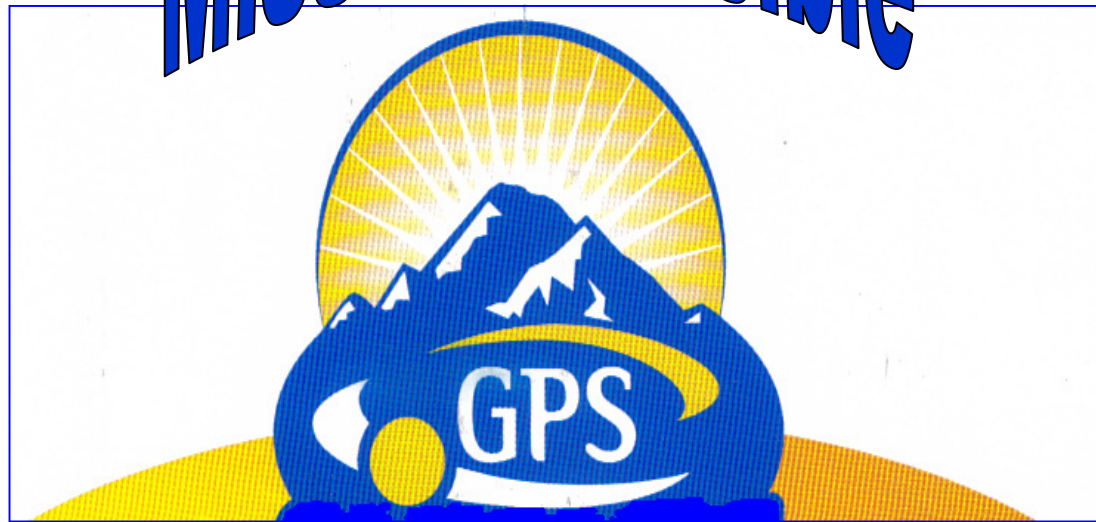


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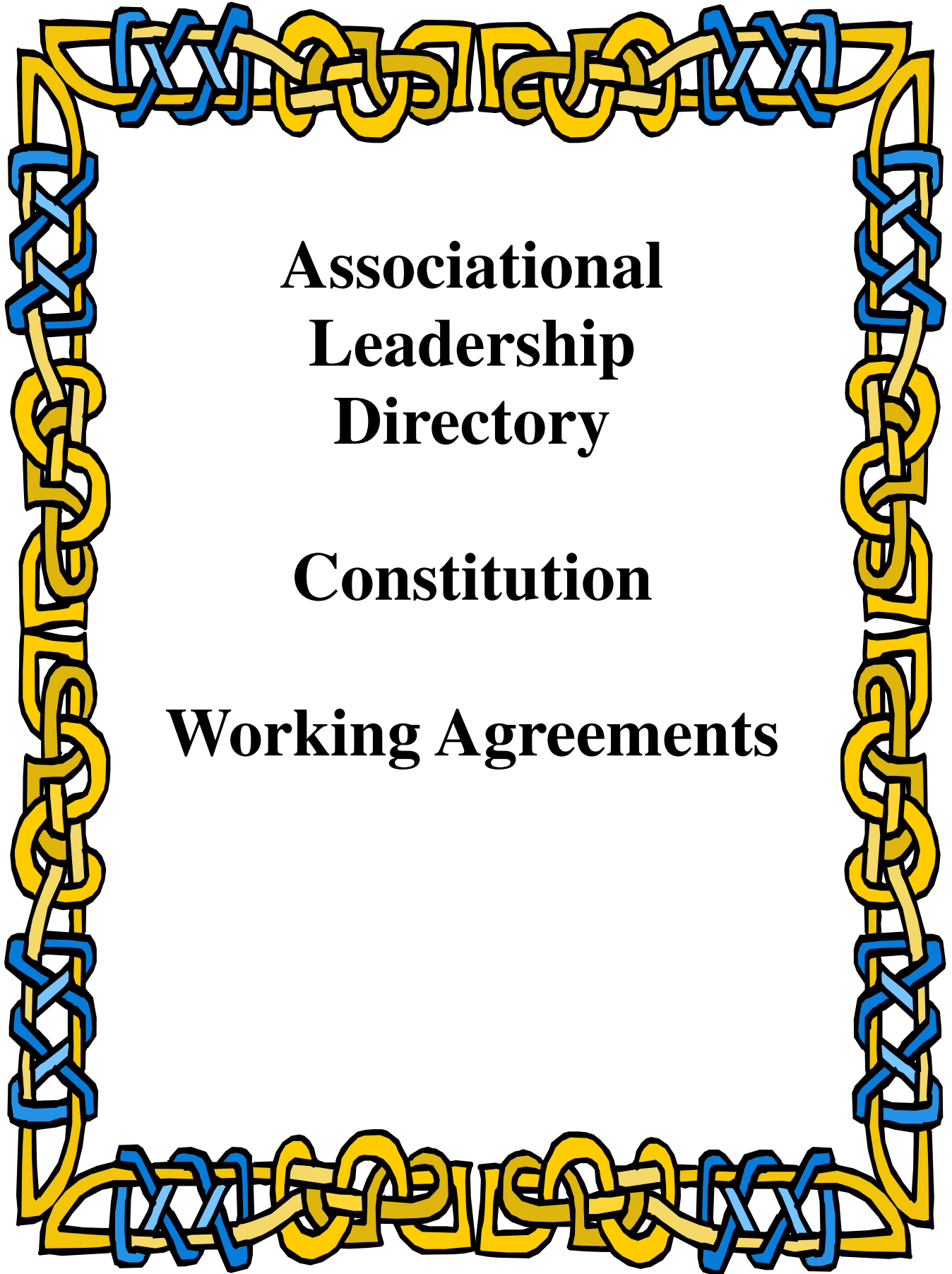
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## **REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Pastors are automatically members of the Board.

Elected Members:

### **BETHANY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH:**

Mr. Rick Mayfield, Highway 77, Paris, TN 38242

### **BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH:**

Mr. Vernon Melton, 2600 Old McKenzie Hwy; Henry, TN 38231

### **BIG SANDY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:**

Mr. David Kuenzle, 805 Loop Rd Road; Big Sandy, TN 38221

### **BIRDS CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH:**

Mr. Chris Grissom, 2049 Whitlock Rd; Paris, TN 38242

### **BUCHANAN BAPTIST CHURCH:**

Mr. Danny Robertson, 435 Perkins Rd, Puryear, TN 38251

### **CENTRAL POINT BAPTIST CHURCH:**

Mr. Larry Nichols, 225 Tatertown Road; Paris, TN 38242

### **COTTAGE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH:**

Mr. Michael Barnhart, 2931 Birds Creek Rd; Paris, TN 38242

### **FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH:**

Mr. Bill Warman, 1110 HWY 218 Bypass; Paris, TN 38242

### **FAXON BAPTIST CHURCH:**

Mr. Billy Castillo, 275 Chapel Hill Rd; Big Sandy, TN 38221

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### **HENRY BAPTIST CHURCH:**

Mr. Clifton Cruse, 845 Vale-McKenzie Road; Hollow Rock, TN 38342

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### **MANSFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH:**

Mr. David Hall, 210 Carter Rd, Paris, TN 38242

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### **McDAVID GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH:**

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**NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH:**

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**PARIS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:**

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**RUSSWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH:**

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**SHADY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH:**

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**SPRING CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH:**

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**SPRINGHILL BAPTIST CHURCH:**

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**TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH:**

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**WEST PARIS BAPTIST CHURCH:**

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CONSTITUTION WESTERN DISTRICT  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, Inc.

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

This body shall be called the Western District Baptist Association, Inc., cooperating with the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist convention.

**ARTICLE H - PURPOSE**

SECTION 1.

The purpose of this association shall be to:

PROMOTE Christian fellowship and cooperation among the churches affiliated with the Association;  
ENCOURAGE pastors, church leaders, associational leaders and individual churches in their work;  
INFORM churches of the work and activities of the denomination and association;  
COORDINATE the work of the denomination and the churches of the Association for business, fellowship, programs, and activities;  
ASSIST leaders of the churches in their jobs, individual churches in their program development, in establishing new work, and in discovering needed areas of ministry;  
PROVIDE materials, equipment, and services that individual churches might not be able to provide for themselves;  
CHALLENGE the churches individually and collectively to a larger and improved work and to meet ministry needs as discovered.

SECTION 2.

*This ministry corporation is organized exclusively as a religious corporation for one or more of the purposes as specified in Section 501©)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including, for such purposes, charitable, religious and educational activities and the making of distributions to organizations that qualify; as exempt organizations under Section 501©)(3) of the Internal Revenue code.*

**ARTICLE 111 - MEMBERSHIP**

The Annual Meeting of Western District Baptist Association shall be composed of three members from each affiliated church and one additional messenger for each fifth (50) members or fraction thereof in excess of one hundred members, subject to a maximum of seven messengers from any one church. Messengers shall be elected by the church in a church business session prior to the Annual Meeting and shall be a member of that church.

**ARTICLE IV- EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The Executive Board shall be composed of the officers and pastors of the Association, Director of Missions, and one member elected by each church. All directors of associational organizations and chairmen of associational committees are to become ex officio members of the Executive Board. Ex Officio members will not have the right to vote unless they are also members of the Executive Board elected as a representative of their respective churches.

The Executive Board shall have charge of all interest and work of the Association during the interim between meetings of the Annual Meeting of the Association, and shall have the power of the Association, as limited by this constitution and by specific action of the Annual Meeting of the Association.

The officers of the Association shall be the officers of the Executive Board. Before any Executive Board meeting can be called, each member must be notified in writing.

**ARTICLE V - MEETINGS**

1. ANNUAL: The Association shall meet annually at such time and place as it shall designate at its preceding annual meeting.
2. EXECUTIVE BOARD: The Executive Board shall meet as it deems necessary for the purpose of the work of the Association during the interim period of the Annual Meeting of the Association.
3. SPECIAL: Special meetings of the Association may be called at any time by the action of the Executive Board. The member churches shall be notified in writing at least one week before the called meeting. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated, but other necessary items of business related to the stated purpose may be transacted.
4. QUORUM: As the Association meets in any of the above stated manners, a quorum must be present before any business can be transacted. A quorum shall consist of members representing no less than ten (10) churches.

