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**Texas**

• Hillsboro

**2003 Yearbook**



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Hosted by:

**Walnut Street Baptist Church**

**Hillsboro, Texas**

**Paul Clark, Pastor**

**November 11, 12, 2003**

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## Invitation for 2004

The Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church is looking forward to hosting the 2004 State Associational meeting in Denison, Texas. We hope your stay will be enjoyable as we conduct the business at our annual messenger meeting of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas.

We will use our auditorium for the Pastor's and Laymen's Meeting and the main messenger assembly. The Ladies' Auxiliary will meet in the fellowship hall. Following the ladies meeting, tables will be set up for exhibit displays in the fellowship hall.

We will have coffee and doughnuts etc. each morning in our fellowship hall. There are a good selection of restaurants located close to the church. We also have a Wal-Mart Super Center close by. The Holiday Inn Express will serve as our host motel. Listed below are a list of the motels near the church. Rooms should range from \$52.00 to \$80.00 per night depending on where you stay. Please let them know that you are with the MBA of Texas when you call.

Holiday Inn Express, Denison	903-464-0340
Motel 6, Denison	903-465-4446
La Quinta Inn, Sherman	903-870-1122
Hampton Inn, Sherman	903-893-9333
Comfort Suites, Sherman	903-893-0499

(All Suite Property)

Our Church building is located at 2401 W. Morton Street. From Dallas take Hwy 75, exit at exit 69, turn right, church will be on left. If you are driving from Greenville, take Hwy 69 N, turn left on Morton St, the church will on right about 2 miles.



**Pastor Rusty Denny**

903-465-2518 / 903-465-7780

# **Future Sessions**

## **THE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS**



### **NEXT SESSION**

November 16, 17, 18, 2004

Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church  
Denison, Texas  
Pastor: Rusty Denny

#### **State Ladies' Auxiliary**

Meets Nov. 16th at 10:00 a.m. & 1:15 p.m.

#### **Pastor's and Laymen's Council**

Meets Nov. 11th at 10:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

#### **Annual Messenger Meeting**

Begins Nov. 11th at 7:00 p.m.

#### **M.B.A. of Texas Meeting Schedule:**

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday after 2nd Sunday in  
November.

<b>Annual Sermon</b> .....	<b>Darrel Owens</b>
<b>Alternate</b> .....	<b>Mike Evans</b>
<b>Moderator</b> .....	<b>Hiram Melton</b>
<b>Asst. Moderator</b> .....	<b>Marion Reed</b>
<b>Recording Clerk</b> .....	<b>Donald L. Britton</b>
<b>Recording Clerk</b> .....	<b>Bobby L. Sparks</b>
<b>Publicity Director</b> .....	<b>Donald L. Britton</b>

#### **2005 Meeting Place:**

**Nevill's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church**  
**Mt. Pleasant, Texas**

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**This page is dedicated to the memory of**

## **Bro. Luther Crawford**



Bro. Luther Crawford was born Dec. 20, 1929, one of 9 children to Scott and Lena Crawford in Paducah, Texas. He grew up in the Wellington area where his father pastored for many years. He graduated from High School at Estelline, Texas in 1949. He was led to the Lord by his sister Rachael at the age of 11.

In 1948, he married Wanda Reed. In 1951, he joined the U.S. Navy where he served four years. During this time, he and Wanda had two sons, Michael and Philip. While in the Navy, aboard ship, he surrendered to preach the Gospel. He preached his first sermon aboard ship.

In Nov. 1955, he was discharged from the Navy and moved his family to Henderson, TX. He began his studies at the Texas Baptist Institute at mid-term, Jan. 1956. He was ordained to preach by the First Baptist Church of Arp, TX in the latter part of Jan. 1956.

His first pastorate was Smyrna M.B.C. in Laneville, TX during his years at T.B.I. He also was the first pastor of Eastside B.C. in Gary, TX. After graduating from T.B.I., he pastored Hillcrest B.C. in Lamesa, TX; Walnut Street B.C. in Hillsboro, TX; Missionary in Corsicana and Carthage M.B.C. in Carthage, TX.

