# One Hundred Eighty-Second Annual Meeting of the Daviess – McLean Baptist Association

# 2025

DMBA
Daviess-McLean Baptist Association

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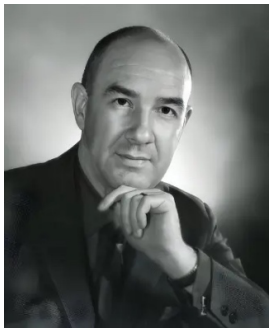
## Dedication Page

This 182nd Annual Meeting of the Daviess McLean Baptist Association
Is dedicated to the service and memory of:

**Larry Eugene Burris**
(February 19, 1948 – March 28, 2025)
Retired, previously served as DMBA Assistant Moderator and previous Pastor of Brushy Fork, Mount Vernon and Southeast Baptist Churches

**Dr. T.A. Prickett**
(July 31, 1934 – April 29,2025)
Retired Pastor of Seven Hills Baptist Church
(also served Bethabara Baptist}

**Dr. Paul Strahan**
(December 16, 1957 – June 3, 2025)
Pastor of First Baptist Owensboro



**Dr. Isaac McDonald**
(December 30,1931 – September 19, 2025)
Retired, previous Pastor of
Calhoun Baptist Church

| Daviess-McLean Ascn ACP Summary Information For ACP Year 2025 (Oct. 1, 2025 to Sept. 30, 2025) | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CHURCH** | **Messengers Allowed** | **Total Members** | **Resident Members** | **Total Baptisms** | **Other Additions** | **SS Avg Attendance** | **Primary Worship** | **Associational Giving** |
| Abundant Life | 9 | 333 | 327 | 25 | 25 | 191 | 258 | $5,958 |
| Apollo Heights | 10 | 558 | 523 | 6 | 5 | 48 | 64 | $1,200 |
| Bellevue | 10 | 3,193 | 2,811 | 60 | 36 | 721 | 1,111 | $3,750 |
| Bethabara | 7 | 251 | 207 | 4 | 6 | 90 | 103 | $12,017 |
| Bethel | 4 | 100 | 63 | 6 | 8 | 16 | 50 | $2,673 |
| Brushy Fork | 6 | 190 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 80 | $0 |
| Buck Creek | 10 | 1,038 | 964 | 3 | 11 | 186 | 201 | $34,955 |
| Buena Vista | 10 | 422 | 233 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | $200 |
| Buttonsberry | 3 | 71 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | $773 |
| Calhoun | 10 | 1,006 | 655 | 18 | 14 | 157 | 189 | $2,435 |
| Cedar Street | 3 | 33 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 15 | $600 |
| Crosspointe | 10 | 863 | 551 | 10 | 9 | 96 | 134 | $2,995 |
| Dawson | 10 | 491 | 340 | 0 | 3 | 61 | 88 | $6,292 |
| Eaton Memorial | 10 | 488 | 305 | 1 | 6 | 80 | 117 | $2,237 |
| Friendship | 5 | 145 | 47 | 1 | 0 | 18 | 38 | $2,877 |
| Garden Green | 3 | 30 | 25 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 20 | $0 |
| Glenville | 7 | 259 | 87 | 1 | 6 | 26 | 50 | $2,268 |
| Green Brier | 5 | 162 | 94 | 1 | 5 | 35 | 60 | $4,268 |
| Hopewell | 3 | 46 | 45 | 8 | 4 | 36 | 46 | $1,150 |
| Immanuel | 3 | 55 | 55 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 30 | $1,441 |
| Island | 10 | 433 | 377 | 2 | 1 | 58 | 85 | $15,615 |
| Karns Grove | 3 | 51 | 51 | 14 | 7 | 21 | 45 | $3,438 |
| Lewis Lane | 10 | 559 | 438 | 48 | 41 | 70 | 168 | $3,600 |
| Life Community | 7 | 244 | 244 | 18 | 23 | 144 | 183 | $4,676 |
| Livermore | 10 | 626 | 305 | 2 | 0 | 86 | 95 | $2,017 |
| Living Faith | 10 | 497 | 384 | 5 | 12 | 89 | 180 | $5,459 |
| Macedonia | 7 | 244 | 236 | 3 | 9 | 169 | 155 | $11,050 |
| Maceo | 10 | 404 | 268 | 4 | 2 | 30 | 75 | $8,539 |
| Mission Vision | 3 | 20 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 18 | $0 |
| Mount Vernon | 3 | 35 | 35 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 8 | $0 |
| Newman | 3 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | $0 |
| Owensboro First | 10 | 1,338 | 932 | 16 | 11 | 422 | 431 | $50,004 |
| Owensboro Third | 10 | 401 | 153 | 0 | 6 | 90 | 82 | $0 |
| Pack | 3 | 60 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 21 | $0 |
| Panther Creek | 8 | 277 | 125 | 4 | 0 | 39 | 67 | $5,438 |
| Pleasant Grove | 10 | 1,331 | 1,171 | 25 | 0 | 409 | 635 | $19,393 |
| Pleasant Memorial | 4 | 100 | 100 | 2 | 0 | 20 | 45 | $1,688 |
| Pleasant Ridge | 3 | *NO REPORT* | | | | | | $600 |
| Red Hill | 6 | 212 | 95 | 3 | 0 | 20 | 35 | $2,700 |
| Ridgewood | 10 | 745 | 745 | 9 | 0 | 46 | 85 | $1,250 |
| Riverside | 3 | 51 | 47 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 50 | $2,148 |
| Sacramento | 6 | 186 | 85 | 5 | 0 | 35 | 71 | $2,065 |
| Sorgho | 6 | 198 | 52 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 25 | $1,810 |
| South Hampton | 5 | 152 | 57 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 28 | $2,272 |
| Stanley | 6 | 188 | 188 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 12 | $0 |
| Station | 3 | 72 | 45 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 19 | $1,796 |
| Sugar Grove | 6 | 194 | 125 | 4 | 0 | 20 | 45 | $806 |
| Utica | 8 | 299 | 126 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 25 | $1,875 |
| Walnut Memorial | 10 | 1,725 | 1,725 | 4 | 3 | 223 | 322 | $8,412 |
| Whitesville | 6 | 220 | 70 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 30 | $1,200 |
| Yellow Creek | 10 | 1,305 | 1,253 | 15 | 18 | 260 | 315 | $12,400 |
| Yelvington | 3 | 23 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | $882 |
| **Total** | **350** | **21,930** | **16,964** | **335** | **273** | **4,224** | **6,070** | **$259,222** |

**DMBA 10 Years Baptism Numbers**

| YEAR | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BAPTISMS | 335 | 302 | 315 | 288 | 191 | 165 | 289 | 303 | 362 | 419 | 500 |

## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Moderator

Thank you for trusting me to serve as moderator of the DMBA this past year! This has indeed been a year full of fruitful shared ministry. Please know that I stand in amazement at the dedicated staff, and volunteers that make possible the ministries to which God calls us as an association.

Together we have responded to mass flooding damage in Mclean County. Thank you for your generosity and concern. We have been consistently providing food and other resources to the Baptist Center, and I am thankful for each can of food and hour of labor donated. We are so grateful for the dental clinic and the services they have consistently provided. And our jail ministry has transitioned to more year-round contact with inmates and their families. Men and women have gotten involved in leading bible studies inside the jail and I know that has made an impact. In short, I look back over the year and smile knowing that God has shown up and shown off through your efforts of obedience.
Blessings, Rev. Tony Shouse

### Financial Report and New Budget

2024-25 concluded as a transitional year for Associational finances. The decision to grant the appropriate Missions to have access to the "Carryover monies" from previous years to fund their on-going ministries was by far the most influential. This recommendation by the Committee was approved by the Executive Board as a part of the 2024-25 budget adoption. This change allowed the Missions areas of the DMBA to have an additional $ 100,00.00 of financial resources for current needs and plans for future ministries.

The Designated Funds grew during the year due to successful investment management and a favorable market. We were able to fund disaster assistance to 108 families totaling $27,000.00. Our 2025-26 DMBA approved budget carries a 2.88% increase and provides for continued funding of our ministries and missions while granting appropriate raises to our exceptional Staff. Meeting our 2025-26 budget will require a growing commitment by our churches. The Finance Committee expresses gratitude on behalf of all the ministries and Missions of the DMBA for the continued support by all our churches.

| | SUPPORT MINISTRIES | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | End of September | Year End Totals | Budgeted 2024 - 2025 | Budgeted 2025 - 2026 |
| EX 6010 | Evangelism | - | 904.75 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| EX 6100 | Leadership Training | 339.32 | 677.24 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| EX 6155 | DMBA Youth/Children's Camps | - | 4,200.00 | 4,200.00 | 4,500.00 |
| EX 6030 | WMU | - | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| EX 6040 | McLean County Help Office | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| EX 6050 | Southern Baptist Conf. of Assoc. Leaders (SBCAL) | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| EX 6055 | Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) | - | 400.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| EX 6700 | Assoc. Mission Trip | - | 1,692.25 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| EX 6120 | Youth Ministry | - | - | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| EX 6130 | Collegiate Ministry | - | 102.07 | 2,000.00 | - |
| EX 6150 | Leadership Encouragement | - | 2,195.75 | 4,000.00 | 3,500.00 |
| EX 6080 | Bibles for Inmates | - | 1,099.96 | 1,000.00 | - |
| EX 6613 | Hospitality | 151.87 | 1,321.28 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| EX 6550 | Christian Education Resources | - | 292.94 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| EX 6900 | Bereavement | - | 630.11 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| | **Ministry Total** | **3,491.19** | **18,016.35** | **23,100.00** | **19,900.00** |

| | MINISTRY PERSONNEL | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | **End of September** | **Year End Totals** | **Budgeted 2024 - 2025** | **Budgeted 2025 - 2026** |
| | Associational Mission Strategist | | | | |
| EX 8010 | Salary & Housing & Social Security | 6443.58 | 77,322.96 | 77,323.00 | 81,963.00 |
| EX 8035 | Annuity | 644.33 | 7,731.96 | 7,732.00 | 8,196.00 |
| EX 8070 | Health Insurance | 609.09 | 7,309.08 | 7,309.10 | 7,309.10 |
| EX 8900 | Christmas Gift & Longevity Bonus (2025) | - | 1,737.00 | 1,737.00 | 1,640.00 |
| | | 7,697.00 | 94,101.00 | 94,101.10 | 99,108.10 |
| | Associational Administrative Coordinator | | | | |
| EX 8200 | Salary | 1947.56 | 25,088.30 | 25,039.00 | 26,542.00 |
| EX 2015 | Social Security & Medicare | 144.5 | 1,909.46 | 1,952.00 | 2,031.00 |
| EX 8900 | Christmas Gift | - | 482.00 | 482.00 | 781.00 |
| | | 2,092.06 | 27,479.76 | 27,473.00 | 29,354.00 |
| | Staff Travel & Business Expense Reimbursement | | | | |
| EX 8910 | AMS - DMBA Mileage Reimbursement | 471.8 | 3,366.98 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| EX 8915 | AMS - KBC/SBC Travel & Expense | 151.9 | 5,185.54 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| EX 8920 | Associational Administrative Coordinator | - | 1,667.65 | 1,400.00 | 400.00 |
| | | 623.70 | 10,220.17 | 9,400.00 | 8,400.00 |
| | | | | | |
| EX 7020 | Clerks Fee | - | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| EX 8300 | Accounting Services | 900.00 | 10,800.00 | 10,800.00 | 11,100.00 |
| | | 900.00 | 10,950.00 | 10,950.00 | 11,250.00 |
| | **Ministry Total** | **11,312.76** | **142,750.93** | **141,924.10** | **148,112.10** |

| | OPERATING EXPENSES | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | **End of September** | **Year End Totals** | **Budgeted 2024 - 2025** | **Budgeted 2025 - 2026** |
| EX 8500 | Custodial Support | 635.00 | 6,501.20 | 6,760.00 | 7,165.00 |
| EX 5020 | Office Equipment & Supplies | 512.95 | 9,885.36 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| EX 5070 | Utilities | 1,109.99 | 10,844.89 | 12,800.00 | 12,800.00 |
| EX 5100 | Maintenance | - | 7,138.25 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| EX 5090 | Apartment Ministry | 74.86 | 828.22 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| EX 6520 | Promotion & Advertising | - | 68.02 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| EX 2020 | Social Security | 16.44 | 190.30 | 250.00 | 548.00 |
| EX 5060 | Insurance | - | 7,000.96 | 5,500.00 | 6,050.00 |
| | **Ministry Total** | **2,349.24** | **42,457.20** | **41,410.00** | **42,663.00** |

| | MISSION TOTALS | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | **Year End Totals** | **Budgeted 2024 - 2025** | **Budgeted 2025 - 2026** |
| MISSION 1 | Schafer Baptist Camp | | 45,000.00 | 45,000.00 | 45,000.00 |
| MISSION 1b | Schafer Baptist Camp Emergency and Repair Fund | | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| MISSION 2 | Baptist Center | | 13,100.00 | 13,100.00 | 13,100.00 |
| MISSION 3 | Dental Clinic | | 9,500.00 | 9,500.00 | 9,500.00 |
| MISSION 4 | Jail Ministry Christmas Project | | 3,700.00 | 3,700.00 | 6,325.00 |
| MISSION 5 | Party Trailer | | - | - | - |
| MISSION 6 | Disaster Relief | | - | - | 1,200.00 |
| MISSION 8 | Support Ministries | | 18,016.35 | 23,100.00 | 19,900.00 |
| MISSION 9 | Ministry Personnel | | 142,750.93 | 141,924.10 | 148,112.10 |
| MISSION 10 | Operating Expenses | | 42,457.23 | 41,410.00 | 42,663.00 |
| | **Ministry Totals** | | **276,524.51** | **279,734.10** | **287,800.10** |
| | **Needs Per Month** | | | **23,311.18** | **23,983.34** |

| **Year End** | **End of September** | **Year End Totals** |
|---|---|---|
| 2024 - 2025 Monthly Needs | **23,311.18** | **279,734.10** |
| 2025 - 2026 Monthly Needs | **23,983.34** | **287,800.10** |
| | | |
| Receipts from Churches | **22,985.04** | **265,493.40** |
| Budgeted Receipts Difference | **(326.14)** | **(14,240.76)** |
| Disbursements | **23,261.53** | **276,524.59** |
| Year End Spending Under/Over | **(276.49)** | **(11,031.19)** |

| | DESIGNATED FUNDS | BALANCES | FINANCIAL INSTITUTION | DMBA COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| DF 1100 | Schafer Baptist Camp Emergency and Repair Fund | 23,099.89 | KENTUCKY BAPTIST FOUNDATION | SCHAFER CAMP |
| DF 1200 | Dan Hughes Memorial Fund | 22,399.86 | GERMAN AMERICAN | SCHAFER CAMP |
| DF 1300 | Schafer Baptist Camp Scholarships | 3,937.25 | GERMAN AMERICAN | SCHAFER CAMP |
| DF 3000 | Executive Board Special Account | 239,113.29 | KENTUCKY BAPTIST FOUNDATION | FINANCE |
| DF 3100 | Reserve Fund | 50,000.00 | CHASE | FINANCE |
| DF 3200 | Associational Mission Trip | 700.00 | GERMAN AMERICAN | AMS |
| DF 3400 | Baptist Building Improvements | 61,626.00 | GERMAN AMERICAN | TRUSTEE |
| DF 3500 | Church Plant Grants | 30,000.00 | GERMAN AMERICAN | MISSION DEVELOPMENT |
| DF 3700 | Baptist Campus Ministry | 6,052.19 | GERMAN AMERICAN | COLLEGIATE |
| DF 3800 | KY Changers | 662.19 | CHASE | CHAD RAFFERTY |
| DF 4000 | Legacy Fund | 769,268.08 | BEACON MGMT | FINANCE |
| DF 5000 | Wilson Trust Fund | 426,954.91 | BAIRD | SCHOLARSHIP |
| DF 6000 | Travis Estate Fund | 228,615.83 | BAIRD | TRAVIS ESTATE FUND |
| DF 7000 | KBC 2020 Crossover Event | 3,800.00 | GERMAN AMERICAN | KBC |
| DF 8000 | Schafer Baptist Camp Lodge Fund | 141,091.97 | BEACON MGMT | CAMP SCHAFER |
| DF 8100 | Serve Tour Fund | 1,578.51 | GERMAN AMERICAN | AMS |
| DF 8200 | International Student Sponsorship | 3,502.27 | GERMAN AMERICAN | ADMINISTRATIVE |
| DF 9000 | Special Missions | 5,055.46 | GERMAN AMERICAN | FINANCE |
| | **Total** | **2,017,457.70** | | |

| | **MISSION 1 SCHAFER BAPTIST CAMP** | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | **End of September** | **Year End Totals** | **Budgeted 2024 - 2025** | **Budgeted 2025 - 2026** |
| | **ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS:** | | | | |
| CS 3000 | Beginning Carryover Balance | 27,268.27 | 63,471.10 | | |
| | Receipts from Churches and Church Groups | | - | | |
| CS 4030 | Camp Fees (Camper, Canteen & Food) | 40,657.50 | 119,461.50 | | |
| CS 4100 | Allocation from the Association | 3,750.00 | 45,000.00 | 45,000.00 | 45,000.00 |
| CS 4900 | Miscellaneous Income | | - | | |
| | **Total Anticipated Receipts** | **44,407.50** | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | **ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENTS:** | | | | |
| | Camp Director | | | | |
| CS 3000 | Carryover Spend | - | 3,879.34 | | |
| CS 5010 | Salary | 2,724.92 | 32,699.04 | 32,699.00 | 34,661.00 |
| CS 5020 | Annuity | 272.42 | 3,269.04 | 3,269.00 | 3,466.00 |
| CS 5040 | Health Insurance | 524.16 | 6,289.92 | 6,700.00 | 6,700.00 |
| CS 5080 | Christmas Gift | - | 679.00 | 679.00 | 694.00 |
| CS 2015 | Social Security & Medicare | 208.46 | 2,557.47 | 2,550.00 | 2,652.00 |
| CS 5045 | Travel Reimbursement | - | - | 2,000.00 | 1,200.00 |
| CS 6010 | Utilities | 4,064.73 | 38,474.75 | 28,000.00 | 30,000.00 |
| CS 6020 | Maintenance | 271.74 | 26,540.75 | 15,000.00 | 15,000.00 |
| CS 6030 | Insurance | 138.24 | 21,701.71 | 11,750.00 | 23,000.00 |
| CS 6060 | Canteen / Food | - | 23,802.00 | 17,000.00 | 17,000.00 |
| CS 6070 | Promotion | - | - | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| CS 6100 | Staff | - | 14,937.00 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| CS 6150 | Camp Director Supply | - | - | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| CS 6110 | Social Security & Medicare For Seasonal (DMBA's Half) | - | 1,142.68 | 675.00 | 675.00 |
| CS 6080 | Operating Supplies | - | 886.72 | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 |
| CS 6130 | New Equipment | - | - | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 |
| | **Total Anticipated Disbursements & Monthly Totals** | **8,204.67** | **176,859.42** | **139,522.00** | **154,248.00** |
| | | | | | |
| | **MISSION 1B** | | | | |
| | | **End of September** | **Year End Totals** | **Budgeted 2024 - 2025** | **Budgeted 2025 - 2026** |
| EX 9070 | Schafer Baptist Camp Emergency and Repair Fund | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |

| | MISSION 2 BAPTIST CENTER | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | **End of September** | **Year End Totals** | **Budgeted 2024 - 2025** | **Budgeted 2025 - 2026** |
| | **ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS:** | | | | |
| BC 3000 | Beginning Carryover Balance | 9,418.59 | 8,582.31 | | |
| | Receipts from Churches and Church Groups | - | 222.50 | | |
| | Memorial Contribution for Faith Morgan Jackson | - | 1,010.00 | | |
| BC 4120 | Receipts for Food Pantry | 25.00 | 2,374.49 | | |
| BC 4130 | Receipts from Center Store | 430.00 | 6,952.00 | | |
| EX 4100 | Allocation from the Association | 1,091.67 | 13,099.74 | 13,100.00 | 13,100.00 |
| | **Total Anticipated Receipts** | **1,546.67** | | **13,100.00** | **13,100.00** |
| | | | | | |
| | **ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENTS:** | | | | |
| BC 5100 | Director's Salary | 1,064.84 | 12,778.08 | 12,778.00 | 13,545.00 |
| BC 5135 | Christmas Gift & Longevity Bonus (2025) | - | 520.00 | 645.00 | 271.00 |
| BC 5130 | Social Security | 81.46 | 1,017.30 | 1,027.00 | 1,037.00 |
| BC 5045 | Mileage | 13.44 | 292.50 | 500.00 | 400.00 |
| BC 5025 | Food Pantry | - | - | | 1,000.00 |
| BC 5030 | Ministries / Programs | - | - | 1,800.00 | 800.00 |
| BC 5050 | Utilities | 815.09 | 7,513.52 | 7,500.00 | 7,500.00 |
| BC 5055 | Maintenance / Building Supplies | 408.12 | (4,263.59) | 1,800.00 | 1,980.00 |
| BC 5065 | Postage & Office Supplies | - | 76.98 | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| BC 5090 | Insurance | - | 1,984.02 | 2,500.00 | 2,700.00 |
| BC 5140 | Miscellaneous | - | - | 100.00 | - |
| | **Total Anticipated Disbursements & Monthly Totals** | **2,382.95** | **19,918.81** | **28,900.00** | **29,483.00** |

| | MISSION 3 DENTAL CLINIC | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | **End of September** | **Year End Totals** | **Budgeted 2024 - 2025** | **Budgeted 2025 - 2026** |
| | **ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS:** | | | | |
| DC 3000 | Beginning Carryover Balance | 9,620.62 | 9,793.85 | | |
| | Receipts from Churches and Church Groups | - | 403.00 | | |
| | Eliza Broadus Offering (EBO) Grant | - | - | | |
| DC 4020 | Receipts from Individuals | - | - | | |
| DC 4100 | Allocation from the Association | 791.67 | 9,500.04 | 9,500.00 | 9,500.00 |
| | **Total Anticipated Receipts** | **791.67** | | **9,500.00** | **9,500.00** |
| | | | | | |
| | **ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENTS:** | | | | |
| DC 3000 | Carryover Balance Spend | - | 358.51 | | |
| DC 5010 | Dental Supplies / Equipment | 262.93 | 5,732.30 | 5,000.00 | 5,500.00 |
| DC 5040 | Utilities | 355.51 | 3,900.96 | 4,500.00 | 4,200.00 |
| DC 5060 | Building Supplies | - | - | 500.00 | 250.00 |
| DC 5050 | Maintenance | - | 305.50 | 1,500.00 | 1,800.00 |
| DC 5080 | Miscellaneous | - | - | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| DC 5090 | Insurance | - | 408.47 | 1,000.00 | 1,100.00 |
| DC 5100 | Salaries | - | - | - | - |
| DC 5110 | Smiles Program | 0.00 | -34.64 | 1000.00 | - |
| | **Total Anticipated Disbursements & Monthly Totals** | **618.44** | **10,671.10** | **13,750.00** | **13,100.00** |

| | MISSION 4 JAIL MINISTRY CHRISTMAS | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | **End of September** | **Year End Totals** | **Budgeted 2024 - 2025** | **Budgeted 2025 - 2026** |
| | **ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS:** | | | | |
| JCP 3000 | Beginning Carryover Balance | 3,107.23 | 3,460.56 | | |
| | Receipts from Churches & Individuals | 45.00 | 3,715.00 | | |
| | Eliza Broadus Offering (EBO) Grant | - | - | | |
| JCP 4020 | Receipts from Association | 308.33 | 3,699.96 | 3,700.00 | 6,325.00 |
| | **Total Anticipated Expenditures & Monthly Totals** | **353.33** | | **3,700.00** | **6,325.00** |
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| | **ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENTS:** | | | | |
| JCP 3000 | Carryover Balance Spend | - | 750.00 | | |
| JCP 5150 | Bibles | - | 350.24 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| JCP 5065 | Inmates & Family Ministry | - | 934.33 | 2,250.00 | 6,000.00 |
| JCP 6900 | Children's Gifts | - | 10,939.76 | 5,250.00 | 7,500.00 |
| | **Total Anticipated Disbursements** | **-** | **12,974.33** | **10,000.00** | **16,000.00** |

| | MISSION 5 PARTY TRAILER | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | End of September | Year End Totals | Budgeted 2024 - 2025 | Budgeted 2025 - 2026 |
| | **ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS:** | | | | |
| PT 3000 | Beginning Carryover Balance | 14,889.92 | 14,889.92 | | |
| PT 4100 | Receipts from Churches / Individuals | - | 900.00 | | |
| | Eliza Broadus Offering (EBO) Grant | - | - | | |
| PT 6900 | Miscellaneous | | 1,102.50 | | |
| PT 4020 | Allocation From Association | - | - | - | - |
| | **Total Anticipated Receipts** | - | | - | - |
| | | | | | |
| | **ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENTS:** | | | | |
| PT 3000 | Carryover Balance Spend | - | 295.69 | | |
| PT 5150 | Supplies | - | 64.35 | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| PT 5065 | Administrative Fees & Insurances | - | 476.19 | 550.00 | 550.00 |
| PT 5050 | Maintenance | - | - | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| PT 6900 | Miscellaneous | - | - | - | - |
| | **Total Anticipated Expenditures & Monthly Totals** | **-** | **836.23** | **1,000.00** | **1,000.00** |

| | MISSION 6 DISASTER RELIEF | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | End of September | Year End Totals | Budgeted 2024 - 2025 | Budgeted 2025 - 2026 |
| | **ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS:** | | | | |
| DR 3000 | Beginning Carryover Balance | 7,257.10 | 11,725.05 | | |
| | Receipts from Churches and Church Groups | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | | |
| DR 4020 | Receipts from Individuals | - | - | | |
| DR 6140 | Allocation from the Association | - | - | - | 1,200.00 |
| | **Total Anticipated Receipts** | **5,000.00** | | **-** | **1,200.00** |
| | | | | | |
| | **ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENTS:** | | | | |
| DR 3000 | Carryover Balance Spend | - | 1,561.71 | | |
| DR 5020 | Equipment | - | 2,304.43 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| DR 5065 | Insurance | 532.05 | 532.05 | | |
| DR 6090 | Training | - | - | - | - |
| DR 6900 | Miscellaneous | - | 190.22 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| | **Total Anticipated Expenditures & Monthly Totals** | **532.05** | **4,588.41** | **2,700.00** | **2,700.00** |

## Nominating Committee Report

| OFFICERS for 2025-2026 | MISSION BOARD REPRESENTATIVES |
|---|---|
| Moderator: Conner Reed | 2026 Don Benton from Buck Creek |
| 1st Assistant Moderator: Tim Moss | 2027 Tim Moss from Maceo |
| 2nd Assistant Moderator: Aaron Foe | 2028 Jackson Covington |
| Clerk: Shea Hicks | |
| Assistant Clerk: Matt Boyd | |

## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

1. ***Administrative Committee***
   (Composed of five elected Associational Officers)

2. ***Annual Meeting (Program)***
   Moderator, Chairperson
   2026 Steve O'Neal
   2026 Brian Tadlock
   2027 Larry Birkhead
   2027 Wayne Morris
   2028 Bruce Malony
   2028

3. ***Schafer Baptist Camp Development***
Camp Administrator, Standing Chair
Camp Administrator Spouse, Standing Member
2026 Jenny Roberts
2026 Matt Boyd
2027 Mark Rowe
2027 Karen Bell
2028 Ray Toor
2028

4. ***Credentials (composed of the five officers of the association – see Constitution Article IV, 2, c.)***

5. ***Finance / Audit***
2026 Jesica Hope
2026 Conrad Francis
2027 Nickole Underwood
2027
2028 Tom Pelphrey, Chair
2028

6. ***Nominating***
2026 Matt Boyd, Chair
2026 Lanny Rideout
2027 David Wright
2027 Marijane McNeil
2028 Jenny Toor
2028

7. ***Personnel***
2026
2026 Dean Edmonson
2027 Karen Carter
2027 Sara Schroader
2028 Conner Reed
2028 Audra Blair

8. ***Resolutions***
2026 Mark Neiman
2026 Brian Roberts
2027 Tony Shouse
2027 David Stilwell, Chair
2028 Pete Taylor
2028 Clive Bell

9. ***Trustees***
2026 Jeff Free
2026 Randy Mulhollen
2027 Michael Ponton, Chair
2027 Toby Koller
2028 Silas Deane
2028 Justin Hunter

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**PROGRAM UNITS**

1. ***Baptist Center***
Gail Boling

2. ***Schafer Baptist Camp Ministry (Program)***
*Camp Administrator – Standing Chair*
*Camp Administrator Spouse – Standing Member*
Sharon Westerfield
Joy Pendley
Dustin Blair
Logan Lake
Jenny Roberts
Scott Gaddis
Jonathan Staples

3. ***Collegiate Ministry***
Tony Shouse, Chair
Josh Keister
Logan Lake

4. ***Disaster Relief***
Jeff Free, Chair
Keith Hurm

5. ***Evangelism***
Brian Roberts, Chair
Shea Hicks
Clive Bell

***6. Jail Ministry Christmas Project***

Becky Mobley
Anita West
Marijane McNeal

***7. Missions Development***

Joanna Kendall, Chair
Dennis Boyd
Jerry Robertson

***8. Travis Estate Trust Fund***

Elaine Wright
Linda Story
Brenda Isenberg

***9. Wilson Estate Trust Fund***

Investment Committee
Bill Price
First Baptist Church Pastor
Nathan Whisnant
Scholarship Award Committee
Ellen Hurt

***10. WMU***

Diane Thacker, Director
Susan Wedding, Secretary/Treasurer

***11. Youth Ministry***

Josh Keister
Wayne Morris
Zach Geary
Drew Partlow, Chair

## ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS 2026

| ***Executive Board Meetings*** | |
|---|---|
| | |
| January 12 | Apollo Heights |
| March 9 | Maceo |
| May 11 | Bethel (No Meal) |
| July 13 | Mt. Vernon |
| September 14 | Life Community |

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## DATES & PLACES AND PREACHERS ANNUAL MEETING

Monday in Daviess County and Tuesday in McClean County

| | |
|---|---|
| Monday | Crosspointe Baptist |
| | October 19, 2026 |
| | |
| Tuesday | Calhoun Baptist |
| | October 20, 2026 |

| | |
|---|---|
| ***Annual Sermon:*** | Gerald Peeples |
| ***Alternate:*** | Craig Bratcher |
| ***Doctrinal Sermon:*** | Brian Tillman |
| ***Alternate:*** | Pete Taylor |

## Personnel Committee

In 2025 the Personnel Committee:

Reviewed the recommendations provided by the Alliance Defending Freedom (that had previously reviewed our written policy manual) regarding SOGIE policy language and recommended a new Code of Conduct be added to the DMBA Policy & Procedures manual, in addition to added language in the Schafer Baptist Camp & Retreat Center and Baptist Building Use policies and staff job descriptions. Current and future employees will have signed copies of the Code of Conduct placed in their Personnel files. Additional changes were made to the general language of the Camp Scholarship, duties of the custodian – including suggestions by the Alliance Defending Freedom to protect us from the SOGIE laws.

Filled the open position of custodian.

Recommended a pay increase of 6% for all employees which includes a cost of living and merit raise.

Recommended a rate increase to 2% for all employees Christmas Bonus.

This Fall we are recruiting a new Director for the Baptist Center.

## Resolutions Committee

**RESOLUTION 1: GRATITUDE FOR THE FIRST RESPONDERS OF DAVIESS AND MCLEAN COUNTIES**

WHEREAS, the Daviess and McLean Counties first responders, law enforcement, including firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and 911 dispatchers, bravely face danger to protect our communities and citizens, and

WHEREAS, our first responders are always ready to risk their lives to save others as they respond to life-threatening situations, sacrificing time with family and incurring job related stress, and

WHEREAS, our first responders are committed to honing their skills by participating in difficult, on-going training, and

WHEREAS, our first responders are a vital part of our communities, it is imperative that we show our appreciation, and acknowledge their assistance, skill, and accomplishments with our continual support and respect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association hereby wishes to express our heart-felt gratitude to our first responders, including the law enforcement, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics and 911 dispatchers, and will endeavor to hold them up with prayer, encouraging them in any way possible.

**RESOLUTION 2: ON TRANSGENDERISM**

WHEREAS, God created men and women in His image with the proclamation that man and woman were created for one another to complement one another. (Genesis 1:27-28; Romans 1:26-27) and

WHEREAS, the bodies in which we are born are the bodies we are meant to use in glorifying God. (Romans 6:18-20) and

WHEREAS, children are to be raised by their parents and not by the school system or any other governmental body. (Ephesians 6:1-4; U.S. Supreme Court 1925 Pierce v. Society of Sisters) and

WHEREAS, there are many testimonies from adults who went through irreversible sex change surgeries as a child who now lament their ill-conceived decision (Laura Perry Smalts, Focus on the Family), therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association will proclaim the true nature of men and women as taught by our Creator in God's Holy Word, the Bible; and be it further

RESOLVED, to glorify God in our bodies; and be it further

RESOLVED, to protect the rights of godly, loving parents in helping their children navigate childhood's many mountains and valleys, and be it further

RESOLVED, to share the love of Jesus with all people, including the transgender community. (And) that Jesus suffered, bled, and died on the cross for all sinners. (And) that we can find complete forgiveness by humbly approaching our Lord, confessing our sin, and asking forgiveness with a desire for Him to be Lord of our life. (John 3:16; Romans 3:23, 10:9-10); and be it finally

RESOLVED, biological men must not participate in biological women's sports (Title 9).

RESOLVED, no mixed sexes in bathrooms or locker rooms.

**RESOLUTION 3: APPRECIATION**

WHEREAS, the One Hundred Eighty-Second meeting of the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association shall shortly come to a close; and

WHEREAS, First Baptist Owensboro and Livermore Baptist Churches have been generous and gracious hosts; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Meeting has provided a time of worship, encouragement, fellowship, and spiritual renewal to our Association Messengers; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we express to the host churches our gratitude for their hospitality, having provided their facilities and making everyone feel welcome; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we express our thanks to Ridgewood, Eaton Memorial, Station, Karns Grove, and Glenville Baptist Churches for hosting this year's Executive Board meetings; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we express our gratitude for all the officers who served with excellence and diligence throughout the previous year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we offer sincere appreciation to all the DMBA staff members and ministry leaders who work faithfully to serve the Lord and reach others with the Gospel message; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we offer also our appreciation to all those who serve tirelessly on the various committees and other roles within the DMBA umbrella to keep the ministry of the DMBA flowing in a God honoring manner; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we will continue to work together as an association to advance the causes of Christ and promote the gospel message, which offers hope, renewal, and transformation to the people and communities we serve.

**RESOLUTION 4: ON MARIJUANA USAGE**

WHEREAS, Scripture teaches that any intoxication is forbidden for the believer as Ephesians 5:18 (CSB) states, "And don't get drunk with wine, which leads to reckless living, but be filled by the Spirit"; and

WHEREAS, Scripture teaches that anything that creates a mind that is not sober is forbidden by the believer as Proverbs 20:1 states, "Wine is a mocker, beer is a brawler; whoever goes astray because of them is not wise."; and

WHEREAS, in this world we can take medications that will ease pain, suffering, and improve health, we as believers must not partake in these things for recreational use. Proverbs 21:6-7 (CSB) states, "Give beer to one who is dying and wine to one whose life is bitter. Let him drink so that he can forget his poverty and remember his trouble no more." Likewise, Paul told Timothy in 1 Timothy 5:23 (CSB), "Don't continue drinking only water, but use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses."; therefore, let it be

RESOLVED, marijuana should not be used for recreational use, and if by any medicine, be it any medicine, be used to ease pain or any other ailment, it must be regulated by a professional in the medical field. Paul states it best 1 Corinthians 6:12 (CSB), "Everything is permissible for me, but not everything is beneficial. Everything is permissible for me, but I will not be mastered by anything."; and let it be further

RESOLVED, alcohol and drug abuse has led to the breaking down of too many families and lives in general. As messengers of the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association, we believe the recreational use of marijuana ought not be added to the list of problems with which citizens need to cope.

**Schafer Baptist Camp & Retreat Center (Development Committee and Ministry Program Unit)**

Schafer Baptist Camp had a great year with six weeks of camp, eight retreats last fall, hosted adult KY Changers, several picnics, and had a great turnout for our annual workday. We are so very blessed! We had our regular six weeks of camp this summer, three of those are DMBA camps. These camps were blessed to have 85-140 campers. Blackford Breckenridge Association and Lincoln Association of Baptists have used Schafer as their camp site for many years.

Adult Kentucky Changers called us to ask if they could come to Schafer because the place they had planned to go canceled on them. Tim and I talked and of course started preparing projects for them. These folks came to work, they are such a blessing!

Projects Adult Kentucky Changers worked on:

- Gutted Crestview and began remodel
- Made a storage area for DMBA camp directors
- Pressure washed and sealed concrete around MPB
- Built new large picnic table for dining hall porch
- Painted the sleeping area of Crestview
- Built stairs to access storage area
- Patched concrete on dining hall porch
- Replaced fluorescent lights with LED in cabin
- Bathrooms

Our Annual Workday was great as well!! We had more folks than any year we've had one.

Some of those projects:

- Mulching around flower beds at the mission cottage and some trees
- Stained picnic tables
- Pressure wash buildings
- Cleared and removed several fallen trees
- Serviced heating and air units
- New basketball goal installed at the pool

Projects for the Administrators:

- New gravel in main parking lot
- Made a parking lot at boys cabins
- Repaired storm damage to cabin roofs
- Repaired busted water line near girls cabins
- Opened and closed the pool and made plumbing modifications to prevent freezing
- Installed 2 radon mitigation systems in the house
- Stocked both ponds with flat head minnows

The Development Committee met earlier in the year and asked if the sound and lighting equipment could be upgraded. Tim called a company, and they came to look at the current system and gave us an estimate on a new system. They would have installed a digital sound board, 2 lights, and 2 speakers, the estimate was close to $40,000. We thought that was too expensive and looked into other options. Tim contacted Corey Marchand, music minister at Living Faith and he came to show us what to order. Tim and Corey installed the same digital sound board from the estimate, repaired speakers, new lights, new wiring, and amp stage box for a fraction of the estimate. Corey is also available when we or others using the equipment have questions. We are thankful for Corey and his expertise.

We purchased a new game for the camp, archery tag and a new lawn mower.

Projects to be completed next year:

- Replace broken windows in cabins
- Replace basketball court lighting with LED
- Install indoor volleyball court for new ministry
- Plant trees
- Repair broken swings and extend playground
- Replace sand in playground with rubber mulch
- Dig silt out of the large pond
- Install activities on the walking trail
- Address plumbing issues in the dining hall
- Replace dining hall roof

We do all these projects to keep the camp running to better serve our campers. They come to enjoy themselves but most of all to learn more about Christ. During our camps this year there were 20 professions of faith and multiple rededications. That's why we have camp!!!

We want to thank you for praying for us through our journey with Wyatt. It has been a scary time but we know who is in control. He is doing well, in maintenance, but still has a couple years of treatment. We would appreciate your continued prayer.

Next year DMBA camps: Youth July 5-9 Missons July 13-16 Limitless July 17-20

We would love to host your church for a picnic or retreat! Schafer Baptist Camp is yours to us for fellowship and drawing others closer to Christ.

**Trustee Committee**

Storm damages occurred across all four properties during the Spring of 2025. The March hailstorm impacted the Baptist Building, Party Trailer, Baptist Center and Dental Clinic. Schafer Camp experienced wind damages during a separate late March storm. Insurance claims have been filed, compensation received – but repairs are yet to be fully coordinated.

The Baptist Building has had general maintenance on doors, overhead light ballasts, and the great room ceiling leak of 2024 repaired. Light fixtures on the ceiling of the small board room recently fell and are pending repairs. The parking lot was repaved.

The Baptist Center food pantry floor was repaired, sealed and painted due to water damages along with an additional electrical outlet has been installed in the quarter store.

The DMBA has accepted transfer of ownership for the Disaster Relief Trailer from Buck Creek Baptist Church.

Michael Ponton, Chair

**New Business – Credentials**

***Motion*** – "The Executive Board recommends to the Annual Meeting that we remove Third Baptist Church of Owensboro from association with the DMBA due to their stated lack of adherence to the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 as stated in the by-laws of the DMBA."

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January 14, 2025

Third Baptist Church
527 Allen Street
Owensboro, KY 42303

Dear Third Baptist Church,

It has been brought to our attention that Third Baptist does not hold to the same beliefs that is required to be a member of the Daviess - McLean Baptist Association, which states:

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Statement of Membership. The Daviess – McLean Baptist Association shall consist of messengers who are members of the Baptist Churches which freely enter into covenant relationship with one another under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, which affirm a common statement of faith ACCORDING TO THE 2000 BAPTIST FAITH AND MESSAGE, which subscribe to the Constitution and By-Laws, which annually send letters of report to the Association and which share in the work of the Kingdom of God through the Association.

We hope that we have misunderstood your beliefs. If that is the case, please contact Dr. Nathan A. Whisnant at the Daviess—McLean Baptist Association office.

If Third Baptist does not respond within 30 days of receiving this letter, the Daviess—McLean Baptist Association will no longer acknowledge Third Baptist Church as a member.

Nathan Whisnant
Associational Mission Strategist

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To the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association,

In response to your letter dated January 14, 2025, it has become evident that our beliefs at Third Baptist Church have been willfully misunderstood—and, perhaps more concerning, that the Association's own purpose and guiding principles have been equally misrepresented.

The very foundation of this Association is to **"promote our common interest and spiritual and material well-being"** and to **"strengthen our bonds of fellowship and unity."** However, the suggestion to remove Third Baptist Church from fellowship directly undermines these stated purposes. To no longer acknowledge our church as a historic and faithful member of this Association would not only weaken our collective mission, but it would also subvert the very reason for which this body was established.

The Daviess-McLean Baptist Association was formed to **enable its churches to be in 'Christian fellowship'** and to pursue mission work **"individually and collectively"** in their respective settings. This framework acknowledges the beautiful diversity of local congregations and respects their God-given autonomy.

Yet, in seeking to remove Third Baptist Church, some within the Association seem to have forgotten the Baptist principle of **local church autonomy.** If the Association truly exists to facilitate mission and fellowship **without dictating uniformity**, then our continued membership should be embraced, not questioned. If individual churches no longer retain their right to interpret and apply their mission within their own communities, then this Association has drifted from its Baptist heritage into something far more controlling and restrictive.

We have not forgotten the importance of autonomy—**have you?**

Removing Third Baptist Church does not foster unity; it fractures it. Unity is not achieved through forced conformity but through a shared commitment to Christ's mission, despite our differences. If this Association is willing to divide over perceived differences, then it risks losing its credibility as a space for cooperative ministry.

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Fellowship implies the ability to walk together even when we do not see eye to eye on every issue. If the Association values unity in mission, it must resist the temptation to create unnecessary divisions that diminish our collective witness to our community and the World. As I said in my remarks at the last Executive Board Meeting, this effort to remove a Baptist church from the Association is fruitless. And I am confident that the Spirit of God is not in these efforts if there is no love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness or self-control in these efforts to fracture our bonds of love and peace.

We urge the Association to consider what kind of legacy they wish to leave behind. Will this be an Association known for embracing diversity within the Baptist tradition (as we have done for nearly all our years as Baptists), or will it be remembered as one that alienated its own members over differences that fall within the scope of Christian liberty?

The decision to remove Third Baptist Church will set a dangerous precedent—one that signals that churches must conform to a narrow framework or risk exclusion. Such a legacy is not one of unity but of division, not one of strength but of insecurity.

Reflect deeply on the fundamental purpose of the Association's existence: to support and unite, not to control and exclude. **Understand This: Third Baptist Church remains committed to being a faithful member of the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association, and we believe that cooperation, not separation, is the way forward.**

We have not forgotten who we are as Baptists. We pray that you have not either.

*We need you, you need us.*
*We're all a part of God's body.*
*You are important to us, and we need you.*

The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!"
And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" (1 Corinthians 12:21)

Respectfully,

Rev. Derek Cain
Third Baptist Church

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Date: March 11, 2025

To Third Baptist Church:

Thank you for your responding to our letter. However, the response failed to answer our question: does Third Baptist Church support and embrace the Baptist Faith & Message 2000?

Your letter questioned whether or not we have misrepresented the DMBA mission. The answer is we have not.

The DMBA is a big tent association. We have churches that only use the King James Bible, while others use other translations. We have churches that are deacon lead, congregational lead, and elder lead. Our churches have different styles of worship and different thoughts on discipleship. There are probably churches that lean more toward Arminianism and others that lean more toward Calvinistic theology, But all are welcomed under the tent.

However, every tent has boundaries. For the DMBA, that is our constitution, which states:

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It may be true that Third Baptist Church acknowledges the 1963 Baptist Faith & Message, but unfortunately, that is outside of the DMBA tent because as the culture has shifted and the need for more clarity was needed, the DMBA adopted the requirement for all the churches who desire to partner together to adopt the 2000 Baptist Faith & Message which has strengthened our bond of fellowship and unity among churches.

Third Baptist Church or anyone else may see that as dictating uniformity, which is your right. The Apostle Paul reminds us "Be alert, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong." (1 Corinthians 16:13, CSB) or simply put, you've got to stand for something or you'll fall for anything.

Again, we ask, does Third Baptist Church support and embrace the Baptist Faith & Message 2000?

Sincerely,

Nath A Whisnant

Dr. Nathan Whisnant
Associational Mission Strategist

## MISSION PROGRAM REPORTS

### Associational Mission Strategist

Something that is important for the health of any church is evangelism. If we are not sharing the good news of Jesus with people around us the lost will not get saved, and there will be no conversion growth in the church. The North American Mission Board (NAMB) has created something that can help. It is called the NAMB Evangelism Kit, and they are providing one copy free to every church in the Southern Baptist Convention. I had the opportunity to attend a preview of the kit. Let me tell you a little bit about it and why I encourage you to order one soon.

The kit embraces a cyclical approach to creating a culture of evangelism in the church including examine, embrace, engage, and encourage. The kit also includes videos to supplement the training. They can be watched or downloaded online at NAMBevangelism.com. The reason they made it cyclical is because the process never stops. Once you begin a culture of evangelism in your church, the kit helps you to sustain one by going through the process multiple times. I want to share with you a little bit of information on each part of the cycle.

**Examine**
The examine phase prompts you to assess your spiritual health and well-being and the level of evangelistic engagement in your church. This phase helps you examine your personal life and the life of your church to assess where you are now. It uses videos and an assessment tool designed to help you gauge the health of your soul, family and church. It is not exhaustive or meant to be a scientific assessment; rather it is a way for you to reflect on the condition and balance of your life and work. It helps you see the present reality in each area. It is not an evaluation of how you want things to be; it is an evaluation of how they are presently. How will you develop an action plan for areas you feel need strengthening in your soul, family, and church? Maybe a concentrated prayer time for wisdom, personal revival, strength, your spouse and children if appliable, the church family, the lost, and boldness in sharing the gospel.

**Embrace**
The embrace phase gets to the heart of developing a culture of evangelism. You will be led to explore and understand your community and develop a thorough plan for preparing your church for evangelistic engagement. You may have explored your community demographics and have a healthy plan for reaching your neighbors. But, in an ever-changing world, it is always a good idea to stay current with changes that are happening around you. The three embrace videos will help you tackle the difficult issues related to understanding your community, your church and developing a thorough plan for preparing your church for evangelistic engagement.

As you work through the video content, prepare to take notes. Ask yourself these questions:

- What is your next step in securing and evaluating a current demographic study? (Visit namb.net/demographics for a free report. One free per church every two years.
- What do you need to do to review or create your church's mission and vision statements?
- What training method(s) works best for your church's context?
- What tools (**review the Resource Catalog inside the kit for ideas**) can you use singularly or together to help you create a training plan?
- Given your church's current situation what are your next steps to implement an effective evangelism plan? These will include identifying gospel barriers, gospel bridges, gospel actions, choosing evangelistic tools, and creating training opportunities.

**Engage**
The engage phase focuses on walking through the key elements for helping your church family consistently and confidently engage in sharing the gospel. Do you have a plan for equipping your church members in how to start gospel conversations and how to invite people to trust in Jesus for salvation? This is the focus of the engage stage. The As You Go/Prayer key chain inside the kit will be a tangible reminder of these critical

elements in personal evangelism. As you watch the three engage videos, you will learn practical ways to involve your entire church in praying for the lost and sharing the gospel with your community.

As you work through the video content, prepare to take notes. Ask yourself these questions:

- How is your church engaged in praying for those who do not know Jesus?
- Which conversation starters resonate with you? What others can you add to help your church members?
- How can you help your church members recognize opportunities for personal evangelism, encouraging them to share the gospel "As You Go"?

Some action plans for engage include creating a prayer plan (churchwide, small groups and personal), encouraging gospel conversations( create opportunities to get involved, provide ways to practice witnessing, share conversation starters), and develop evangelism-focused lessons/sermons (e.g., role of the Holy Spirit, praying for the lost, how to recognize witnessing opportunities "as you go," the power of the gospel, purpose of the believer in witnessing, and many others).

**Encourage**

The encourage phase focuses on celebrating gospel conversations and those who come to saving faith in Jesus. Having an attitude of celebration and providing tangible ways to do that are critical for building an evangelistic culture.

The goal of the encourage phase is to instill courage into people in your church as they share the gospel in their community and within their spheres of influence. The three videos for encourage will explore the why, the how and the where of encouragement.

The 12 Encouragement Cards in this kit (to be placed in the wood stand provided) are designed to encourage you to evangelize (II Timothy 4:5) and celebrate personal evangelism in your church. Place these cards where you can see and review them often. Rotate the cards periodically, perhaps once a month. Add to the set by creating your own! Specific ideas are included on one side of each card with the other side sharing a Scripture text, a reflection or prayer prompt.

As you watch the encourage videos, prepare to take notes. Ask yourself these questions:

- Who can you publicly celebrate for their evangelism efforts to encourage others?
- How can you intentionally, strategically and visibly celebrate evangelism efforts?
- What are some new ideas you gleaned from the videos and Encouragement cards on ways to celebrate personal evangelism?

Develop action plans for evangelistic activity: celebrate obedience (e.g., testimonies of those praying for the lost, recognize those who complete training, interviews with those building relationships with the lost, acknowledge gospel conversations), celebrate impact and results (e.g., salvation, baptism, life transformation).

Develop action plans for evangelistic promotion: Sunday morning (e.g., services, Sunday school/small groups), publicity (e.g., bulletin, newsletter, social media, website), and public displays (e.g., progress in gospel conversations, testimonies of salvation, and stories of evangelism).

**AMS Activities for the Year**

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| Attended Sunday worship services | 36 times | Met with individuals | 29 times |
| Preached | 20 times | Attended churches for events | 35 times |
| Attended Wednesday services | 17 times | Attended funerals | 2 times |
| Attended convention/training | 25 times | Prayed with pastors/staff | 47 times |
| Visited the Baptist Center | 13 times | Prayed at churches | 32 days |
| Visited the Dental Clinic | 10 times | Attended community events | 1 time |
| Visited Schafer Baptist Camp | 13 times | Attended KWC for post chapel | 5 times |
| Attended committee meetings | 56 times | Visited in the hospital | 2 times |

**Baptist Center**

The Quarter Store made $7,174 this past year. We handed out 267 Food boxes to families in need of food. We gave away 176 Backpacks and supplies for school. Our annual Coat Giveaway provided 171 coats. We handed out 32 Gift cards for new shoes. At Christmas we provided 174 shoe boxes to nursing home residents who did not have any family in addition to helping 3 families with their Christmas.

Gail Boling, Director

**Christian Dental Mission**

The Dental Mission continues to meet oral health needs of those in financial hardship in our area, as well as building relationships and trust in order to share God's love and the Good News of Jesus. We continue to have three dentists serving faithfully along with a very committed team of six volunteer staff members, to include three dental assistants, one chaplain, two receptionists, and a sterilization technician.

Our two monthly clinics are scheduled for the second and third Fridays. New patients come from referral from the Help Office of Owensboro or the McLean County Help Office. People with dental needs are interviewed and granted a financial need voucher if they do not have any assistance from dental insurance. Extractions, fillings, and dental cleanings are the primary treatments we provide, along with creating smiles with acrylic partial dentures to replace missing teeth in their smile line!

With part of our Eliza Broadus mission grant of 2024, we have uniformed all volunteers in clinic jackets with the SBC logo and Christian Dental Mission monogram. It has been nice to be able to be identified by our similar uniforms as volunteers with those we serve.

On March 28, a number of the dental mission volunteers participated in a reorganization of the clinic administrative area and the storage room. It was long overdue and, of course, will help us operate more efficiently and see our true inventory. Many outdated supplies were discarded along with items no longer useful to the clinic mission.

We held our annual volunteer appreciation dinner and program February 25th at the Baptist Building. Our special speaker was Kamlen Haokip, pastor of the Burmese church of Bellevue Baptist Church, who spoke on the work of his church with the Burmese community of Owensboro and of the political plight of the Burmese people overseas in their homeland. The annual banquet purpose is always to inspire and unify our volunteers in their passion for missions at our dental clinic and beyond, to recognize our volunteers, and to invite prospective volunteers to consider the dental mission as a place to serve. It is our plan to schedule our next banquet in February of 2026.

The Dental Mission is thankful for the support of the DMBA and our AMS Nathan Whisnant, and the prayers and support of our area churches! It is a privilege to serve at the Dental Mission and have the opportunity to show the love of Christ to many with a multitude of needs. May the Lord continue to give us strength, grace and wisdom as we share the Gospel through dentistry!

Ralph Thacker DMD, Chair

**Collegiate**

The collegiate committee thanks the churches of the DMBA for your continued support as we share the love of Jesus to our college students, staff, and faculty. We have been able to provide pizza on a weekly basis to the students at KWC after their chapel service. Along with pizza we have been able to build relationships with the students, pray with students, and council students and it's all facilitated by your consistent giving and support. Everyone in our community is welcome to join us for chapel at 12:12 PM at the Jack Wells activities center on Frederica Street to see how God is moving on campus.

Tony Shouse, Chair

**Disaster Relief**

After area flooding in Kentucky, Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief responded to McLean County to bring help, hope, and healing to our area. Georgia Baptist Disaster volunteers lodged at Buck Creek Baptist Church to minister to impacted, hurting people in need in the community and to share and be a witness for Jesus. During this occasion there were 6 professions of faith, completed 53 flooding jobs, provided 60 bibles, provided 271 showers, and assisted with 48 loads of laundry.

Below are other activities the DMBA Disaster Relief responded to:

February: Henderson, KY (Ice Storm)
March: Imperial, MO (Tornado)
April: McLean/Daviess County, KY (Flooding)
May: Henderson, KY (Flooding)
June: Oak Grove, KY (Flooding)
August: Shepherdsville, KY (Wind Damage)
September: Fordsville Baptist Church, KY (Water Damage)

None of the activities listed above would've been possible without Daviess McLean Baptist Association's continued support to KY Disaster Relief. Please continue to pray as God opens doors as we minister to an impacted, hurting world of communities and individuals that need to know, feel, and see the love of Jesus.

The next Disaster Relief Training will be in Henderson, KY on March 21, 2026.

As a final thought, I'd like to share a Bible verse that comes to mind in reflection of Ky Disaster Relief serving the communities and individuals that are impacted by the changes in weather.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

Thanks for all you do, Jeff A. Free

**Evangelism**

There will be an evangelistic gathering on Nov. 2nd in Calhoun, Kentucky. We are very thankful Calhoun Baptist Church will host this special event at 6:30 to help McLean County recover from the weather-related events of the past year. We invite everyone in the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association for a time of worship and praising Jesus. The collection of money that night will go to the McLean Help Office and God's House of Hope. Bro. Justin Hunter of Bethel Baptist will be our preacher, and Zach Geary will lead worship. Please use the flyer/advertisement in your services to promote this special event, and we encourage you to move your Sunday night services to Calhoun that night.

Brian Roberts, Chair

**Jail Ministry**

Jail Ministry Christmas 2024 served 438 children of inmates at the Daviess County Detention Center. Children received an age-appropriate bible or bible story book, and $15 gift cards in a Christmas card from their parent. These children received their gift by mail.

In May 2025 the Jail Ministry Committee made a recommendation that the ministry be changed from a Christmas only ministry to a month-by-month ministry to meet the needs of the inmates at Daviess County Detention Center. This was approved at the May Executive Board Meeting.

With this approval from the DMBA the committee met to determine a path. Jailer Art Maglinger met with Connie Hardison and discussed the needs of the inmates. Jailer Maglinger and Chaplain Emil Herzog shared with Connie some ministry opportunities that were successful in the past, but were no longer being fulfilled by any other church. The Jail Ministry Committee met and felt this was an answered prayer for our direction moving forward.

In June DMBA delivered 25 Kids Pack bags to Brother Herzog. The bag is available for Brother Herzog to use as a ministry tool for inmates that are bonded out/released and most likely going home to a family they have been separated from for an extended period. The bag is to help the inmate reestablish a bond with his/her children by offering a stuffed animal, some candy and Play-Doh. The bag also contained a storybook bible and an adult bible for the family and information about Daviess McLean Baptist Association. Future bags will contain similar items. The committee expects to fill 100 of the Kids Pack bags each year.

600 phone cards were packaged with a gospel tract by the Jail Ministry Committee. The 10-minute phone cards that were budgeted to be purchased by the DMBA Jail Ministry were gifted by Combined Public Communications. We praise God for using this phone card to reach the hands of those who were in need and separated from their families. Not only was this a blessing to the inmate, but it was also a blessing to two of our committee members who were invited by Jailer Art Maglinger to help hand out the cards to the inmates.

Christmas is the next ministry opportunity. The Jail Ministry Committee met on October 14, 2025, to plan. Walmart gift cards left over from last year will be used to purchase items for the Inmate Christmas packages. A 15-minute Video Phone Card for the inmate to reach out to their family during the holidays will be included with the package, but must be purchased through the preferred vendor of the Daviess County Detention Center.

Christmas Caroling is being planned, but a specific date has not been confirmed. Specific information will be sent through the DMBA.

**Missions Development**

As we come to a close for the year, the committee is pleased with the progress made this year. We attended two events; Minority Health Fair at the Convention Center and Juneteenth held at English Park where literature was passed out.

Looking forward to our mission trip to Lynch, Benham, Cumberland, KY., October 12 - 17, 2025 with nineteen people traveling to make an impact in this area. God is good!

In the new year the Mission committee will focus on missions in the DMBA area. Looking forward to the new year!

Blessings, Joanna Kendall, Chair

**Party Trailer**

The Block Party Trailer was utilized 9 times by 7 different churches. It was used for a wide range of activities from block parties, back to school events, community outreach, church homecomings and fall festivals. Eliza Broadus Grant Funds are available to cover the $100 rental fee. If your church does not have a designated member trained in use of the party trailer, please contact the DMBA office to schedule.

Matt Boyd, Chair

**Travis Estate Fund**

The Travis Estate Fund is from monies donated to the Association to assist members (62 and older) of the Baptist churches in the Association who may be in need for medical or other reasons deemed necessary. The Fund can also be used in assisting pastors or families in difficult times. At present the Fund is assisting one person with assistance with prescriptions, also one pastor is receiving some assistance. These needs are approved by a committee. Applications can be picked up at the Baptist Building.

Jerry Carter, Chair

**Wilson (H.S. and Hattie Lou) Educational Trust Scholarship Fund**

This fund is designated to support upstanding, dedicated, active members of the associational churches that are experiencing an economic need for financial assistance pursuing their undergraduate studies. Applicants must have received acceptance in a designated institution of higher learning for the applicable semester prior to funding and a letter of recommendation from their Pastor. Recipients are eligible for a total of 4 semesters. The scholarship amount varies according to need and the market each semester. The Wilson Trust provided a total of 11 Spring and 25 Fall Scholarships for the 2025 Academic year. If you know someone that might qualify, have them go onto the DMBA website, www.dmba.org, during the month of June or November to complete the online application.

**WMU**

Thank you to all the DMBA churches Women on Mission! Collectively we have not gathered together yet the great commission is going forward through so many; changing lives and making Christ known!

September was Eliza Broadus offering. Theme was "With Purpose" based on 2 Samuel 24:24 "…I will not offer to the Lord that which costs me nothing." What a challenge! Eliza Broadus offering enables Kentuckians to reach our neighbors with the Gospel with Purpose.

Go to kywmu.org for all upcoming events and to register!

GA Jam: *ALL IN* –Missions event for *Girls grade 1-6* Bowling Green, KY. For Moms, Girls and Leaders. This Challenges girls to live on mission for Christ! Churches do not need to have a GA group to attend GA JAM November 8, 2025, REGISTER TODAY!
Thrive: Like you Mean It a retreat for *teen girls* and their female leaders/moms November 14-16, 2025, Corbin, KY. Come, gather together and see they are not alone trying to live on mission for Christ. This provides a great opportunity to help our young girls grow strong in their faith.
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering - Giving spreads the Gospel around the world! Pray how God wants you to impact the Nations!

If you feel the Lord wants you to get involved in WMU through the DMBA please call, text or e mail me. It would be great to band together to move the gospel forward.

Diane Thacker (dlthack@aol.com, 270-993-0766)

**Youth Ministry**

During this year the DMBA youth committee partnered with Maceo Baptist Church for a three-day youth revival on March 20th though the 22nd. The event was hosted by Maceo Baptist and supported/endorsed by the DMBA. This fall the youth committee organized a See You At The Pole Rally. The event was hosted by Walnut Memorial and was attended by over 100 students from 7 churches. Worship was led by Walnut Memorial's students and the message delivered by Drew Partlow from Livermore Baptist Church.

Drew Partlow, Chair

## SPECIAL REPORTS

**Sunrise Children's Services** - Bro. Kevin Richardson greeted the messengers and expressed appreciation to Bro. Tony Shouse for arranging the opportunity to be there. He made note of resources including an addendum available at the table in the lobby. Bro. Kevin brought greetings for Dale Suttles and the staff of Sunrise, and he highlighted the following report.

- Sunrise Children's Services has been serving since 1869 because of the support and giving through donations and the Cooperative Program.
- Sunrise provides services from foster care to adoption and on to independent living.
- Sunrise provides a Mental Health Center in Danville that has a 160-bed waiting list.
- Last month, Sunrise celebrated its 711th adoption.
- With the increase in Human Trafficking, a place is needed for those rescued.
- The cost of care per child is staggering but God provides.
- Solid Rock Ranch is a place for siblings in Foster care. Seventy percent of siblings are separated by foster care.
- Bro. Kevin invited messengers to come tour the home and facilities.
- One Bridge to Hope provides Juvenile Justice help.
- Sunrise.org provides healing and hope.
  Three Asks…
  - ◊ Pray … for the children, staff, and leadership
  - ◊ Parents … are needed for the children
  - ◊ Financial Support … is needed. There is an offering at Thanksgiving.

Bro. Conner Reed offered a time a prayer for Sunrise Children's Services.

**Kentucky Baptist Convention** - Bro. Bubba Stewart addressed the annual meeting by video and shared the following opportunities…

- Kentucky Baptist Children's Choir at Cedarmore on April 24-26.
- Worship and Technology Conference at Crestwood on April 25th.
- Worship Leader Boot Camp at Clear Creek on June 18-20.
- Student Worship Camp at SBTS on June 29-July 3.

**NAMB Video –**

NAMB Video - Dr. Kevin Ezell shared that $74.7 million was given to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and was an all-time record high. This giving "fuels the mission." Baptisms increased 10%. There were 767 church starts which was an increase of 18%. Disaster Relief and Send Relief efforts provided help, healing and hope along with more than 100 million hot meals. NAMB is honored to partner with churches.

## MISCELLANEOUS NEW BUSINESS

Bro. Matt Boyd brought a ***recommendation from the Credentials Committee*** in regard to correspondence with Third Baptist Church and their affiliation with the DMBA. Information is provided on pages 17-20.

- **Motion reads as follows….** ***"The Executive Board recommends to the Annual Meeting that we remove Third Baptist Church of Owensboro from association with the DMBA due to their stated lack of adherence to the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 as stated in the by-laws of the DMBA."***
- Bro. Matt spoke regarding that this is due to lack of agreement with the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 which is a requirement for membership within the DMBA. Third Baptist does align and agree with the Baptist Faith and Message 1963, but do not affirm the updated 2000 BF&M which is the accepted norm among this association, the KBC, and the SBC.
  - ◊ One of the prior differences is the addition in the 2000 revision to more clearly give definition to who can serve as pastors within the local body of believers. Third Baptist does not agree with this statement, and it includes on its own website that women "are encouraged to preach, teach, and serve in all leadership capacities at Third Baptist."

- Bro. Matt stated that the committee does not believe that Third Baptist is "sympathetic to the work of the DMBA." They are not active financial supporters of the association, and they do not list the association as one of the partnerships they "foster relationships with denominational and missional organizations, other churches and individuals with shared values and goals."
- Their own website, their beliefs and their actions have made it clear that they are not partnering with the work of the DMBA, and therefore action is now being taken to remove them from fellowship of the DMBA according to our own constitution, article 4 section 6.
- Pages 17-20 are correspondence letters with Third Baptist addressing these concerns.
- Bro. Derek Cain, pastor of Third Baptist brought a response to the motion.
  - ◊ Baptists are people who believe that God alone is Lord of the conscience. That no one stands between a believer and God.
  - ◊ To vote to expel Third Baptist, not because we have stopped loving Jesus, or have abandoned the Gospel with strange and unorthodox teaching, but because we see a few things differently, is to trade the wide mercy of God for the narrow comfort of control. That is not Baptist; that is not Christian. I don't believe that is who we are.
  - ◊ When we draw lines who is in and who is out, we are like the disciples who wanted to stop a man from casting out demons in Jesus' name. Jesus said, "whoever is not against us, is for us." Our divisions do not protect but rather make smaller.
  - ◊ Third Baptist has been here for 129 years. We've fed the hungry, lifted the poor, sent missionaries, loved our neighbors, preached the Gospel, baptized new believers, and buried the saints. For 104 years has stood on the same doctrinal foundation that the association and all our churches have affirmed. Then 25 years ago, a new statement appeared, and some chose to affirm it while others decided to affirm what they always have.
  - ◊ We believe in the strength and cooperation of free churches. We have honored your liberty, and we ask you to honor ours. To say that we must all align with one doctrinal expression when we once celebrated the freedom to choose is to abandon the genius of being Baptist. Confessions guide us; they do not bind us. They are testimonies of faith; not instruments of control.
  - ◊ Paul told the Corinthians, "the eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you.'" You may not agree with every decision we've made in our history, but I dare say you don't agree with your own church history. The body of Christ was never meant to be uniform. If the eye cuts off the hand, the whole body suffers. If the foot says, "because I'm not a hand; I don't belong," then we all limp.
  - ◊ This vote is not just about one church; it is about the kind of people we will be. Will we be those who stay at the table when the conversation gets uncomfortable or will we be the ones who walk away?
  - ◊ Bro. Cain stated that he has seen churches die not because of lack of truth or doctrinal conformity, but because of a lack of love.
  - ◊ Third Baptist will continue to love, serve and feed, and welcome and follow Jesus as best we know how. We will be the best kind of Baptist that we've always been. We will keep the table open and our hands outstretched. We will keep praying that the same Spirit who began this fellowship long ago will carry it on to completion.
  - ◊ We still believe we need you and you need us. We are all part of God's body, and the eye cannot say to the hand "I don't need you."
- Ms. Paula Settle of Third Baptist spoke in opposition stating that by math Third Baptist has not followed for 25 years and stated what happened. Ms. Settle stated that she believes this is happening because a church should not be told what they can and cannot do. It is her understanding that one pastor did not like the fact that during Bro. Cain's installation service, one lady was invited to speak. We are not going to change based on any decision that is made tonight; the most important thing is the autonomy of the local church. We know that we don't follow the 2000 BFM and that is a rule, but it hasn't bothered anyone for 25 years.
- Adam Roach spoke stating that Scripture is clear on this matter regarding ordination. He asked if this was a one-time thing. Is the issue ordination? He continued that culture does not guide us, Scripture does. We cannot compromise Scripture.

- Paul Hampton asked clarification as to whether we are discussing the autonomy of the church or the requirement of being a member of the DMBA. We are disagreeing with autonomy but rather membership within the DMBA.
  - ◊ Bro. Matt Boyd stated it was for the purposes of requirements of association in the DMBA.
- Bro. Tom Pelphrey asked the Credential's Committee if they would be going to every church to ask if they are in cooperation with the BFM 2000, and if so, how they would do that. We have never asked a church to sign a declaration as such.
  - ◊ Bro. Matt Boyd stated that this has not been the intent of the Credentials committee. Matt stated that the issue was brought to the committee and by bylaws, it was their job to investigate. Letters were sent to address and answer the question.
  - ◊ Bro. Tom Pelphrey asked… Does this mean anyone can bring an issue to the credentials committee for disfellowship of a church?
  - ◊ Bro. Matt stated that it is the responsibility of the committee to evaluate the standing of churches.
  - ◊ Bro. Tom Pelphrey asked how this will be handled in the future.
  - ◊ Bro. Conner and Matt stated the committee will follow its responsibilities to investigate and bring to the board for final decision. This issue was brought to the March board meeting, investigated by committee and brought for approval in September.
- Bro. Robert Carter asked if it would not be easier to make this a question on the ACP.
  - ◊ This was deemed as an issue that could be addressed outside of the current motion.
- Bro. Gerald Peeples expressed that this is a sad night, no matter what happens… for the church, for the association, for us as believers. He expressed that while he can't say that he is for or against this, he believes this all started with the Southern Baptist Convention changing the Baptist Faith and Message. He has been a Southern Baptist all his life, but that doesn't mean he agrees with everything Southern Baptists do. He posed the question that if the SBC changes something in June, are we going to automatically say that if our churches don't align with that . . . What if they said all churches that have Calvinist beliefs should be kicked out. This is a dangerous precedent, and we need to be careful. We need to pray, pray, pray.
  - ◊ Bro. Conner responded stating that this motion is pertaining to the constitution of our DMBA and our own bylaws.
  - ◊ Bro. Tim Moss was recognized to respond and stated that if SBC made a change, we as an association would have to decide and go through a process to make a change of our own. This process takes two years.
- Ms. Joanna Shake of Panther Creek Baptist asked the question of clarification as to why "this one person" brought the issue to the Credentials Committee. Was there something in particular, not just the adherence to the BFM?
  - ◊ Bro. Matt Boyd on behalf of the Credentials committee answered that it was an adherence to the Baptist Faith and Message and an acceptance of women as pastors.
  - ◊ Ms. Shake asked if Third Baptist had women pastors and Bro. Boyd answered that they do not.
  - ◊ Ms. Shake continued by sharing that the individual who brought the issue to the committee was the same person that had sat in her Sunday school class where she was teaching for several years, and she now questions if she should have taught that class.
  - ◊ Bro. Conner expressed his appreciation for her question and her comments, and then reminded the messengers that the issue before the association is not one of autonomy of the church and how it functions but rather an adherence to the BFM as a means of associational membership.
- Bro. Richard Sams, pastor of Calhoun Baptist Church began by stating that he prepared his comments with research to make sure that his heart was in the right place in making this decision. He accessed Third Baptist Church's website to learn more about them as to what they believe and who they say they are as a church. He stated that clearly on their website it states that they "affirm women in all aspects of ministry, including the pastorate." It says that they are "a welcoming church to the LGBTQ community." And there are things that add to their identity as a church. He then stated, "If I am going to be in partnership with a church that this is their identity, then I am also giving my affirmation that I am in agreement with that identity. And I cannot say that according to the Scriptures." He continued by noting that they have separated, whether on their part or the part of Southern Baptists, from the SBC and KBC. They are with

the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. "They have not supported the DMBA; they say that they are in partnership with us, but it sounds like a one-sided partnership."

- Bro. Ron Williams, chairman of the deacons at Third Baptist and a messenger to the association, shared that many have said that the BFM would not become a creed, but rather as a statement of the people at that moment. He expressed his concern that we have allowed it to become a creed. He then expressed that he believed the discussion should be as to whether our constitution should be revised to eliminate that creedal requirement. He then asked to offer a substitute motion.
  - ◊ The Chair expressed that he did not believe that could be done; it may be amended, but cannot be substituted.
  - ◊ ***The amendment was proposed as follows***…

  *"The Executive Board recommends* ***a study be conducted regarding the adherence to the Baptist Faith and Message as a means of association be made and be reported back to the Executive Committee before a motion is made*** *to the Annual Meeting that we remove Third Baptist Church of Owensboro from the association with the DMBA due to their stated lack of adherence to the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 as stated in the by-laws of the DMBA."*
  - ◊ Bro. Matt Boyd, on behalf of the Credentials Committee stated that the committee would not receive this as a friendly amendment as work the amendment calls for has already been done.
  - ◊ Bro. Tim Moss stated a point of order that this amendment would require the DMBA constitution to be amended and therefore should be out of order.
  - ◊ ***The amendment was ruled out of order by the chair*** as to do so would require an amendment to our constitution that clearly states the BFM as a means of association.
  - ◊ A vote was called on the question…
  - ◊ ***A challenge to the ruling of the chair was made - by vote the ruling of the chair was upheld.***
  - ◊ Bro. Conner Reed offered a time of prayer for Third Baptist and the association during this time.
  - ◊ As moderator, Bro. Reed asked that all messengers tear their ballots in half in order to maintain anonymity. He explained that a "yes" vote was to affirm the Credential Committee's motion to remove Third Baptist as a cooperating church within the DMBA due to a lack of adherence to the Baptist Faith and Message. A "no" vote was to seek continued partnership with Third Baptist as a member of the DMBA.
- Ballots were collected.

**Report from the Chair -** Bro. Conner Reed reported the results of the ballot vote regarding the motion from the Credentials Committee and the associational relationship with Third Baptist.

Bro. Conner shared that the vote, per DMBA constitution and bylaws, requires a two-thirds majority vote and the votes were as such…

- 96 Total votes Cast
- 75 votes in the affirmative (yes) = 78.125%
- 19 votes in the negative (no) = 19.791%
- 2 votes in abstention = 2.083%

***Two-thirds votes would constitute 66% of the votes and had been met***

**SEATED MESSENGERS of the Annual Association Meeting: 122**

Abundant Life: Rev. Farrell Isenberg, Brenda Isenberg, Melinda Francis, Conrad Francis (4)
Apollo Heights: Rev. Brian Roberts, Dustin Blair, Audra Blair, Sharon Westerfield (4)
Bethabara: Rev. Gerald Peeples (1)
Bethel: Rev. Justin Hunter, Michelle Hunter (2)
Buck Creek: Brian Tadlock, Lesieur Nash, Emma Nash, Don Benton, Jenny Toor, Ray Toor, Nolan Wells, Shayna Wells (8)
Buena Vista: Rev. Tom Pelphrey (1)
Calhoun: Dr. Richard Sams, Tim Morrison, Alice Metcalfe, Zachary Geary, Steve Riggs, Gene Heisler (6)
Crosspointe: Gwen Poston, Tom Poston, Brian Basham, David Toler, Susan Toler (5)

Dawson: Rev. Craig Bratcher, Alice Barnett, Norma Hurm (3)
Eaton Memorial: Paul Hampton, Ray Barrow, Jim Mitchell (3)
Friendship: Rev. Aaron Foe (1)
Glenville: Rev. Van Thompson, Thomas Hemingway, Sheila Hemingway, Russell Smith, Michelle Smith, Alden McElwain, Steve McFarling (7)
Green Brier: Rev. Jackie Perkins, Sharon Barker, Larry Barker, Sue Crabtree, Buddy Ralph (5)
Island: Rev. Chad Rafferty, Martin Eaton, Wayne Morris, Wayne Curry, David Wright, Elaine Wright, Roger Eaton (7)
Karns Grove: Rev. David McCarthy, Karlton Robinson, Ethan Skimmerhorn (3)
Livermore: Rev. Clive Bell, Karen Bell, Lanny Rideout, Scotty Williamson (4)
Macedonia: Rev. Conner Reed, Andy Crowe, David Ratliff, Chris Bryant, Marijane McNeil, Jackson Covington, Laura Adams (7)
Maceo: Rev. Tim Moss, Bessie Luttrell, Cindy Evans (3)
Mission Vision: Rev. Pete Taylor, Roy Moseley (2)
Owensboro First: Christina O'Bryan, Rick Graham, Mike Monroe, Ray Gillaspie, Stephen O'Neal (5)
Owensboro Third: Rev. Derek Cain, Paula Settle, Elaine Williams, Iris Moreno-Brown, Laura Bronn, Patty Drury, Dr. Ronald Williams, Steve Kimble (8)
Panther Creek: Rev. Eddie Duke, Phil Yeiser, Lisa Yeiser, Joanna Shake, Glenn Ford, Janie Ford (6)
Pleasant Grove: Rev. Brian Tillman, Karen Carter, Robert Carter (3)
Red Hill: Rev. Bruce Schroader, Donnita Adkins, Sara Schroader, Carolyn Williamson, Ron Ambrose (5)
Sacramento: Barry Ellis, Mike Woodburn (2)
South Hampton: Rev. Clay Lambert, Jean Roberts, Kathy Roberts (3)
Sugar Grove: Bro. Adam Roach, Mike Oldham, Sarah Roach, Darla Oldham, Rose Crabtree, Tommy Garris, Linda Garris (7)
Utica: Rev. Shea Hicks, Cynthia Stilwell, David Stilwell (3)
Yellow Creek: Silas Deane, Mchael Ponton (3)
Yelvington: Rev. Mark Nieman (1)

**GUESTS: 15**
Buck Creek: Diane Thacker, Ralph Thacker (2)
Calhoun: Debra Riggs (1)
Crosspointe: Samantha Brand-Embry (1)
DMBA Staff: Cortney Brown, Cindy Street, Nathan Whisnant (3)
Livermore: Roy Humphrey (1)
Macedonia: Larry Birkhead (1)
Owensboro First: Derry Billingsley, Jean O'Neal, Matt Boyd (3)
Sugar Grove: Chris Oldham (1)
Sunrise Children's Home: Kevin Richardson (1)
Utica: Jon Hicks (1)

**Total Attendees (137)**

## 2025 Executive Board Minutes

**Daviess-McLean Baptist Association**
**January 13, 2025 - Board Meeting, Ridgewood Baptist Church**

**Call to Order (7:00)** – The meeting was called to order by Bro. Tony Shouse, Moderator, with a recognition of Bro. Tony Boyken, pastor of the host church.

**Welcome, Scripture, and Prayer (7:00)** – Welcome from Bro. Tony who expressed his hope that all had plenty to eat. He made note of restroom locations. Ridgewood has been studying through the book of Revelation; Bro. Tony read from Revelation 5:8-14, and opened the meeting in prayer.

**Attendance Check (7:03)** – Shea Hicks, as clerk, confirmed that as of 7:00 fifty-one (51) board members/pastors and twelve (12) guests had recorded their attendance and that quorum had been met.

**Recognition of New Board Members and Staff (7:04)** – Bro. Nathan Whisnant recognized Brian Tillman from Pleasant Grove Baptist and Derek Cain from Third Baptist. Bro. Tillman shared that he was from Mississippi and looked forward to many years of service. Bro. Cain shared he had been at Third since July and it was good to see familiar and some friendly faces. He came from a church in Butler and is happy to be in Owensboro. Dr. Whisnant also recognized Matt Boyd who is now serving on staff at Abundant Life. Matt shared that he is now serving as the pastor/director of discipleship and family ministries. Dr. Sams recognized Bro. Andrew Stanley who is serving as a pastoral intern, and he introduced Garrett Marrows as family ministry in training.

**Approval of the September Minutes (7:07)** – A motion was made for the approval of the minutes of the September meeting reports on pages 3-5 as well as page 43 in the book of reports. The motion received a second and the motion was approved.

**Approval of the Annual Meeting Minutes (7:07)** – A motion was made by Tom Pelphrey for the approval of the minutes of the Annual meeting on page 5. The motion received a second by Tim Moss and the motion was approved.

**Finance Committee (7:08) -** The financial report beginning on page 10 was presented on behalf of Bro. Tom. A change to what was on the report was made to DF 8200, International Student Sponsorship. It shows $4,752.27**,** but an additional $2,000 for that account did not make it into the report. The report was approved and entered into the record.

**AMS Report (7:10)** –Dr. Nathan Whisnant presented his written report made available on pages 17-21 and shared the following comments…

1. Nick Sandefur will be at the DMBA building tomorrow night to help us get off on the right foot for leadership in 2025. The meal starts at 6:00pm. Currently we have 19 signed up to attend. You are welcome to join us but must let me know tonight if you want a meal.
2. I will be attending the Refocus training in Bowling Green on January 30th. I encourage you to go to the KBC website to check it out and register if it looks like something that might benefit you.
3. I will be at Yellow Creek Baptist Church all four Mondays in February doing evangelism training. We will start at 6:30 pm with class work and then start visiting around 7:00-7:30 pm. Feel free to join us and bring someone with you that you think might have an interest in learning how to comfortably share their faith. As I and others from Yellow Creek visit their prospects, you can take that person with you to visit prospects from your church.
4. On February 25th at 5:30 pm the DMBA building will host the Christian Dental Mission banquet. This is for anyone who already serves in any capacity at the Dental Mission and for those who think they might want to serve. You do not have to have a dental background to serve, just willingness to help people smile while introducing them to Jesus. It is intended to say thank you to those who are already serving or thinking about serving; however, if you know a dentist that you think might like this type of ministry, please let them know about the banquet.
5. On March 6th the KBC will lead a Sunday School Still Matters event at Walnut Memorial Baptist Church. This is for any size church Sunday school leader or teacher who wants to learn how to more effectively conduct and promote Sunday school. I plan to attend.
6. I will be attending the REACH evangelism and missions conference on March 11th in Somerset.
7. First Baptist Church is hosting a Spiritual Warfare conference beginning on January 25th at 9:00 am featuring Dr. Chuck Lawson. Please contact Wes Dunn at FBC to register or find out more information. The beginning session is on Saturday and the final session will be on Sunday morning…. Dr. Nathan encouraged each to come to the Saturday session but be in your own church on Sunday.

8. Maceo Baptist Church will host a youth revival March 20-22 for youth in all our DMBA churches. Please contact Tim Moss at Maceo for more information. Plan now to attend and bring your youth. There will be 3 special speakers - Nick Sandefur, Preston Blanton, and a "mystery guest."
9. Cards have been handed out with information on our newest missionaries going out. They are the Perkins family from Greenbriar Baptist. They will be headed to the IMB for training and then to Central America for language training and then eventually to Peru.

**Committee & Ministry Reports (7:18-7:31)**

(7:18) Baptist Center - Dr. Whisnant reported on behalf of Gail Boling. Words of appreciation were given for those who had brought food for the pantry. A plea had been made for churches to adopt an item for the pantry and all items were adopted. For the month of September through December, the store made $2,320. Fifty-two boxes were given out. The coat giveaway was October 26 and they were able to hand out 90 coats. The Joy class donated $100 for the pantry and three additional donations for food were made. They helped a family in November that had a house fire with some clothes, new shoes and household items. The Christmas sale was on December 6-7 and they were able to help two families for Christmas. They gave six new coats to nursing home residents at Davco. They gave two gift cards for new kid's shoes. They were able to do 174 shoeboxes for nursing home residents without families.

(7:20) WMU- Diane Thacker shared about the Dental Clinic. They are thankful for all the help they have received from many who serve. If you know of a dentist, or especially hygienists to volunteer, they are very much in need of hygienists. She encouraged many to come to the banquet and see what they do.

March 2-9 is the week of prayer for WMU and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The WMU is a big umbrella with Men's and Women's Ministries. They are involved in children's ministries. There are many locally and on the state level that can come and speak on mission opportunities and helping start a program in your church. Endless materials are available.

(7:22) Bro. Tony encouraged those present to take a moment to review the Missions Development report made available in the book of reports. He shared that he is excited about the evangelism plans for this year.

(7:23) Credentials Committee - Bro. Erdie Carter, serving as 1st Vice Moderator, brought two items to the attention of the board.

1. Redemption Place, also known as Wing Avenue, has sent an email requesting to be removed from the association. Their response was that they did not believe it was best for their church at the present time to be a part of the association. - ***This is informational and does not require any action on the part of the association***.
2. Third Baptist Church. Bro. Erdie expressed his appreciation for Pastor Derek Cain who was present and shared that this process began before Bro. Derek came to Third Baptist. It was brought to the attention of the Credentials Committee in regard to theological direction. He stated that our Association requires our member churches to support the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message, and drew attention to page 6 of the Annual meeting Book of Reports which states that churches are required to "affirm a common statement of faith ACCORDING TO THE 2000 BAPTIST FAITH AND MESSAGE" (Article IV - Section 1). The Credentials Committee made the motion that the board approve the sending of a letter to Third Baptist Church seeking a response regarding their theological beliefs and desire to cooperate with the DMBA. The letter was written as follows… *"Dear Third Baptist, It has been brought to our attention that Third Baptist does not hold to the same beliefs that is required to be a member of the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association which states … (the articles were listed) . We hope that we have misunderstood your beliefs. If that is the case, please contact Nathan Whisnant at the Daviess-McLean Baptist associational office. If Third Baptist does not respond within 30 days of receiving this letter, the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association will no longer acknowledge Third Baptist Church as a member."* The floor was open for discussion. Bro. Tony asked if there were specifics regarding the

concern. Bro. Erdie shared that Third Baptist has an association with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and is no longer associated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Areas of concern were women in ministry and homosexuality. A question was asked as to why they were given 30 days to respond. Bro. Erdie stated that this time was to allow the church time to respond and still allow time for the committee to meet with the church to discuss before the next executive board meeting. Bro. Cain was recognized for a personal response as pastor of Third Baptist. Bro. Cain stated that he will be able to give a more detailed response if this moves forward, but his hope is that it doesn't because he saw it as fruitless when the purpose of the association is to promote community of our Baptist churches. He also stated that while they do not subscribe to the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message, they do subscribe to an earlier version. If the association does choose to send the letter, Third Baptist will seek to respond in love and kindness. Bro. Erdie stated that it is the Credential Committee's heart to do this in love and kindness, and it is the responsibility of the committee to address the situation that was brought to them. With no other questions, ***the motion to send the letter to open the conversation was voted on and deemed to be carried in the affirmative.***

**Old and New Business (7:31-7:40)** -

Bro. Tony Shouse surrendered the gavel to Bro. Erdie in order to address an item of old business.

(7:31) Bro. Tony Shouse brought a motion on behalf of the Administrative Committee to make the Association aware of the present state of the International Student Support of Bro. Kenneth Majawa. The motion was as follows: "That we as an association would rescind the motion that we approved last year to support Kenneth Majawa to go to Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for the total sum of $34,000 which would be raised from the outside costing the association hopefully a net of zero." Bro. Tony went on to explain that we are at a point in the process where we are at a standstill with Midwestern and Kenneth would like some time to pray, process, and retake a few of the things necessary for his enrollment. As we do not know what time frame this may be, it is the desire to rescind the former motion in order to allow us to make a future more clearly informed motion. The floor was opened for questions. A question was asked to define "rescind." As the motion was already voted on and not merely tabled, it was necessary to take back or remove the motion. The motion as written was specific to Midwestern and any future action would require a new motion. The question was also asked regarding a timetable in the original motion. Bro. Tony shared that the original motion did have a time frame of 3 years. This will allow future freedom when the time comes. The question was also asked what will be done with the money already given. At this time all money will be placed in holding until we know what the future action will be. With no other questions, ***the motion to "rescind the motion" was voted on and deemed to be carried in the affirmative.***

The gavel was returned to Bro. Tony Shouse.

(7:37) Bro. Erdie presented new business on behalf of the Administrative Committee. Bro. Erdie shared that in the Administrative committee meeting Bro. Nathan shared that a family reunion held every odd year has provided a conflict with his ability to attend the July board meeting. The Administrative committee made the following motion: "That Bro. Nathan Whisnant be excused from our July Executive Board meeting to spend some wonderful quality time with his family and grandchildren." With no questions, ***the motion to "excuse" was voted on and deemed to be carried in the affirmative.***

(7:40) Bro. Conrad brought a motion on behalf of the Finance Committee. Page 16 of the evening book of reports provides the breakdown of Bro. Nathan's housing allowance that must be approved each year. This is necessary for tax purposes. With no questions, ***the motion to "approve housing allowance" was voted on and deemed to be carried in the affirmative.***

(7:40) – Correspondence — Three letters of correspondence were received by the association. The first was a letter from Bro. Kenneth Majawa to show his appreciation for the love extended to him in trying to bring him here for studies. The letter was read. The second letter was an acknowledgement for the giving last year for

the book link. There were 2,329 pounds of material given. The third was a note of appreciation from Allen and Alicia Delano and Steph and Dan Delano in remembrance for Patricia Delano. Another email from Wing Avenue/Redemption Place church was previously addressed earlier in the meeting.

(7:41) - Dr. Richard Sams asked a question regarding helping support Bro. Tim and Cortney Brown and family. Bro. Tony shared there has been conversations with the finance committee about support while they are back and forth. We have also been taking gift cards to be used while they are in Louisville for treatments. Some churches have considered love offerings, but at this time action as a board is not necessary.

(7:44) - Motion to Adjourn and Seconded. Bro. Tony Shouse closed the meeting in prayer.

**Daviess-McLean Baptist Association**
**March 10, 2025 - Board Meeting, Eaton Memorial Baptist Church**

**Call to Order (7:00)** – The meeting was called to order by Bro Tony Shouse.

**Welcome, Scripture, and Prayer (7:01)** – Welcome from Sam Bruntz with Scripture and prayer. Bro. Sam shared from II Corinthians 4.

**Attendance Check (7:05)** – Shea Hicks, as clerk, confirmed that as of 7:00 thirty-nine (39) board members and pastors as well and ten (10) guests had recorded their attendance, and that quorum had been met.

**Recognition of New Board Members and Staff (7:06)** – There were no new board members to recognize.

**Employee Recognition - Longevity (7:06)** – Bro. Nathan Whisnant recognized Ms. Gail Boling for her 5 years of service with the DMBA. He also recognized "Sis", Gail's sister, who is of great assistance to Ms. Gail and the ministry. Ms. Gail has been a tremendous blessing to the Baptist Center and brings fresh ideas, warmth and compassion as the Baptist Center meets the needs of some many including the poor. Ms. Boling was presented with a longevity bonus of $125.

Bro. Shouse echoed his thankfulness to Gail and "Sis" and the Baptist Center and all they are able to do in our association and community.

**Approval of the January Minutes (7:08)** – A motion was made for the approval of the minutes of the January meeting reports on pages 3-5. The motion received a second from Bro. Conner Reed and the motion was approved.

**Guest Speaker (7:08)** – Bro. Tony introduced Bro. Doug from Rockport, IN. Bro. Doug shared a testimony regarding previous work in North Carolina in 2017 that eventually led to them moving to this area. In October 2024, he was asked to help serve in Rockport. Bro. Doug shared a need with the church. The church, Rockport First Baptist Church and ministry is 150 years old and suffered damage during the Jan 2025 storm. Damages to guttering sustained amount to $2,500-$3,000. The insurance will only cover $1,400. Bro. Doug shared Paul's admonition from Ephesians 3:20 stating that God is able to meet the needs in abundance above all that we ask or think through that power that is in us, recognizing that power is the Holy Spirit.

Bro. Tony Shouse offered prayer for Bro. Doug and Rockport First Baptist.

**Finance Report (7:20)** – Bro. Tom Pelphrey brought a report on behalf of the finance committee. Page 10 shows that the association is approx $12,000 under budget, and we are approximately $3,837 over in our spending. Pages 10 and 11 shows our designated funds. Bro. Tom shared that the finance committee is seeking to help answer questions from many to know changes in balances especially in the designated funds. There has been a net increase in these funds and investment of $32,630.
Bro. Tom specifically addressed 3 funds.

- Designated Fund 8200 - International Student Sponsorship holds $6,752.27 of money that was raised to sponsor Bro. Kenneth Majawa in attending Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. These funds have been placed on hold.
- Designated Fund 3500 - Church Plant Association Grants sent out money to Calhoun Baptist Church in support to Little Bethel and the church being supported. These funds were returned, and the account still remains at $30,000. That money will be sent back out when the need arises.
- The General Fund expenditures are on target and operation expenses are being kept low.

Bro. Tom addressed the allocations for Camp Schafer, Baptist Center, the Dental Clinic, the Jail Ministry, the party trailer, and Disaster Relief. ***And the report was accepted.***

**AMS Report (7:30)** –Dr. Nathan Whisnant began by sharing a report on Bro. Tim, Cortney and the Brown family. Bro. Nathan called the family on speaker phone during the meeting to offer prayer on behalf of the Brown family during this time as Wyatt continues to go through treatments.

Bro. Nathan continues to work with Pastor search committees as they go through the process of searching for a pastor. The KBC has printed a book that he goes through in 2 hours of training and then he will work with the committee until they find a pastor.

Bro. Nathan just finished a 4-week training course on Evangelism at Yellow Creek where 4 people were saved. This training is available at any church who will have him.

Bro. Nathan shared on behalf of Joanne and the Missions Development Committee. The committee is looking to expand missions trip opportunities to Cincinnati and looking to once again go to Eastern Kentucky this fall.

Adult Kentucky Changers will be at Camp Schafer March 20-22 to do some work at the camp, and the DMBA will have an opportunity for a Work Day on May 17.

And ordination service for Ben Cottrell will be held March 23 at 2:00 pm.

Ms. Tammy Whisnant has sent out cards to ministers' wives inviting them to a gathering at the association on March 24th. It is a fellowship, but you must bring your own dinner and drink. She has asked that Senior pastors make this event known to their staff and wives.

Mark Bishop, of Gracepoint in Louisville will be at the associational office on April 1 to share on how to preach more evangelistically.

The Resolutions committee will meet on April 8 to draft and review submitted resolutions on behalf of those in the association.

Bro. Tim Moss is leading a Preaching Training entitled "Wrestling with God's Word" on April 15, from 7p-10p.
Serve Tour Evansville is coming May 2-3.
Bro. Don Mathis will be teaching on the book of James on September 22 in our association.

(7:39) - Baptist Center - Bro. Nathan shared that the center received $973 through the quarter store in January and February. They gave away 21 food boxes and 2 gift cards for new shoes. They helped a lady in need of household items and a man in need of a heater. Hopewell Baptist Church donated $450 for the food pantry. Ms. Gail wanted to thank all the churches who have committed to monthly donations to the pantry which remains full because of your donations.

The Baptist Center suffered some damage from flooding during the storm where the food is kept. Insurance made the recommendation to rip out the carpet and tile in this area. There is a D-Now Project that will undertake this task.

**Report on Allen Shouse (7:42)** – Bro. Nathan Whisnant shared that Dr. Allen Shouse who is now in West Virginia is pastoring a church that experienced flooding in both the church building and the parsonage. They lost office equipment, furniture, flooring and Dr. Shouse's library. Dr. Whisnant contacted Dr. Shouse about how we as an association could help. Dr. Shouse didn't want to replace his library, but said a love offering for the church would be greatly appreciated.

A motion was made by Bro. Conrad that

> "The Administrative Committee use up to $5,000, $2,500 per church *(Dr. Shouse and Rockport First Baptist)* to assist them through this hard time." Motion was seconded.

Bro. Tom Pelphrey, recommended on behalf of the finance committee that these funds be taken from the Legacy Fund. ***The motion was adopted.***

**Committee & Ministry Reports (7:45-7:54)**

(7:45) Bro. Tony turned the gavel over to Bro. Erdie Carter for ministry reports.

(7:45) Youth Committee - Bro. Dustin & Audra Blair will once again be leading Youth Camp. Camp dates are June 29-July 3, and the theme is "Follower" from Matthew 16:24 focusing on being an authentic follower of Jesus. The cost is $190 and the deadline to register is June 5. Missions Camp with Jenny and Sharon will be leading Missions Camp this year, July 7-10, with the theme "Missions Possible" studying missions in the Indo-Pacific region. Bro. KamLen Haokip, pastor at Bellevue Burmese Baptist Church will be the missionary. Bro. Clive Bell will serve as camp pastor. Campers will learn about what faith can do, returning home to be faith building instructors, FBI agents. Ms. Sharon shared that this will be her 47th year leading camp. Cost will be $170 and camp is for grades 2 through 6 and will be Monday through Thursday night. Last year they had 11 different countries represented. She had the privilege of leading a little girl from Africa to the Lord.

(7:51) Collegiate Ministry - Bro. Tony Shouse shared that they continue to do Post Chapel pizza sponsored by the association where 10 pizzas are provided each Wednesday to students coming out of chapel. Your donations to the Collegiate fund are the best way you can serve on this team. The cost averages about $72 a week.

(7:52) Jail Ministry - Bro. Tony Shouse shared that the Jail Ministry is looking to do things a little differently this year. They are looking for ideas. If you are interested in being a part, see Marijane or Bro. Nathan.

(7:54) The gavel was returned to Bro. Tony Shouse.

**Old and New Business (7:54-?)** -

(7:54) There was no Old business.

(7:55) Brian Roberts presented a report on Kenneth Majawa and an update on plans to help with his future education. Bro. Kenneth is a graduate of African Bible College which also has a Master's Program called the African Business Institute. Brian spoke with Bro. Van Thompson who had a part in helping start the chapel there at African Bible College. Bro. Van states that this is very good school training in business and education to help spread the gospel in Africa. The cost of this program is $4,000.

Brian made the motion that

> ***"Up to $4,000 which has been collected and held by the association for Kenneth Majawa be paid to the African Business Institute for a Masters in Agri-business so he can fulfill as a Baptist native in Malawi the ministry of Jesus through the teaching others to dig wells and better agriculture practices which is a goal of the International Mission Board."***
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> The motion received a second.

Discussion and questions:

1. Bro. Tony Shouse - What happens to the remaining balance of funds collected for Bro. Kenneth? Bro. Brian stated that those funds would be directed through another future motion.
2. Bro. Conner Reed - Has Kenneth been accepted to the Institute? Bro. Brian stated that the international school grants acceptance after money has been secured, but stated that Theresa Hayden would not mail any check or funds until he had been accepted.
3. Bro. Conner Reed - Is the program in cooperation with IMB? Bro. Brian stated that the IMB does not have direct connection with these institutions, but the African Bible College is associated with the Malawi Baptist Convention which is in association with the SBC.
4. Bro. Conrad Francis - Have those who have donated to Bro. Kenneth for the purposes of attending MBTS been notified? Bro. Brian stated that those giving did so in an effort to help him further his education and that Bro. Van Thompson helped him get this together. Bro. Erdie Carter stated that Bro. Sams and the Calhoun Baptist Church have been contacted. Ms. Sharon Westerfield acknowledged that she was one who gave and does support this change.
5. Bro. Conner Reed - He is very supportive of this cause, but asked "Can we have more future transparency on things like this?" And Bro. Reed asked specifically that the minutes record his desire for more future transparency.

***The motion was adopted***.

(8:05) - Sarah Schroader representing the ***Personnel Committee brought 3 recommended changes to the Policy Manual.*** Changes are in red located on pages 20-36. Changes include changes to the Camp Scholarship language, changes to the duties of custodian, and additional language suggested by the Alliance Defending Freedom to protect us from the SOGIE laws. Coming from the committee it did not need a 2nd.

Discussion and questions:

1. The motion includes language referring to the association's statement of faith. Is this available on the association website? Ms. Cindy Street stated that it does not, but is in the annual book. Further discussion revealed that it might be, but very difficult to locate.

Bro. Erdie made an amendment to the motion that states that ***"We make our statement of faith on our website so that it is accessible to everyone without having to go find the physical document."*** The question was asked and agreed to that a link would suffice as long as it went directly to the document.

The amendment was seconded, voted on, and adopted. ***The motion was voted on and adopted***.

(8:13) – **Correspondence** — The clerk acknowledged a thank you note that came from Ms. Gail Boling expressing appreciation for the wind chimes after the passing of her father, Mr. Clayton Boling.

(8:14) **- Motion to Adjourn** — A motion to adjourn was made by Tim Moss and Seconded. Bro. Tony closed the meeting in prayer

**Daviess-McLean Baptist Association**
**May 12, 2025 - Board Meeting, Station Baptist Church**

**Call to Order (7:00:36)** – The meeting was called to order by Bro Tony Shouse who gave thanks to the host church and for the food provided.

**Welcome, Scripture, and Prayer (7:01)** – Bro. Dan Yeager provided some housekeeping items regarding restrooms and shared Scripture from John 14. Bro. Dan opened us in prayer.

**Attendance Check (7:04)** – Shea Hicks, as clerk, confirmed that as of 7:00 forty-three(43) board members and pastors as well and twelve (12) guests had recorded their attendance and that quorum had been met.

**Recognition of New Board Members and Staff (7:04)** – Bro. Nathan recognized Bro. Adam Roach as interim pastor of Sugar Grove Baptist.

**Approval of the March Minutes (7:05)** – A motion was made for the approval of the minutes of the March meeting reports on pages 3-5. ***The motion was made by Tim Moss and received a second from Andy Crowe and the motion was approved.***

**Guest Speaker (7:06)** – Bro. Tony introduced Bro. Jerry Poynter of Karns Grove. Bro. Jerry shared a ministry with Booklink and the 10-12 years of providing used Sunday School material, bibles, and other church items to be sent to Eubanks, Kentucky. Items are then forwarded on to an African ministry that Bro. Van Thompson was a recipient for many years. They have now collected over 25 tons of materials. Bro. Jerry also noted that reading glasses are also needed along with materials.

**Finance Report (7:14)** – Bro. Tom Pelphrey brought a report on behalf of the finance committee. Report was made available on pages 13-18. He highlighted giving and expenses for March, April, and year to date. Bro. Tom shared that expenses are normal and within range. Bro. Tom shared that the interest from the accounts with German American bank made it possible for the funds in DF9000.

**AMS Report (7:19)** –Dr. Nathan Whisnant's report was available on pages 19-22. A flooding disaster relief event was held today and will be addressed later in meeting. Bro. Nathan will be attending an AMS leadership meeting in Bowling Green and will be attending the SBCAL and the SBC meeting in Dallas, TX.

Camp Schafer cleanup will be May 17th. Need 100 volunteers for many projects to complete. Breakfast will be at 8:00 and work will be until about noon before lunch. Please take time to sign up for summer camps.

KBC has funds available for pastors and churches affected by the flooding.

(7:21) - Baptist Center - Bro. Nathan shared that the center handed out 36 food boxes and the quarter store received $1,220 for March and April. The "free clothes day" was very successful. The center received $150 from the Joy class for the food pantry. A Food donation from Pat Fuqua was made, and Ms. Gail asked that her appreciation be shared for all the churches who have adopted a pantry item for the year.

**<u>Committee & Ministry Reports (7:45-7:54)</u>**

(7:23) Missions Development Committee - Bro. Jerry Robertson shared regarding the mission trip to Eastern Kentucky to help 7 missionaries in the area. They need volunteers to do just about anything. The Juneteenth event will be at English Park on June 21st to celebrate the ending of slavery in the United States. We hand out fliers. He also shared that there will be a recommendation coming from the committee in New Business.

(7:26) Evangelism Committee - Bro. Clive Bell shared that there will be an Evangelism event at Calhoun Baptist Church on Sunday, November 2nd. Door to Door evangelism will take place on Saturday, November 1st. Offering at the event will be split evenly and be used to support both the McLean Co. Help Office and God's House of Hope.

(7:28) Trustees - Bro. Michael Ponton shared the committee's report addressing the inspections of DMBA buildings after recent flooding and hail damage. The Baptist Center sustained damage to the roof and gutters. The Dental Clinic sustained damage to the roof, siding, and gutters. The Baptist Building sustained damage to the roof, siding, and windows. The parking lot of the Baptist Building is scheduled to be resealed and striped.

**Old and New Business (7:54-?)** -

(7:30) There was no Old business to address.

(7:30) Anita West brought a ***motion on behalf of the Jail Ministry to expand ministry opportunities beyond Christmas to seek year-round ministry***. Anita shared how the Christmas event works by a form that is filled out. This event only helps approximately 250 of the 1,100 inmates that will pass through the Daviess County Detention Center each year. One option that has been discussed is the approximately 60 who attend church services each week. A similar form as the Christmas ministry uses could be filled out in this service.

Bro. Robert Carter asked how this might affect others outside of the Daviess County area. The committee does not see this as having an effect. Anita and Bro. Tim shared that this allows a small vetting process.

Paula Settle asked when this would start. The committee would begin immediately. Coming from the committee it did not require a 2nd. ***The motion was accepted***.

(7:40) Jerry Robertson brought a recommendation on behalf of the Missions Development Committee. Page 24 of the reports provides information regarding the ***recommendation that the DMBA adopt the Cincinnati area for a mission partnership with the NAMB vetted missionaries, to include Bill Sargent of Life Church in Monroe, Tyler Wilkey of Refuge Church in Middletown, Amer Safadi of First Baptist Arabic in Cincinnati, and Andy Lowe of Faith Journey Church in Mason.***

Bro. Dean Edmonson asked about the ongoing relationship….Coming from the committee it did not require a 2nd. ***The motion was accepted.***

(7:44) Matt Boyd brought a FYI report and request from the Administrative Committee. The committee allocated $25,000 for McLean County relief. An event was held that provided $250 per family to help meet needs after the severe flooding that took place. Damages ranged from inches to feet, with minor to major damages. Seventy-five families were helped and 5 McLean County churches were represented. ***The committee is requesting that the $18,500 used to help these 75 families be replenished back to the $25,000 so that additional families can be provided assistance.***

The question was asked regarding where the money would come from. Bro. Tom Pelphrey shared that the original funds were provided from the Special Missions fund (DF9000) and recommended that the additional funds be provided from the Executive Board Special Account (DF3000).

Coming from the committee it did not require a 2nd. ***The motion was accepted.***

(7:52) Bro. Tony Shouse, as Moderator, shared that Bro. Erdie Carter resigned his position as 1st Vice Moderator and the position needs to be filled. Tim Moss nominated Conner Reed. As there were no other nominations, ***Bro. Reed was elected by affirmations.***

(7:53) Bro. Tim Moss brought the following motion regarding the use of voting cards… ***I move that the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association provide voting cards to all board members and messengers upon registration at Association meetings and the annual meeting. These cards shall be used to cast votes in place of verbal responses or a show of hands.***

After receiving a second from Jerry Poynter, Bro. Tim shared that verbal votes are often difficult to ascertain, and the use of voting cards would allow for more accurate voting.

Bro. Robert Carter asked if cards would be kept by messengers between meetings or returned following each

meeting. - Cards would be returned each meeting.

Bro. Ray Barrow asked if it is just one card or set of ballots. - Intent is for one single voting card as ballots are already available should the need arise.

Bro. Tom Pelphrey recommended an ***amendment to provide moderator discretion in the use of cards***. The amendment received a 2nd and after voting was adopted.

***The original motion was voted on and adopted as amended.***

**(7:58)**– Correspondence — The clerk acknowledged 5 items of correspondence.

1. The Ohio County Baptist Association sent a gift of $1500 to help in meeting the needs of McLean County families affected by recent flooding.
2. Bro. Nathan sent correspondence expressing his appreciation for the gifts and prayers following the death of Ms Tammy's great nephew.
3. Leslie Rice sent correspondence expressing appreciation for the gift given in honor of her mother, Ms Barnett.
4. Bro. Allen Shouse sent correspondence expressing appreciation for the gift sent to aid East Williamson Baptist Church.
5. A Thank you from Josh Grumley who was able to use the apartment.

Bro. Nathan shared a verbal correspondence from Bro. Wendell Wood who has been actively involved in the McLean Co relief. Bro. Wood thanked the Administrative Committee for the initial relief and asked that his appreciation be extended to the Executive board and additional thanks should the board adopt additional relief.

**(8:00) - Motion to Adjourn** — A motion to adjourn was made by Tim Moss and Seconded. Bro. Tony closed the meeting in prayer.

DMBA
Daviess-McLean Baptist Association

**Daviess-McLean Baptist Association**
**July 14, 2025 - Board Meeting**
**Karns Grove Baptist Church**

**Call to Order (7:00)** – The meeting was called to order by Bro. Tony Shouse who called Bro. David McCarthy to come give a welcome as the host church.

**Welcome, Scripture, and Prayer (7:00)** – Bro. David provided a few housekeeping items regarding restrooms and shared Scripture from Jeremiah 29:11-14. Bro. David shared how God blessed through prayer, the Experiencing God weekend, and how God blessed as we seek Him. He then opened us in prayer.

**Attendance Check (7:04)** – Shea Hicks, as clerk, confirmed that as of 7:00 fifty-two (52) board members and pastors as well and nine (9) guests had recorded their attendance and that quorum had been met.

**Recognition of New Board Members and Staff (7:04)** – The following new staff was recognized as new board members.

- Sam Rafferty from Pleasant Grove Baptist
- Steve O'Neal from First Baptist Church
- Ethan Skimmerhorn and Karlton Robinson from Karns Grove.

**Approval of the May Minutes (7:06)** – A motion was made for the approval of the minutes of the May meeting reports. The motion was made by Larry Barker and received a second from Tim Moss and the motion was approved by "our fancy new ballots."

**Finance Report (7:07)** – Bro. Conrad Francis brought a report on behalf of the finance committee. Report was made available on page 10. He highlighted giving and expenses for May and June, and year to date. Receipts of $195,155 vs Budgeted of $209,800 reflecting a $14,645 deficit. Expenses of $203,960 resulting in actual deficit of $8,805. The Committee is working on next year's budget and the heads of committees have been contacted. The committee report was approved.

**AMS Report (7:09) –** Dr. Nathan Whisnant was absent due to scheduled family vacation. His report was available in the book of reports. Reminder that ACP's are requested to be submitted by September 15th.

**Committee, Ministry, and Program Unit Reports (7:10-7:23)**

**(7:10) Admin Committee** - Bro. Tony shared a report regarding the Flood Relief event in Livermore on Tuesday, July 22nd from 2p-7p.

**(7:12) Personnel Committee** – Mrs. Sara Schroader shared a letter from Gail Boling regarding a formal resignation as director of the Baptist Center effective December 31st, 2025 due to health reasons. Ms. Gail has served for 25 years. The committee asked churches to let others know this position is opening. The intent is to hire someone before the end of the year in order to take over in 2026. Currently it is a 20 hr. a week position but may be increased.

**(7:15) Nominating Committee** - This report was made available on page 17 of reports. Ms. Marijane McNeil shared that the committee has filled most positions but that there are still 7-8 positions yet to fill. If you have suggestions, please let the committee know.

**(7:17) Jail Ministry** – Ms. Marijane continued by sharing the report regarding the Jail Ministry. Last month, the board voted to make changes to the Jail Ministry in order to be a year long ministry rather than just a Christmas ministry. The committee meet with the Jailer and staff and most recommendations came from them. The committee will provide 5 min phone card and Gospel tract. The phone company will be donating the call on behalf of the association. They will also receive a video call with family one time a year. They will also receive Gospel tracts, devotions, and other material. Upon release, kid packs will be provided for those with children. Kids packs will have material and candy as well as a children's bible and adult bible.

**(7:19) Baptist Center** - Bro. Andrew Harrison brought the report on behalf of Gail Boling. The Baptist center received $1,384 and provided 42 food boxes. They helped families with dishes, sheets, curtains, towels, washrags and clothes. Gail expressed gratitude to Pat Fuqua for the donation to the food pantry. She also expressed appreciation to all the churches in faithfully donating each month. The floors have been fixed and look great.

**(7:20) Credentials Committee** - Bro. Andrew Harrison provided an FYI announcement regarding a vote to be taken regarding Third Baptist Church and its fellowship with DMBA. The association voted to send a letter to Third Baptist regarding concerns of alignment with associational beliefs and practices. That letter has been sent and will be a matter of discussion at the annual meeting.

**(7:22) Evangelism Committee** - Bro. Tony shared on behalf of Clive Bell and the evangelism committee that there will be an evangelism event on November 2nd in Calhoun. We will walk and door-to-door evangelism.
**Old and New Business (7:23)** -

(7:23) There was no Old business to address. There was no New business to be presented.
**(7:23)** – **Correspondence** —

The clerk acknowledged 4 items of correspondence.

1. The Daviess County detention center acknowledged and expressed appreciation for the donation of approximately 400 bibles.
2. Newburgh Theological Seminary acknowledged and expressed appreciation for the donation to the T.A. Prickett Scholarship Fund.

3. First Baptist Church of Owensboro acknowledged and expressed appreciation for the $150 gift to the Benevolence Fund in memory of Bro. Paul Strahan.
4. Martha Prickett and family acknowledged and expressed appreciation for the gift given to Newburgh Seminary in memory of Bro. Prickett.
5. Leigh Ann Strahan and family acknowledged and expressed their appreciation for the $150 to the FBC Benevolence Fund on behalf of Bro. Paul Strahan.

**(7:25) - Motion to Adjourn** — A motion to adjourn was made by Bro. Conner Reed and Seconded by Bro. Tim Moss. Bro. Tony closed the meeting in prayer.

**Daviess-McLean Baptist Association**
**September 8, 2025 - Board Meeting, Glenville Baptist Church**

**Call to Order (7:00)** – The meeting was called to order by Bro. Tony Shouse who called Bro. Van Thompson to come give a welcome as the host church.

**Welcome, Scripture, and Prayer (7:00)** – Bro. Van Thompson welcomed the board and expressed his thanks to the folks of Glenville for the wonderful meal. He offered words of challenge from Ephesians 6:10-13 regarding Spiritual Warfare. "The situation is serious, but the saints are not." This ought not be said of us. Bro. Van shared a testimony entitled "The Fellowship of the Unashamed." Bro. Van opened the meeting in prayer.

**Attendance Check (7:06)** – Shea Hicks, as clerk, confirmed that as of 7:00 forty-three (43) board members and pastors as well and ten (10) guests had recorded their attendance and that quorum had been met.

**Recognition of New Board Members and Staff (7:06)** – The following was recognized as a new board member.

- Bobby Gross from Buck Creek Baptist

**Approval of the July Minutes (7:06)** – A motion was made for the approval of the minutes of the July meeting reports. The motion was made by Andy Crowe and received a second from Conrad Francis and the motion was approved by ballot.

**Finance Report (7:08)** – Bro. Tom Pelphrey brought a report on behalf of the finance committee. Report was made available on pages 10-15. He noted that spending has been slightly over giving. Page 10 provides the designated funds and noted that $30,000 was moved from DF9000 (Special Missions) in order to fund the McLean County relief endeavor. All or most expenditures are within budget. Page 12 reflects an excess in maintenance costs that come as a result of repairs. Page 12 also includes allocations for six ministries of the DMBA reflecting $67,000 of the $73,300. **The report was approved by ballot.**

**AMS Report (7:14)** –Dr. Nathan Whisnant expressed his appreciation to the board for excusing him from the July meeting in order to spend time with his family. His report was made available on pages 24-26, and he shared the following items of note.

- He attended the Daviess County Detention Center training session in order to provide Bible studies to the inmates. He encouraged others to participate in training and be a part of the ministry. Looking for two more.
- VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster) meeting was provided to help the DMBA be a help in disaster.
- KY Baptist EQUIP will be September 9th.
- Post-chapel Pizza has started again at Kentucky Wesleyan College.
- Don Mathis will be at the association on September 22nd to preview a Winter Bible study on James.
- See you at the Pole at Walnut Memorial at 6:30 on the last Wednesday of September. Please bring the youth of your church.
- Utica Baptist Church is hosting a Car Show in October.
- Bethabara Baptist will be celebrating their 200th anniversary on October 5th.

- October 12-17 will be Missions trip with 21 signed up.
- October 19th - Bro. Nathan will be preaching at the Myanmar Church.
- Apollo Heights will be celebrating 50th Anniversary on November 2nd.
- The DMBA Annual Revival will be held on November 2nd.

**Committee, Ministry, and Program Unit Reports (7:22-7:35)**

(7:22) Baptist Center - Bro. Nathan shared the Baptist Center Report. Ms. Gail Boling will retire and her last day will be January 2nd. For July the Quarter store received $924. They gave away 51 food boxes. They received food donations from Pat and three other individuals. Ms. Gail would like to thank all the churches for participating in the monthly itemized food donations. This has worked very well. The pantry is "stocked better than it has been in years." Thank you for the generosity. They received a $160 cash donation. They gave away 16 cards for new shoes, and they helped a homeless couple with clothes.

(7:24) Collegiate Ministry - Bro. Tony Shouse shared that they have started the post chapel pizza back up; this will be the second week and things are "going great."

(7:25) Trustees - Bro. Michael Ponton reported that bids were sent out to five companies for repairs to the 3 buildings. Three responses have been received. The trustees will meet to review the proposals and award a bid. The Disaster Relief trailer has been transferred to the DMBA and will be stored at the home of Jeff Free in Livermore.

(7:27) Camp Schafer – Ms. Cortney Brown began by providing an update on Wyatt and the progress he has made. She expressed her thanks to the DMBA for prayers, and then praised the Lord for His comfort throughout all of this. Wyatt will still receive treatment for the next 2 ½ years. Camp season was fantastic and held 6 weeks of camp. Camp this year provided "a normal" the family has not been able to have since last October and Wyatt was able to get out and provide lessons in archery and teach and encourage kids. Cortney's sister-in-law stepped in the week of youth camp during her absence and did fantastic and was a great blessing.

Cortney introduced a missionary couple from Malawi and Romania. Ovi and Lita Cornea. Bro. Ovi shared about their ministry "Hope for the Future" in Malawi and Romania. It started here in Hawesville in 1980 when a pastor took on his father-in-law as a "Timothy" and years later was sent out and started an international ministry in Romania in 1993 and then Malawi in 1999. Today, they carry on these ministries. They provide bible clubs in villages, evangelistic camps to 500-600 kids. In 2012, they began the first orphanage and now have 2 orphanages serving and feeding 164 orphans and teaching them God's word. In 2017, seeing the need for education, they began a primary school for over 800 children. The ministry has a Bible School with missionaries from the States who are training future missionaries. They are always looking for villages to start churches. During one visit they were able to share the Gospel with a lady who said she had heard the message 76 years ago in 1949, but no other missionary has ever visited this village. The Romania Ministry has a camp ministry that held 7 weeks of camp and served 1639 campers. The ministry also holds "Mobile Camps" going to different Gypsy villages.

**Old and New Business (7:36-8:03)** -

(7:37) The Credentials Committee reported the intent of committee to bring a motion to remove Third Baptist Church from the DMBA. This recommendation comes following the committee's communications with Third Baptist regarding their affirmation of "a common statement of faith ACCORDING TO THE 2000 BAPTIST FAITH AND MESSAGE." This recommendation must be made in Annual session. The motion is as reads…

***"The Credentials committee of the Daviess McLean Baptist Association recommends to the executive board that we bring a motion to the Annual meeting of the association in October to remove Third Baptist Church from membership in the DMBA."***

Bro. Tom Pelphery asked on what basis this decision was made. Bro. Tony Shouse shared that since January the committee has been in contact with the church regarding their affirmation of the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message. Bro. Tom asked if there would be a more complete report at the Annual Meeting or if this is the full

report. It was noted that the committee's progress has been reported on in the March, May and July meetings. ***(After the Board Meeting, the minutes of March, May and July meetings were reviewed. The committee only reported at the July Board Meeting that this matter would be discussed and voted on at the Annual Meeting).***

**The motion was voted on and passed** after the Book Link report. The vote was taken at 7:43 pm.

(7:41) Bro. Tony Shouse shared a statement from Book Link. The trailer is full and Karns Grove will be making a delivery in the next few weeks. If churches have books or glasses, please bring them to Karns Grove for the Fall delivery. The association has surpassed the 25 tons level over the 10 years of giving.
(7:44) Bro. Tom Pelphery brought the **2025-26 Annual Budget**. Page 29 contains a Joint Recommendation from the Finance and Personnel Committees as follows…

***"The Personnel and Finance Committees RECOMMEND a change to the method of calculating the DMBA Staff Christmas bonuses to an even 2% of salary. This begins with the 2025-2026 Budget."***

***The motion was accepted.***

The full budget was provided beginning on page 17 and Bro. Tom highlighted the following items of the budget.

- An overall 2.88 % increase and noted this was less than anticipated inflation.
- A 6% raise to staff.
- Page 17 - Designated Funds show who is responsible for each fund.
- Investments have been very good this year and thanks to those investors who oversee these funds.
- The Collegiate Ministry did not receive funds this year due to designated funds available to them.
- The Bible for Inmates has been moved to the Jail Ministry under missions.
- Page 19 - Reflect the 6% increase to staff and bonuses.
- Page 19 - Ministries supported by the DMBA have allocations for the next year. The biggest increase is to the Jail Ministry as it moved from a single project ministry to a year-round ministry.
- Page 22 - The Dental Clinic may have a larger expenditure than years past as a result of future new equipment purchases.
- No funds were allocated for the Party Trailer due to carryover funds available to them.
- This Budget allows the association to do unexpected ministry service such as the McLean County Relief endeavor this year.

Bro. Tom reminded the association of the quote "Where God guides, He provides." **The budget was adopted.**
(8:00) Bro. Tony Shouse reminded the association that the ACP's are due. He invited Ms. Cindy Street to come share about the ACP. Ms. Cindy shared that the ACP's are due by September 15th and are used to create a final association wide end of year report and establish authorized voting messengers for the Annual Meetings in October. Questions have been raised regarding the difference between messengers and board members. The last page of the meeting packet provides an explanation. A report will be run on the morning of October 20th to establish messengers for those meetings.

(8:03) Bro. Tony Shouse shared that Bro. Andrew Harrison has resigned as 2nd Moderator as a result of a new pastorate at Blackford Baptist Church outside of the association. ***He recommended that due to the Annual Meeting being in session next month, that this position be left vacant***. The motion was made by Conner Reed and seconded by Andy Crowe. ***The motion was approved by ballot.***

**(8:05**)– **Correspondence —**

The clerk acknowledged 3 items of correspondence.

1. A thank you note was received from James Chandler of First Baptist of Owensboro who received a scholarship from the Wilson Trust.
2. A thank you note was received from Alma Perez of Calhoun Baptist who received a scholarship from the Wilson Trust to assist in education toward her teaching career.
3. A thank you note was received from Cortney Brown's family following the death of a family member.

Bro. David Stilwell shared that Utica Baptist Church will host their 1st Annual Car Show.

**(8:07) - Motion to Adjourn** — A motion to adjourn was made by Bro. Robert Carter and Seconded by Bro. Tim Moss. Bro. Tony Shouse closed the meeting in prayer.

## ANNUAL AND DOCTRINAL SERMONS

OF THE DAVIESS-MCLEAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

| DATE | ANNUAL SERMON | DOCTRINAL SERMON |
|---|---|---|
| 2005 | Craig Settle<br>Acts 1:4-8<br>Can I Get A Witness? | Pete Taylor<br>Philippians 1:27<br>Together |
| 2006 | Dennis McFadden<br>1 Thessalonians 1:2-10<br>A Model For The Church | David Hocker<br>Acts 1:7-8<br>Let's Go Knocking |
| 2007 | Torrey Hunter<br>Ephesians 4:11-12 | Bill Mackey<br>Hebrews 1 & 2 |
| 2008 | Mitchell Donohue<br>Acts 17: 1-6<br>Changing Our World | James Wedding<br>Acts 1:8<br>The Heartbeat of the Son |
| 2009 | Kimbrough Simmons<br>Making Disciples<br>Matthew 28: 18-20 | Tom Pelphrey<br>Some Questions<br>Mark 10: 46 – 52 |
| 2010 | Anthony Cobb<br>It's Not About Who's Right or Wrong, It's About What's Right or Wrong<br>Psalm 1 | Kenny Stone<br>Faithfulness to All Generations<br>2 Timothy 2: 1-2 |
| 2011 | Charles Thomas<br>More for Jesus!<br>Mark 10: 46-52 | Dale Rouse<br>Untitled |
| 2012 | Clay Lambert<br>Be Honest<br>John 21: 15-17 | Paul Chitwood<br>An Obligation to My Neighbors & the Nations<br>1 Chronicles 16:8 |
| 2013 | Larry Brown<br>The Eternal Kingdom<br>Daniel 2: 44-45 | Jeff Hendricks<br>Psalm 3<br>Thou O Lord |
| 2014 | Tommy Webb<br>Tell Your Story<br>Acts 4: 13-21 | Eddie Duke<br>Tell Your Story |
| 2015 | Clive Bell<br>Where are you?<br>2 Corinthians 5:19 | Paul Strahan<br>The Greatest Chapter in the Bible!<br>Romans 8 |
| 2016 | Allen Shouse<br>Allen's Testimony<br>Matthew 6:33 | Gerald Peeples<br>Hope When You Need It<br>Exodus 14 |
| 2017 | Wendell Wood<br>Seven Thousand Silent Saints! | Kenny Rager |
| 2018 | Jerry Tooley | Brian Roberts<br>How God Brought Me From a Liver Transplant<br>Isaiah 52:7 |
| 2019 | Chad Rafferty<br>Striving to Glorify God Together<br>2 Kings 10:15 | Ronald Shea Hicks<br>Striving for Unity in Doctrine<br>Romans 5:8 |
| 2020 | Matt Boyd<br>Acts 19 | Mike Jones<br>Ambassadors for Christ<br>II Corinthians 5: 11-12 |
| 2021 | Jerry Carter<br>An Encouragement<br>1 Cor. 15:57-59 | Mark Nieman<br>A Life That Finishes Well<br>Romans 9:1-5 |
| 2022 | Andrew Harrison<br>What Every Church Has to Offer<br>Acts 3:1-11 | Michael Edwards<br>The Revival We Need<br>Exodus 33 |

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| 2023 | Tim Moss<br>Stepping Out on Faith: Building the Foundation for Church Planting and Replanting<br>Matthew 14:22-33 | Tony Shouse<br>A Good God in the Face of Suffering<br>Matthew 14:22-33 |
| 2024 | Conner Reed<br>Together for the Mission<br>Mark 6:30-44 | Justin Hunter<br>God Why Am I Going in Circles?<br>Numbers 14:26-35; Joshua 6:8-11 |
| 2025 | Clay Lambert<br>A Call to Discipleship<br>Mark 1:16-20 | Dr. Richard Sams<br>The Doctrine of Christian Cooperation: Keeping One Another Arm in Arm or At Arm's Length<br>Numbers 14:26-35; Joshua 6:8-11 |

## HISTORICAL TABLE

OF THE DAVIESS-MCLEAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

| DATE | PLACES OF MEETING | MODERATORS | CLERKS |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2006 | Living Faith<br>Macedonia | Dennis McFadden | Edith Bennett |
| 2007 | Calhoun<br>Eaton Memorial | Bruce Treon | Edith Bennett |
| 2008 | Glenville<br>Lewis Lane | Kenny Stone | Edith Bennett |
| 2009 | Buck Creek<br>Pleasant Grove | Tim Roberts | Edith Bennett |
| 2010 | Sacramento<br>Bellevue | Tom Pelphrey | Edith Bennett |
| 2011 | Island<br>Hall Street | Tommy Webb | Edith Bennett |
| 2012 | Buck Creek<br>Eaton Memorial | Eddie Duke | Herschel Morgan |
| 2013 | Livermore<br>Walnut Memorial | Scott Ford | Tommy Webb |
| 2014 | Buck Creek<br>Crosspointe | Charles Thomas | Tommy Webb |
| 2015 | Calhoun<br>Maceo | Kenny Rager | Tommy Webb |
| 2016 | Sacramento<br>Apollo Heights | Wendell Wood | Tommy Webb |
| 2017 | Island<br>Pleasant Grove | Gerald Peeples | Tommy Webb |
| 2018 | Buck Creek<br>Eaton Memorial | Richard Sams | Tommy Webb |
| 2019 | Livermore<br>Life Community | George Chinn | Tommy Webb |
| 2020 | Macedonia<br>Facebook Premiere | Eddie Duke | Tommy Webb |
| 2021 | Pleasant Grove<br>Island | Shea Hicks | Tommy Webb |
| 2022 | Walnut Memorial<br>Calhoun | Mike Jones/Terry Norris | Tommy Webb |
| 2023 | Masonville<br>Buck Creek | Terry Norris | Tommy Webb |
| 2024 | Yellow Creek<br>Glenville | Tim Moss | Shea Hicks |
| 2025 | First Baptist Owensboro<br>Livermore Baptist | Tony Shouse | Shea Hicks |

# CONSTITUTION

DAVIESS – MCLEAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.

Organized on November 1 – 3, 1844 Approved on October 9, 1989 Revised on November 19, 2020

## PREAMBLE

In order to promote our common interest and spiritual and material well-being; strengthen our bonds of fellowship and unity; extend the cause of world missions; promote biblical stewardship; and combine our energies and talents to execute the will of our Lord Jesus Christ;

We, the Baptist churches of Jesus Christ in the Association, declare and establish this Constitution.

## ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this body shall be the DAVIESS – MCLEAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED.

## ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

Section 1 – Among the Churches. To further the Kingdom of God, the purpose of the Daviess – McLean Baptist Association is to enable its churches to be in Christian fellowship and to be on mission individually and collectively in their settings.

Section 2 – Within the Denomination. The Association shall further seek to facilitate the exchange of information and opportunities for cooperation between the affiliated churches and the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention, and their agencies.

## ARTICLE III. AUTHORITY

Section 1 – A Southern Baptist Association is a fellowship of autonomous churches sharing a common faith and being active on Mission.

Section 2 – This Association shall exercise no ecclesiastical authority over its constituent churches; nor shall it interfere with their independence or internal affairs.

Section 3 – Being simply an advisory body, the Association may only advise, recommend, and encourage the churches to perform maximum obedience to Jesus Christ.

## ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Statement of Membership. The Daviess – McLean Baptist Association shall consist of messengers who are members of the Baptist Churches which freely enter into covenant relationship with one another under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, which affirm a common statement of faith ACCORDING TO THE 2000 BAPTIST FAITH AND MESSAGE, which subscribe to the Constitution and By-Laws, which annually send letters of report to the Association and which share in the work of the Kingdom of God through the Association.

Section 2 – Affiliation. A Baptist church desiring affiliation with the Association shall meet the following conditions:

a. Each church desiring affiliation with the Association shall petition the Association for membership at least 90 days before the annual session of the Association.
b. The petitionary letter shall include a copy of the Church's Article of Faith, Church Covenant, Rules of Decorum or Constitution, and the name of the member church of the Daviess-McLean Baptist Association which is willing to recommend the petitioning church for membership in the Association.
c. The Credentials Committee composed of the officers of the Association, shall investigate the petitioning church to determine if it is sound in doctrine, orderly in constitution and practice, and sympathetic with the purpose and work of this body. Upon completion of its investigation, and upon receipt of a written communication from a member church in the Association directed to the

Credentials Committee which recommends the petitioning church for membership, the Credentials Committee shall make a report and recommendation to the Association as to its findings.

d. The petitioning church may only be received into full fellowship by a two-thirds majority vote of the messengers present and voting during the Association's annual session.

Section 3 – Messengers and Members. This Association shall meet in sessions which shall be composed of messengers and members, as defined below.

a. Each church of the Association shall be eligible to choose from its membership three (3) messengers for the first fifty members of the church or fraction thereof, plus an additional messenger for each additional fifty members or major portion thereof, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than ten (10) messengers under the subsection.
b. Each church of the Association shall be entitled to send, as an additional messenger, its pastor or other ordained minister who is a minister in, or member of, the church.
c. All ordained ministers who are members of churches in the Association but who are no longer in the pastorate by reason of retirement taken before the adoption of this Constitution shall be **members** of this body, and be entitled to vote in sessions. All such ministers who are no longer in the pastorate by reason of retirement taken on or after the adoption of this Constitution shall be emeritus members of this body with all the rights and privileges of membership except the privilege of voting during sessions unless otherwise duly appointed as a messenger under subsections a. or b. above.
d. Full-time employees of the Association shall be ex officio members of this body with all the rights and privileges of membership except the privilege of voting during sessions unless otherwise duly appointed as a messenger under subsections a. or b. above.

Section 4 – Statement of Faith. The statement of faith adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Atlanta in 2000 and known as "The Baptist Faith and Message" shall be the ground of common faith and practice for the Association.

Section 5 - Association Reports. The annual reports shall be recorded in the SBC Database by September 15, containing such information as is requested on the Annual Church Profile in general use among the churches affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Convention.

Section 6 – Withdrawal of Affiliation. The Association shall have the power and right to withdraw affiliation from any member church which it may deem to be unorthodox in doctrine, disorderly in conduct, or negligent in reporting to this body for two consecutive years. After proper efforts to reclaim the church have been taken by the Credentials Committee, the Executive Board may recommend withdrawal of affiliation to the Association. A two-thirds majority vote of the Association in session shall be required to withdraw affiliation from a church.

## ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 1 – Annual Session. The Association shall conduct a two-day annual session beginning on the second Monday in October, unless otherwise determined by the Executive Board, at such times and places as agreed upon by the Association.

Section 2 – Special Session. The Executive Board may, upon majority vote, call a special session, provided that a fifteen-day notice has been given in writing to the churches, stating the purpose of the special session.

## ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1 – The officers of the Association shall be the Moderator, First Assistant Moderator, Second Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk. The officers shall be elected at the first meeting of each annual session and shall serve during the ensuing year and the following annual session. The Moderator shall not be eligible to serve two consecutive terms.

Section 2 – The Association shall have six (6) Trustees, serving terms of three years in rotation. Two (2) shall

be elected at the first meeting of each annual session, upon nomination by the Nominating Committee, to serve three years. These trustees are to hold title to and have charge of all physical properties for the Association. They may expend on upkeep and repair up to the amount authorized by the budget or by special action of the Executive Board.

## ARTICLE VII. EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Association shall have an Executive Board which shall carry on the work of the Association between sessions. The board shall always act in strict accordance with the Constitution of the Association, fully respecting the autonomy of the churches and their rights in the Association.

Section 1 – Officers. The officers of the Association shall serve as officers of the Executive Board.

Section 2 – Membership. Membership of the Executive Board shall consist of:

a. Two representatives and two alternates from each church, elected annually by each church. In the case of a vacancy, the church shall notify the Association in writing prior to the day of the Executive Board meeting, giving the name of the new board member.
b. The pastor of each church in the Association. In the event the church is without a pastor, the church may designate an additional representative to attend the Executive Board meetings. The church shall notify the Association in writing prior to the day of the Executive Board meeting, giving the name of the additional representative.
c. The officers of the Association.
d. All Chairpersons of standing Administrative Committees and directors of Mission Performance Program Units.
e. No full-time employee of the Executive Board shall be recognized as a voting member.
f. No full-time or part-time employee may be elected to any Associational Administrative Office.
g. All ordained ministers who are members of churches in the Association, but who are no longer in an active pastorate due to retirement taken before the adoption of this Constitution shall be entitled to all privileges as Executive Board members. All such ministers retiring on or after the adoption of this Constitution, who have not otherwise been elected as a Board member in accordance with subsection a. or b. above, shall be emeritus members of the Executive Board with all the rights and privileges of membership, except the privilege of voting.

Section 3 – Financial Support. The Executive Board, from time to time, may appeal to the churches for financial support of its budget and denominational causes. The responses thereto shall be left to the individual churches.

Section 4 – Quorum. Thirty members shall constitute a quorum for doing business, provided all members have been duly notified of the meetings.

Section 5 – Meetings. The Executive Board shall hold regular meetings, at such times and places as may be agreed upon.

Section 6 – Special Meetings. When action must be taken between regularly scheduled board meetings, the officers of the Executive Board may call a special meeting of the board. Notice of such meetings must be sent seven days prior to the date of the special meeting and must contain a statement describing the action to be considered.

## ARTICLE VIII. ASSOCIATIONAL ANNUAL

The Association shall publish an annual report of its proceedings for distribution among the churches. The number will be determined by the Executive Board, and the cost of publication shall be provided for in the budget.

## ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the messengers present

and voting. Any proposed amendment must be presented in writing to the associational clerk for inclusion in the minutes no later than the July Executive Board Meeting prior to the session in which action is to be taken.

## BYLAWS

1. ENROLLMENT OF MESSENGERS. Provision shall be made for the enrollment of messengers duly elected by member churches. These messengers enrolled during the session shall constitute the Association. Problems arising on the floor regarding seating of messengers may be referred to the Credentials Committee (composed of the officers of the Association) for resolution. The Committee shall report its finding back to the Association.
2. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY. The Parliamentary authority of the Association shall be Robert's Rules of Order, most recent edition.
3. ORGANIZATION. The Association shall organize itself to carry on the mission and business of the Association as outlined below. The information pertaining to the specific duties and procedures of the Committees, Mission Performance Units, and other bodies shall be given in the Policies Manual, which shall be prepared by the Associational Mission Strategist for approval by the Executive Board.

   a. Governing Bodies
      1. The Association shall carry on its work during annual session.
      2. Executive Board shall carry on the work of the Association between sessions. (See Constitution Article VII, Executive Board.)

   b. Administrative Services – The administrative services of the Association shall consist of Administrative Committees, Special Administrative Committees, and officers elected by the Association. The purpose of the Administrative Services is to assist the Associational Mission Strategist, other Associational staff, the Associational Council, and the various Mission Performance Program Units to be faithful in carrying out their assigned responsibilities more efficiently and effectively.
      1. Standing Administrative Committees. Each Standing Administrative Committee is composed of up to six (6) members with terms of three years each on a rotating basis. Two members shall be elected each year. The Standing Administrative Committees are: Personnel Committee, Finance Committee, Nominating Committee, Trustee Committee, Audit Committee, Annual Session (Program) Committee, Resolutions Committee, and Camp Development Committee. (See Policy and Procedure Manual for specific duties.)
      2. Special Administrative Committees. Special Administrative Committees may be appointed by the Moderator as needed. The chairpersons of special administrative committees shall not serve as members of the Executive Board by virtue of their office.
      3. Any of the above listed committees may be deleted by vote of the Executive Board.
      4. Administrative Officers. The Administrative Officers of the Association shall be Moderator, First and Second Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk. The Moderator shall be eligible to serve as an ex-officio member of all administrative committees.

   c. The Associational Council. The Associational Council is composed of all directors of Associational Mission Performance Program Units, the Moderator, the chairperson of the Long-Range Planning Committee and the chairperson of the Associational Finance Committee (when budget requests are being considered in a planning phase). The purpose and functions of the Associational Council shall be given in the Policy and Procedure Manual. The Associational Mission Strategist shall serve as chairman of the Associational Council.

   d. The Mission Performance Program Units. The primary purpose of the Mission Performance Program Units is to do the work of the Association, to directly contribute to accomplishing the Association's mission and purpose. The Associational Mission Strategist shall provide current job descriptions to each mission

performance program unit. At the July Executive Board meeting, the Associational Nominating Committee shall nominate a director and a sufficient number of people to serve each unit.

The units are: Baptist Center, Seminary Extension, Camp Ministry, Discipleship Training, Evangelism, Jail Ministry, Missions Development, Music Ministry, Sunday school, Travis Estate Fund, WMU and Youth Ministry.

Each Mission Performance Program unit is composed of up to six members elected annually. The duties of each Mission Performance Program Unit shall be listed in the Policy and Procedure Manual.

e. Fellowship Council. The Fellowship Council shall consist of the Moderator and Assistant Moderators of the Association, and the presidents of groups whose primary purpose is fellowship and mutual care. The Moderator shall serve as chairman of the fellowship council. Meetings shall be called as needed.

4. STAFF. The Executive Board shall hire an Associational Mission Strategist and any other staff and office employees deemed necessary and feasible for carrying out the work of the Association. All staff and employees of the Association shall work under the oversight of the Association Personnel Committee and in accordance with the conditions set forth in any Association Personnel Policies initiated by the Personnel Committee and approved by the Executive Board. Daily supervision of all employees shall be the responsibility of the Associational Mission Strategist. The Associational Mission Strategist shall serve ex-officio on all committees of the Association.

5. PART-TIME EXECUTIVE BOARD EMPLOYEES. Persons who are both members of and part-time employees of the Executive Board may have voting privileges on the Executive Board if otherwise duly selected under Article VII, Section 2 of the Constitution except on those issues relating to their personal compensation, benefits, or areas of Associational employment.

6. AMENDMENTS. The By-Laws may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the messengers present and voting.

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# Evangelism

The foundation of disciple making is evangelism that is clear in its proclamation of the full content of the gospel message.

## Global Stats

**1,609,869**
Total people who heard a partial or full gospel presentation

**795,482**
Total people who heard a full gospel presentation and had an opportunity to respond

**144,969**
Total people who decided to follow Jesus Christ

**68,628**
Total people who were baptized

## Evangelism

| Affinity | Heard | Opportunity | Decided to follow | Baptized |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total | 1,609,869 | 795,482 | 144,969 | 68,628 |
| American Peoples | 60,715 | 22,218 | 2,450 | 311 |
| Asian Pacific Rim Peoples | 150,146 | 61,801 | 14,605 | 10,963 |
| Central Asian Peoples | 28,542 | 8,656 | 685 | 344 |
| Deaf Peoples | 1,991 | 366 | 29 | 8 |
| European Peoples | 50,470 | 18,089 | 783 | 217 |
| Northern African and Middle Eastern Peoples | 51,623 | 30,818 | 3,853 | 2,524 |
| South Asian Peoples | 1,178,938 | 596,205 | 111,983 | 53,482 |
| Sub-Saharan African Peoples | 84,933 | 56,033 | 10,513 | 778 |

An IMB missionary, left, talks with a community leader in a small town in Ecuador, where the missionary and his wife hope to help facilitate a church plant. The community leader is not a Christian but has agreed to participate in a Bible study.

The reported statistics may occasionally represent the same individual multiple times if that individual heard a portion of the gospel in different evangelism activities.

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