*Except as otherwise provided under the charter, these bylaws, or provisions of Tennessee law, no business shall be considered by the board at any meeting at which the required quorum is not present, and the only motion which the chair shall entertain at such a meeting is a motion to adjourn.*

5. GOVERNMENT: The Association shall conduct its business according to parliamentary rules as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.

#### **ARTICLE VI - AUTHORITY**

The Association is an autonomous body and therefore reserves the right to determine its own policies and direct its own business. It shall never exercise any authority over any church or churches which are affiliated with it. It may refuse to seat messengers who are not in fellowship or doctrinal agreement with the body, or whose churches are not. However, the Association will stand ready to lend any assistance or counsel to any church making request for help.

#### **ARTICLE VII - AFFILIATION**

Any church desiring affiliation with the Association must make written application to the Executive Board at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting. The Credentials Committee will make an investigation of the church making application and will bring a report to the Annual Meeting. If there is no standing Credentials Committee, the Moderator shall appoint this committee. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the messengers present and voting shall be required for a church to be admitted.

Should any church affiliated with the Association depart from the principles of Baptist faith and practice stated in the "Baptist Faith and Message" adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963, the Association may withdraw fellowship from such a church or churches. Any question concerning withdrawal of fellowship of any church shall be referred to and considered in the spirit of Christian love by the Credentials Committee before being presented to the Annual Meeting of the Association. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the messengers present and voting shall be required for the Association to withdraw fellowship from a church or churches.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS**

The officers of the Association shall be elected annually and shall take office as such immediately preceding adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the Association at which elected, and shall hold office until immediately preceding adjournment of the next Annual Meeting. No one shall be eligible for the office of Moderator or Vice Moderator for more than two successive terms.

The Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Trustees of the Association shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. The nominations shall be presented to the Executive Board at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting of the Association. Upon approval of the Executive Board, the nominations shall be presented to the Annual Meeting of the Association for election.

The Director of Missions is an officer of the Association. He shall be elected for an indefinite period of time as stated in the working agreement between the Association and the Director of Missions.

*For the purpose of incorporation the officers of the ministry corporation shall be a President, the Director of Missions and a Secretary, the Ministry Assistant/Secretary.*

#### **DUTIES** (this section moved from pg 12)

1. Moderator - The Moderator shall preside at all regular and called meetings of the Association; preside at all regular and called meetings of the Executive Board; serve as ex-officio member of all committees of the Association; work closely with the Director of Missions in counsel and in promoting every phase of the work of the Association; work with the leaders of the educational organizations of the Association and assist them in getting their work done well; appoint such committees as provided for in the Constitution and/or Bylaws.

2. Vice Moderator - The Vice Moderator shall be a general assistant to the Moderator, and shall stand in for him in any activity or responsibility requested by the Moderator; preside over meetings in the absence of the Moderator, or when requested to do so; serve as chairman of the program committee for the annual session; and in the event of the resignation or removal of the Moderator from the Association, he shall automatically succeed to the office of Moderator.

3. Clerk - The Clerk shall be responsible for keeping accurate minutes of the Association and Executive Board meetings; see that persons elected and individuals affected by actions taken by the Association and/or Executive Board are notified of these actions; prepare the annual minutes of the Association; and be responsible for keeping securely all documents and records of interest to the Association.

4. Assistant Clerk- The assistant clerk shall assist the clerk in the performance of his/her duties and shall

serve in his/her duties and shall server in his/her absence.

5. Treasurer - The treasurer shall authorize the secretary to disburse funds as directed by the association, have responsibility for keeping accurate accounts of all disbursements. They shall make monthly written reports to the Association through the Forerunner and an annual report to the Association on all moneys handled. He shall report on the general financial conditions of the association, and keep the Executive Board and the association informed of matters needing special attention. The Treasurer shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Stewardship and Finance Committee.

6. Assistant Treasurer - The assistant treasurer shall assist the treasurer in the performance of his/her duties and shall serve in his/her absence.

7. Trustees - The ministry corporation shall have 3 directors and collectively they shall be known as the Board of Trustees. Requirements for Trustees are they shall be at least 25 years of age and be an active lay-person in one an associating church. They shall be elected each year at an executive board meeting of the Association. The Trustees shall serve as the legal agent for the association and act only as directed by the Association or the Executive Board between meetings of the Annual Meeting of the Association as limited by the constitution.

#### **ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES**

For the advancement of the associational work, the Association shall establish the number of committees that it needs for its work and shall develop organizational and committee guidelines for each organization and committee. These guidelines shall include a statement of purpose and responsibilities.

Each associational committee shall be composed of five (5) members. The committee shall function on a rotating basis with those members having served three (3) years rotating off each year.

Special committees which are authorized by the Association or the Executive Board shall be appointed by the Moderator. This action is subject to revision or adoption by the Executive Board or the messengers in the Annual Meeting.

The Moderator and the Director of Missions shall be ex officio members of all committees.

#### **ARTICLE X - BYLAWS**

The association may adopt such Bylaws, not in conflict with this Constitution, as it deems advisable, provided no change in Bylaws shall be adopted on the day presented not later than the second day of the Annual Meeting.

#### **ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS**

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the messengers present and voting at any Annual Meeting provided the amendment has been presented to the Executive Board at least three months prior to the Annual Meeting. Said amendment shall be studied by a committee for presentation to the Annual Meeting. The report of this committee shall be presented at the first session with the vote to be taken at a later session of that Annual Meeting.

#### **BYLAWS**

1. Each session of the association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. Each member, who speaks in debate or has any communication to make to the association, shall address the moderator, identify themselves by name and church, and when finished, sit down.
3. No member shall speak more than twice in any single debate on the same day without unanimous permission from the Association, nor longer than ten minutes at a time.
4. When a member shall be called to order he shall sit down until the Moderator has determined whether he is in order.  
An appeal may be taken from the decision of the Moderator in this or any other case.
5. When the moderator shall desire to be heard in debate or to be temporarily absent, the chair may be taken by the vice moderator or someone appointed by the moderator, but not longer than adjournment of that session.
6. The officers of the association shall perform all duties customary to their titles as outlined in the associational handbook.
7. The association shall have the following organizations for the work of the association: Sunday School, Discipleship Training, Music Ministry,
8. Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood.
9. Organizational directors shall make written reports to the association convened in its annual meeting. Written or oral reports shall be made regularly to the executive board between sessions.
10. The association shall have the following committees for the work of the association: Evangelism, Personnel, Christian Life, Properties, Missions Development and Stewardship & Finance.

11. Committee chairpersons shall make written reports to the association convened in its annual meeting. Written or oral reports shall be made regularly to the executive board between sessions.
12. Organizational leadership and committee personnel shall perform all duties customary to their titles as outlined in the associational handbook. The associational year shall extend from October 1 to September 30, and all reports shall be kept and made in accordance therewith.
13. All organizational and committee guidelines shall be bylaws.
14. The Working Agreement and job descriptions shall be bylaws.
15. The bylaws may be altered or amended at any annual session by simple majority vote of the messengers present, provided that said amendment is presented the first day and voted on the second day.

**ARTICLE XII - MAINTENANCE**  
(This article is being added as mandated by incorporation) Maintenance of Corporation Records

The Western District Baptist Association, Inc. shall keep at its principal office:

(A) Minutes of all meetings of directors, committees of the board and members, indicating the time and place of holding such meetings, whether regular or special, how called, the notice given, and the names of those present and the proceedings thereof;

(B) Adequate and correct books and records of account, including accounts of its properties, assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, etc.;

(C) A record of its members, if any, indicating their names and addresses

(D) A copy of the ministry corporation Charter and bylaws as amended to date, which shall be open to inspection by the members of the ministry corporation at all reasonable times.

**WESTERN DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PERSONNEL POLICIES**

(this whole section has been rewritten by personnel committee and reviewed by constitution committee)

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:**

The policies and procedures contained herein are intended as guidelines for equitable treatment of all employees of the Western District Baptist Association. Any questions regarding the interpretation of the policies and procedures contained in this manual should be referred to the Director of Missions and Personnel Committee for clarification.

*1. CLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS*

1. **DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS (DOM)** - Those who are called and voted on by the association and who direct or perform major programs and activities of the association.
2. **MINISTRY ASSISTANT/SECRETARY** This is a salaried position whose major responsibility is secretarial and clerical. (From this point on this position shall be referred to as Ministry Assistant.)

For tax purposes the above employees will be classified into one of the following categories:

- A. Self-employed - licensed and/or ordained minister.
- B. Employee - anyone employed by the association to provide a service and the association controls what will be done and how it will be done, as stated in Circular E, Employer's Tax Guide of the Internal Revenue Service.

## *II. EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES*

### 1. DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

The Director of Missions shall be employed by the Association upon recommendation from the Personnel Committee or committee appointed by the Association. The immediate supervisor for the DOM is the Association and/or the Executive Board.

### **JOB DESCRIPTION**

#### **I. DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS PRINCIPAL FUNCTION:**

Provide reasonable leadership in the work of the association through such basic functions as the planning, coordination and implementation of programs, program services and ministries counsel to churches, interpretation of information, friendship with pastors, and good public relations.

#### **REGULAR DUTIES:**

##### **A. SERVICES TO CHURCHES**

1. Become personally acquainted with every church and pastor within the Association and attend their worship services on a regular basis.
2. Work with churches to have a harmonious relationship and encourage co-operative endeavors in the fields of evangelism, missions, and education.
3. Provide associational training opportunities for church leadership.
4. Accept other responsibilities as requested and assigned by the Executive Board.

##### **B. SERVICES TO ASSOCIATIONAL PROGRAMS**

1. Work with the Nominating Committee and all organizations in the selection of leadership.
2. Provide materials and training for those in positions of leadership.
3. Encourage and assist all officers in performing their duties.
4. Assist committees and organizations in planning programs and budget request to implement these programs.
5. Develop with the leaders of the Association a calendar of activities.
6. Make leaders and churches aware of denominational emphasis.

## C. PROMOTION AND PLANNING

1. Actively promote fellowship -among the pastors, staff members and their families.
2. Aid in the promotion of all associational programs.
3. Promote and develop awareness in stewardship growth to under gird the work of the Association and mission causes through the Cooperative Program.
4. Keep all pastors and churches informed of resources available from denominational services.
5. Oversee publishing of monthly associational newsletter.

## II. MINISTRY ASSISTANT/SECRETARY

The Ministry Assistant/Secretary shall be employed by the Association upon the recommendation from the Director of Missions and the Personnel Committee and subject to the approval of the Executive Board. The Director of Missions will be the Ministry Assistant's immediate supervisor.

A. Ministry Assistant/Secretary Job Description: This job description is not all-inclusive, but rather a description of some basic duties the Ministry Assistant will need to be aware of.

The Ministry Assistant's job description includes the following:

1. Be responsible for answering telephone and distributing mail.
2. Be responsible for typing of the Forerunner, letters of DoM and any committees or churches as related to WDBA.
3. Be responsible for the keeping records of leadership in the churches and compiling and publishing all annual meeting publications.
4. Be responsible for receiving and depositing all offerings.
5. Be responsible for posting receipts and disbursements of all accounts according to financial system and Associational Treasurer.
6. Be responsible for preparing monthly financial report to be published in Forerunner. Also assist Treasurer in publishing annual financial report to be given at Annual Meeting.
7. Be responsible for quarterly and annual government reports.
8. Be responsible for operating and keeping track of all equipment in the associational office.
9. Be responsible for VBS consignment in relationship to Associational VBS Director.
10. Act as required in making decisions during the absence of the Director of Missions or taking any necessary action not requiring supervisory approval. The Ministry Assistant must be a person with administrative skills.
11. Be responsible for ordering supplies and keeping the office well stocked in consultation with the DoM. Be responsible for the necessary light cleaning needed in the office.
12. Be responsible for attending-yearly training as provided by TBC or SBC. Cost of training and travel will be reimbursed by the Association.





Minutes and Reports

OF

2010

Annual Meeting

## **MESSENGERS TO THE 187th MEETING OF WESTERN DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

BETHLEHEM: Vernon Melton, Mary Ann Melton, Frank Morgan, Margaret Morgan, Jerry Burcham, Charlotte Burcham

BIG SANDY FIRST: Roy Ross, David Kuenzle, Mary Powers, Frances Brown, Gretchen McDonald, Gerald Scott

BIRDS CREEK: Bill Wetherington, Jay Ann Wetherington, Pat Anderson, Ralph Anderson

BUCHANAN: Chris Hefner, Krisitn Hefner, Jimmy Alton, Fay Alton, Juanita Barrow

CENTRAL POINT: Larry Nichols, Sue Carol Nichols

COTTAGE GROVE: Mike Waddey

FAIRVIEW: Dorothy Clendenin, Johnathan Smith, Cindy Lafrinere, Al Lafrinere, Bill Warman, Sue Paschall, Lillian Hastings

FRIENDSHIP: Herman Johnson, Susan Johnson, Paul Rushing, Joyce Rushing

HENRY: Wilma Cruse, Clifton Cruse, John Sutton

JONES CHAPEL: Jessie Alder, Sarah Winsett

MANSFIELD: David Hall, Carthage Dye, Mary Dye

MAPLEWOOD: Corey Cain

NEW BETHEL: Kay Webb, Milton James, Glenda James

NEW HARMONY: Jim Twilbeck, Colleen Twilbeck, Hershale Green, Louise Smith, Bill Moody, Linda Moody, Joe Hundley, Thelma Hundley, Rick Murrell

NEW HOPE: Lynn Paschall, John Childers

NORTH FORK: Sandra Paschall, Randy Kuykendall

OAK HILL: Donna Jean Paschall, Lucien Thomas, Celia Thomas

PARIS FIRST: Trent Bullock, Larry Simmons, Paul Veazey

POINT PLEASANT: Larry Dukes, Carson Hardy, Sylvia Hardy

PURYEAR: Alta Featherston, Gwinna Gallimore, Betty Jackson, Mildred Corbin, Quentell Osbron, Mike Rhodes, Michael Lawrence

RAMBLE CREEK: Darryl Joyner, Lesa Joyner, Mike Flowers, Pat Flowers, B J Stewart, Kelley Brewer, Marie Stockdale

SHADY GROVE: Kay Vitale, Joe Vitale, Ben Nanney, Pat Nanney, Jack Criswell, Jackie Williams, Sally Williams

SPRINGHILL: Fred Shackelford

SPRINGVILLE: Tim Morris, Joe Michael, Jim Hudson

TEMPLE: Mike Burney, Janice Burney, Joan Thompson, Laura Counts, Shirley Raney, Tommy Markham

UNION FRIENDSHIP: Thomas Winchester, Jerry Bridges, Opal Bridges

WEST PARIS: John Foust, John McDougal, Terry Hollingsworth

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 188th ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION INC.

THEME: *GPS Mission Possible*

First session with First Baptist Church, Big Sandy

October 14, 2010

Session Theme: *“Winning The Lost”*

1. Michael Burney called the 188th Annual Session of the Western District Baptist Association to order on October 14th, 2010. At this session there were 150 people present including 104 messengers, 46 guests with 14 pastors, representing 27 churches.
2. Rick Merrell brought the ‘call to worship’. He read Psalm 80 and introduced the New Harmony Baptist Church choir who brought a message in song ‘I’ve Got a Song to Sing’
3. Pat Nanney, clerk, moved for the messengers who have already registered, as well as those who will register through tomorrow be seated to do business as the Western District Baptist Association. Motion Carried.
4. Michael Burney, Vice Moderator moved the adoption of the program. Motion Carried.
5. Rick Murrell led the congregation singing ‘We Have Heard The Joyful Sound’.
6. Gerald Scott welcomed everyone to First Baptist Church, Big Sandy
7. Jim Twilbeck announced that the Executive Board Banquet has been moved to November 18.
8. Jim Twilbeck brought the Theme Interpretation ‘Winning The Lost’ from Romans 10:1-3. He shared that Paul is calling on us to pray for the lost. We have many programs but the most simplest thing we can do is Pray for the lost. We pray on Wednesday night for the sick etc. We need to be praying for America, for lost people we all know. He spoke of a man who went to New York in 1857 and observing the spiritual decay in America was burdened about Wall St. and so planned a noon prayer meeting. No one showed – he prayed one half hour and then heard footsteps. Six came and they agreed to meet the next week – sixteen came. Finally the prayer meeting spread across the city. It was reported that 6,000 people prayed and 60,000 were saved. ‘Mission Possible’ It is possible and you may be called by God to go to the person you are praying for. We need to be out there among them to reach them.
9. Jim Twilbeck presented Mike Burney with a plaque in recognition of his service to the association. He also recognized the first 4 churches to get their ACP’s in with a gift for each clerk. First place went to West Paris, second place went to Mansfield, Third place went to Springville and fourth place went to Jones Chapel.
10. Jim Twilbeck explained he has been asked to be on the UTM BCM (formerly BSU) Board. Morgan Owen showed the Certificate of Partnership. We will have 2 members at large. Our churches will support with prayers and finances what we can. Morgan Owen and Jim Twilbeck signed the certificate. Morgan Owen shared this is an exciting time. He added Jesus said “I’ve come to seek and save that which is lost”. Some students are lost, some have forgotten the way.
11. Joe Hundley brought the treasurers report. He said we serve an awesome God, He has blessed us. We had a \$6,000 increase over last year, a 6% increase in giving. Our loan balance for 2009 was \$46,281.31. Our loan balance this year is \$22,781.31. At this rate we can be looking at a note burning next year.
12. Mike Waddey moved to accept the printed Nominating Committee Report with the addition of Mr. Lonnie Allen on the Properties Committee. Motion Carried.
13. Michael Burney moved the adoption of the budget as printed. Motion Carried.
- 14.. The Resolutions Committee includes Fred Shackelford, chairman; Corey Cain and Mike Waddey.
15. Paul Veazey brought the Memorial Service. He referred to Hebrews 12: Since we are surrounded by a great crowd of witnesses, we should run the race marked out for us. This caused him to think of all that have gone. It is fitting we take a moment to think about those who have gone before us and give them honor and glory for their contribution. He read their names and then led prayer.
16. Rick Murrell led the congregation singing “Let Others See Jesus In You”.
17. Jim Twilbeck introduced Terry Sharp, the speaker for the evening.
18. Special music ‘Preach the Word’ was brought by the New Harmony Baptist Church choir
19. Terry Sharp brought the evening message. He started out by saying “Thank You” on behalf of 5,000 missionaries around the world, for praying and for giving. He referred to Matthew 28:19,20. His intention since the beginning is that people know Him. It is possible to see lost saved. In the news we see terrible things around the world. Think about Lottie Moon and hearing 3,000 Chinese coming to Christ every month. 60,000 came to faith in the last few years. They went from 100 to 1300 churches in one year. Newly engaged people groups love to hear the Gospel. In Ridgcrest at a missions celebration he saw a parade of flags – grey flags were there representing countries closed to the Gospel. They got on their knees and prayed for them. People today think any religion

is OK but there is only one way to Jesus. When we go we preach Jesus. People are in desperate need to hear. 5.5 Billion people are lost in the world today. There is much we need to do. People in your own community need to hear the good news, damaged people need Christ. We can do all things through Jesus Christ. God will give us the words to say. On your way home tonight think about each car/home are they saved or lost. Over one half are lost. Who will you be burdened for that they may come to Jesus?

20. Michael Burney thanked everyone for being here.

21. Jack Criswell led closing prayer

Second Session with Fairview Baptist Church  
October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010

***Session Theme “Discipling the Saved”***

1. Mike Burney opened the meeting with 71 people present including 14 Pastors, 64 messengers, 7 guests representing 23 churches. He led prayer.
2. Sandy Clary brought special music “Tell Me The Story of Jesus”
3. Johnathon Smith welcomed everyone to Fairview Baptist Church
4. Carthage Dye spoke on discipleship from Ezekiel 47. God was speaking to Ezekiel through an angel. He told him to tell Ezekiel about this river of life. This river will be coming out from under the temple and will go throughout the world and will bring life. The theme today is ‘Mission Possible’. Our challenge for this next year is not only to teach the word of God on Sundays and Wednesdays but to live it. The Lord comes beside us and becomes our task master. We have an entire nation of lost people. Be engaged. We have an Islamic Mosque within 30 miles of Paris. Most people have heard of Jesus but are not Christian. Once they are saved it is our duty to keep them in the word. You are the tree – your roots are as deep as you allow. Let the seed God put in your heart flourish. The church today is stuck and the nations are dieing. Our challenge today is to let the seeds in your heart that God has planted flourish with this knowledge that God wants you as a person to reach the lost
5. Rick Murrell led the congregation singing “How Great Thou Art”

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6. Cheryl Connor spoke for ‘Tomorrow’s Hope’. She thanked the churches for their support. She gave some statistics: At conception all characteristics are already in place, at 18 days the heart beats, at 43 the brain coordinates its movement, at 8 weeks all the organs are functioning, at 9 weeks the baby has finger prints, at 10 weeks the baby has the sense of touch and can feel comfort and pain, at 12 weeks the baby can smile, sucks its thumb and make a fist, at 12 to 40 weeks the baby is just finishing growing. Did you know that 1.3 million surgical abortions occur each year. She told about a baby that the doctors said would be born with an open spine – the mother chose to have her baby – it was born perfectly fine, no open spine. We need the churches support. She referred to the written report.
7. Jim Twilbeck shared about GPS. We will be prayer walking in April then going door to door with the door hangers and give out invitations to our churches on Easter Sunday. So those people will hear the plan of salvation. We want your church to be a vital part of reaching people for Christ. It has been a joy to serve this association these past 10 years and seeing what your churches are doing. We will be going to New Orleans soon. We are looking forward to seeing what God will be doing there. He referred to his written report. He believes it is possible for us to reach every home in our community and to see our community won to our Lord Jesus Christ and he believes it is possible for our churches to disciple them.
8. Mike Burney shared about the R.G. Lee class from Union University with Fred Shackelford, Cory Cain, Mike Waddey, Jim Twilbeck, Matt Lampley and himself are taking the class at the association office and they will get college credit for it. If you have someone in your church who would like to participate in that and get college credit you won’t find a better situation for them.
9. Thomas Winchester mentioned his written report and added a few things for the coming year. He said the ‘back pack’ program was very popular last year and some of you individually and church wide helped us out with them. This year the Henry County Resource Center is going to be involved in that. We will be involved in that

some-what. The Mitchells wanted him to express their appreciation for the prayers and everything that comes to them from our association. Since it is October he wanted to mention the Christmas food baskets, we will be getting started on that in November and we need your help again. The Henry County Resource Center has agreed to help us with the applications to help reduce the duplications that we have had in the past. WDBA helped it get started many years ago. The Second Harvest food drop will take place October 30th at the association office. Last years summer missions trip was cancelled. This year we hope to go to New Orleans. He applauds our churches for their mission mindedness. This blesses our association. Thank you. Jim Twilbeck added that this year Paris, First Baptist will be hosting the Thanksgiving meal for the community. They cook the meal and they need financial support from you so if you would like to help out they would appreciate it.

## BUSINESS SESSION

10. Corey Cain, Evangelism Director said thinking about GPS this year we are looking at doing evangelism a little different. In order to do better at it the GPS program kind of pushes us to use a tool – a mapping center that will help us to lay out our area better. It will help us to divide our area better so we can be sure we reach those homes in an efficient way. He shared about a mapping software for our area that if our association buys it our churches can use it. The cost is somewhere around \$500. He believes there is some money in the Shankle trust we can use. Jim Twilbeck shared that this software will not only map the houses but will also be able to tell who lives in them. It is very capable of letting us know our whole community. It also tells if you go to church or don't go to church and where you go to church. When you go door to door you will be able to come back and put the information in there. This is an amazing software that will give you a lot of information and will help us coordinate your community for your church. Corey Cain added we will need it for the April events. You can come to the office for a print-out. Corey Cain moved we purchase this mapping software. Tom Winchester second. Motion Carried.

11. Fred Shackelford brought the resolutions from the Resolutions Committee. Whereas Big Sandy First Baptist so generously hosted the Thursday night session of the 188<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Western District Baptist Association and whereas the people of Big Sandy, First and their Pastor Gerald Scott offered the right hand of fellowship to our association, Therefore, be it resolved that we, the messengers of the 188<sup>th</sup> annual meeting would like to express our gratitude to Bro. Gerald Scott for making the preparations for making us welcome, be it further resolved we would like to express our appreciation to the Big Sandy First Baptist church's warm hospitality and provisions and refreshments following the annual meeting. Resolution Carried.

Whereas the people of Fairview Baptist church so generously hosted the Friday morning session of the 188<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Western District Baptist Association and whereas the people of Fairview Baptist Church and their Pastor Johnathan Smith offered the right hand of fellowship to our association, Therefore, be it resolved that we, the messengers of the 188<sup>th</sup> annual meeting would like to express our gratitude to Bro. Johnathan Smith and members of Fairview Baptist Church for their gracious welcome, be it further resolved we would like to express our appreciation for Fairview Baptist church's warm hospitality and provisions of a bountiful lunch following the annual meeting. Resolution Carried

Whereas Thomas Winchester has faithfully served as Pastor of Union Friendship Baptist Church since 1988, Whereas Thomas Winchester is the longest serving Pastor in Western District Baptist Association and Whereas Thomas Winchester has faithfully served on the Western District Baptist Association Missions Development Committee since 1988 and Whereas Thomas Winchester has faithfully led our association to be missions minded, a missions minded association that has led our association in engaging in a yearly association mission trip and Whereas Thomas Winchester has led our association to confront the issue of poverty and the needy by leading our association in participating in these programs like the Christmas Basket Program, Food Back Packs for children and Whereas Thomas Winchester has led our association in disaster relief efforts like collecting items for the Hurricane Katrina victims and buckets of hope for Haiti Therefore let it be resolved that we the messengers of the 188<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Western District Baptist Association do formally dedicate the book of minutes to Thomas Winchester for his faithful service to our Lord, his church and this association. Be it further resolved we express our deepest appreciation to Thomas Winchester for his leadership in association matters over the past few years. Everyone clapped. Resolution Carried.

12. Mike Waddey shared that Jim Twilbeck and Mary Dye provide an incredible service to our association and there are many, many times when their hours go way beyond what their hours are specified in their job description. We very much appreciate that. They did not ask for a monetary raise this year, instead they would like some time off on Friday afternoons so they could spend that with their families. The Personnel Committee felt that would be good.

## REPORTS

13. Troy Styers spoke for the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, he is the campus director at the boys ranch in Millington, Tennessee. Greetings from Dr. Bryan Milsaps and our executive staff all the way down to our house parents. He has a written report. We thank you for your support, your prayers and your giving. It is absolutely impossible to do our work without your support. They are always asked how much it will cost. He answers, due to the generosity of Tennessee Baptist Churches there is no set fee. This is such a relief. There are only 2 ways to raise the money, you can either take what God gives you or from the government. For the past 119 years we've chose to take what God gives us. He told of a boy who came that felt there were many gods, his mother told him she wasn't really into the Jesus thing but she knew her boy was getting what he needed so she would leave him there. The boy has met the Lord.
14. Jim Highland spoke for the Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes. He showed a film. TBAH provides residential care for more than 350 special adults. There are about 120 committed staff. We heard from several staff members that feel they are doing what God wants them to do. They live, eat, pray and go to church together and we love each other. It is so important that these residents have a full life and that they share in socialization with others and your gift will help make it possible for us to continue to provide quality care.
15. Tennessee Baptist Foundation we are in a time of transition, Bo Childs will be retiring on or about November 1<sup>st</sup>. This past 2 ½ years have been challenging. God has blessed the foundation with good advisors. This past year has been good in spite of all of the negative trends. Approximately \$5,000,000 went for Baptist causes through the foundation as the result of the investment of God's peoples money. Over a half million dollars from the Cooperative Program. We have seen money go to 150 Baptist causes. We continue to do the work honestly and sincerely. We assist individuals with estate planning, we manage money on behalf of our institutions, churches and associations to benefit kingdom causes. We offer financial assistance in the form of scholarships. We assist churches in getting a building program off the ground with a reasonable cost. We will continue in these things.
16. Paul Veazey spoke to the Christian Education Report. In August 1983 he had the privilege to go to Union University. Students used to tell him they would like to go to Union but just couldn't afford it. There has been a tremendous change, we've been able to help. He spoke of the printed report. We've seen a tremendous growth in Union and in fact for the last 14 straight years it has been listed in the top tier of institutions in the south. We are listed as one of the top 68 up and coming out of thousands of institutions in the country. We are recognized in US News and World Report but are also recognized in the Princeton Review as a college of distinction, a college that focuses on opportunities and also the presidents honor roll for community services. So we have a long pedigree of people who are recognizing our caliber of education. This is made possible because we are working together with the churches in West Tennessee. God has really blessed since the tornado, we are in better shape today. We've dedicated a building that is a facility for School of Pharmacy and Center for Excellence of Health Care Practices named Providence hall. We've had an increase in enrollment this past year.
17. Jerry Essary spoke on behalf of Dr. Randy Davis, our new Executive Director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. He showed a video in which Dr. Davis shared about the lostness of Tennessee. He thanked us for giving through the Cooperative Program. He said the great commission is still great. It was Gods' objective that we go into all the world and make disciples. He quoted Acts 1:8. Right now the percentage of lostness is higher than it ever has been before. Let's join our hands and hearts together over the next ten years, let's witness to everybody in our state in the name of Jesus Christ. We are doing that with a plan called GPS.
18. Jim Twilbeck introduced Mike Burney and Josh Knott.
19. Josh Knott brought special music "That was the end of the beginning"
20. Mike Burney brought the message. He read Romans 12:1,2 and led prayer. Think of the discipleship of the saints. Verses 1 and 2 are a call to commitment. He read Luke 9:23. We are to present our bodies a living sacrifice. It's a choice we make. He read Galatians 2:20. It is not I but Christ liveth in me. In Ephesians 2:10 We are created unto good works. II Corinthians 5:17 All things become new. Let God readjust us, keep your mind on spiritual things. Christians need to be real. Do these characteristics mark your life? God wants to transform you that others may see Jesus in you. He led prayer.

2011 Moderator, Larry Dukes  
2011 Vice Moderator, Johnathan Smith

**WESTERN DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**  
**ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION GIFTS BY CHURCHES**  
**October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010**

Bethany	\$	1,827.00
Bethlehem	\$	1,440.00
Big Sandy 1st	\$	556.34
Birds Creek	\$	2,585.93
Buchanan	\$	1,017.68
Central Point	\$	2,103.71
Cottage Grove	\$	3,421.06
Fairview	\$	2,206.00
Faxon	\$	747.71
Friendship	\$	1,556.67
Henry	\$	1,200.00
Jones Chapel	\$	2,917.00
Mansfield	\$	2,569.70
Maplewood	\$	8,036.66
McDavid Grove	\$	600.00
Mt Sinai	\$	2,573.00
New Bethel	\$	504.00
New Harmony	\$	9,100.00
New Hope	\$	1,200.00
North Fork	\$	1,550.00
Oak Hill	\$	880.00
Paris 1st	\$	27,163.86
Point Pleasant	\$	9,930.61
Puryear	\$	3,600.00
Ramble Creek	\$	1,817.22
Russwood	\$	-
Shady Grove	\$	964.00
Spring Creek	\$	400.00
Springhill	\$	5,169.92
Springville	\$	2,180.00
Temple	\$	1,426.88
Union Friendship	\$	2,122.00
West Paris	\$	2,853.90
<b>TOTAL=</b>	\$	<b>106,220.85</b>

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 2009-2010**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Associational Missions (Receipts from Churches)	\$ 100,877.65	\$ 106,220.85
Associational Minutes	\$ 400.00	\$ 274.00
D.O.M. Salary Supplement	\$ 13,632.00	\$ 13,632.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 10,293.45	\$ 8,671.78
Carl Shankle Trust	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
NOW Interest	\$ 35.84	\$ 32.76
JESUS Signs (2010)	\$ -	\$ 4,686.00
Supplies (Reimbursement)	\$ 1,373.82	\$ 1,322.97
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 176,612.76</b>	<b>\$ 184,840.36</b>

Balance Brought Forward (10/01/09)	\$ 27,360.89	\$ 18,177.04
Deposits	\$ 176,612.77	\$ 184,840.36
Less Expenses	\$ 169,433.61	\$ 150,942.72
WDBA tithe to TBC Co-op	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
WDBA gift to Tomorrow's Hope	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
WDBA to Rosalie Phelps	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 13,500.00
Lottie Moon	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
UT Martin	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
New Office Copier	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
WDBA local ministries	\$ 2,363.01	\$ 2,665.75
<b>Balance on Hand (9/30/2010)</b>	<b>\$ 18,177.04</b>	<b>\$ 23,408.93</b>

**BREAKDOWN OF GENERAL ACCOUNTS BALANCE**

General Fund	\$ 16,461.02	\$ 21,219.36
Disaster Relief	\$ 657.31	\$ 257.01
WDBA Ministries	\$ 407.50	\$ 1,832.56
Dental Ministry	\$ 605.37	\$ 100.00
<b>Available General Account Balance (9/30/2009)</b>	<b>\$ 18,141.20</b>	<b>\$ 23,408.93</b>

**ROSALIE PHELPS MISSION PROJECT FUND**

Balance Brought Forward (10/01/2009)	\$ 1,733.55	\$ 1,333.89
Receipts	\$ 649.71	\$ 539.68
Carl Shankle Trust	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 13,500.00
Expenses	\$ 11,049.38	\$ 2,367.43
<b>Balance in Account (9/30/2010)</b>	<b>\$ 1,333.89</b>	<b>\$ 13,006.14</b>

<b>Loan Balance 2009</b>	<b>\$ 46,281.31</b>
<b>Loan Interest</b>	<b>\$ 1,259.79</b>
<b>Loan Payment</b>	<b>\$ 22,240.21</b>
<b>Loan Balance 2010</b>	<b>\$ 22,781.31</b>

<b><u>SCHOLARSHIP CD</u></b>
<b>\$ 5,583.90</b>

**WESTERN DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**

**The board met 4 regular sessions, highlights follow:**

**BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH, February 16, 2010.**

Bobby Campbell announced that the Western District Baptist Association is incorporated and he opened the meeting with 15 Pastors, 14 Board Members, DOM, Secretary, Clerk and 1 visitor. He recognized new board member from Bethany, Rick Mayfield. Chris Hefner shared plans for Discipleship Training and reminded everyone that Jesus said "Go make disciples of all the nations". Larry Dukes announced the 'Every Believer A Witness' Pastors training. He explained the JESUS signs would be a witnessing tool. Tom Winchester brought a recommendation from the Missions Development Committee to go to Sioux City, Iowa on July 10-17. The recommendation passed. He said the Second Harvest food distribution was a success and another one is planned for March 13, also the Missions Development Committee is planning Second Harvest backpacks, the Fish Fry Ministry, the Fair Ministry and the 'Buckets of Hope' Ministry. Pat Nanney explained the purpose of WMU is to teach all ages to carry out the plans the SBC and TBC set out through prayer support and financial support and announced the association is asked to meet March 11 to pray for North American Missions. Jim Twilbeck announced the Pastor, ministers and wives retreat with Randy and Jean Davis and said he is looking forward to the Second Harvest Food Bank. People are made aware that it is our Southern Baptist churches that are saying "we care about you - we love you". He shared about the backpacks, the Evangelism Rally in March with Don Pierson, the Senior Adult Banquet with James Porch and the "Every Believer A Witness" training.

**HENRY BAPTIST CHURCH, April 13, 2010**

Bobby Campbell opened the meeting with 7 Pastors, 12 Board Members, DOM, Clerk and 2 visitors present. Chris Hefner shared about the Discipleship Training meeting in January adding that Jesus said "Deny yourself and come follow me". At their next meeting they will share some principles and some background as to how that can be done and testify to what has happened since the original presentation in January. Tom Winchester shared about the up-coming Iowa trip for July 10-17, the results of the Second Harvest food distribution that went really well. 289 families received food. They furnish the food for \$500. It is done with the cooperation of the CSX railroad. Pat Nanney shared about the WMU Annual Meeting and the Fenwicks, missionaries to Germany who will speak. Jim Twilbeck shared that several churches will be in revival this week, that the Second Harvest Food Distribution touched about 500 lives, the back pack project, the Senior Adult Banquet that is coming up with Dr. Porch as speaker, The "Every Believer a Witness" conference that May is Associational Emphasis month and he has material for your bulletins, the Fish Fry Ministry and reminded us that we are the only church some of these people see. Bobby Campbell appointed the nominating committee: Paul Veazey, Mike Waddey, Michael Clark and Quintel Osborne. All the men came forward and surrounded Larry Jones while Chris Hefner led prayer for him.

**MAPLEWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH, June 8, 2010**

Bobby Campbell opened with 10 Pastors, 10 Board Members, DOM, Clerk, 3 Officers and 15 visitors present representing 16 churches. We watched a presentation by Corey Cain and enjoyed a question and answer session with him about the work being done in Honduras on SKYPE. Jim Twilbeck shared about the upcoming Sunday School conference. Chris

Hefner shared he would come to your church to speak about "Make disciples of every nation". Pat Nanney expressed appreciation to the pastors that came out to the WMU Annual meeting adding that the Fenwicks were very interesting, about upcoming WMU Church Leader Training and gave information on getting WMU age-level organizations started in your church. Bobby Campbell presented Jim Twilbeck a very large greeting card on double foam board from Point Pleasant and presented him with a plaque adding that his leadership has taken our association and made it a place for the whole community that when Disaster strikes people know that Western District is a place they can turn to for help. Jim Twilbeck shared we have a new Director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in Randy Davis, that Paris First Baptist will host the Sunday School Conference, shared that Kayla Clary is leaving Saturday for Central Asia and is enrolled in a college there hoping to engage Muslim students, in July we will receive our 7th Shankle Trust payment - we have 13 more, that the International Mission Board thanked our churches for helping them meet their goal, that the Fish Fry was the best this year. Larry Simmons moved from the Finance Committee to give Jim Twilbeck \$100 per year of service or \$1000 as a gift in appreciation for his 10 years of service to Western District. Chris Hefner second. Motion Carried. Jim Twilbeck expressed his gratitude. Jim Twilbeck brought forward a printed recommendation from the Finance Committee for the 2010 Shankle Trust. After an explanation he said the recommendation is that we pay 1/2 of what is owed on the building this year and next year pay the rest. Also there is a recommendation to buy a copier for \$10,000, he explained the details and \$2500 for Tomorrow's Hope and \$7500 for Association Mission Projects and \$6000 for local ministries that we are involved in. If approved this would be brought before the Association to be approved. Motion Carried. Bobby Campbell led prayer for all involved in a mission trip.

### **UNION FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH August 31, 2010**

Bobby Campbell opened the meeting with 23 people present including DOM, 8 Pastors, 10 Board Members, 2 visitors, and 2 Officers. Tom Winchester welcomed the board to Union Friendship and talked about all the help his church has received from the churches of our association and John Roberts with their building program. Jerry Bridges read from St. John 1:1-18 and led prayer. Tom Winchester shared we will have an opportunity to help October 30 to share food by 'Second Harvest'. Pat Nanney shared about the upcoming Week of Prayer for Tennessee missions. With 2/3 of our Tennesseans unchurched it is so important to support missions here at home. Nancy Criswell has planned a time of prayer September 13 with Randy Poole speaker and would like for all of you to come. Jim Twilbeck shared about the 'GPS Summit' and asked the churches to prayer walk or prayer drive your community and plan something special for Easter Sunday as an opportunity to get God's Word into peoples lives. The theme is 'Mission Possible'. He mentioned that 8 Western District students have received scholarships. Our association has been invited to join the BCM at Martin University, this would include 3 board members, 2 appointed by the nominating committee and Bro. Jim Twilbeck. Tom Winchester moved, Chris Hefner second to do this. Motion Carried. Chris Hefner led prayer for the sick. The Nominating Committee moved their report, Mike Burney second. Motion Carried. Mike Wadley moved to accept the Personnel Committee report which includes allowing the DOM and secretary to leave the office from lunch on Friday, they would be there if needed, they are involved in many meetings both during the day and in the evenings. Motion Carried. Jim Twilbeck shared our association is doing great, we have been able to do a tremendous amount in spite of the economy and promoted 'Run Preacher Run' for 'Tomorrow's Hope'. Mike Wadley led closing prayer.

# WESTERN DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PROPOSED BUDGET for 2011

	2010 Budget	Proposed 2011 Budget
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE</b>		
Salaries		
Director of Missions	\$ 43,290.00	\$ 41,740.00
Secretary	\$ 18,250.00	\$ 18,250.00
Clerk	\$ 945.00	\$ 945.00
Other Personnel Expenses		
Travel Reimbursement	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Convention/Conference Reimbursement	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Secretary's Social Security	\$ 1,356.00	\$ 1,396.00
DOM Annuity	\$ 5,748.00	\$ 5,874.00
Secretary's Annuity	\$ 1,772.00	\$ 1,825.00
Workers Comp	\$ 551.00	\$ 551.00
Christmas Gifts (DOM-\$650; Sec. -\$350)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
DOM Housing Allowance	\$ 15,450.00	\$ 17,000.00
DOM Insurance Deductible Reimbursement	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
DOM Medical	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 7,500.00
Educational Reimbursement	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 109,362.00</b>	<b>\$ 110,081.00</b>
 <b>PROMOTIONS OF PROGRAMS</b>		
General Promotion for all Programs	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Office Paper/Printing Supplies	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Forerunner	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00
Postage Costs/ Lock Box	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Associational Minutes	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 6,850.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,350.00</b>
 <b>OFFICE MAINTENANCE</b>		
Office Utilities	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00
House Keeping	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Yard Care	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,450.00
Office Insurance	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
New Equipment	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 16,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,800.00</b>
 <b>EDUCATION EXPENSES</b>		
Sunday School	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Vacation Bible School	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Discipleship	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 2,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,600.00</b>

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### ASSOCIATIONAL MINISTRIES

Prayer Emphasis	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Evangelism	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Mission Development	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Christian Life Committee	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Music	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Media Library Resources	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Senior Adults	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Youth Evangelism Conference	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Women's Missionary Union	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Dental Ministry	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 7,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,600.00</b>

### MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE

Annual Planning	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
Assoc. Pastor's Conf. & Executive Board Dinner	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,400.00</b>

### SUBTOTAL OF OPERATIONAL BUDGET

**\$ 143,812.00**                      **\$ 145,831.00**

Reimbursement from TBC

\$ 13,632.00                      \$ 13,632.00

### TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET

**\$ 130,180.00**                      **\$ 132,199.00**

Capital Fund Reserve

\$ 600.00                      \$ -

### TOTAL BUDGET

**\$ 130,780.00**                      **\$ 132,199.00**

1.1% increase over last year

## DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS ANNUAL REPORT

God's Plan For Sharing - GPS, Mission Possible. Do we honestly believe that it is possible for us to share the Gospel with every household in Henry and Benton Counties in 2011? Our theme this year is Mission Possible. I believe we can do it. If each of our churches commits to going door to door in their community I believe we can cover our counties with the Gospel. Over this past year we have seen baptisms and Sunday School in our Association go down. And we look out across our community and see people who are hurting. So the question comes are we doing all that we can possibly to help those who are lost and hurting? I don't think so. God has given us a simple plan. Share His Word with every household. Can we as an association of churches do it. Yes! Not only can we do it, but WE MUST DO IT. It is imperative.

Over the past year we have had some great challenges before us as we have had to deal with this crumbling economy in the midst of doing ministry. It has been a blessing to be involved in ministries that have touched lives closer to home this year than in previous year. For instance we were able to do a couple of food giveaways through Second Harvest Food Bank. And you could tell the people who waited in line to get their free food really needed it and most were very appreciative of your support to this ministry. Through this ministry our churches touch over 200 homes and feed over 700 people. Another ministry that was new to us was the food back packs for school children. We packed and delivered over 200 packs a week to the various schools in our community helping to feed school children on the weekends. Because we live in an area with such large poverty many of our children go home to no food and these back packs provided food for the weekends.

Missions continues to be what we are about as an association. This year several of our churches did mission projects on their own. Point Pleasant and First Baptist went to New Orleans and Maplewood went to W Virginia. Cottage Grove and Puryear did missions work in their communities. Springville made salvation dolls for several mission projects. And many of our churches helped us with the Fish Fry Carnival ministry, disaster start up kits and the Haiti Hope Buckets. Springcreek youth did a mission project. It was disappointing that our Iowa mission trip was cancelled but we know that is in God's Hands. We are now looking ahead to where God will have us in 2011. Our mission trip next year will be a little earlier in the year and we are looking for a project that is more suitable for our association. It is exciting to see Paris First Baptist getting involved with the W African Partnership through TBC and there may be some other opportunities for other churches in our association to get involved with this partnership. It was also exciting to see Kayla Clary go to Central Asia and Chris Bush and Charles McDavid to continue working with the Deaf ministry in Puerto Rico. We were also glad that Carthage Dye had the opportunity to go back to China to distribute literature. Pray for our involvement in W Africa this upcoming year and for an open door to continue working in Central Asia.

It is hard to believe that I am celebrating 10 years as your Director of Missions. Over these past 10 years we have seen a lot of changes happen within our Association. Some of your churches have added additions, some have built new buildings, and most of you have some new faces now attending. Despite all the changes, you have remained faithful to God and our association. Thank You for your continued support of God's Work thorough the Association. My life verse this year has been 2 Cor 11:28 "Beside the other things, what comes to me daily is my deep concern for all the churches." I am deeply concerned for all of our churches on a daily basis that we will be an association of churches able to fulfill our God called mandate to reach our world for Christ. May we go from Paris to World for our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Him <><  
Bro. Jim

## **WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION**

### **Christ's Followers**

WMU was founded in 1888. The main purpose is to educate and involve preschoolers, children, youth and adults in the cause of Christian missions.

ADULTS ON MISSION (adult men and women) can go to [wmu.com](http://wmu.com) for updates and ministry ideas monthly and find new features to help bring an international focus to an area of ministry offering adults many opportunities to minister at home and across the world.

WOMEN ON MISSION is ongoing mission involvement and learning. Providing mission opportunities, learning materials and many free resources that have been created to help women develop a missions lifestyle. The purpose of all WOM activities is that every person have opportunity to hear the Gospel.

ACTEENS for girls 12-17 to have opportunities to grow in their relationship with God and their peers - to look beyond themselves and become actively involved in missions and ministry.

YOUTH ON MISSION is a co-ed mission group for grades 7-12 and offers students opportunities to grow in their relationship with God and their peers and helps them learn they can be a part of God's work in the world.

CHILDREN IN ACTION is a co-ed missions discipleship organization for grades 1-6. Members learn about and pray for missions. They do mission work and give money to missions - plus - they have a great time.

GIRLS IN ACTION is a missions discipleship organization for girls grade 1-6. They learn about, pray for, give to and do missions work. They also make new friends and have lots of fun.

MISSION FRIENDS is for preschoolers from babies to kindergartners. Mission Friends provides the building blocks of faith and a basic awareness of God's love for all people.

I have some good news and some bad news: The good news is that two thirds of our churches have some form of WMU and also that Birds Creek is re-starting all levels of WMU in their church. They will be able to receive free materials from National WMU for the first 6 months to get them started. This is open to everyone that starts a new age level organization or re-starts one or more after 2 years of not having it in their church. The bad news is that one third of our churches do not have a WMU. Hopefully that will change for the better this next year.

As always, our WMUers have been busy this past year. A few of the things they have been doing include: starting a food and clothes closet, raised funds for stained glass windows, gave to the Harvest Food, a "give away", Fish Fry ministry, paper goods drive, Puerto Rico Deaf Ministry, Tomorrow's Hope, disaster kits, Samaritan's Purse, a "give away" which include giving Bibles, tracts and witnessing to many un-churched persons, gave to Haiti Relief, snacks for HCMC surgery, angel tree, food for Christmas boxes, fruit plates, hygiene bags, boxes for military, card ministry, St. Jude's donation, Gideon's donation, shoeboxes, disaster relief, private missionary support, salvation dolls, served at soup kitchen, school supplies, and gave to Gallo-way Missions. And this is just from the ladies who came to our WMU Banquet.

When you learn where God is at work you just find it important to do what you can to help and WMU helps to keep you informed.

Our ladies would ask you to pray for our country, our churches, our schools, and us.  
Blessings,

**Pat Nanney, Director**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Sunday School Director. Through your gifts to the Cooperative Program and the Western District Baptist Association, we were able to, once again, offer training for your Sunday School and small group teachers, leaders and workers. This year's training event was held at Paris First Baptist as part of our cluster partnership with Weakley and Carroll/Benton Associations. Thanks for your strong support of this training by encouraging your Sunday School leadership to attend. Thanks especially to the senior leadership and support staff of First Baptist Church for their hospitality both in offering their facilities as well as providing a meal for this event.

We would also like to recognize the efforts of Danny and Stephanie Zuckschwerdt of North Fork Baptist for their leadership in the Vacation Bible School training offered in the Spring (which was held at Paris First Baptist). Vacation Bible School is an important outreach arm of Sunday School. The theme of Lifeway's VBS literature this year was "Saddle Ridge Ranch," which received praise from those churches who used it. Other churches reported success using material by other publishers as well.

This report would be incomplete without expressing thanks to the men and women who, week after week, take time out of their busy schedules to prepare for, teach, and/or facilitate the Sunday School and small group ministries of this association. Your sacrificial leadership means that, every week, Christians are being discipled, and lost men and women are hearing the gospel. And, certainly, all praise and glory goes to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Fred Shackelford**

## MUSIC

What a joy it is to "Exalt His Name together!" - (Psalm 34:3) We certainly enjoyed getting several choirs together as one at the Evangelism Conference. It was a beautiful picture of the body of Christ being one to honor the Head, which is the Lord Jesus Christ. We came together from all kinds of different backgrounds and musical styles to be united in bringing glory to our Redeemer.

My desire is to truly serve the needs of music ministers within the Western District Association. I will be honored to help ministers of worship in whatever way I can. If you need help tracking down a particular piece of music or ...fill in the blank. I will do my best to team with you in honoring our Lord. Be looking for updates to music conferences and joint choir projects within the year. "Let us exalt His Name together".

"Bless the Lord O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy Name." Psalm 103:1

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

**Rick Murrell**

## EVANGELISM REPORT

It has been my privilege to serve once again as the Evangelism director for our association. This year for our Evangelism Conference we had Don Pearson from the Tennessee Baptist Convention Board come and bring our message. I would like to offer a word of appreciation to First Baptist Church for allowing us to hold our Evangelism Conference in their facility. Also I want to thank everyone who came and supported the Evangelism conference. I would ask that you begin praying for Brother Jim and the leaders of our association as they make plans for next year's Evangelism Conference.

In March we began the Jesus sign project and we sold over 2000 Jesus signs. This project encouraged our people to put the Jesus sign in their yards and share Jesus with their neighbors. You can still see Jesus signs throughout our two counties.

At this year's Fish Fry ministry we had Saul2Paul to perform with Larry Eddings bringing an evangelistic message. Six young people prayed to accept Christ and several others made other decisions. Plus we had several opportunities throughout the week to share Jesus with the Carnival Workers.

We also had churches turning in great numbers concerning their Vacation Bible Schools. The theme for this year was Saddle Ridge Ranch. I believe the music for this year's Vacation Bible School was some of the best ever. I am very appreciative of all the churches that conducted Vacation Bible Schools. I also want to thank each person who serves in making our Vacation Bible Schools such a success. Without your efforts we could not reach the boys and girls we do each year for Jesus. Thank you and continue the good work.

Also this year we held a training conference for our pastors entitled "Everyone a Witness." This conference was led by Dennis Nunn. There was a great turnout for this event. My prayer is that this conference will help pastors train their members in how to become a more effective witness for Jesus Christ.

This year our State Convention as well as our local association will be working in a joint effort to get the gospel to every household in the state of Tennessee. In the next few months you will be receiving updates concerning this event. I believe that this event can have a major impact in the lives of many Tennesseans.

Finally, I would like to simply challenge our pastors to faithfully keep preaching the word. I challenge you to embrace the same philosophy as the apostle Paul when he said in Romans 1:6, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek." It is the gospel of Jesus Christ that leads to the salvation of lost souls, so men lets continue being faithful in preaching the word.

**In Christ alone, Larry Dukes**

## MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT

Another year has passed by very quickly and it is now time to report on our Mission projects. The Missions Development team is grateful for the continued interest and emphasis on missions in our churches and Association.

WMU has done a fantastic job with mission involvement and promotion of missions. Churches in WDBA are continuing to supply the items for the Disaster Kits which are available at the Association office for burnout and other disaster victims.

Men's groups in some of our churches have assisted needy home owners with repairs, wheel chair ramps, etc. Several Churches became aware of places of need and put together their own mission trips this year.

The Association planned to travel to Iowa again to do Mission work on houses. We promoted this trip and had planning meetings in preparation for the trip. A few days before the departure date we learned of some difficulty at one of the churches where we planned to work. Also we continued to have cancellations from several of our team; therefore Bro. Jim and I decided to cancel the mission trip for this year.

We will be seeking to find a church building to work on next year along with the normal VBS activities.

Thanks to individuals and churches for your wonderful support of The Fish Fry Carnival Ministry. Many of the carnival workers were helped and witnessed to by you.

The Association took on the task of providing backpacks last Spring. These packs were made up at the WDBA office and stored for delivery to the schools each week on the last school day of that week. We are grateful to the volunteers who helped with this project.

Also, we worked with Second Harvest Food Bank on two separate occasions in bringing a semi truck load of food to the Association facility for distribution to area needy families. This required many volunteers who helped on the Saturdays of the distribution.

The Ministerial Association sponsored the Christmas Food Basket Program again in December 2009. Thanks to all the churches that participated in helping with this project. We trust you will help again with this year's Distribution.

Mission projects and activities take place throughout the year, many of which we are not aware of. Thanks for all you do for missions as you continue to be obedient unto our Lord!

Oh yes, and thanks to all who helped with local mission projects in WDBA. Union Friendship is especially grateful for the many volunteers who helped with the addition to our church building. This demonstrates that we can help one another at home as well as making trips to other places.

**Tom Winchester, Missions Development Director and the Mission Development Team**

## **TBC MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES**

First of all I want to thank you for your prayerful support during these days of moving from the local pastorate, and our beloved First Baptist Church, Sevierville, to the office of the Executive Director-Treasurer. It is a tremendous honor to be walking with you, as together we do Great Commission work for the King of Kings.

This has been a year of transition for the state missionary staff as they said good bye to their leader of almost 18 years and welcomed with open arms the new Executive Director of the TBC. It has also been a year in which they, like many Southern Baptists, anticipated the report of the GCR Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. However, in the midst of all of this your state missionary staff has moved forward addressing the areas of their ministry in creative ways. Let me share with you just a few of the highlights of accomplishments this past year.

Your state missionary staff is working to “Make Christ Known” in Tennessee and around the world by assisting, encouraging, and strengthening churches. This past year a pilot evangelism strategy was conducted in upper East Tennessee to help us all fulfill the challenge of GPS (God’s Plan for Sharing), “every person in North America hearing the gospel by 2020.” Out of this experience we will be challenging our churches and associations to take the gospel to every home in our state over the next 10 years. Your state Evangelism Ministry Team is calling on our churches to pray, to train, to go, and to celebrate the harvest as we never have before in order to meet the challenge before us.

This year, working with our associations and churches, and with the help of our Ministry Strategist Team, we have connected our state missionaries to partner in 90 projects. This has allowed for ministry and missions to be done in context of the need and on site to accomplish together Kingdom work.

Through our volunteer missions efforts we have responded to three disasters including the major flooding in middle Tennessee, to which we are still responding with rebuilding efforts. Through partnership missions, we have assisted churches in “Making Christ Known” outside of Tennessee. One such place we have impacted is the Kingdom is West Africa. As a result of what Tennessee Baptists are doing there, people groups are hearing the gospel for the first time and churches are being established among those people. A recommendation about extending our partnerships with the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary, as well as the Iowa and Montana partnerships will come from our Executive Board to the Tennessee Baptist Convention meeting in November. Praise the LORD!

Your state missionary staff has worked tirelessly in order to make Christ known and to strengthen churches in Tennessee by providing training to church staff and lay leaders by the thousands. Leaders have been trained in areas from worship to how to handle church payroll tax requirements for employees and everything in between. All of this training is being done to help Tennessee Baptist churches be healthier in order to “Make Christ Known” in their communities.

Your state missionary staff realizes that in order for Kingdom work to be accomplished missionaries in Tennessee and around the world must be sent. To send and to do the work requires finances, and your state missionary staff continues to carry the banner of the Cooperative Program and giving through your association and special mission offerings as the best way to together strategically advance the Kingdom. In order for Great Commission work to be sufficiently supported, it is important that the issue of stewardship be a component of good disciple making. Your state missionary staff is seeking to encourage our Tennessee Baptist churches in the area of stewardship and Cooperative Program support with the TEN X TEN campaign - that is to encourage every member tithing and every church giving at least 10 percent through the Cooperative Program in support of missions.

While wonderful work has been accomplished over this past year, even greater days are ahead of us. We must work in unity and with urgency to reach the three million plus lost people in our own state and several billions around this globe.

Again, it is a great joy and privilege to work with you on this journey.

**Randy Davis, Executive Director-Treasurer**

## **STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Obviously with the economy continuing to remain sluggish over this past year it has had an effect on our churches. We have seen giving to our churches throughout our association decline by a small percentage. Despite that small decline giving to the association has remained strong and for that we would like to thank you.

For a second year in a row the finance committee decided to keep everything as close to last year's budget as we possibly could. We did this because we recognize that we live in a time of economic uncertainties. However we can say that the association has been a wise steward of the funds and has been able to continue its work in our churches and community.

Just as a word of praise by this time next year our building loan on the Associational Ministry Center will be paid in full. We will be able to celebrate a note burning on the new ministry center and also look ahead to using those funds to help further our evangelism and mission efforts.

The 2011 proposed budget is \$132,199.00 which is an increase of 1.1 percent over the 2010 budget. We would like to thank Andy Collins, Larry Simmons, Ralph Anderson and Kathy Jones for their leadership on this committee. Thank you for your faithful support of your association over the past 188 years.

**Respectfully Submitted: The Finance Committee**

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT**

The 2009-2010 traditional academic year has drawn to a close. During this year we have welcomed Randy Davis to his new leadership role in TBC life, even as we offered our best wishes to Dr. James Porch for days ahead.

Dedication services were held for the new Bowld Student Commons, Providence Hall, which will house the School of Pharmacy, the new Residence Life facilities, the Hope Quad, and the Smith Memorial Soccer Complex.

This past year Union University graduated over 1,130 students, the second highest number of students among the numerous private colleges/universities in the state. These students are prepared to influence the culture with an education shaped by the best of the Christian intellectual tradition. Some are headed to premier graduate programs, some to the marketplace, some to public service, many to seminaries, and others to the mission field. It is an amazing thing to behold. Indeed, God's favor continues to rest upon Union University (Ps. 90:17) for

which we are ever grateful.

Our fall enrollment was a record 4,051 and our non-duplicating headcount for the entire year exceeded 4,900.

Union was listed in the Top Tier of Universities in the South (Master's category) by *U.S. News & World Report* for the thirteenth straight year. Union was also listed as one of the top 70 Up and Coming Universities in the entire country for the second straight year. In addition, Union was listed in the 2009 President's Honor Roll for Commitment to Community Service for the third straight year. Union was also listed among Best Southeastern institutions by the *Princeton Review*, and was one of only four institutions in the state recognized as a "College of Distinction."

The "Union 2010 Plan" was successfully completed and a new Strategic Plan, "Union 2012: Renewing Minds" process has been initiated.

The Master of Christian Studies program continues to grow with sites in Jackson, Germantown and Hendersonville. The Doctor of Ministry program has admitted its second cohort, including key pastors from across the TBC.

Students were involved in the dozens of global mission opportunities, local church and para-church ministries, and community service efforts. Union continues to send more students to serve with the International Mission Board than any other Baptist University in the country.

The Office of Church Relations has provided special care in supporting MKs, ministering to nearly 100 students who are children of missionaries.

The Doctor of Pharmacy program is ready to begin its third successful year, and its first in the new facilities.

A record number of total new students will begin studies in the fall of 2010 as Union anticipates its largest enrollment ever and its thirteenth year with an enrollment increase.

President Dockery authored a widely-circulated and well received work on the Cooperative Program entitled, "Convictional, Yet Cooperative: The Making of a Great Commission People."

We will pray for God's ongoing blessings to rest on Union University as we seek to advance the cause of Christ-centered higher education in the Baptist tradition. We are grateful to the churches of the TBC and the friends of Union University across the state who provide prayer, encouragement, and support for our work.

**David S. Dockery, President**

## **TENNESSEE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES**

Thank you for being partners in service to the Lord as we faithfully follow His instruction found in Mark 9:36-37. Through June of 2010, TBCH has ministered to 200 children and families in crisis and we are able to do this because of your faithful prayers and support.

We thank God for the way He has impressed upon your hearts the needs of this ministry. The past year has presented some challenges during this tough economic time and like you we are looking for ways to live within our means without impacting the children in our care.

Your Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes does not accept government funding so that we are able to teach the children and families in our care about the love of Jesus Christ. We

depend on your gifts to the Cooperative Program and Mother's Day Offering. The needs are greater than ever before, and we need your continued faithful giving to extend His hand of love to the children and families in crisis across Tennessee.

We covet your prayers, not only for the children, but for the staff that ministers to them each day. The children in our care experience security, stability, and have opportunities for personal and spiritual growth. Your prayers make a difference in their lives!

THANK YOU Tennessee Baptists for your prayers, your volunteer service, and your gifts. Together we are making a difference for the Kingdom!

**Bryant Millsaps, President-Treasurer**

## **TENNESSEE BAPTIST FOUNDATION**

The past fiscal year has been one of the most difficult years for the economy since the Tennessee Baptist Foundation's inception in 1938. By God's grace and through prudent asset management the 2009-2010 has been a year during which the U. S. economy and financial markets have struggled to recover from the deepest recession since the Great Depression. While considerable progress has been made during this year, the economy still has a long way to go. Your Tennessee Baptist Foundation has had a very good year despite the economic headwinds. A number of Tennessee Baptist churches, associations and convention institutions have placed their building funds, endowment funds and other funds for management with the Foundation and those funds are recovering. Baptists from across the state have turned to the Foundation for assistance with their personal estate planning. The Foundation has been pleased to invest in several Tennessee Baptist churches through its Church Building Loan program. Grants have been awarded to a number of qualified first-time ministries and projects across the state.

This year also is a transition year. W. L. (Bo) Childs, Jr. will retire on October 31, 2010 after more than 17 years with the Foundation. The Foundation's board of trustees elected Dr. H. Garrison (Gary) Coltharp to succeed Mr. Childs on November 1. Also the board elected Timothy (Tim) A. Norton to succeed Coltharp as Executive Vice President. Mr. Norton began his work with the Foundation on August 2. We are grateful to God for the opportunity to serve Him and Tennessee Baptists through the ministry of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

The Foundation offers the following services to Tennessee Baptists:

- Presenting informational Christian estate-planning seminars for churches and church-related groups
- 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 past year include:

1. Over 1,000 funds under management
2. \$116,253,631 under management and administered In Trust
3. 240 educational grants and scholarships totaling \$170,500 awarded for 2010-2011 (\$3,825,925 since 1987)
4. \$54,882 distributed as Special Project Grants to five new ministry projects
5. \$511,234 distributed to the Cooperative Program
6. \$838,872 to individual beneficiaries of charitable trusts
7. \$4,059,225 to other Baptist causes

Please contact us when your Tennessee Baptist Foundation can be of service to you, your association, churches or any of your members.

**W. L. (Bo) Childs, Jr., CFP**  
**Coltharp, D.Min.**  
**President-Treasurer**

**H. Garrison (Gary)**  
**President-Treasurer Elect**

## **BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR**

The *Baptist & Reflector* is the official newsjournal of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The paper is mailed to more than 35,000 homes 47 weeks a year, reaching a potential readership of about 90,000 people.

In addition, the *Baptist & Reflector* has become one of the top two most viewed pages on the Tennessee Baptist Convention's website at [www.tnbaptist.org](http://www.tnbaptist.org).

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. News Editor Connie Davis Bushey traveled with a 53-member youth team to Naples, Italy, to provide coverage.

In addition this year, the *Baptist and Reflector* began to utilize social media tools such as Twitter. Editor Lonnie Wilkey also began writing a blog in order to post up to date information for Tennessee Baptists between print issues.

The staff also monitors trends that could affect Tennessee Baptists and prints those stories on a regular basis to keep readers informed. In addition, opinions, both from the editor and others, are printed that are intended to make readers think, reflect and, if need be, act. Another role is to print articles designed to inspire and encourage Christians and churches.

The paper continually seeks to enlist new subscribers and offers a variety of subscription plans. One of those is the Church Page Plan. Churches that take advantage of this service can produce their newsletter on the back page of the *Baptist & Reflector*. This has proven to save churches both time and money. With the possibility of postage increases in the future, the Church Page Plan is an even more efficient way for churches to partner with the *Baptist & Reflector*. Church members will get not only their church news, but also state and national Baptist news. For more information about the Church Page Plan or other subscription plans, call the *Baptist & Reflector* office at 1-800-558-2090 or 615) 371-2003.

**Lonnie Wilkey, Editor**

## **TENNESSEE BAPTIST ADULT HOMES, INC.**

Your Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes has had another remarkable year in ministry thanks to the prayers and generosity of Tennessee Baptists. Those in leadership positions in the TBC have been both encouraging and helpful in emphasizing this ministry to senior adults and developmentally disabled adults. Likewise, the Cooperative Program continues to be a significant source of financial support.

Here are some highlights from this year. Baptist Health Care Center received a five-star rating for the second year running, identifying it as one of the premier quality nursing centers in East Tennessee. The Assisted Living Center there also received a superior rating. Construction began on the next phase of Williams Ferry Pointe, the independent living community adjacent to Baptist Health Care Center. The Wellness Program for the Middle Tennessee group homes made possible with a grant from Baptist Healing Trust has successfully improved the quality of health and level of activity among the residents in these three homes. Funding is being sought to be able to offer this type program for the residents in the East Tennessee group homes as well. Special Friends Camps, underwritten primarily by the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions, continue to be a highlight of the year. A total of 305 campers were registered for the two weeks of camp. The campers' exuberance and joy witness to the blessings these camps bring to them, their caregivers, and the camp staff.

Last year, during very difficult economic times, the Father's Day Offering goal of \$275,000 was met—with \$10 to spare! We are so grateful for the gifts of Tennessee Baptists. This offering annually supports between 40% and 50% of the cost of care for the group home ministry. The 2010 goal of \$300,000 is ambitious, but at the time of this writing the receipts are running slightly ahead of last year. The severity of the economy is being felt by Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes as it is by families and churches alike. We trust God to provide and bless as together all of us work to answer the call to respond to the needs of the elderly and the disabled. Thank you Tennessee Baptists for your commitment to and support of this ministry!

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# Tennessee Drug Awareness Council

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## “Helping children and families in the prevention of drug and alcohol use”

The Tennessee Drug Awareness Council is dedicated to helping children, families and churches with the prevention of drug and alcohol use. Our Mission is to bring a strong message of abstinence to students in our schools and churches regarding these substances. Our goal is to reach more than 10,000 students this year.

Consider why such a message is needed today in our schools and churches:

- Alcohol related accidents are the #1 killer of teenagers in the state of Tennessee
- Marijuana is the largest cash crop in the state of Tennessee and is being de-criminalized by the government
- 7 out of 10 young people in hospitals are there because of issues related to drug or alcohol use
- 9 out of every 10 young people in jail are there for use of drugs or alcohol

The percentage of students churched or un-churched who are using drugs and alcohol is about the same

While our mission has remained the same, this past year has been a period of transition and progress in many areas for our organization. To meet the challenges of running the ministry during these troubled economic times and responding to the changes in our youth culture I have asked our ministry teams to work with me on developing a plan to upgrade the ministry and find ways to become more effective in our service to churches, schools, parents and students and more efficient in our use of funds.

The results have been amazing ! The financial team has developed a budget which keeps the organization fiscally sound along with a plan to increase our funding as the ministry grows this year. The communications team has developed new materials we use to introduce the ministry to schools, sponsors and prevention specialists. We have already recruited 25 new specialists in middle TN using our new materials.

The Mobilization team has completely updated our drug and alcohol program material. The new program called “**Truth for Youth**” incorporates video testimony from teenagers concerning the consequences of making bad choices and the results of experimenting with drugs and alcohol. The program is engaging students and impacting them in a new way, leading them to reject peer pressure and encouraging them to find their life’s mission.

Because of the continuing support of the Tennessee Baptist Churches, our teams have made tremendous progress this year rebuilding and updating the organization enabling us to accomplish our mission. I realize these are difficult economic times, I also know the future of our churches depends on the success (or failure) of the next generation. One way for our teens to experience certain failure is by experimenting with drugs and alcohol. That is why our ministry brings a strong message to our youth on abstaining from these harmful substances and encouraging them to accept nothing less than the very best life God has destined for them.

You can help TDAC save our youth and their families from the devastation of drugs and alcohol by praying for us, hosting a TDAC event at your Sunday church service or youth group and of course placing TDAC in your upcoming budget. I am here to serve you and humbly ask that you consider partnering with us.

In His Service,

**Richard Fisher**  
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