In 1977, Bro. Crawford was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas. He served the churches of Texas faithfully for twenty-five years. In 1982, Wanda Crawford was taken to Glory and he married Theda Ruggles Minnix in 1983. On Dec. 13th, 2002 seven months before his 73rd birthday, Bro. Crawford was called home to be with the Lord. He is survived by his wife, 2 sons, 4 step-children, 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grand children.

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## **Bro. Jim Adams**



Jim Harold Adams was born in the Dirgin Community, Texas on Feb. 5, 1926 to J. R. and Mabin Adams. He attended Tatum Schools, where he excelled in sports, until he left school to join the U. S. Navy at the age of 17. After serving in WW II in the Pacific, he was honorably discharged. He met and married Evenly Butler Thompson on Nov. 23, 1946. He worked at various jobs and played professional baseball until an injury forced him to give up his dream of playing in the Majors.

Bro. Adams was saved as a teenager and was baptized by a Baptist Church of the Dirgin Community. While working as a butcher in Kilgore, TX, he and his family began attending the Kilgore Missionary Baptist Church and he rededicated his life to the Lord in a revival service under the preaching of Bro. C. H. McBride. He surrendered to the ministry at the Kilgore Missionary Baptist Church in 1954 under the preaching of Pastor Carl Hixon. Bro. Adams soon began attending Texas Baptist Institute and was called and accepted the call to pastor the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Henderson, TX in Feb. 1957. He continued attending T.B.I until he completed his degree.

Bro. Adams pastored Ebenezer for almost 22 years until he resigned in 1978. He served as the interim pastor of the Cedar Creek Missionary Baptist Church for approximately six months. He was called and accepted the call to pastor the Kilgore Missionary Baptist Church in May of 1979 and pastored there until his retirement from the full time pastorate in Jan. 2000. Bro. Adams finished his life and ministry preaching to his fellow residents of the Country Place Village until his death on Dec. 7, 2002.



This page is dedicated to the memory of

## Bro. Billy J. Woods



Bro. Billy J. Woods was born Nov. 13, 1930 in Van Buren, AR to Sterling P. and Virgie E. Woods, both of Oklahoma. He was born again in 1939.

He entered into the U.S. Air Force in Oct. 1950 and remained in it until Oct., 1960. During his 10 years in the Air Force, he served a tour of duty in Italy and one in England. While stationed at Washington National Airport in Washington, D.C., he met and married the former Barbara F. "Babs" Aderholt of Birmingham, AL on Jan. 15, 1956.

Bro. Woods surrendered to the ministry on April 15, 1962. The Johnson Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Smith, AR ordained him on July 15, 1962. In July, 1962 he accepted the pastorate of Cain M.B.C. in Mountainburg, AR and remained there until he resigned in August 1963 in order to attend Texas Baptist Institute in Henderson, TX where he received his Master of Theology Degree in May, 1968.

While attending T.B.I., during the summers of 1966 and 1967, Bro. Woods served as chaplain of the George W. Pirtle Boys Scouts of America Reservation in East Texas where he preached 5 morning messages and 2 campfire messages each week.

Bro. Woods also served as the Director of Pine Springs Camp # 6 for 12 years. He has pastored churches in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. In addition to his church work, he was a member of Tyrain Lodge #111 F&AM and was initiated into the Order on July 28, 1953 and raised on Aug. 25, 1953.

He spent his last 20 years pastoring the Victory M.B.C. of New Caney until he resigned due to poor health in 2001. He was called to glory on April 12, 2003.

**This page is dedicated to the memory of**

**Bro. Johnnie R. Boyd**



Bro. Johnnie Boyd was a native of Bronson, Texas and had been a resident of the mid-county area for 54 years. He was retired from Gulf Oil after 25 years of service as a boilermaker. He was married to Emma "Powell" Boyd. Together they had two daughters, Betty and Dorothy

Bro. Boyd attend the Texas Baptist Institute in Henderson, TX.

Bro. Boyd pastored 5 years at Newton, TX and 10 years at the Yellow Ridge Missionary Baptist Church of Broadus, TX. After leaving there the church closed its doors. He went back to the church and started again with ten members. Today the church has grown to completion.

He spent 2 years pastoring in Silsbee, TX; 9 years at the Concord Baptist Church of Zavalla, TX; 6 years in Newton, TX; 5 years at the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church of Port Neches, TX; and 4 years as Associate Pastor at Stonegate Missionary Baptist Church of Port Arthur, TX. He was a former member of the Nederland Masonic Lodge # 1368 AF & AM.

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## **Bro. Oscar L. Kennedy**



Bro. Oscar Kennedy was born on July 24, 1912 on a farm near Mt. Pleasant, TX. He was the first child of 6 born to Walter and Willie Kennedy. He was married to Ola Mae Cox Kennedy on Sept. 16, 1934 in Linden, TX. Together they had two sons, Robert and Jerry and were married 68 years and 8 months.

Bro. Kennedy was saved at an early age and was ordained as a deacon in 1939. On June 16, 1946, he was ordained into the ministry by the Hopewell M.B.C. of Hughes Springs, TX. In November of that year, he was called as pastor of the Oak Grove M.B.C. of Hughes Springs.

During his 48 years of ministry, Bro. Kennedy pastored 11 churches, predominately in the Northeast Texas area. These included: Oak Grove M.B.C., Hopewell M.B.C. and Cross Roads M.B.C. of Hughes Springs, TX; Concord M.B.C. of Omaha, TX; Grace Temple M.B.C. of Mt. Pleasant; Clements Street M.B.C. of Gainesville; Rocky Branch M.B.C. of Daingerfield; New Hope M.B.C. of De Kalb and Fellowship B.C. of Longview.

During his early years in the ministry Bro. Kennedy supplemented his salary by painting houses, hanging wallpaper and drywall finishing. He was also very artistic and produced many beautiful oil paintings some of which were backdrops for church baptistries.

At the age of 80, Bro. Kennedy retired from pastoring. On June 26, 2003, Bro. Kennedy went to be with the Lord. He will be remembered as a man with a truly a sweet spirit.

**This page is dedicated to the memory of**

## **Bro. Charles Monroe Stuart**



Charles Monroe Stuart was born March 15, 1932 in Lufkin, Texas. He was raised on a farm in Huntington, TX where he quit school at age 12. At age 16, he got a job hanging sheetrock to help support his family.

On the 4th of July 1950, he met his future wife, Miss Connie McKinney. They were married December 16 of the same year. He was saved Jan. 15, 1979 and was faithful to the Concord Baptist Church of Rye, Texas and they ordained him as a deacon in June of 1979. He served the church in that capacity until June 5th, 1980 when he suffered a massive stroke leaving him paralyzed on the left side. Although he was unable to attend church on a regular bases he continued to study his Bible and witness to the people as they visited him and on the phone. He was finally able to return to church and never missed another service.

He attended theology classes taught by Dr. Franklin Battles at Shepherd, Texas. After attending Good Shepherd Baptist Church a few times, he and his wife moved their membership. He was ordained a minister of the Gospel on October 1, 2000. He preached at Good Shepherd Baptist Church, Cleveland M.B.C., New Hope at Moss Hill and Rebecca Baptist Church, Rye, Texas.

He went to be with the Lord on July 4, 2002.

**This page is dedicated to the memory of**

**Bro. Frederick Robert Noble**



Frederick (Freddie) Robert Noble was born July 1, 1930. Bro. Noble served his country in two branches of the military. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict Era, Vietnam Era and Peacetime. He served in the Navy from July 16, 1948 to March 21, 1954 and the Air Force from March 22, 1954 to July 2, 1964.

He attended the Texas Baptist Institute and Seminary and received a Two Year Bible Diploma in May of 1980. In June of 1980, he was called to pastor Big Creek M.B.C. of Shepherd, TX. On July 12, 1980, he was ordained to the work of the Gospel Ministry by the authority and order of Big Creek M.B.C. Bro. Noble was pastor of Big Creek Church for about six years. Due to military service connected health problems, he was unable to continue pastoral work.

He joined Good Shepherd Baptist Church and received a certificate of recognition for teaching five years in the Sunday School. His health condition kept him from attending church in the last years of his life, but you could count on his counsel and prayers. He went to be with the Lord on May 31, 2003 and is survived by his wife of many years, Bernice Noble of Shepherd, TX.

**This page is dedicated to the memory of**

## **Bro. David Cook**



Bro. David Cook was born on June 1, 1941 and was raised on a farm in Illinois where he graduated from High School. Bro. Cook was married to Judy. He attended seminary for five years at the Missionary Baptist Seminary of Little Rock, AR.

Bro. Cook pastored the following churches and missions: Tallula M.B.C. of Tallula, IL; Calvary M.B.C. of Little Rock, AR; Hickory Ridge M.B.C. of Hickory Ridge, AR; Providence M.B.C. of Corsicana, TX; Lowell Street M.B.C. of Texarkana, AR; Emmanuel M.B.C. of Cove, AR; Gethsemane M.B.C. of Walnut Ridge, AR; Antioch M.B.M of Carthage, MO; he had done mission work in Henderson, KY; his last pastorate was the Eufaula M.B.C. in Eufaula, OK.

Bro. David knew how awesome a job it was to witness for the Lord and to witness the Gospel truth to thousands, and he did a wonderful job. The number of souls that will greet him in heaven with a thank you is unsurpassed and unknown. Bro. David preached God's Word to the masses for 30 years. Touching lives and showing so much love for his fellow man. He was always so kind and so firm in his beliefs and that is evident in the wonderful children he and Mrs. Judy have raised. Their children are the biggest legacy Bro. Cook and Mrs. Judy could have ever given to God. They raised their children to know that our one and only God must be in control of our lives. He shared with so many children as if they were his own, proving further that his love for mankind was boundless.

## PROPOSED AGENDA 2004

TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 16, 2004

7:00 To Adjournment

Singing, Devotional, Welcome, Open for Business

Moderator's Address

Adoption of Agenda

Appointment of Committees

Special Music and Annual Sermon

Selection of Wednesday Evening Speaker

WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 17, 2004

9:30-12:00

Singing and Devotional

Election of Officers

Selection of Meeting Place for 2006

Selection of Annual Speaker for 2005

State Missions Report:

A. Auditor's Report

B. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

C. Select Salaried Missionaries & Set Salaries

D. Select Missionaries on Designated Funds

E. Miscellaneous Mission Items

History & Archives Report

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

2:00-5:00

Texas Mission Development Report

Texas Mission Builder's Report

Miscellaneous Reports and Business

WEDNESDAY EVENING

7:00 To Adjournment

Sermon

Texas Baptist Institute & Seminary Report

Mexican Baptist Institute Report

Heritage Baptist Institute Report

Central Baptist Institute Report

West Texas Baptist Institute Report

Peru Baptist Institute Report

THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 18, 2004

9:30-1200

Singing and Devotional

Miscellaneous Reports and Business

Recognition of Officers for Next Meeting

Adjournment

## REPORTS TO BE GIVEN

1. Auditor & State Missions
2. Texas Mission Development
3. Texas Mission Builders
4. Interstate & Foreign Missions
5. Youth
6. Publications
7. Benevolence
8. Women's Work
9. Men's Work
10. A.B.A. Credit Union
11. Enrollment & Finance Committee
12. Memorial of Preachers
13. History & Archives Committee
14. Music Ministry
15. Missionary Baptist Student Fellowship
16. Cyberspace Media Report
17. Resolutions
18. Texas Baptist Institute & Seminary
19. Mexican Baptist Institute
20. West Texas Baptist Institute
21. Central Baptist Institute
22. Peru Baptist Institute
23. Heritage Baptist Institute

## SPECIAL MISSIONARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

North Texas .....	Rusty Denny
West Texas .....	Weeks DuBose
South Texas .....	Carl Fitzgerald
North West Texas .....	Monty Hilliard
North East Texas .....	John Bryant
The Valley .....	Al Valladares
Central Texas .....	Ken Ashlock
East Texas .....	Darrel Owens
South Central Texas .....	Jim Anderson
South East Texas .....	Fain Derryberry
South West Texas .....	George Goodman



## Officers for 2003



**Hiram Melton**  
Moderator



**Marion B. Reed**  
Assist. Moderator



**Marion B. Reed**  
Secretary-Treasurer



**Donald L. Britton**  
Recording Clerk  
Publicity Director



**Bobby L. Sparks**  
Recording Clerk

**Missionaries**

**Larry Frye**  
Full Salary



**W. S. Taylor**  
Full Salary



**Dennis Pace**  
Full Salary



**Roy Fikac**  
1/2 Salary



**David Humber**  
1/4 Salary



**Joel Clay**  
Designated

## DESIGNATIONS OF MISSIONS AND BENEVOLENCE FUNDS

1. State Missions . . . . . Marion Reed  
P. O. Box 450813, Garland, TX 75045-0813; 972-272-7727
2. Texas Baptist Institute .P.O. Box 570, Henderson, TX 75653  
903-657-6543
3. Mexican Baptist Institute .P.O. Box 771, McAllen, TX 78505  
512-682-0574; 512-682-4471
4. Interstate & Foreign Missions . . . . . Randy Cloud  
P.O. Box 1050, Texarkana, AR-TX 75501; 903-792-2312
5. Texarkana Baptist Orphanage . . . . Box 611, Texarkana, AR  
75504; 501-774-8214
6. Bogg Springs Youth Camp . . . .784 Hwy. 84 W., Grannis, AR  
71944; 870-774-8214
7. State Minutes . . . . . Bobby L. Sparks  
6410 Chapman Dr., Greenville, TX 75402; 903-450-4605
8. Pine Springs Youth Camp . . . . . John Pino  
3386 FM 1798W, Laneville, TX 75667; 903-863-5524
9. Texas Mission Development . . . . . Jim Slocumb  
P.O. Box 1840, Jacksonville, TX 75766; 903-683-2859
10. History & Archives Committee . . . . . Donald L. Britton  
P.O. Box 570, Henderson, Tx. 75653-0570
11. Baptist Sunday School Committee . . . . .4605 N. State Line  
Texarkana, TX 75503-2928; 800-264-2482
12. Texas Mission Builders . . . . . Leroy Smith  
13895 CR 4175S, Laneville, TX 75667; 903-863-5579
13. Interstate Mission Development . . . . . Vernon McNully  
P.O. Box 572, Jacksonville, AR 72076; 501-982-8226
14. Central Baptist Seminary . . .108 Aduna, Del Rio, TX 78840  
512-774-5135
15. Church Building Ministry . . . . . Bro. Marion Reed  
4010 Lindenwood, Garland, TX 75042; 972-272-7727
16. Sounding Out The Word . . . . . Grace Baptist Church  
1823 Aldine Mail Rt., Houston, TX 77039; 713-442-5137
17. A.B.A. Credit Union . . . .P.O. Box 585, Pasadena, TX 77501  
713-941-3124

# HISTORICAL ROLL OF MBA OF TEXAS, 1950-1976

YEAR-MEETING PLACE	ANNUAL SERMON	MODERATOR	CLERKS	SEC-TREAS.
1950 - Longview	Roy M. Reed	J.W. Harper	Albert Garner G.F. Crumley	G.P. Allen
1951 - Corsicana	A.J. Kirkland	J.W. Harper	Albert Garner G.F. Crumley	G.P. Allen
1952 - Longview	O.P. Meador	A.J. Finley	Albert Garner G.F. Crumley	J.W. Harper
1953 - Snyder	W.H. Brown	A.J. Finley	Albert Garner G.F. Crumley	J.W. Harper
1954 - Hillsboro	Jack Dean	Bruce Hibbit	Albert Garner O.H. Griffith	J.W. Harper
1955 - Texas City	Albert Garner	Bruce Hibbitt	Albert Garner O.H. Griffith	J.W. Harper
1956 - Amarillo	J.B. Powers	Bruce Hibbitt	Albert Garner O.H. Griffith	J.W. Harper
1957 - Denison	Vernon Lierly	George Crawford	Albert Garner Leo Griffith	J.W. Harper
1958 - Carthage	Clyde Beck	George Crawford	Leo Griffith Gene Smith	J.W. Harper
1959 - Henderson	George Crawford	Jack Dean	Leo Griffith Gene Smith	J.W. Harper
1960 - Galena Park	Chester Guinn	Jack Dean	Leo Griffith Gene Smith	J.W. Harper
1961 - Corsicana	Elvin Crocker	James Kirkland	Gene Smith Frank Summers	J.W. Harper
1962 - Fort Worth	C.H. McBryde	James Kirkland	Harold Davis Frank Summers	J.W. Harper
1963 - Snyder	Joe Evans	Luther Crawford	Harold Davis Frank Summers	W.H. Hitt
1964 - Longview	J.W. Griffith	Luther Crawford	Harold Davis Frank Summers	W.H. Hitt
1965 - Tyler	W.H. Brown	Chester Guinn	Harold Davis Frank Summers	W.H. Hitt
1966 - Denison	Jim Adams	Chester Guinn	Harold Davis Frank Summers	W.H. Hitt
1967 - Pasadena	Ken Ashlock	W.H. Brown	Harold Davis Frank Summers	W.H. Hitt
1968 - Odessa	George Crawford	W.H. Brown	Harold Davis Billy Daniels	W.H. Hitt
1969 - Garland	Jerry Coffman	Gordon Shaffer	Harold Davis Billy Daniels	W.H. Hitt
1970 - Longview	James Kirkland	Gordon Shaffer	Harold Davis Billy Daniels	W.H. Hitt
1971 - Pasadena	Raymond Alexander	Ray O. Brooks	Harold Davis Billy Daniels	W.H. Hitt
1972 - Corsicana	Vernon L. Barr	Ray O. Brooks	Harold Davis Marvin Gardner	Billy Daniels
1973 - Henderson	Marion Reed	G.D. Walters	Harold Davis Marvin Gardner	Billy Daniels
1974 - Snyder	Ed Rhodes	G.D. Walters	Harold Davis Marvin Gardner	Billy Daniels
1975 - Garland	Glenn Tropp	C.H. McBryde	Harold Davis Marvin Gardner	Billy Daniels
1976 - Tyler	Ottie Reed	C.H. McBryde	Harold Davis Marvin Gardner	Billy Daniels

# HISTORICAL ROLL OF MBA OF TEXAS, 1977 - 2003

1977 - Amarillo	Ray O. Brooks	W.H. Hitt	Harold Davis	Marvin Gardner	Luther Crawford
1978 - Henderson	Frank Summers	W.H. Hitt	Harold Davis	Marvin Gardner	Luther Crawford
1979 - Garland	Harold Davis	Elvin Crocker	Harold Davis	Marvin Gardner	Luther Crawford
1980 - Longview	Charles Murphy	Elvin Crocker	Harold Davis	Marvin Gardner	Luther Crawford
1981 - Denison	W.H. Hitt	J.E. Albritton	Harold Davis	Marvin Gardner	Luther Crawford
1982 - Beaumont	Larry Neeley	J.E. Albritton	Harold Davis	Marvin Gardner	Luther Crawford
1983 - Mt. Pleasant	M.G. McNeill	Kenneth Ashlock	Harold Davis	Marvin Gardner	Luther Crawford
1984 - Hillsboro	Paul Owens	Kenneth Ashlock	Harold Davis	Marvin Gardner	Luther Crawford
1985 - Midland	George Crawford	Sammy Eldredge	Harold Davis	Marvin Gardner	Luther Crawford
1986 - Marshall	E.G. Nielson	Sammy Eldredge	Harold Davis	Marvin Gardner	Luther Crawford
1987 - Henderson	O.H. Griffith	Paul Owens	Harold Davis	Marvin Gardner	Luther Crawford
1988 - San Antonio	Gilbert Sparks	Paul Owens	Harold Davis	Donald Britton	Luther Crawford
1989 - Longview	J.E. Albritton	J.W. Griffith	Harold Davis	Donald Britton	Luther Crawford
1990 - Wichita Falls	George Crawford	J.W. Griffith	Harold Davis	Donald Britton	Luther Crawford
1991 - Nacogdoches	Billy Turpin	Billy Daniels	Harold Davis	Donald Britton	Luther Crawford
1992 - San Angelo	Charles Swilling	Billy Daniels	Bobby Sparks	Donald Britton	Luther Crawford
1993 - Marshall	Sammy Eldredge	Larry Neeley	Bobby Sparks	Donald Britton	Luther Crawford
1994 - Arlington	Calvin Gould	Larry Neeley	Bobby Sparks	Donald Britton	Luther Crawford
1995 - Mt. Pleasant	W.H. Brown	Darrell Owens	Bobby Sparks	Donald Britton	Luther Crawford
1996 - Lufkin	Leroy Smith	Darrell Owens	Bobby Sparks	Donald Britton	Luther Crawford
1997 - Lubbock	Melton Holifield	Jim Slocumb	Bobby Sparks	Donald Britton	Luther Crawford
1998 - Longview	Rex Reynolds	Jim Slocumb	Bobby Sparks	Donald Britton	Luther Crawford
1999 - Texarkana	Gary Griffith	Harold Davis	Bobby Sparks	Donald Britton	Luther Crawford
2000 - Mt. Pleasant	David Proctor	Harold Davis	Bobby Sparks	Donald Britton	Luther Crawford
2001 - Midland	John Mooney	John Bryant	Bobby Sparks	Donald Britton	Luther Crawford
2002 - The Woodlands	Elvin Crocker	John Bryant	Bobby Sparks	Donald Britton	Marion Reed
2003 - Hillsboro	Kevin Clinton	Hiram Melton	Bobby Sparks	Donald Britton	Marion Reed

2004

## CALENDAR OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

DATE .....NAME .....PLACE

Sept. 9	Red River Bowie	Hubbard Chapel, De Kalb
Sept. 10, 11	Mission Valley	Chislohm Trail, Cuero
Sept. 23, 24	Southwest	Quaker Ave, Lubbock
Sept. 18	Tri-County	Landmark, Athens
Sept. 24, 25	Timberland	Concord, Zavalla
Sept. 25	Anderson	Cedar Creek, Palestine
Sept. 30, Oct. 1	Mt. Zion	Smyrna, Laneville
Oct. 1, 2	Bethlehem	Hemphill, Hemphill
Oct. 2	North Texas (Grayson)	Calvary, Sherman
Oct. 2	Navarro County	Walnut St., Hillsboro
Oct. 9	Trinity River	Victory, New Caney
Oct. 9	Old Cherokee	East Side, Jacksonville
Oct. 14	Hopewell	Argo, Cookville
Oct. 14, 15	Shelby	Bethlehem, Joaquin
Oct. 16	South Texas	Landmark, Porter
Oct. 21	Salem	Crossroads, Hughes Springs
Oct. 23	Central Texas	Marshall Dr., Grand Prairie



Missionaries of the MBA of Texas

## Moderator's Address "Watch For Slippage"

Hebrews 2:1

I am honored to serve as year moderator.

Webster defines slip as: (1) To escape without being observed, to leave quietly, secretly or without ceremony; as they slipped out one by one; (2) To pass from one unawares, to escape one's memory.

Intro:

- A. There are things ever the years that have changed and not for the better.
- B. Most of these were not done over night but a gradual changing.
- C. The things you see and hear on your TV Screens.
  1. What an uproar there was the first time a four letter word was used in a movie. Look at it today!
  2. Everything from nudity, cursing, promoting homosexuality, and etc.
- D. The same thing can happen to pure doctrine if we allow it to "slip."
- E. It doesn't come over night but gradually.

### I. WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED.

- A. Over all the time from Christ until now He has always had faithful men who have Stood for "the faith once delivered unto the saints."
- B. In our Baptist Heritage there have been those who shed their life's blood rather Than compromise the truth.
- C. In our life time there have been faithful defenders of the faith not willing to Compromise even one truth.
- D. These men followed the teaching of Paul in 2 Tim. 2:2, "And the things that Thou hast heard from me among many witnesses, commit thou to faithful men, Who shall be able to teach others also."
- E. Each of you could name many who helped teach you and were faithful.

### II. THE CHALLENGE IS OURS.

- A. Those faithful servants of God passed it along to us to defend and teach others. (2 Tim. 2:2).
  1. God's Word does not change. - - Jesus said, "My word will not pass away"
  2. The message is still the same. — No new message
- B. The mission of the church is still the same. Matt. 28:19-20
  1. Win the lost. — Let's keep the main thing the main thing
  2. Baptize those - who are saved in the name of the Father, the Son, and The Holy Ghost.

3. To teach those who are saved and scripturally baptized, to practice or put into action the commands of our Lord. (Also James 1:22).
- C. For people to be saved they must hear the Word, and be **CONVICTED** by the Holy Spirit. It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save those that believe.
  1. We do not save people or even convict people.
  2. We just preach Jesus and the Spirit will do the convicting.
  3. When people repent of their sins and trust Jesus Christ they are saved.
- D. The church is local and **NOT UNIVERSAL** in nature.
  1. Jesus Christ is the head of the church.
  2. No association has the authority to tell any church what to do. Eph. 5:23, "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and He is the Saviour of the body."
  3. Associations are to be servants of the churches.
- E. The Bible is inspired, infallible, and is the all sufficient rule of faith and practice.
- F. **THERE IS NO ROOM FOR COMPROMISING.** Jude 3b, "It was needful for me to write unto you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

### III. WE ARE IN A RACE.

Heb. 12:1 "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, "

- A. The race Paul spoke of was not a 100 yard dash, or even a mile race.
- B. The race we are involved in is a life long marathon relay race.
- C. While we are here we have a responsibility toward those who come after us. 2 Tim. 2:3, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, The same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."
  1. We were taught and prepared by others.
  2. We have the responsibility to teach those who come after us.
  3. We are involved in a relay race, let us pass the baton to those who follow us.
- D. There is no retirement from running this race until we breathe our last breath or the Lord Jesus Christ comes.
- E. Paul said, 2 Tim. 4:7, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."



Conclusion:

May we have the conviction and courage to stand for what we know to be the truth of God's Word.

Brethren the baton has been passed to our generation, it is in our hands. What will we do with it?

Will we be able to say with Paul, "I have kept the faith, I have finished the course, or race?"

**Minutes of The Messengers Meeting  
of The Churches of The  
Missionary Baptist Association of Texas**

**Tuesday 7:00 P.M.  
November 11, 2003**

Brother Jimmy Jones of Longview led the congregation in singing, "The Battle Hymn of The Republic" to open the fifty-fourth session of the messengers of the churches composing the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas as they assembled at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Hillsboro, Texas. Sister Janic Clark of Hillsboro accompanied him at the piano. Brother Jim Jones of Hooks led the opening prayer. Brother Neal Clark of Daingerfield brought a devotional based on Acts 3:1-3.

Host Pastor Paul Clark extended a warm welcome to the messengers and visitors. Former members of the military were asked to stand as their respective branches were called. They were honored with a round of applause. Brother Bill Morrow of Arlington led in prayer. A Marine Color Guard presented the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Brother Jones led the congregation in singing, "The Star Spangled Banner" and "To God Be The Glory." Brother Marion Reed of Garland gave a response to the welcome.

Moderator Hiram Melton gaveled the session to order and declared the meeting open for business. Brother Elvin Crocker of Houston was asked to lead in prayer. Before doing so, Brother Crocker pointed out that Moderator Melton was a third generation Missionary Baptist preacher.

Assistant Moderator Marion Reed introduced Brother Melton for the purpose of delivering Moderator's Address. He read Hebrews 2:1-3 for an address entitled "Walking With Jesus." Brother Crocker made a motion that the address be printed in the minutes and it carried.

A motion carried to adopt the Proposed Agenda as printed in the 2002 Minutes on page eleven. The moderator appointed the following committee chairs: Brother Steve F. Vaughn, Auditor's Report; Brother Marion Reed, State Missions; Brother Jim Slocum, Texas Mission Development; Brother Leroy Smith, Texas Mission Builders; Brother Bill Kuykendall, Texas Baptist Institute & Seminary; Brother Ken Ashlock, Mexican Baptist Institute; Brother Bill Simpson, West Texas Baptist Institute; Brother Mike Evans, Central Baptist Institute; Brother Neal Clark, Peru Baptist Institute; Brother Joe Bozarth, Heritage Baptist Institute; Brother Sammy Eldredge, Interstate & Foreign Missions; Brother Tony Harp, Youth Work; Brother Lynn Hitt, Publications Report; Brother Billy Daniels, Benevolence Report; Sister Julie Davis, Women's Work; Brother Charles Murphy, Men's Work; Brother Paul Cleveland, Sr., ABA Credit Union Report; Brethren

Mike Thompson and Ernest Moyers, Enrollment & Finance Report; Brethren R. B. Elumbaugh and Wayne Stringer, Memorial To Preachers Report; Brother Donald L. Britton, History & Archives Committee Report; Brother Charles Sutton, Music Report; Brother John Bryant, Cyberspace & Media Report; Brother Monty Hilliard, MBSF Report; and Brethren Ricky Vestal and John E. Raines, Resolutions Committee Report.

The assistant Moderator, Bro. Marion Reed, appointed the following brethren as Tellers: Jason Herbert, Chairman, