Summertown, TN 38483  
Pastor Jason Davis

## **Center Point Baptist Church**

348 Rabbit Trail Road  
Leoma, TN 38468  
931-852-2099  
Pastor Isaiah Craig

## **Copperas Branch Baptist Church**

887 Old Florence Pulaski Rd.  
Leoma, TN 38468  
931-852-4234  
Mail: 41 E. Richardson Road  
Leoma, TN 38468  
Pastor Richard Clinard

## **Deerfield Baptist Church**

4200 Waynesboro Highway  
Lawrenceburg, TN 38464  
931-762-5696  
deerfieldsec7@gmail.com  
Pastor Tony Gordy

## **Ethridge First Baptist Church**

206 Walnut Avenue  
Ethridge, TN 38456  
931-829-2687  
Mail: PO Box 117  
Ethridge, TN 38456  
Pastor Mike Wimberly

## **Faith Baptist Church**

723 N. Military Street  
Loretto, TN 38469  
931-853-4800  
www.faithbaptist.org  
Pastor Dr. Steve Headrick

## **Five Points Baptist Church**

867 Rabbit Trail Road  
Five Points, TN 38457  
Mail: 251 Second Creek Rd.  
Five Points, TN 38457

## **Gum Springs Baptist Church**

932 Wesley Chapel Road  
Lawrenceburg, TN 38464  
Pastor Chad Clanton

## **Highland Park Baptist Church**

709 1st Avenue  
Lawrenceburg, TN 38464  
931-762-2104  
www.highlandparkbc.org  
Pastor Ricky Cotton

## **Immanuel Baptist Church**

709 E. Gaines St.  
Lawrenceburg, TN 38464  
931-762-4669  
www.myimmanuel.net  
Interim Pastor Reggie Coleman

## **Iron City First Baptist Church**

16 Third Street  
Iron City, TN 38463  
931-845-4769

## **Lakeview Baptist Church**

15 Ford Road  
Leoma, TN 38468  
Mail: PO Box 158  
Leoma, TN 38468  
Pastor Jerry Clayton

## **Lawrenceburg First Baptist Church**

2100 Springer Road  
Lawrenceburg, TN 38464  
931-762-9292  
www.fbclawrenceburg.com  
Pastor Jeff Vanlandingham

## **Leoma Baptist Church**

6 Dunn Leoma Road  
Leoma, TN 38468  
931-852-2904  
www.leomabaptist.org  
Pastor David Simmerman

**Liberty Grove Baptist Church**  
768 Fairview Road  
Loretto, TN 38469  
931-853-7103  
www.libertygrovebaptist.org  
Pastor Jeff Putman

**Loretto First Baptist Church**  
110 N. Main Street  
Loretto, TN 38469  
931-852-7171  
Mail: PO Box 28  
Loretto, TN 38469  
office@fbcloretto.org  
www.fbcloretto.org  
Pastor Sammy Wallace

**Macedonia Baptist Church**  
105 Macedonia Road  
Lawrenceburg, TN 38464  
Mail: 2 Bennett Road  
Lawrenceburg, TN 38464  
931-762-4716  
Pastor Larry Spears

**Mars Hill Baptist Church**  
630 Weakley Creek Road  
Lawrenceburg, TN 38464  
931-762-6550  
www.mymarshall.com  
Pastor Mickey Brackin

**Meadow View Baptist Church**  
312 Kennedy Street  
Lawrenceburg, TN 38464  
931-762-6686  
mvbc312@yahoo.com  
Pastor Jimmy Nave

**Mt. Horeb Baptist Church**  
24 Mt. Horeb Road  
Ethridge, TN 38456  
931-829-2496  
Pastor Greg Ivey

**Meadow View Baptist Church**  
312 Kennedy Street  
Lawrenceburg, TN 38464  
931-762-6686  
mvbc312@yahoo.com  
Pastor Jimmy Nave

**Mt. Horeb Baptist Church**  
24 Mt. Horeb Road  
Ethridge, TN 38456  
931-829-2496  
Pastor Greg Ivey

**New Hope Baptist Church**  
46 Jones Chapel Road  
Leoma, TN 38468  
Pastor Rodney Krick

**New Prospect Baptist Church**  
3911 Pulaski Highway  
Lawrenceburg, TN 38464  
931-762-7929  
www.npbc5.com  
Pastor Brad Lowery

**Oak Hill Baptist Church**  
510 Old Florence Pulaski Rd.  
Leoma, TN 38468  
Pastor Tony Shults

**OK Baptist Church**  
2710 Granddaddy Road  
Lawrenceburg, TN 38464  
931-762-6653  
Pastor Arnold Brown

**Park Grove Baptist Church**  
866 Ethridge Redhill Road  
Lawrenceburg, TN 38464  
931-762-0681  
Pastor Ricky Cox

**Pine Grove Baptist Church**  
42 Day Road  
Leoma, TN 38468  
931-556-2081  
Pastor Jerry Roebuck

**Ramah Baptist Church**  
591 Rabbit Trail Road  
Leoma, TN 38468  
931-852-4722  
Pastor Mark Nelson

**St. Joseph First Baptist Church**  
3698 Highway 43 S.  
St. Joseph, TN 38481  
931-852-4303  
www.sjfbcc.com

**Summertown Baptist Church**  
90 Highway 20  
Summertown, TN 38483  
931-946-3387  
Mail: PO Box 89  
Summertown, TN 38483  
Pastor Howard Kitter

**Trinity Baptist Church**  
257 Mahr Avenue  
Lawrenceburg, TN 38464  
931-762-6002  
Pastor Steve Inman

**Westpoint Baptist Church**  
131 Church Street  
Westpoint, TN 38486  
Mail: 1932 Tennessee Street  
Westpoint, TN 38486  
Pastor Jerry McLain

# Directory of Associate Pastors

Deerfield	Patrick Augustin, Student Minister
Gum Springs	Isaac Brown, Associate Pastor/Youth
Lawrenceburg First	Chuck Joiner, Minister of Youth and Children
Leoma	Mahlon Fisher, Associate Pastor Chad Franklin, Student Pastor
Liberty Grove	Ronnie Galloway, Associate Pastor
Loretto First	Clayton Wilbanks, Worship and Senior Adult Pastor Kenneth Parker, Student Pastor
Macedonia	Trea Dunnavant, Student Pastor
Mars Hill	Robin Kidd, Associate Pastor - Music Ben Emerson, Pastor of Student Ministry Chad Moore, Associate Pastor - Pastoral Ministry, Evangelism, and Outreach Billy Redd, Associate Pastor - Family Pastor, Children, and Director of Media Arts Gary Hughes, Assoc. Pastor - AWANA, Celebrate Recovery Daniel Brackin, Youth Worship Leader, Multicultural Minister Lewis Thomas, Missionary
New Prospect	Mark Threadgill, Worship Connection Pastor Jaime Hagan, Church Health Pastor Kyle James, Community Impact Pastor Greg Morris, Staff Evangelist and Outreach Pastor
Summertown	Tim Abernathy, Minister to Students

# Ordained Ministers

**Barnesville Baptist Church**  
Odell Spears

**Beech Grove Baptist Church**  
David Gallaher

**Blooming Grove Baptist Church**  
Barry Sells

**Bonnertown Baptist Church**  
Chris Joiner

**Brace Baptist Church**  
Jason Davis

**Center Point Baptist Church**  
Isaiah Craig  
Hobert Seymore

**Copperas Branch Baptist Church**  
Richard Clinard

**Deerfield Baptist Church**  
Tony Gordy  
Patrick Augustin

**Ethridge First Baptist Church**  
Mike Wimberly

**Faith Baptist Church**  
Dr. Steve Headrick  
Audie Bogus

**Gum Springs Baptist Church**  
Chad Clanton

**Highland Park Baptist Church**  
Ricky Cotton  
Bob Johnston

**Immanuel Baptist Church**  
Reggie Coleman

**Lakeview Baptist Church**  
Jerry Clayton

**Lawrenceburg First Baptist**  
Jeff Vanlandingham  
Chuck Joiner  
Elmer Cole  
Glenn Hester  
Robert McIlwain

**Leoma Baptist Church**  
David Simmerman  
Mahlon Fisher  
Chad Franklin  
Ethan Giles  
Bobby Belew  
Randy Myers

**Liberty Grove Baptist Church**  
Jeff Putman  
Larry Johnson  
Jerry Poe

**Loretto First**  
Sammy Wallace  
Clayton Wilbanks  
Kenneth Parker  
Chris Fleming

**Macedonia**  
Larry Spears  
Charles Peters

**Mars Hill**  
Mickey Brackin  
Robin Kidd  
Ben Emerson  
Chad Moore  
Gary Hughes  
Billy Redd  
Daniel Brackin  
Lewis Thomas  
Ben Gooch  
Barry Fralix  
Jimmy Jones

**Meadow View**  
Jimmy Nave  
Charles Gresham

**Mt. Horeb**  
Greg Ivey

**New Hope**  
Rodney Krick

**New Prospect**  
Brad Lowery  
Mark Threadgill  
Jaime Hagan  
Kyle James  
Greg Morris  
Tim Scott, Sr.  
Brent Hill

**Oak Hill**  
Tony Shults

**OK**  
Arnold Brown

**Park Grove**  
Ricky Cox

**Pine Grove**  
Jerry Roebuck  
Nathan Holloway

**Ramah**  
Mark Nelson

**Summertown**  
Howard Kitter  
Tim Abernathy  
Ralph Myers

**Trinity**  
Steve Inman

**Westpoint**  
Jerry McLain

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

## **Barnesville**

Troy Newell

## **Beech Grove**

Jessie Rodgers

## **Blooming Grove**

Bronzell Fowler

## **Deerfield**

Ferris Yarbrough

## **Ethridge First**

Norman Calvert

## **Faith**

Beth Murrell

## **Five Points**

Jimmy McMasters

## **Highland Park**

Bob Johnston

## **Immanuel**

Frank Angus

## **Iron City First**

Rayford Kimbrell

## **Lakeview**

Greg Simpson

## **Lawrenceburg First**

Robert McIlwain

## **Leoma**

Travis Moore

## **Liberty Grove**

Wesley Creekmore

## **Loretto First**

Kenneth Parker

## **Macedonia**

Don Risner

## **Mars Hill**

Michael Gower

## **Meadow View**

Jose Fernandez

## **Mt. Horeb**

Rich Edmondson

## **New Hope**

Donald Ray

## **Park Grove**

Ronald Perry

## **Pine Grove**

Jerry Gowen

## **Ramah**

David Adams

## **Summertown**

Jim Mounts

## **Trinity**

Rone Simbeck

## **Westpoint**

Billy Story

# **CONSTITUTION**

## **ARTICLE I. Name, Faith, Purpose**

Section 1. This body shall be known as the **Lawrence County Association of Baptists**.

Section 2. It shall be the purpose of this Association to promote fellowship among the churches; to conduct a definite work of local missions in cooperation with the churches of the Association; to encourage these churches to support the cooperative work of evangelism, missions, Christian education, and benevolence as fostered by the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention; and to engage in any other activities which it shall deem proper and wise for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

Section 3. The statements of Faith of this Association, which shall be the basis of cooperation and fellowship, shall be The Baptist Faith and Message, a statement adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention on June 14, 2000. (See copy of The Baptist Faith and Message)

## **ARTICLE II. Membership**

The Association shall be composed of duly elected messengers from cooperating Baptist churches wishing to carry out the purpose of this Association as set forth in Article I of this Constitution.

## **ARTICLE III. Officers**

Officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Director of Missions, and any others which the Association shall see fit to elect.

## **ARTICLE IV. Executive Committee**

The Association shall have an Executive Committee whose duty shall be to care for every interest of the Association and to direct its activities from the adjournment of a session to the convening of the next.

## **ARTICLE V. Organizations and Special Promotions**

The following programs shall promote the organized work of our churches: Sunday School, Discipleship Training, Music Ministry, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union, Evangelism, Stewardship, Missions Development, and any others which the Executive Committee or the Association may approve in the future.

## **ARTICLE VI.**

The Association may adopt such by-laws, not in conflict with the Constitution, as it may deem advisable. The by-laws may be amended at any session of the Annual Meeting, after presentation at a prior session of the same Annual Meeting by a two-third-majority vote of the messengers present and voting.

## **ARTICLE VII. Amendment**

The Constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting of the Association provided notice, in writing, of the proposed amendment has been presented to the Association at the Annual Session preceding the year at which action is taken. A two-thirds majority vote of the messengers present (and voting) shall be required to amend this Constitution.

## **ARTICLE VIII. General**

Section 1. The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed as our guide.

Section 2. The Associational year shall begin October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

# **BY-LAWS**

## **ARTICLE I. Election & Duties of Associational Officers**

Section 1. The officers (Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer and any others which the association shall see fit to elect) shall be elected annually upon nominations from the floor, by a majority of messengers present. Outgoing officers will officiate at the Annual Meeting. They shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified. When two or more are nominated for the same office, the vote shall be by secret ballot.

Section 2. The Moderator and Vice Moderator shall not serve more than two years successively. In case of death, moving from the Association, or disability of the Moderator, the Vice-Moderator shall automatically become Moderator.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at the Annual Meeting, Executive Committee Meetings and any called meeting of the Association.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Vice Moderator to preside in the absence of, or at the request of, the Moderator.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer with the assistance of the Secretary to receive all funds and keep an accurate account of same. He shall disburse all undesignated funds according to the order of the Association or its Executive Committee, and all designated funds as they are designated; to make a complete monthly report to the Executive Committee and a full report to the Association.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Association and its Executive Committee and to make a full report to the Association.

Section 7. The Director of Missions shall be in charge of the Associational Office, edit promotional material, direct Associational work. He shall submit an annual report to the Association and monthly reports to the Executive Committee (See Article V, Section 1, Election).

## **ARTICLE II. Meetings**

Section 1. The Association shall meet annually at such times and places specified at its previous Annual Meeting. The Executive Committee shall have authority to make changes in time and place of any meetings if necessity arises.

Section 2. In case of necessity, the Moderator, upon a majority vote of the Executive Committee, shall call special meetings of the Association. The cooperating churches shall be notified in writing at least one week before the called meeting. The purpose of the special meetings shall be stated, but other necessary items of business may be transacted. The messengers of the preceding meeting shall constitute the body unless the churches elect and certify new messengers.

## **ARTICLE III. Trustees Duties**

Section 1. The Association shall elect a board of trustees (three in number), to comply with the articles of incorporation on file with the secretary of the state of Tennessee; their terms so rating that the term of one will expire each year. A trustee cannot be re-elected until a period of one year has lapsed. These trustees are authorized to hold, purchase, and receive title to real estate and other property by devise, gift, grant, or parcel, or other conveyance, with power to mortgage, borrow money, sell or convey the same or any part, parcel or portion thereof, when so directed by the Association.

Section 2. Any vacancy occurring between Annual Meetings shall be filled by the Executive Committee for the unexpired time of that vacancy.



## **ARTICLE IV. Membership – Messengers and Duties**

Section 1. Each of the cooperating churches within the Association shall be entitled to a minimum of two (2) messengers. No church shall be entitled to more than ten (10) messengers. Churches with more than fifty (50) total members are entitled to additional messengers as outlined in the following table:

<b>Total Church Members</b>	<b>Maximum Number of Messengers</b>
<b>Up to 50</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>51 to 75</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>76 to 100</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>101 to 125</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>126 to 150</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>151 to 175</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>176 to 200</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>201 to 225</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>226 or more</b>	<b>10</b>

A pastor or staff member is not automatically a messenger; in order to vote, they must be elected as one of the church's total number of messengers.

Churches may elect alternate messengers who may attend and vote in case a primary messenger is not able to attend. (These alternate messengers may only vote if they are taking the place of a primary messenger who is not present). The names of all messengers, both primary and alternate, must be submitted to the Association office in writing on the Annual Church Profile in order to be eligible to vote in the Annual Meeting. Ten (10) voting messengers is the limit for any one church regardless of total membership.

Section 2. Each church shall elect its messengers according to its method and shall certify them to the Association in its Annual Letter to the Association. Messengers must be members of the Church electing them.

Section 3. Any church desiring membership in this Association shall make written application to the Credentials Committee, three (3) months prior to the Annual Meeting in the year the application is to be considered. After careful study and examination by the Credentials Committee for soundness in doctrine, practice, and missionary endeavor, the Credentials Committee shall make its report and/or recommendation at the annual Meeting of the Association in its opening session. If the application is approved by a majority vote of two-thirds of the messengers present, the messengers of applying church shall be received and the Associational Moderator, on behalf of the Association, shall extend the right hand of fellowship.

Section 4. Churches shall make annual reports to the Association immediately following the close of the Associational year. Any church failing for three (3) consecutive years to make such a report or failing to cooperate through support and participation, shall be considered as having withdrawn from the Association and shall be dropped from the roll of this body, provided the Credentials Committee shall have communicated with the church each year relative to its failure to report. Churches should be represented at least once during the year at the Associational Executive Committee meetings and the Annual Associational meetings.

Section 5. Each church shall be encouraged to contribute gifts regularly to the Association to defray its expenses.

Section 6. As an associated body, the Association disclaims any power or ecclesiastical jurisdiction over any church, yet it is its responsibility to determine for itself of the propriety of continuing any church in its fellowship. Any complaint by cooperating church of the Association against any other church cooperating with this body shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee. The Committee shall make an earnest study of the situation and seek fair and just reconciliation if impossible to establish. The Executive Committee shall bring its report and or recommendation to the next Annual Meeting. Withdrawal of fellowship from any church shall require a majority vote of the messengers present. The Association may advise, counsel, and propose solution, but cannot enforce them upon the churches.

## **ARTICLE V. Executive Committee: Duties**

Section 1. In the event a vacancy occurs, the Executive Committee shall be responsible for securing a Director of Missions. The Committee shall elect a Search Committee of at least six persons who shall seek out a director. Their recommendation, including salary, house or housing allowance, office, working conditions, and other agreements, shall be presented to the Executive Committee. The approval of the Executive Committee shall constitute a call. The Executive Committee shall also be responsible for the employment and working agreements of other employees, except the secretary, who shall be employed by the Director of Missions and be responsible to him.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of (1) the Associational Officers, (2) active pastors of the cooperating churches in the Association, (3) one other member of each church, elected by the church and certified to the Association in its Annual Letter or to the Executive Committee by subsequent letter, (4) Program Directors of the Association, (5) chairman of all Standing Committees.

Section 3. At least 25% of the cooperating churches shall be represented to constitute a quorum in a regular or called meeting.

Section 4. Regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held monthly at such time and place, as the committee shall determine. The Moderator may call special meetings with sufficient advance notice to the membership stating time, place and purpose of meeting.

## **ARTICLE VI. Election and Function of Program Directors**

**Section I.** The Program Directors shall be elected annually at any Executive Committee Meeting prior to June upon the recommendation from the Nominating Committee. These should take advantage of training opportunities provided by the Tennessee Baptist Convention and others that are feasible. They should work together to strengthen church leaders through workshops, conferences and leadership training meetings. Directors and their team of officers should be responsible for advertising and notifying respective church directors, pastors, and church secretaries of their program's associational activities.

**Section II.** Program directors and their team of officers should meet at least quarterly. In their summer meeting before the annual meeting they should plan their program and budget for the next year. The program schedule should include all training, planning meetings and activities along with tentative dates and budgeted amounts. This should be presented to the director of missions and finance committee for approval so that these items can be included in the associational budget and on the calendar. No program will be included in the budget until these requirements have been met.

**Section III.** Program Directors may enlist, with the aid of the Nominating Committee, additional workers to carry out the function of the program. These workers shall be recommended by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Association. Vacancies occurring shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

### **Section IV**

A. Sunday School Director – This director shall assist and challenge churches to improve and enlarge all areas of their Sunday School through planning, training, administration activities, consultation, program interpretation, and cooperative projects by use of an Associational Sunday School Improvement Support Team (ASSIST).

B. Discipleship Training Director – This director shall assist in starting, improving, and expanding Christian discipleship through their church training programs.

C. Music Director – This director shall enhance the redemptive mission of churches through assisting in establishing, conducting, enlarging and improving their music ministries.

D. Brotherhood Director – This director shall help churches involve men and boys in mission education and mission action.

E. Woman's Missionary Union – This director shall assist churches in promoting missions and in establishing, enlarging, and strengthening WMU work.

F. Evangelism Director – This director shall lead the Association (as churches and as programs) to address the priority of evangelism in its area.

G. Stewardship Director – This director shall assist churches in the development of individual and corporate stewardship.

H. Mission Development Director – This director shall lead the Association (as churches and as programs) to address the priority missions frontiers in their area.

I. Prayer Coordinator – This director shall encourage the churches to “engage the church as a body as well as individual members in focused and “disciplined prayer” for the church in its local mission; for the denomination in its world mission.”

J. Pastoral Ministry – This director shall lead in planning, promotion, conducting and evaluating associational Pastoral Ministries.

### **Section V**

Directors for other programs may be added on approval by the Executive Committee or the Association.

## **ARTICLE VII Committees**

Section 1. Standing Committees shall be: (1) Finance (2) Nominating (3) Committee on Committees (4) Annual Meeting (5) Building and Grounds (6) Youth (7) Time, Place and Preacher (8) Seminary Extension/Continuing Christian Education (9) Personnel (10) Credentials (11) Constitution and By-laws (12) Memorials (13) Resolutions, and any others as approved by the Association or Executive Committee.

## Section 2. Basic Guidelines

(A) The Moderator and the Director of Missions are ex-officio members of all committees.

(B) Care should be exercised to see that churches are proportionally represented on committees. No committee should have more than one member from any church.

(C) Standing Committees shall consist of three (3) members except the Finance, Personnel and Youth Committee, which shall have six (6). Standing Committees shall be elected on a rotating basis, with members elected to serve three years, one third (1/3) being elected each year. No member rotating off a committee is eligible for re-election to that committee until one year has lapsed.

(D) The first name listed (in order of rotation) is responsible for calling a meeting committee if no chairman is designated. The committee in such case may elect its chairman.

(E) Standing Committees shall make a report to the Annual Meeting.

## Section 3. Duties of Committees

### A. Finance Committee shall:

(1) Give general supervision to the entire Associational finance program.

(2) With the advice and approval of the Executive Committee, recommend an annual budget to the Annual Association. This proposed budget shall be prepared in September.

(3) Receive budget requests from various organizational heads of the Association.

(4) Review all non-budgeted requests arising from either the Executive Committee or the Annual Session: such requests should be automatically referred to the Finance Committee unless adopted by a two-thirds majority

(5) Direct the Treasurer to see that a detailed report of all receipts and disbursements is made each month. This report shall show an analysis of cash in the bank and indicate whether receipts are over and under budget requirements.

(6) Inform the various heads of organizations of the Association that the Treasurer will pay only those expenditures bearing the endorsement of the head of the organization.

(7) All budget funds not utilized by any organization of the Association shall revert to the general treasury at the end of the Associational year.

(8) See that the Treasurer and other persons the Finance Committee deems necessary are adequately bonded. The cost of said bond to come from the Associational funds.

(9) Serve as audit committee. The Treasurer is ex-officio member of this committee.

### B. Nominating Committee shall:

(1) Nominate the Program Directors to the May Meeting of the Executive Committee.

(2) These, upon election, will then become a part of the Nominating Committee and nominate to the Fall Session all other organizational officers; one member on Committee on Committees and a Trustee.

(3) Serve throughout the year nominating persons to fill vacancies.

### C. Committee on Committees shall:

(1) Nominate members as needed for three-year terms on all Standing Committees.

EXCEPTION: Committee on Committees shall be named by the Nominating Committee.

(2) Nominate to the Executive Committee persons to fill vacancies.

### D. Annual Meeting Committee shall:

(1) Consist of the officers of the Association.

(2) Plan and promote Annual Meetings of the Association.

(3) Notify all program participants, by letter, of their assignments on the program of the Annual Association.

(4) Prepare and distribute to the Executive Committee and all churches several copies of the Annual Program in September.

### E. Building & Grounds Committee shall:

(1) Oversee all Associational property and make recommendations to the Executive Committee relative to upkeep. Expenditures for small items and routine items covered in the budget need no approval.

(2) Make recommendations for any improvements not referred to a special committee by the Executive Committee.

### F. Youth Committee shall:

(1) Have as an additional member, the president of the Associational Youth Organization.

(2) Give guidance to the total Associational Youth Program, working with the officers of the Youth Organization in formulating a program of work activities.

(3) Have adult supervision for all youth activities/meetings.

**G. Time, Place, Preacher Committee shall:**

(1) Recommend to each Annual Meeting (at the last session) the time(s) and place(s) for the next Annual Meeting after considering any and all invitations from member churches.

(2) Recommend the person to preach the Annual Sermon, and an Alternate which shall close the first session of the Annual Meeting.

**H. Seminary Extension/Continuing Christian Education Committee shall:**

(1) Provide opportunities for theological education for ministers and lay persons.

**I. Personnel Committee shall:**

(1) Assist the association in matters related to employment personnel administration as set forth by the By-laws and in present and future job descriptions adopted by the association.

(2) Be responsible for yearly evaluation of association staff performance.

**J. Credentials Committee shall:**

(1) Examine the credentials of churches requesting admission into the association, and communicate with churches who may be in violation of Article 4, Section 3.

(2) Examine the procedures, operation and denominational relationship of missions and new churches.

(3) Recommend that churches applying for membership into Lawrence County Association of Baptists after being examined according to (1) and (2) above be brought into the fellowship of Lawrence County Association of Baptists.

**K. Constitution & By-laws Committee shall:**

(1) Periodically review the associational organization and procedures in relation to the Constitution and By-laws and recommend to the association any proposed changes as it deems necessary.

(2) Study matters concerning the associational Constitution and By-laws which may be referred to it by the association or by any other source, and report/or recommend its finding to the association.

**L. Memorial Committee shall:**

Plan an appropriate memorial service to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

**M. Resolutions Committee shall:**

(1) Present appropriate resolutions at the Annual Meeting.

**ARTICLE VIII Associational Council**

Section 1. The Associational Council shall:

A. Consist of

(1) All officers of the Association.

(2) All Program Directors.

(3) Chairman of all committees.

B. Be chaired by the director of missions and have the associational secretary serve as secretary.

Section 2. Have as its chief duties:

(1) Preparing an Associational Calendar, scheduling and completing all meetings and activities through the Calendar.

(2) Making such suggestions to the Executive Committee as it may deem wise.

(3) Developing long-range plans with measurable goals.

**Article IX. Statement of Biblical Authority**

The statement of faith (The Southern Baptist Convention, "The Baptist Faith & Message," June 14, 2000) does not exhaust the extent of our faith. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of church doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Executive Committee, Officers, and Credentials Committee is the association's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

#### **ARTICLE X. Statement on Marriage and Sexuality**

We believe that the term “marriage” has only one meaning and that is marriage sanctioned by God which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture.

We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to only occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality, such as adultery, fornication, homosexuality, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pornography or any attempt to change one’s sex, or disagreement with one’s biological sex, is sinful and offensive to God.

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of the association of Baptist Churches, and to provide a biblical role model to churches, church members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by the association in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, should abide by and agree to this Statement on Marriage and Sexuality and conduct themselves accordingly.

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with scripture nor the doctrines of the church or this association of Baptist churches.

Lawrence County Association of Baptists  
Minutes of the Annual Meeting  
October 9, 2017

**Session I**

1. David Byrd called the meeting to order.
2. Trea Dunnavant welcomed everyone, and led in prayer.
3. Charles Gresham read the Memorial Names and remembered those of who have gone home to heaven in the past year. He led in prayer.
4. David Byrd welcomed our guests. He introduced Archer Thorpe from the TBMB, who presented a plaque to Steve Flippo in recognition of Lawrence County churches' giving to the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions. He then gave a report from the TBMB.
5. Clayton Wilbanks led the congregation in worship.
6. Jerry Roebuck led in a concert of prayer.
7. Election of Officers
  - a. Rich Edmondson nominated Donna Wilbanks to remain as clerk. Larry Spears seconded. All approved.
  - b. Ferris Yarbrough nominated Rhonda Brown to remain as treasurer. Seconded by Clayton Wilbanks. All approved.
  - c. Nominations were taken for Vice Moderator. David Simmerman was nominated. Clayton Wilbanks moved to close nominations and accept David Simmerman as Vice Moderator. Sammy Wallace seconded. All approved.
  - d. Nominations were taken for Moderator. Howard Kitter was nominated. Robert McIlwain moved to close nominations and accept Howard Kitter as Moderator. Seconded by Clayton Wilbanks. All approved.
8. Committee Reports:
  - a. Treasurer's Report for year was presented. Motion to approve by Robert McIlwain. Seconded by Ferris Yarbrough. Approved as written.
  - b. Committee on Committees Report was presented. Already approved by Executive Committee.
  - c. Nominating Committee Report was presented. Already approved by Executive Committee.
  - d. Finance Committee Report . Travis Moore, chairman of Finance Committee, spoke to the point of having to cut the budget due to decreased giving by churches. He challenged churches to tithe their income to the Association. Budget recommendation for 2018 was presented, to be voted on in second session.
  - e. Time, Place, and Preacher committee made a recommendation of moving the Annual Meeting to the month of September, on the 2nd Sunday of the month. This is to alleviate conflicts with Oktoberfest, sporting events, and school Fall Break. After a time of discussion, Sammy Wallace made the motion to accept this recommendation. Clayton Wilbanks seconded. All approved.
9. Clayton Wilbanks led in worship. Lee Boyd brought special music, "Chain Breaker".
10. Larry Spears brought an energizing and inspiring message from Isaiah 6.
11. Charles Gresham closed the session in prayer and included a blessing for the meal.

## Session II

1. David Byrd called the second session into order.
2. International Mission Board video report from David Platt was shown.
3. Steve Flippo recognized new pastors and staff members since last year's meeting.
4. Worship led by Clayton Wilbanks.
5. Tennessee Baptist Mission Board video report from Randy Davis, TBMB Executive Director.
6. Jimmy Nave led in a concert of prayer.
7. David Byrd opened the business session.
  - a. Executive Committee Report was accepted as written.
  - b. DOM report was accepted as written.
  - c. Budget Adoption: Motion to adopt the 2018 Budget as presented by the Finance Committee was made by Clayton Wilbanks. Seconded by Jim Mounts. All approved.
8. Appreciation was expressed for the 2017 Officers.
9. Presentation of the 2018 Officers was made.
10. Howard Kitter led in prayer.
11. New business: kitchen door at LCAB offices needs replacement. Entire frame is split. Motion to repair door made by Clayton Wilbanks. Seconded by Travis Moore. All Approved.
12. Dr. Steve Headrick was recognized to share a special offering need. Gail Tapp, widow of a former pastor in Lawrence County, is in extreme financial difficulties and will lose her home without help from God's people. Voted to receive an offering to be sent to the mortgage company to help pay her house note. Notice will be sent to pastors, and gifts will be accepted until Nov. 1st. An offering of \$1686 was taken up to give for Gail.
13. Worship and special music led by Clayton Wilbanks.
14. Steve Flippo brought a message.
15. David Simmerman closed in prayer.
16. Steve Flippo adjourned the business meeting with a word of encouragement to "Depart and do your part!"





9. Speaker: Dr. Steve Freeman, President of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, was our special guest. He shared his heart with the pastors, and where the focus of the TBC is going and how they want to help the local association and churches.
10. Interim DOM Report: Charles Gresham gave an update on what he's doing to be of service to the pastors and churches of Lawrence County. He reminded everyone about the VBS Mission Teams the Association is working to put together for churches in need of VBS help.
11. Announcements: There are refreshments downstairs when you finish praying in groups.
12. Prayer Requests-break into groups and pray for the following:
  - a. Churches looking for pastors: Iron City, Immanuel, Five Points, Mt. Horeb
  - b. Pray for each other in your groups.

### February 13, 2017

1. David Byrd called the meeting to order.
2. Tony Gordy welcomed everyone and asked for prayer requests:
  - a. Barry Sells' son, Jody, has been having seizures. Not sure of cause.
  - b. Howard Kitter's mother is on hospice care.
  - c. Joe Taylor lost his brother today.
  - d. Rich Edmondson has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.
  - e. J. D. Bosheers had a motorcycle wreck that tore off his kneecap.
  - f. Wesley Bosheers, J.D.'s son, a police officer, was in a hit and run while on patrol.
  - g. Larry Spears is having health issues.

Tony Gordy led in prayer for these.
3. David Byrd brought a devotion from Isaiah 40.
4. Officer Reports:
  - a. Minutes from last meeting were presented. Motion to approve as written made by Bob McIlwain. Seconded by Jim Mounts. All approved.
  - b. Treasurer's Report for January was presented. Motion to approve was made by Andy Long. Seconded by Tony Gordy. All approved.
5. Committee Reports:
  - a. DOM Search Team Report: They are meeting and trying to condense the large group of resumes down to the most qualified for our needs. They are also looking at the issue of re-defining the job description for the DOM. Team member Andy Long shared how amazing it is that the Team is very like-minded in what they are looking for, and for the most part are in strong agreement on the direction we need to search.
6. Old Business:
7. New Business none
8. DOM Report: Bro. Charles spoke a word about what he's been doing and that he is available whenever needed. Reminded everyone of the Pastor's fellowship lunch at noon on the first Thursday of every month at Square 40. Asked for volunteers for next month's meeting location.
9. Announcements:
  - a. Lakeview is gearing up for their annual Life Skills Summer Camp. Missionary Scott England is seeking the help of partner churches, guest speakers, craftsmen, and others with special skills to participate in the camp. This is his 3<sup>rd</sup> year to lead the camp that teaches students ages 13-15 how to do basic skills that are needed in everyday life. They're planning the 3-day, 2-night camp for June 20<sup>th</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup>, but that is still tentative.
  - b. Andy Long shared the vision and work that he and Jennifer are doing to grow the Special Olympics in Lawrence County. It is a ministry opportunity to "the least of these" and to their families. They're having a "Be a HERO" auction and BBQ Plate fundraiser on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Serving begins at 5:00pm, auction starts at 6:30pm. It will be held at Coleman United Methodist Church in Lawrenceburg.
10. David Byrd made the motion to adjourn. All approved.
11. Tony Gordy closed in prayer.

### **March 13, 2017**

1. David Byrd called the meeting to order.
2. Jerry Clayton welcomed everyone and opened in prayer.
3. David Byrd brought a devotion from I Cor. 5:17.
4. Officer Reports:
  - a. Minutes from last meeting were presented. Motion to approve as written made by Bob Johnston. Seconded by Tony Shults. All approved.
  - b. Treasurer's Report for February was presented. Motion to approve was made by Ferris Yarbrough. Seconded by Greg Simpson. All approved.
5. Committee Reports:
6. DOM Search Team Report: They have condensed the stack of resumes down to about 8-10. These are ones that every member of the committee had picked out to give closer consideration. Waiting to hear back from these to see if they are still interested in pursuing the position. Then we will begin the process of meeting with each candidate.
7. Old Business:
8. New Business:
9. Clyde Hand shared about several ministries he oversees.
  - a. "Take One" Program-- Prison Ministry: Churches partner with inmates about to be released and spend a year helping them get back into society. Recidivism rates much higher with participants.
  - b. Mexico Missions: LCAB helped build Shalom Baptist Church in Mexico. They still need financial support to meet the needs of Pastor Abner and his family, and to continue to feed the community children every Sunday. Also, support needed to build or locate a building for a church in Sinaloa, Mexico.
10. DOM Report: Bro. Charles spoke a word about where he's been preaching, and that he is available whenever needed. Saturday, March 18th, we'll have a VBS Preview Day at the Assoc. Bldg. from 1-3pm. Reminded everyone of the Pastor's fellowship lunch at noon on the first Thursday of every month at Square 40.
11. Announcements:
12. David Byrd made the motion to adjourn. All approved.
13. Closed in time of prayer at the altar.

### **April 10, 2017**

1. David Byrd called the meeting to order.
2. David Byrd opened in prayer.
3. Greg Ivey brought a devotion
4. Program Reports:
  - a. Minutes from last meeting were presented. Motion to approve as written made by Andy Long. Seconded by Jim Mounts.
  - b. Treasurer's Report for March was presented. Motion to approve was made by Charles Gresham. Seconded by Travis Moore. All approved.
5. Committee Reports: DOM Search Committee is working hard and has narrowed it down to 1 candidate. Planning an in person interview in a few weeks. Andy Long stated that this has been the smoothest process and that it is obvious how much God has been in control of it entirely.
6. Old Business: none
7. New Business: Would it be possible to add more information on each preacher to the Pulpit Supply list? It would help to know a little background info on the people before they are called on to fill a pulpit.
8. DOM Report: Charles Gresham gave an update on his work over last few weeks. Brace celebrated their 100th Anniversary of being a church, and he presented them a plaque from the TBC.
9. Announcements:
  - a. FCA is doing a fundraiser Golf Tournament on April 28<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Leoma's Car Show and Fish Fry will be April 29<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Barnesville is in the planning stages of a Youth Rally in late July.
10. Time of prayer for these:
  - a. Churches without pastors.

- b. DOM Search Committee
  - c. Government
  - d. Military
  - e. Students
  - f. Connie Gallaher
  - g. Greg Ivey family in death of lost aunt and her lost family that has cut off Greg's father & family
  - h. Missionaries
  - i. Sadie McIlwain's brother has cancer
11. Bob Johnston made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Robert McIlwain. All approved. Meeting was adjourned.
  12. David Byrd closed in prayer.

### **May 8, 2017**

1. Vice Moderator Mike Wimberly called the meeting to order.
2. Larry Spears opened in prayer.
3. Jimmy Nave brought a devotion
4. Program Reports:
  - a. Minutes from last meeting were presented. Motion to approve as written made by Bob Johnston. Seconded by Robert McIlwain.
  - b. Treasurer's Report for March was presented. Motion to approve was made by Jim Mounts . Seconded by Robert McIlwain. All approved.
5. Committee Reports: none
6. Old Business: none
7. New Business:
  - a. Report from the DOM Search Team:
  - b. After much research, prayer, discussion, and interviews, the Director of Missions Search Team unanimously recommends calling Bro. Steven D. Flippo, of Muscle Shoals, AL, to be our new Director of Missions.
  - c. Candidate was given opportunity to speak to Board members.
  - d. Time of questions for candidate.
  - e. David Simmerman made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Dom Search Team to call Steve Flippo as the Director of Missions for the Lawrence County Association of Baptists. Coming from a committee it does not need a second. Floor was opened for discussion.
  - f. After a brief discussion, a vote was called for. Ballots were distributed and then collected. Charles Gresham, Interim DOM and Mike Wimberly, Vice Moderator, counted the ballots. The vote tally was 100% unanimous to call Bro. Steven D. Flippo as the Director of Missions for Lawrence County Association of Baptists.
  - g. Bro. Steve was introduced as the next Director of Missions for the Lawrence County Association of Baptists.
8. Announcements:
  - a. IGNITE- Aug. 28-30: Richard Parker is the speaker, JJ Weeks Band will lead in worship
9. Time of prayer for these:
  - a. IGNITE
  - b. Leoma's Denver church plant mission trip--if anyone would like to help, there are several ways you can help
  - c. Bro. Steve knows of a team that will come help churches with their VBS
  - d. Charles Gresham led in prayer over Bro. Steve and Cala Flippo

### **June 2017 No meeting due to SBC**

### **July 17, 2017**

1. David Byrd called the meeting to order.
2. Jeff Vanlandingham opened in prayer.

3. Steve Flippo brought a devotion on Life Service, not Lip Service.
4. Program Reports:
  - a. Minutes from last meeting were presented. Motion to approve as written made by Jeff Vanlandingham. Seconded by Clayton Wilbanks. All approved.
  - b. Treasurer's Report for March was presented. Motion to approve was made by Rich Edmondson. Seconded by Farris Yarbrough. All approved.
5. Committee Reports: DOM Search Committee is finished!
6. Old Business: Meetings--monthly, bi-monthly, or quarterly? After discussion, David Simmerman motion to meet monthly, but one month have business and the next month just prayer and fellowship. It will be left up to the discretion of the DOM whether to have business on even months and prayer on odd months, and where meetings will take place. Motion was seconded by Jerry Roebuck and Rich Edmondson. All approved.
7. New Business: none
8. DOM Report: Steve Flippo reviewed the printed report.
9. Announcements:
  - a. Barnesville Youth are going on a retreat on July 28th-29th. All youth are invited to participate.
  - b. If any church/pastor is interested in partnering with NMAB church plants in Denver, both Leoma and FBC Lawrenceburg have opportunities for your participation. Next trip is Sept. 14-16. See David Simmerman for more info.
10. Time of prayer for these:
  - a. McKamey Manor is a house of horrors that is opening in Summertown. Pray against the spirit of evil that rules this place, and the influence it will have over our communities and our youth.
  - b. Barnesville Youth retreat
  - c. Bro. Steve's house closings
  - d. Family of David Rickard, friend of Charles Gresham
  - e. Mickey Brackin--biopsy
  - f. Pine Grove--in need of a van that runs; use it weekly to bring kids to church
  - g. Churches without pastors.
11. Clayton Wilbanks made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by David Simmerman. All approved. Meeting was adjourned.

# Committee on Committees Report 2018

## FINANCE

Term	Name	Church	Home #	Cell #	Email
1 yr	Brant Wilson	Meadow View	762-0979	242-6026	
1yr	Lenny Pack	FBC L'burg	829-2155	242-3745	chapmantire@lorettotel.net
2 yrs	Tony Gordy	Deerfield		244-4393	deerfieldrev@yahoo.com
2 yrs	Darrell Moyer				
3 yrs	Bob Roysden	Highland Park	829-4614		
3 yrs	Brett Weaver	FBC Loretto		201-9328	brett@brettweaver.com

## PERSONNEL

Term	Name	Church	Home #	Cell #	Email
1 yr	Jimmy Nave	Meadow View		244-0151	jnave2@yahoo.com
1yr	David Daniel	Mars Hill	762-5956	629-5499	
2 yrs	Chad Franklin	Leoma		698-5070	chad@leomabaptist.org
2 yrs	David Gallaher	Beech Grove	762-4831		
3 yrs	Arnold Brown	OK	853-4362	309-4609	acbpreach@yahoo.com
3 yrs	Ricky Cotton	Highland Park	762-9786	242-7940	cottonr129@gmail.com

## YOUTH

Term	Name	Church	Home #	Cell #	Email
1 yr	Ethan Giles	Center Point		731-267-1339	
1yr	Chuck Joiner	FBC L'burg		205-230-7178	chuck@fbclawrenceburg.com
2 yrs	Isaac Brown	Gum Springs	256-764-2693		
2 yrs	Greg Simpson	Lakeview	201-2577		
3 yrs	Chad Franklin	Leoma		698-5070	chad@leomabaptist.org
3 yrs	Trea Dunnavant	Macedonia		309-7625	rdunnavant3@hotmail.com

## NOMINATING

Term	Name	Church	Home #	Cell #	Email
1 yr	Dr. Steve Headrick	Faith	853-4460	205-531-0298	faithrev@lorettotel.net
2 yrs	Larry Spears	Macedonia		279-0729	lspears@lcss.us
3 yrs	Bob Johnston	Highland Park		629-9262	

## BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Term	Name	Church	Home #	Cell #	Email
1 yr	Ken Hamby	FBC L'burg	829-2524		
2 yrs	Hobert Seymore	Center Point		242-0545	
3 yrs	Tony Shults	Oak Hill	853-7427	201-3774	tforchrist8@gmail.com

## SEMINARY

Term	Name	Church	Home #	Cell #	Email
1 yr	Mickey Brackin	Mars Hill	766-0197	279-0482	mickbullhead@yahoo.com
2 yrs	Robert McIlwain	FBC L'burg		242-2553	bandkmcilwain@att.net
3 yrs	Steve Headrick	Faith	853-4460	205-531-0298	faithrev4@gmail.com

## CREDENTIALS

Term	Name	Church	Home #	Cell #	Email
1 yr	Charles Gresham	Barnesville	766-6729	231-5470	gmgreshtp@yahoo.com
2 yrs	Mike Wimberly	FBC Ethridge		270-350-0376	mwimberly@lorettotel.net
3 yrs	Greg Ivey	Mt. Horeb		207-0590	gwiveyvine@gmail.com

## CONTSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Term	Name	Church	Home #	Cell #	Email
1 yr	David Byrd		853-7249	231-9713	Davidbyrd31@yahoo.com
2 yrs	Jeff Vanlandingham	FBC L'burg		279-1752	jeff@fbclawrenceburg.com
3 yrs	Howard Kitter	Summertown		279-1015	brok@stownbaptist.org

## TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Term	Name	Church	Home #	Cell #	Email
1 yr	Ricky Cox	Park Grove	556-2358		rdcox@lorettotel.net
2 yrs					
3 yrs	Sammy Wallace	FBC Loretto	853-3034	256-810-9451	brosammy@lorettotel.net

# Nominating Committee Report 2018

<b>Trustees</b>	David Chapman	Macedonia	1 year
	Bob Johnston	Highland Park	2 years
	Nick Patterson	Macedonia	3 years

<b>Committee On Committees</b>	Arnold Brown	Center Point	1 year
	Brett Weaver*	Loretto	2 years
	Mike Aaron	Macedonia	3 years

PROGRAMS	NAME	CHURCH	POSITION
<b>Small Groups</b>	David Simmerman	Leoma	S.S. Director
			V.B.S. Director

<b>Music</b>	Greg Ivey	Mt. Horeb	Director
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<b>Discipleship Training</b>	Jose Fernandez*	Meadow View	Director
	Renita Copeland	Copperas Branch	Extreme Bible Drill Leader
	Renita Copeland	Copperas Branch	Youth Bible Drill Leaders
	Bruce & Susan Landtroop	New Prospect	Children's Bible Drill

<b>Brotherhood/Men</b>	Mike Gower	Mars Hill	Director
	Stanley Faulkner	Summertown	Disaster Relief

<b>Evangelism</b>			Director
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<b>W.M.U./Women</b>	Cheryl Augustin	Deerfield	Director
	Betty Smith	Leoma	Secretary
	Beth Murrell	Faith	W.O.M. Consultant
			Acteen Consultant
	Carol Edmondson	Mt. Horeb	G.A. Consultant
	Lou Durham	Immanuel	Mission Growth Consultant
	Linda Warren	Immanuel	Training Consultant

<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	Jerry Roebuck	Pine Grove	Coordinator
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<b>Youth</b>	Tim Abernathy	Summertown	Coordinator
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<b>Memorials</b>	Charles Gresham	Barnesville	Director
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<b>Missions Development</b>	Steve Flippo	DOM	Missions Development Director
	David Simmerman	Leoma	Small Groups Director
	Cheryl Augustin	Deerfield	WMU Director
	Mike Gower	Mars Hill	Brotherhood/Men's Ministry
	Jose Fernandez*	Meadow View	Discipleship Director
			Evangelism Director
	Greg Ivey	Mt. Horeb	Music Director
	Tim Abernathy	Summertown	Youth Coordinator
	Jerry Roebuck	Pine Grove	Prayer Coordinator

\* indicates new person in that position

## Treasurer's Report

	Oct-Dec 2016	Jan-Sept 2017			Jan-Sept 2017
<b>NON-DESIGNATED GIFTS</b>			<b>NON-BUDGET FUND EXPENDITURES</b>		
Barnesville	\$ -	\$ 210.00	5200 Youth Ignite Expenses		\$ 4,390.16
Beech Grove	\$ -	\$ -	5501 Love Offering Expenses		\$ 500.00
Blooming Grove	\$ 150.00	\$ 400.00	5600 Misc. Items Expenses		\$ -
Bonnertown	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00	5700 Unbudgeted Expenses		\$ -
Brace	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	<b>Total Non-Budget Expenditures</b>		<b>\$ 4,890.16</b>
Center Point	\$ 57.74	\$ 207.50	<b>BUDGET EXPENDITURES</b>		
Copperas Branch	\$ 100.00	\$ 450.00	6102 Partnership Missions		\$ 500.00
Deerfield	\$ 2,279.94	\$ 7,155.45	6106 Disaster Relief		\$ -
Ethridge FBC	\$ 472.81	\$ 1,478.77	<b>Total Evangelism/Missions Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 500.00</b>
Faith	\$ 682.16	\$ 2,042.36	6203 Discipleship Training		\$ -
Five Points	\$ 273.58	\$ 812.25	6209 Promotion/Advertising		\$ -
Gum Springs	\$ -	\$ -	6212 Seminary Ext/Con't Ed		\$ -
Highland Park	\$ 518.03	\$ 2,293.85	6213 Youth Ministry		\$ 3,500.00
Immanuel	\$ 1,352.95	\$ 3,963.52	6214 Fellowship		\$ 291.85
Iron City First	\$ 357.57	\$ 950.65	6215 Media Library		\$ -
Lakeview	\$ -	\$ -	6216 Fair Ministry		\$ 225.00
Lawrenceburg First	\$ 2,870.41	\$ 8,776.01	6217 Church Administration		\$ -
Leoma	\$ 3,832.92	\$ 12,214.39	<b>Total Ministry Expenditures</b>		<b>\$ 4,016.85</b>
Liberty Grove	\$ -	\$ -	6301 Office Supplies		\$ 336.77
Loretto First	\$ 330.00	\$ 990.00	6302 Postage		\$ 1,248.96
Macedonia	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,800.00	6303 Copier		\$ 1,190.00
Mars Hill	\$ 300.00	\$ 900.00	6304 Office Administration		\$ 186.63
Meadowview	\$ 704.51	\$ 837.03	6305 Office Utilities		\$ 4,322.33
Mt. Horeb	\$ 680.00	\$ 2,145.00	6306 Insurance		\$ 3,100.00
New Hope	\$ -	\$ -	6307 Building Maintenance		\$ 510.06
New Prospect	\$ 300.00	\$ 900.00	6308 Lawn Care		\$ 950.00
Oak Hill	\$ -	\$ -	6309 Janitorial Supplies		\$ 163.35
OK	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	6310 New Equipment		\$ 378.53
Park Grove	\$ 399.12	\$ 957.41	6311 Hospitality		\$ 18.06
Pine Grove	\$ 250.03	\$ 749.97	6313 Memorial Gifts/Flowers		\$ 125.00
Ramah	\$ 100.00	\$ 450.00	6315 Secretary Training		\$ 109.94
St. Joseph First	\$ 436.00	\$ 1,221.00	6318 DOM Hospitality		\$ 298.15
Summertown	\$ 3,862.68	\$ 12,539.32	6319 Auto Reimbursement		\$ 1,075.47
Trinity	\$ -	\$ 500.00	<b>Total Operating Expenditures</b>		<b>\$ 14,013.25</b>
West Point	\$ -	\$ 450.00	6401 DOM Salary		\$ 17,504.50
<b>Total Church Gifts</b>	<b>\$ 21,735.45</b>	<b>\$ 66,444.48</b>	6402 DOM Housing Allowance		\$ 5,880.00
<b>Other Income</b>		2017 YTD	6403 DOM Health Insurance		\$ 527.32
Fund Incomes		\$ 3,252.44	6404 DOM Annuity		\$ -
Interest Income		\$ 9.21	6405 DOM Life Insurance		\$ -
TBC Supplement		\$ 7,820.00	6408 DOM Professional Exp		\$ -
<b>TOTAL ALL INCOME</b>		<b>\$ 77,526.13</b>	6411 DOM Personal Accident		\$ -
<b>GENERAL FUNDS</b>			6460 Secretary's Salary		\$ 18,270.72
Checking Balance 1/1/2017		\$ 28,700.02	6461 Secretary's FICA		\$ 1,397.76
Total Income		\$ 77,526.13	6462 Secretary's Annuity/Ins		\$ 1,080.00
Total Available		\$ 106,226.15	6470 Custodian's Salary		\$ 2,250.00
Less Expenses		\$ 63,707.18	6471 Custodian's FICA		\$ 172.17
Checking Balance 9/30/2017		<b>\$ 42,518.97</b>	<b>Total Personnel Expenditures</b>		<b>\$ 47,082.47</b>
<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>			6500 Miscellaneous		\$ 38.00
World Missions Conf		\$ 10,347.49	6600 Unbudgeted		\$ -
Global Impact Funds		\$ 10,000.00	<b>TOTAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$ 63,707.18</b>
Capital Funds		\$ 34,895.46	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$ 68,597.34</b>
New Work Funds		\$ 14,364.64			
ted FBC Ethridge Gifts		\$ 492.91			
Total Money Market Balance		<b>\$ 69,607.59</b>			
<b>IGNITE Fund Balance:</b>		<b>\$ 1,321.14</b>			
Designated Gifts from:					
FBC Lawrenceburg		\$ 350.00			
Leoma		\$ 500.00			
FBC Loretto		\$ 1,000.00			
Macedonia		\$ 12,000.00			
Summertown		\$ 450.00			
Deerfield		\$ 500.00			
Meadow View		\$ 300.00			



**LCAB Finance Committee 2018 Budget Recommendation**

		2017	2018
<b>Evangelism/Missions</b>			
6101	Evangelism Events	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00
6102	Partnership Missions	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 750.00
6103	World Missions Conf	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
6104	WMU/Women's Ministry	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 800.00
6105	Missions Development	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00
6106	Disaster Relief	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>\$ 4,201.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,501.00</b>
<b>Ministry</b>			
6201	Sunday School	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00
6202	Vacation Bible School	\$ 500.00	\$ 200.00
6203	Discipleship Training	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00
6204	Brotherhood/Men's Min.	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00
6205	Prayer Ministry	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00
6207	Prison/Jail Ministry	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00
6209	Promotion/Advertising	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00
6210	Pastoral Orientation	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00
6211	Music Ministry	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00
6212	Seminary Extension		\$ 1.00
6213	Youth Ministry	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
6214	Fellowship	\$ 800.00	\$ 300.00
6215	Media Library	\$ 250.00	\$ 100.00
6216	Fair Ministry	\$ 250.00	\$ 125.00
6217	Church Administration	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>\$ 7,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,476.00</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
6301	Office Supplies	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
6302	Postage	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,800.00
6303	Copier	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,100.00
6304	Office Administration	\$ 300.00	\$ 250.00
6305	Office Utilities	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
6306	Insurance	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,200.00
6307	Building Maintenance	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,250.00
6308	Lawn Care	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,500.00
6309	Janitorial Supplies	\$ 225.00	\$ 200.00
6310	Office Equipment	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
6311	Office Hospitality	\$ 300.00	\$ 250.00
6312	Annual Meeting	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00
6313	Memorial Gifts	\$ 300.00	\$ 200.00
6314	Pastor Appreciation	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 750.00
6315	Assoc. Sec.Training	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00
6316	DOM convention/conf	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,000.00
6317	DOM cell phone	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,000.00
6318	DOM Hospitality	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00
6319	Auto Mileage	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>\$ 28,125.00</b>	<b>\$ 26,100.00</b>
<b>Personnel</b>			
6401	DOM Salary	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
6402	DOM Housing Allowance		\$ -
6404	DOM Annuity		\$ -
6405	DOM Life Insurance		\$ -
6408	DOM Professional Exp.		\$ -
6411	DOM Pers. Accident Ins.		\$ -
6460	Secretary Salary	\$ 24,360.96	\$ 24,360.96
6461	Secretary FICA	\$ 1,810.00	\$ 1,810.00
6462	Sec. Acc. Death/Life Ins--Annuity	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 1,440.00
6470	Custodian's Salary	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
6471	Custodian's FICA	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00
6480	Office Help	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
6481	Office Help FICA	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
6490	Staff Christmas Bonuses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>\$ 87,710.96</b>	<b>\$ 87,710.96</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
6500	Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00	\$ -
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>		<b>\$ 127,836.96</b>	<b>\$ 120,787.96</b>

## LCAB “Time, Place, & Preacher” Committee Report

The “Time, Place, & Preacher” Committee met on 9/16/17 at 6:30 PM. The following committee members were in attendance: David Gallaher, Ricky Cox, and Steve Flippo.

Due to several scheduling conflicts in the month of October, the committee would like to recommend that the 2018 Annual Meeting be moved to the 2nd Sunday afternoon/evening in September, which will be September 9, 2018. The meeting would be hosted by Gum Springs Baptist Church. Guest preachers would be Chad Clanton and Marty Dodge.

The Committee brings this recommendation to the Executive Committee of the Association assembled here at the Annual Meeting.

David Gallaher  
Ricky Cox

Baptist Memorial Health Care System  
Memphis, Tennessee  
Jason Little, President and CEO

Baptist Memorial Health Care began as a 150-bed hospital in downtown Memphis in 1912. It was formed by the Southern Baptist Conventions of Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas because they recognized a tremendous need for a health care facility in this part of the country. The hospital's early days were rough – at one point, it almost closed – but eventually it grew to become the largest private hospital in the world. The hospital played a very important role in the history of health care in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, celebrating many firsts along the way.

The Baptist Memorial Health Care system was created in 1981 to provide an integrated health care delivery system offering a full continuum of care to communities throughout the Mid-South. Today, a total of 14 hospitals in Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi; a 500-member physician group; and dozens of other entities are affiliated with Baptist.

Baptist Memorial Health Care's staff chaplains are a part of the health care team. Patients, family members or employees can ask that a chaplain be involved in spiritual or emotional care. In our hospitals, our chaplains represent their own faith but deal with spiritual issues that transcend denominational lines.

In August 2017, Baptist's Pastoral Care Department will introduce the Rev. Jimmy Terry Preaching Series: It's All About Jesus, named in memory of a beloved member of Baptist's Board of Trustees and the founder and former pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church who passed away in June 2017. Each month, an ordained Baptist minister will deliver an evangelical message to employees, physicians, patients and visitors at Baptist Memphis, our flagship hospital. The message will be broadcast to all 21 of Baptist's hospitals in Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas.

In April 2017, Baptist became the first organization in the world to receive a 10-star rating from Epic, one of the largest electronic health record providers in the nation. The distinction means that Baptist has adopted more of Epic's nearly 700 "Gold Star items" than any other health care organization.

Last July, Baptist Memphis began a family medicine residency program in partnership with Church Health, an organization that seeks to reclaim the Church's biblical commitment to care for our bodies and our spirits. Four residents began work in July, and plans are to add four new residents in 2017 and 2018.

Baptist Union City again earned an "A" in the Leapfrog Group's most recent Hospital Safety Scores survey and was named a Premier Inc. QUEST Award Finalist.

In July 2017, The Kemmons Wilson Family Center for Good Grief, Milla's House opened. The facility, named in memory of 6-year-old Milla Gieselmann, will offer free grief counseling to those who need help coping with the loss of a loved one.

## **Baptist & Reflector**

Change has been a key word for the *Baptist and Reflector* in 2017. In May, the *B&R* offices relocated with the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, to our new building just off Interstate 65, south of Franklin. Despite the move, the paper did not miss a publication date.

The *Baptist and Reflector* also had a major change in staffing. Connie Davis Bushey retired at the end of May after 32 years on staff. Connie was well known throughout Tennessee for her writing and photography. She will be missed. In July, David Dawson joined the Communications Team as communications specialist. He will assume many writing and editorial functions for the *B&R* while also being heavily involved in social media and other communications tasks.

The paper is mailed to nearly 22,500 homes 26 weeks a year, reaching a potential readership of about 56,000 people.

In addition, the *B&R* website has grown since it was introduced in late 2015. We have had more than 191,000 user engagements over the past 12 months in people who have gone to the website to read articles.

The goal of the paper is to "tell the story of Tennessee Baptists" through news, feature stories and photographs. As in the past, the paper this year placed a major emphasis on what Tennessee Baptists are doing to reach the world for Christ by focusing on stories related to missions and evangelism. This year the paper has focused on timely topics such as domestic violence that impact Tennessee Baptists and our churches.

The *Baptist and Reflector* continued to utilize social media tools in 2017 such as Twitter. Editor Lonnie Wilkey regularly writes a blog that provides information for Tennessee Baptists between print issues. The paper also has a Facebook page that will have more prominence with the addition of David Dawson to the Communications Team.

The staff monitors trends that could affect Tennessee Baptists and prints those stories to keep readers informed. In addition, opinions, both from the editor and others, are printed and are intended to make readers think, reflect, and act.

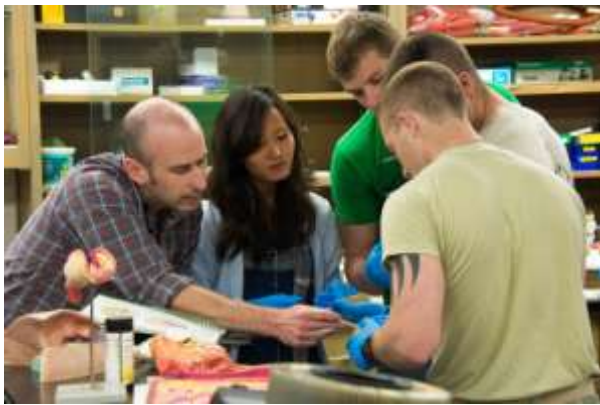
The paper continually seeks to enlist new subscribers and will be offering a simplified subscription plan in the near future. We need more churches to send the paper to their leadership such as deacons, Sunday School teachers, etc. For more information about subscription plans, call the *Baptist & Reflector* office at 1-800-558-2090 or (615) 371-2003.

**Lonnie Wilkey, Editor**

# CARSON-NEWMAN UNIVERSITY



Since its 1923 establishment, Baptist Collegiate Ministries has been a vital part of the C-N experience, including service across the globe.



Carson-Newman professors are driven to teach students about their world, fostering a Christian worldview.



Each year, hundreds of C-N students forgo traditional semester breaks in order to serve around the globe through SPOTS trips.



Each fall, C-N's campus community gathers to take part in Operation Inasmuch, a Saturday given to serving others through community projects and outreach.

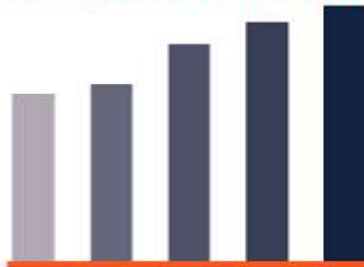


Since 2000, C-N nursing faculty and students have traveled to Haiti and the Dominican Republic, seeing as many as 1,000 patients in the course of a week.



Carson-Newman is a national leader in social gospel ministry, including a home repair ministry and Samaritan House, designed for families who need restorative housing options.

## ENROLLMENT GROWTH



1,967 2012  
2,045 2013  
2,362 2014\*  
2,528 2015\*  
2,659 2016\*

\*Historic record



# 17,992

Service Hours  
performed by  
Bonner Scholars  
2016-2017



# 118

Professions  
of **faith**

generated by efforts C-N  
students were part of; either  
on-campus or through  
mission trips, including  
SPOTS & BeachReach

# 16,000

Operation Inasmuch  
service hours  
over the last decade

**900**  
Patients Seen  
**2,000**  
Prescriptions  
Provided  
- during one Halti  
medical mission trip

# 6,500

guests have traveled  
to campus to view the  
 THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE



**30+**  
Baptisms  
during Athletic Camps  
this summer.

# 46,746

meals served  
to those in need at  
Samaritan House  
since 2012

# EARNING & LOVING

The genius of  
**Christian higher  
education**

is that **hearts are shaped**

while  
 **minds are sharpened.**

The beauty of  
**Christ-centered  
education**  
at **CARSON-NEWMAN**  
UNIVERSITY

is that **students receive lessons**  
while learning to **give of themselves.**

a sampling of which demonstrates the  
**breadth and depth**  
of **service learning,**  
**social ministry,**

and the **love**   
of the **Lord.**

## **Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy (dba The King's Academy)**

Featured Commencement speaker Scott Harris, who at the time was Chairman of the International Mission Board, addressed 1,000 people in the Tibbetts Building May 12, 2017, as 47 students from six nations received high school diplomas. Harris also serves as the Missions Pastor at Brentwood Baptist Church, Brentwood, Tennessee. He attended the academy as a middle school student prior to his family's international mission service in Barbados.

Steve and Arlene Debardelaben presented a unique husband-and-wife Baccalaureate message to seniors and other students May 11. The couple resides in Coral Gables, Florida, and has been actively working with CRU (Campus Crusade For Christ) since 1971. The Debardelabens serve as chaplains for the University of Miami sports teams and most of the professional sports teams in that area. Arlene attended the academy in the 1960s.

These are among the most exciting days in the academy's 135-year history! Students are achieving amazing academic success and developing a biblical world view that they can carry with them throughout their lives. Athletic teams are also experiencing major successes.

- Valedictorian Kaiyi Jiang was named a finalist in the Dongrun-Yau Science and Mathematics competition in Beijing, China. Kaiyi's research on breast cancer chemotherapy agents included very positive results with broccoli and a grass that grows in his home region of Dalian, China. He was selected from among 6,000 Chinese students throughout the world for the finalist honor.
- The high school girls' softball team repeated as Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association Division II-A Champions.
- Senior Niamh Schumacher won her eighth TSSAA II-A State Championship in Cross Country and Track.
- Niamh and sophomores Regan Weekly and Maddie Webber of the softball team were named to All-American teams for their accomplishments. These are the first students to earn All American recognition in school history.

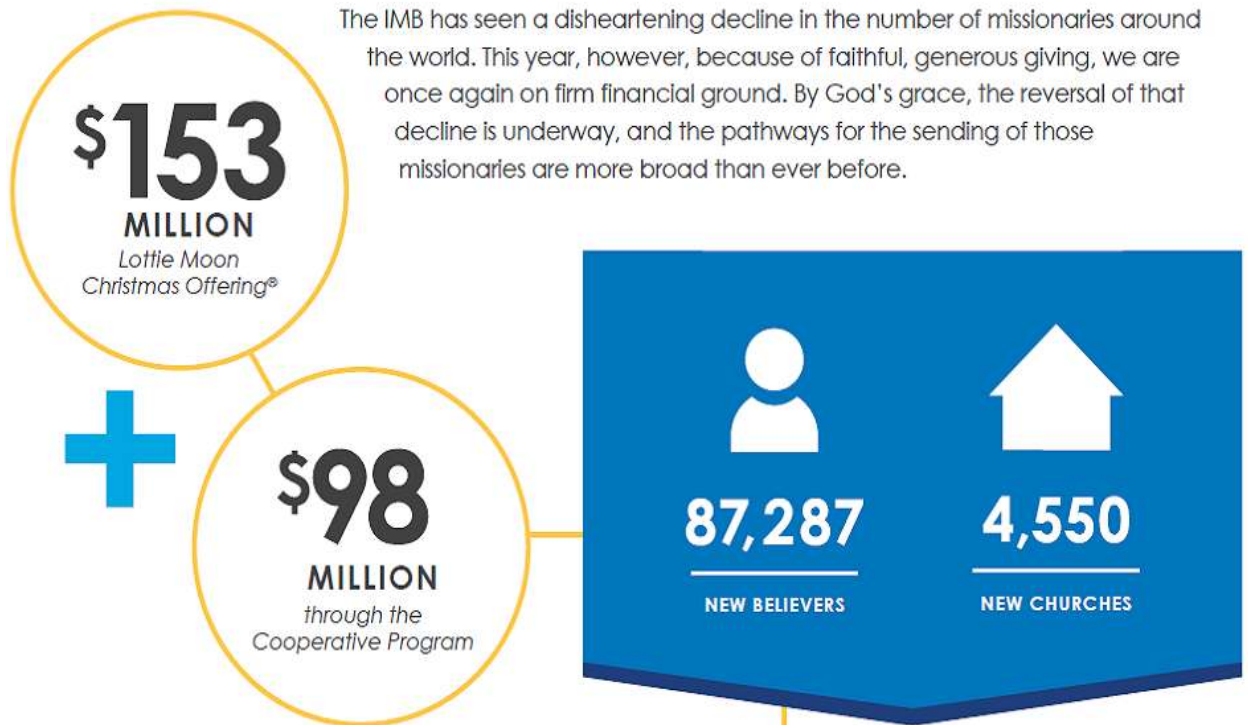
The academy celebrates the 85-year partnership with the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Boards of Trustees have guided the academy for over eight decades and the Cooperative Program enabled the academy to extend its outreach around the world. The distinctive boarding program attracts students from throughout the world. It is a unique opportunity to be involved in international missions in Tennessee!

New facilities add to the beauty of the academy's 67-acre campus. A second dining room offers a comfortable venue for private dinners, board meetings and overflow seating for the renovated Ashe Cafeteria. A new patio was installed at the front (main) entrance to the Anderson Building and all sidewalks on the front lawn have been replaced, all thanks to donors.

It is an honor to serve with Tennessee Baptists in this unique educational ministry.

Walter Grubb, President/Headmaster

As Southern Baptists, we celebrate a rich history of mission among unreached peoples and places. The heritage and identity of the SBC centers on delivering the good news of Christ to those who have not heard. And through cooperation, the International Mission Board has **partnered with more than 47,000 churches** to see disciples made and churches planted among them.



- IN JUST TWO YEARS, A CITY IN EAST ASIA THAT HAD NO CHRISTIAN PRESENCE HAS NOW SEEN 4 NEW CHURCHES START.**
- A MISSIONARY SHARED THE GOSPEL WITH A MAN WHO BECAME THE FIRST KNOWN BELIEVER AMONG HIS PEOPLE. NOW, 19 BELIEVERS MEET REGULARLY IN HIS VILLAGE.**
- THE FIRST CHURCH EVER STARTED AMONG A MUSLIM PEOPLE CALLED THE MWANI IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.**
- IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, WE'RE EQUIPPING A NATIONAL COUPLE WHO WILL GO FOR TWO YEARS THIS AUGUST TO REACH A DIASPORA PEOPLE GROUP OF 500,000 MIGRANTS.**
- IN EASTERN EUROPE, THE BIBLE HAS NOW BEEN TRANSLATED AND PRINTED IN THE UDMURT LANGUAGE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY.**
- A MAN IN SOUTH ASIA PUT HIS FAITH IN JESUS, WAS BAPTIZED, AND THEN LED 10 OF HIS FRIENDS TO CHRIST AND STARTED A DISCIPLESHIP GROUP WITH THEM.**
- AFTER 2.5 YRS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, ONE FAMILY HAS SHARED THE GOSPEL WITH OVER 800 PEOPLE IN THEIR HEART LANGUAGE—ARABIC.**

You have a role to play in God's Mission. Explore your next steps at [imb.org/next](http://imb.org/next).



Report to the Tennessee Baptist Convention  
Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes  
August, 2017

The ministries of Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes continue to Show What Love Is to over 320 seniors and adults with intellectual disabilities by providing a loving, Christian home for them. If you were to visit any of our facilities, you would hear the residents offer their personal words of thanks and appreciation for your prayers and financial support. On their behalf, please accept my sincerest gratitude. Your gifts to the Father's Day Offering make our ministry possible.

At our Baptist Health Care Center in Lenoir City we are providing 24/7 nursing care for about 70 senior adults who need medical and physical care and who are unable to provide care for themselves. The love and compassion shown by our staff is an extension of God's love and represents the call of all Christians to care for the weak and the weary. In a quickly changing landscape and culture in the health care arena, Baptist Health Care Center has always remained true to its mission to provide a "home" for those in need. Please continue to pray for BHCC over the coming months as TBAH strives to discern the direction for this facility.

Adjacent to BHCC is a new development called Williams Ferry Pointe for seniors who are able to live alone but want to be in Christian community with other seniors. There has been a recent stall in the building of new homes but we hope to see things crank up again soon so that this retirement community can continue to grow. This homeowner's association enjoys a relationship with the adjacent Baptist Health Care Center should the need arise for more involved care.

Rounding out our ministry to seniors are two other independent living locations. Baptist Village in Johnson City has 4 duplex homes providing a home for 8 retired ministers and missionaries. And, Deer Lake Retirement Community in Nashville is a condominium community of 135 units for senior living.

Our group home ministry for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities cares for 55 men and women in Nashville, Lebanon, Knoxville, and Jacksboro. The men and women in these homes need the love and compassion of dedicated staff who care for their physical and spiritual needs in these homes. These homes are answering the question that all parents of special needs adult children eventually ask, "Who is going to care for my son or daughter when I am no longer able?" Thank you, Tennessee Baptists, for answering in such a beautiful and meaningful way!

Finally, thank you for your gifts to the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions that make Special Friends Camps possible. This year, 250 adults with intellectual and physical disabilities enjoyed a week of fun, fellowship, Bible study and worship at Carson Springs and Linden Valley. The families who care for these campers the other 51 weeks of the year enjoyed a week of respite, knowing that their loved one was with our caring, Christian camp staff.

Mark Anderson  
President/Treasurer

## **The Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc.**

The Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes has been ministering to children from hard places for 126 years! While we are thankful for what the Lord has done throughout the years, we are excited about what He is going to do in the future through the ministry of TBCH.

In our desire to be good stewards of the resources the Lord provides, the strategic plan for TBCH is to streamline our residential ministries and expand our Foster Care ministry while adding Family Support Services enabling this ministry to impact an even greater number of children and families.

Join us in praising the Lord for the 23 children in our care who have been born again while on our campuses or in one of our foster homes! Through the faithful service of our staff, our foster families, the local church, and by God's grace an eternal impact is being made on the lives of the children who come into the care of TBCH.

As of this writing, TBCH has ministered to 143 different children in residential care this year. While many of these children still reside on one of our five campuses, 40 children have been successfully reunited with their families, and 18 children have been adopted and placed in a forever family! We continue to assist 10 of our young adults as they transition out of our care into adulthood.

TBCH's Foster Care Program has served 48 children and has had 22 Christian parents commit to be Foster Families. Several of these children are in "Foster to Adopt" situations that we are praying will result in more children having permanent homes. After meeting with Commissioner Bonnie Hommrich of the Department of Children's Services, we are looking forward to renewing our Foster Care contract with the State of TN allowing us to continue placing children who are in state custody with Christian parents.

Total Impact: The Lord has allowed TBCH the honor of ministering the love of Jesus Christ to a total of 1,101 souls through our residential and foster care programs from November 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017. This number reflects the specific individuals that have been affected by the ministry of TBCH including residents and their families, other families we have ministered through counseling as well as our foster children and their families.

This great work would not be possible without the faithful support of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Thank you for supporting the Cooperative Program and the Mother's Day Offering that directly blesses the children. TBCH is thankful for the many churches, individuals and businesses who serve and share their resources with us all year long.

Finally, thank you for caring about children who find themselves in hard places. They need us. The Lord has commanded us to meet their needs. And with your help and His strength, we will continue to minister to the defenseless in the great name of Jesus.

Greg McCoy  
President/Treasurer



*Serving Tennessee Baptists Since 1938*  
2017 Annual Report

Since 1938 the Tennessee Baptist Foundation has been of service to Tennessee Baptists and Kingdom causes around the world. The assets under management of the Foundation have grown from \$6,577 to \$142 million during that time. God continues to bless this ministry and we are pleased to make our report to the convention as to highlights for the fiscal year 2016-17. The Foundation is pleased to offer the following services to Tennessee Baptists:

- ◆ **Presenting informational Faith-based estate planning seminars for churches**
- ◆ **Working with individuals, helping them develop distinctively Christian personal estate plans**
- ◆ **Consulting with individuals on the preparation of their Wills and Powers of Attorney**
- ◆ **Assisting individuals in their establishment of various Charitable Trusts**
- ◆ **Serving as Trustee of trusts and funds committed to its care**
- ◆ **Providing investment services to Tennessee Baptist churches and institutions**
- ◆ **Serving as executor of estates, upon request, in which a Baptist cause(s) is a beneficiary**
- ◆ **Offering construction loans/permanent financing to Tennessee Baptist churches/associations**
- ◆ **Providing grants for qualifying new ministries and projects**

Highlights of the Foundation's stewardship this fiscal year include:

- ✓ **Funds under management: Over 1,100**
- ✓ **Assets under management: \$142,977,112 (as of July 31, 2017)**
- ✓ **New funds under fund management agreements: \$2.2 million (10 new funds)**
- ✓ **Educational grants and scholarships: 250 - totaling \$243,850 for 2017-2018 academic year (Over \$5.1 million since 1987)**
- ✓ **Special Project Grants: \$44,500 distributed to assist 5 new ministry projects**
- ✓ **Cooperative Program: \$382,196 as of July 31, 2017. Project to give over \$500,000 by year end.**
- ✓ **Other Baptist and charitable causes: \$2,313,484 as of July 31, 2017. Project to give over \$3 million by year end.**

The Tennessee Baptist Foundation is committed to helping Tennessee Baptists make *today's plans for tomorrow's impact*.

**C. William (Bill) Gruenewald, III**  
President-Treasurer

**Christopher L. Kelly, Esq.**  
Executive Vice President and General Counsel

# Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union 2017 Annual Report

August 23, 2017

The WMU emphasis for 2016-17 was "By All Means" based on 1 Cor. 9:19-23 focused us on challenging Christ followers to follow His example as we step into the world around us, cultivating relationships and creating opportunities to demonstrate the love of Christ.

Highlights from the past year include:

- The 2016-17 State Acteens Advisory Panelists were Kasie Ray; Cedar Hill Baptist Church; Cedar Hill and SandiGlen Jones, First Baptist Church Sevierville.
- The 2016 Week of Prayer for State Missions was September 11-18, 2016 and the theme was "It's Personal! Reach. Connect. Give". The goal for the 2016-17 Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions was \$1,850,000. As of August 23, 2017, the total amount given to the 2016-17 GOTM is \$1,836,059.03. With eight days left in the offering year (September 1 – August 31), we are hopeful that the goal will be met and exceeded. The celebration has already begun as the 2016-17 Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions is the largest amount ever given in the annual offering's 115-year history.
- October is always a busy time for children's missions events.
  - Over the three weekends of JAM, there were 504 participants, representing 53 different churches, with an additional 125 volunteers.
  - At RA Camp-O-Ree, there were 543 campers and adult leaders representing 35 churches, with 156 additional adults serving as volunteers.
- In December, Tennessee WMU mailed, on behalf of Tennessee Baptists, Christmas checks:
  - Checks for \$150 to twenty-seven missionary kids whose parents serve with IMB and are from Tennessee.
  - Checks for \$50 to ninety-two retired IMB missionaries who are from Tennessee.

These gifts are made possible through an allocation from the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions for nurturing Tennessee missionaries and their families.

- Missions Get-Together & Connection were held on March 31 – April 2, 2017 at the Gatlinburg Convention Center with a total attendance of 1,600. Rachel Lovingood from Cleveland was the keynote speaker for Missions Get-Together. Leigh Gray from Carmi, IL was the keynote speaker for Connection.
  - The annual offering totaled \$13,144. 90% was designated to the 2017 MK Re-Entry Retreat; 10% benefited Tennessee WMU Touch Tomorrow Today Endowment at the WMU Foundation.
  - Through the event ministry project, participants brought over 9,100 items to benefit City Reach: Knoxville.
- Martha Pitts from Germantown Baptist Church was elected to her second term as President, during the Tennessee WMU annual meeting on April 1, 2017 at the Gatlinburg Convention Center. Other officers elected for 2017-18 include: Recording Secretary, Charlyene Couey, Nashville; and Vice Presidents: Middle: Yolanda Houser, Crossville; West: Diane Sorrell, Covington and East: Janice Lewelling, Dunlap.
- In March 2017, \$31,800 in scholarships were awarded to 24 students attending graduate school, seminary, as well as, undergraduate schools in Tennessee during the 2017-18 school year. These scholarships are funded through endowments, invested funds and the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions.
- On August 1-4, 2017 Tennessee WMU hosted for the first time the MK Re-Entry Retreat at Carson Springs Baptist Conference Center in Newport. We had 86 Missionary Kids, who will be starting college this fall, six International Mission Board personnel, nine collegiate MK family group leaders, seven Tennessee WMU personnel and two people from Texas WMU, who will be hosting the retreat in 2018.

Tennessee WMU had four Prayerwalking Mission Teams with a total 14 participants go to Denver and Italy in 2017 through our prayer advocacy partnerships.

In 2017, we celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Christian Women's Job Corps in Tennessee. Currently we have 20 CWJC and eight Christian Men's Job Corps sites in Tennessee. This Christian based program, seeks to help men and women in breaking the cycle of poverty through job and life skills classes, Bible study and mentoring. In 2016, Tennessee sites served 1,639 participants with 741 completing the program. There were 210 spiritual decisions recorded, which included 40 professions of faith. Tennessee WMU hosted CWJC/CMJC National Certification Training (NCT) on June 7-10, 2017 at Carson Springs Baptist Conference Center in Newport. In all, 24 participants were trained in Level 1 and

eight in Level 2 representing seven different states. Tennessee was well represented with eight participants in Level 1 and six participants in Level 2.

- Sixteen Literacy Missions workshops were conducted this past year training 188 volunteers: 13 English as a Second Language workshops and three Adult Reading & Writing workshops. Statistics show that for every one full workshop where 25 volunteers are trained in how to start and lead an ESL ministry, one participant in the ministry will surrender their lives to the Lord. There are over 45 church and associational Literacy Missions ministry sites across the state.

Literacy Missions, Christian Women's Job Corps, and Christian Men's Job Corps are three great resources the Lord is using to accomplish the 5 Objectives of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

- The current Tennessee WMU staff are:
  - Vickie Anderson, Executive Director-Treasurer
  - Denise Bronaugh, Adult Missions and Ministries Specialist
  - vacant*, Preschool & Children Missions Specialist
  - Kendall Shirey, Student & Literacy Missions Specialist
  - Vickie Clemons, Administrative Assistant
  - Emily Traylor, Ministry Assistant
  - Brian Holt, RA/Challenger State Coordinator
  - Janice Carter, CWJC/CMJC State Coordinator

Working together to encourage and equip churches and individuals to engage in missions learning and involvement that helps them to fulfill the Great Commission.

Martha Pitts, President

Vickie Anderson, Executive Director-Treasurer



Union University is deeply grateful for our covenant partnership with the churches of the Tennessee Baptist Convention! Your gifts through the Cooperative Program help empower our mission. Now in our 194<sup>th</sup> year of operation, that mission remains to provide Christ-centered education that promotes excellence and character development in service to Church and society.

I wish you could see the many ways your prayers, support, and gifts make a difference in the lives of the 3,500 students and 800 faculty and staff members at Union. Please allow me to share a few examples of how we live out our core values: excellence-driven, Christ-centered, people-focused, and future-directed. Our Women's Cross Country Team won the Gulf South Conference Championship during fall 2016. That is a significant accomplishment in one of the toughest conferences in NCAA Division II. Additionally, both the Men's and the Women's Cross Country Teams qualified for the NCAA regional championship. On top of that, their Coach, Dr. Gary Johnson, was named Coach of the Year. And, among the over 400 colleges and universities that compete in NCAA Division II, our men's and women's teams had the highest team GPA (the men's team GPA was 3.76 and the women's was 3.94)! That is excellence-driven, Christ-centered, people-focused, and future-directed values in action.

You may have noticed that Union was moved up to the "National Universities" category in the US News and World Report rankings. Now, let me say quickly that we don't chase rankings at Union. Still, we are grateful when others see the good work happening at Union and tell others about it. The National Universities category is comprised of 310 institutions whose size, scope of academic program, and reach make them influential throughout the country. We give thanks to God for His favor and we consider this recognition as an even greater opportunity to bear witness to the transforming power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. By the way, among Tennessee universities, Union is ranked behind only Vanderbilt and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Last fall we welcomed a new class of freshman students that had an average ACT score of 26.1 (that's the highest average ACT score in Union's history). And, almost 80% of them came from Tennessee and TBC churches. We also graduated over 1,000 students this past year. Men and women who are now faithfully living out God's call on their lives. God is so very good to us.

Still, there is much work to do. We continue our collaboration with the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board toward the realization of the TBMB's Five Objectives. Please continue to pray for and support Union as we equip students to be salt and light in a world that desperately needs wise and thoughtful citizens, employees, church members, parents, ministers and ambassadors for Christ.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samuel W. Oliver".

Samuel W. "Dub" Oliver, Ph.D.  
President

MEMORIALS\*

<b>Barnesville</b> <hr/> Glenda Butler Dewey Konig Junior Shrader David Whitehead	<b>Beech Grove</b> <hr/> Carlos Glenn Jewell James	<b>Faith</b> <hr/> Mary Dickey Idell Johns Michael Newton
<b>Highland Park</b> <hr/> Charity Crews Mamie Kilburn Ray Littrell Geneva Maddox Millie McGuire Stella Urbick Bobbie Walker Jonny Webb	<b>Immanuel</b> <hr/> Maxine Alley Kaye Looney Dee Myhan Dr. M.L. Myhan Charlie Nash	<b>Iron City</b> <hr/> Loyd Cannon Faylah Looney Paul Purser Robert L. Roberson James H. Weaver
<b>Lawrenceburg First</b> <hr/> Wallace Arnold Helen Bobo Glen Kelso Marcie Lee Ginger Lindsey Shirley Moore Daryel Shelton Carrol Sturdivant Leo Underwood Carla Williams	<b>Leoma</b> <hr/> Helen Beddingfield Travis Coleman Mrs. Dene Cromwell Floyd Rushing, Jr. Alpha Spivy Marge Tatterson	<b>Liberty Grove</b> <hr/> Edna Farrell
<b>Loretto First</b> <hr/> Ken Beddingfield Tiffany Ferguson J.C. Peters	<b>Macedonia</b> <hr/> Gloria Roberts	<b>Mars Hill</b> <hr/> Dorothy Boston John Conley Marshall Daughtry Richard Hallmark J.R. Rochelle Janelle Tinin
<b>Meadow View</b> <hr/> Rose White	<b>New Prospect</b> <hr/> Elsie Clanton James Cox Danny Cromwell Christine Gambrell Bubba Keeter Ron McIntyre Mary Ruple	<b>OK</b> <hr/> Jo Nell James Jewel Pettus Jim Roberts

**Oak Hill**

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Ruby Luncford

**Park Grove**

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Dean Bunt  
Jeanette Matthews  
Elizabeth Rose

**Ramah**

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Johnny Glass  
Joe Nelson  
Russell Thomas

**St. Joseph First Baptist**

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Naida Border  
Robert Robertson

**Summertown**

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Donnie Blackwood  
Vesta Bradburn  
James Higginbotham  
Robert Hughes  
David Lindsey  
Annette Polluck  
Glenn Sexton  
Dot Tucker

\*Information gathered from 2017 Annual Church Profiles



## Digest of Letters from 2017 Annual Church Profiles

Congregation	Total Members	Resident Members	Total Baptisms	Other Additions	Worship Attendance	SS Enrollment	SS Avg. Attendance	DT Enrollment	Music Ministry	WMU Enrollment	Mens Ministry	Total Receipts
Barnesville	137	41	0	0	35	33	33	0	10	0	0	\$18,419
Beech Grove	179	168	0	4	27	30	20	0	0	0	0	\$26,032
Blooming Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
Bonnertown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
Brace	98	64	5	0	48	46	32	14	27	12	10	\$26,664
Center Point	206	156	32	18	185	69	40	60	1	0	30	\$72,380
Copperas Branch	65	65	4	0	92	92	84	84	0	0	0	\$287,186
Deerfield	278	242	14	4	160	151	115	85	80	26	25	\$204,784
Ethridge First	277	182	5	1	60	40	26	27	25	21	8	\$75,157
Faith	196	152	1	4	70	79	51	5	16	38	0	\$124,698
Five Points	98	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$3,100
Gum Springs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
Highland Park	480	248	3	10	83	81	79	0	18	0	0	\$100,207
Immanuel	243	243	5	6	125	173	103	34	63	29	0	\$288,176
Iron City First	76	50	0	0	30	28	15	18	6	2	0	\$44,115
Lakeview	47	45	2	0	34	18	15	11	3	0	5	\$22,150
Lawrenceburg First	520	506	7	10	224	386	223	30	56	18	0	\$684,533
Leoma	805	805	16	23	293	353	197	162	96	20	70	\$626,834
Liberty Grove	165	159	4	0	130	87	68	97	12	0	15	\$286,016
Loretto First	867	558	16	5	275	518	198	35	105	20	0	\$468,893
Macedonia	351	300	2	6	115	160	80	65	43	0	15	\$163,640
Mars Hill	1,708	1,632	28	45	850	421	396	195	90	0	0	\$0
Meadow View	272	244	5	2	75	99	57	0	25	4	0	\$97,685
Mount Horeb	241	180	0	2	70	56	0	0	9	10	0	\$114,969
New Hope	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
New Prospect	407	405	18	5	390	516	263	269	129	0	45	\$916,882
OK	470	175	10	3	129	75	75	0	67	16	15	\$232,676
Oak Hill	40	40	0	0	30	47	30	0	0	13	8	\$71,136
Park Grove	200	182	1	2	34	43	24	0	13	0	0	\$47,399
Pine Grove	158	112	0	0	45	69	30	40	20	0	12	\$50,985
Ramah	113	77	3	9	60	27	0	30	8	0	0	\$39,880
Saint Joseph First	200	0	0	0	40	33	25	0	3	11	0	\$85,485
Summertown	672	360	13	15	262	392	189	53	77	36	30	\$530,548
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
Westpoint	170	0	1	4	50	52	35	20	0	0	0	\$21,318
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9,739</b>	<b>7,446</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>4,021</b>	<b>4,174</b>	<b>2,503</b>	<b>1,334</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>4,999,415</b>

HISTORICAL TABLE

Date	Place	Baptisms	SS Enroll.	Church Memb.	Moderator	Vice Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1919	Leoma	110		889	Robert B. Williams		J.B. Davis	A.P. Moore
1920	Ramah	73		1139	Robert B. Williams		J.B. Davis	W. O. Pesnell
1921	Summertown		993	1443	Robert B. Williams		J.B. Davis	J. T. Thompson
1922	Liberty Grove				Robert B. Williams		Clarke Phillips	S. M. Huckaba
1923	West Point				Robert B. Williams		C. W. McCrory	W. A. Fowler
1924	Blooming Grove				Robert B. Williams		C. W. McCrory	J. S. Castile
1925	Bonnertown	173	1268	2359	Robert B. Williams		C. W. McCrory	T. P. Stanfield
1926	Gum Springs	207	1775	2561	Robert B. Williams		C. W. McCrory	J. H. Baxter
1927	Mt. Horeb	133	1577	2550	Robert B. Williams		J. H. Baxter	T. J. McConnell
1928	Lawrenceburg FB				Robert B. Williams		J. H. Baxter	F. M. Speakman
1929	Iron City	276		2565	Robert B. Williams		J. H. Baxter	W. E. Davis
1930	Leoma		1483	2458	J.B. Davis	Charles Vaughan	T. J. Higdon	W. A. Fowler
1931	Deerfield				Joe Sims	Charles Vaughan	T. J. Higdon	W. A. Ward
1932	FBC Ethridge			2715	Joe Sims	Chas. W. Vaughan	Wm. L. Lawrence	S. H. Lewis
1933	Blooming Grove		1876	2634	Joe Sims	Chas. W. Vaughan	J.B. Davis	C.O. Livengood
1934	Park Grove	114	1708	2692	Joe Sims	W. F. Davis	E. S. Roberts	F. M. Speakman
1935	Bonnertown	186	1967	2676	Chas. W. Vaughan		E. S. Roberts	M.H. Love
1936	O.K.	107	1953	2896	Chas. W. Vaughan	C.O. Livengood	E. S. Roberts	W. E. Davis
1937	Ramah	83	1880	3168	Chas. W. Vaughan	S. H. Lewis	E. S. Roberts	S. H. Lewis
1938	FBC Loretto	109	1910	3226	Joe Sims	W. E. Davis	E. S. Roberts	M.H. Love
1939	Macedonia	164	2187	3404	Joe Sims	W. E. Davis	E. S. Roberts	H. D. Mote
1940	Liberty Grove	39	2097	3297	Chas. W. Vaughan	S. H. Lewis	E. S. Roberts	W. W. Stockman
1941	Bethel	152	999	2662	M.H. Love	S. H. Lewis	T. P. Henderson	Henry Yeager
1942	Five Points	144	1941	3425	M.H. Love	Dunn Lawrence	H. D. Mote	C. L. Simpson
1943	Mt. Horeb			3537	M.H. Love	Chas. W. Vaughan	T. P. Henderson	C.A. Hess
1944	FBC Lawrenceburg	139		3564	M.H. Love	Chas. W. Vaughan	T. P. Henderson	C.A. Hess
1945	Deerfield	98	2027	3364	C.A. Hess	James Canady	M. G. Pettus	S. H. Lewis
1946	Bonnertown	166	2302	3557	James Canady	H. D. Mote	T. P. Henderson	Henry Yeager
1947	FBC Ethridge	219	2121	3685	James Canady	S.H. Lewis	T. P. Henderson	Grady King
1948	Leoma	279	3022	3775	C.A. Hess	G.A. Lester	T. P. Henderson	T. Riley Davis
1949	Blooming Grove	267	2727	3775	C.A. Hess	G.A. Lester	T. P. Henderson	H. D. Mote
1950	Summertown	233	2925	4385	G.A. Lester	S.H. Lewis	T. P. Henderson	Bernard Scates
1950	Liberty Grove	188	3056	4937	G.A. Lester	S.H. Lewis	T. P. Henderson	W. A. Fowler
1952	Bonnertown	172	2952	4603	S.H. Lewis	Bernard Scates	T. P. Henderson	F. M. Speakman
1953	Iron City	155	3129	4643	W. E. Callahan	S.H. Lewis	T. P. Henderson	W. H. Lewis
1954	Gum Springs	219	3455	4791	H.J. Rushing	Henry Yeager	T. P. Henderson	Kenneth Hubbard
1955	Park Grove	135	3670	4869	H.J. Rushing	Henry Yeager	T. P. Henderson	J. R. Hurr
1956	Mt. Horeb	222	3531	4777	H.J. Rushing	M.H. Love	Felton Dye	R. T. Dickey
1957	Deerfield	257	3702	5120	C.A. Hess	J.B. Gibson	T. P. Henderson	R. L. Newman
1958	FBC Lawrenceburg	254	3950	5421	C.A. Hess	W. Marion Lewtfer	T. P. Henderson	Grady King
1959	Summertown	312	3956	5646	J.P. Stockman	Henry Yeager	T. P. Henderson	Henry Yeager
1960	Ramah	275	4061	5633	J.P. Stockman	Henry Yeager	T. P. Henderson	A. L. Michael
1961	O.K.	243	3920	5578	Jessie Hunter	Henry Yeager	T. P. Henderson	J. P. Stockman
1962	New Prospect	227	4109	5841	Henry Yeager	Jessie Hunter	A. L. Bishop	Wm. L. Swafford
1963	Immanuel	231	3968	5975	Henry Yeager	W.L. Swafford	A. L. Bishop	J. Arnold Porter
1964	Mt. Horeb	220	3865	6035	W.L. Swafford	C.T. Livengood	Guy H. Burger	James Harney
1965	Liberty Grove	204	4028	5933	W.L. Swafford	T.T. Livengood	Guy H. Burger	Wm. L. Swafford
1966	Meadow View	220	4127	6254	Frank Stone	James Harney	Mrs. James Mayes	Frank Stone
1967	Bethel	274	4182	6427	Frank Stone	James Harney	Mrs. Ludon Sandlin	Marion Smith
1968	FBC Lawrenceburg	207	4187	657	J. Arnold Porter	Walton Warren	Mrs. Ludon Sandlin	Fred Kendall
1969	Five Points	209	4027	6531	Kenneth Brewer	Paul Tabor	Mrs. Ludon Sandlin	James Rollson
1970	Oak Hill	187	4161	6598	Kenneth Brewer	Paul Tabor	Mrs. Ludon Sandlin	Benton Williams
1971	FBC Ethridge	284	4335	6691	Paul Tabor	Odis Farrington	Mrs. Ludon Sandlin	Phil Padgett
1972	Bonnertown	280	4282	6816	Paul Tabor	Odis Farrington	Mrs. Ludon Sandlin	Fred Kendall
1973	Highland Park	224	4350	6961	Paul Tabor	J. G. Love	Mrs. Ludon Sandlin	Ralph Norton

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Date	Place	Treasurer	Moderator	Vice Moderator	Clerk	Preachers
1974	Leoma & Summertown	Neal Giles	Cleo Bunt	J. G. Love	Mr. Paul Pettus	Tom Madden
1975	Gum Springs & New Prospect	Neal Giles	Cleo Bunt	J. G. Love	Mrs. Paul Pettus	James Bond
1976	Meadow View & Mt. Horeb	Levon Jones	J. G. Love	Sam DePaul	Mrs. Paul Pettus	Jerry Ferguson
1977	Faith & Leoma	Levon Jones	Sam DePaul	Kenneth Brewer	Jane Sandlin	Kenneth Brewer
1978	Park Grove & FBC Lawrenceburg	Levon Jones	Kenneth Brewer	Junior Roper	Mike Kendrick	Charles Ingram
1979	Liberty Grove & Immanuel	Levon Jones	Kenneth Brewer	Junior Roper	Mike Kendrick	C.W. Millican
1980	Ramah & New Prospect	Levon Jones	Gary Anderson	Junior Roper	Ronnie Gay	Melvin Allison
1981	FBC Loretto & Leoma	Charles Doerflinger	Gary Anderson	Junior Roper	Ronnie Gay	James Jolly
1982	Liberty Grove & Park Grove	Charles Doerflinger	Junior Roper	Ray Stoneypher	Ronnie Gay	Ray Stoneypher
1983	Summertown & OK	Jerry Putman	Junior Roper	Robert Madgett	Janice Thigpen	W. F. Cox
1984	Immanuel & Highland Park	Jerry Putman	Robert Madgett	Bob Jones	Kay Hooper	Larry Smart
1985	FBC Lawrenceburg & Leoma	Jerry Putman	Bob Jones	Lamar Moore	Kay Hooper	Charles Nail
1986	Liberty Grove & Bonnetown	Jerry Putman	Bob Jones	Lamar Moore	Susie Paris	Lawrence Harris
1987	Mt. Horeb & FBC Loretto	Jerry Putman	Bob Jones	Lamar Moore	Susie Paris	W. F. Cox, Jr.
1988	Summertown & New Prospect	Jerry Putman	Lamar Moore	Chris Gowen	Jim Ledbetter	Thomas Mattox
1989	Park Grove & FBC Ethridge	Jerry Putman	Chris Gowen	Mike Tucker	Jim Ledbetter	Bill Henard
1990	Meadow View & Faith	Jerry Putman	Mike Tucker	Randall Runions	Kenneth Thrasher	Mike Tucker
1991	Mt. Horeb & Bonnetown	Jerry Putman	Mike Tucker	Randall Runions	Kenneth Thrasher	Vann Lissell
1992	Park Grove & Ramah	Jerry Putman	Terry Sutton	Tommy Stevens	Lester Venable	Steve Vaughan
1993	Mars Hill & Immanuel	Jerry Putman	Terry Sutton	Thomas Mattox	Lester Venable	Ricky Cotton
1994	Macedonia & New Prospect	Jerry Putman	Thomas Mattox	Tommy Stevens	Lester Venable	Charles Ingram
1995	Highland Park & FBC Lawrenceburg	Jerry Putman	Tommy Stevens	Roger Beshears	Lester Venable	Thom Tapp
1996	FBC St. Joseph & FBC Loretto	Jerry Putman	Tommy Stevens	Chuck Kitchens	Lester Venable	Chuck Kitchens
1997	Summertown & Immanuel	Jerry Putman	Larry Bullard	Elza Braden	Lester Venable	Elza Braden
1998	FBC Ethridge & Highland Park	Jerry Putman	John Albright	Elza Braden	Lester Venable	Ricky Cotton
1999	Deerfield & Mars Hill	Jerry Putman	Chad Moore	James Lee	Lester Venable	Larry Spears
2000	Mt. Horeb & Leoma	Jerry Putman	Chad Moore	James Lee	Lester Venable	Larry Smart
2001	Park Grove & New Prospect	Jerry Putman	David Lawrence	John Albright	Lester Venable	Ray Maynard
2002	Faith & FBC Lawrenceburg	Jerry Putman	Tommy Clark	Eric Davis	Lester Venable	Mickey Brackin
2003	EBC Ethridge & Leoma	Jerry Putman	Tommy Clark	John Albright	Lester Venable	Tom McCoy
2004	Summertown & Highland Park	Jerry Putman	John Albright	Steve Clark	Lester Venable	Greg Lee
2005	FBC St. Joseph & Mars Hill	Jerry Putman	Steve Clark	Jeff Putman	Harold Rucker	Chris Littrell
2006	Meadow View & Liberty Grove	Jerry Putman	Steve Clark	Thomas Mattox	Harold Rucker	Steve Clark
2007	New Prospect & Faith	Jerry Putman	Randy Keene	Charles Gresham	Harold Rucker	Steve Headrick
2008	Immanuel & Mt. Horeb	Jerry Putman	Randy Keene	Charles Gresham	Joy Bunt	Larry Spears & Bob Johnston
2009	Leoma & FBC Ethridge	Jerry Putman	Steve Headrick	Tony Gordy	Joy Bunt	Greg Lee & Danny Huckaba
2010	Deerfield & Summertown	Jerry Putman	Steve Headrick	Tony Gordy	Joy Bunt	Steve Headrick & Larry Gilmore
2011	Macedonia & FBC Lawrenceburg	Jerry Putman	Tony Gordy	Charles Gresham	Joy Bunt	Jerry McLain & Jerry Massey
2012	FBC Loretto & OK	Jerry Putman	Howard Kitter	David Byrd	Donna Wilbanks	Randy Davis & Tim Scott
2013	FBC St. Joseph	Debbie Brown	Howard Kitter	David Byrd	Donna Wilbanks	Mickey Brackin & Gary Rickman
2014	Center Point	Debbie Brown	Larry Spears	Arnold Brown	Donna Wilbanks	Jerry Roebuck & Tony Gordy
2015	Deerfield	Debbie Brown	Larry Spears	Arnold Brown	Donna Wilbanks	Tony Gordy and Michael Duff
2016	First Baptist Loretto	Debbie Brown	David Byrd	Mike Wimberly	Donna Wilbanks	Jerry Roebuck and Willie McLaurin
2017	Macedonia	Rhonda Brown	David byrd	Mike Wimberly	Donna Wilbanks	Larry Spears and Steve Flippo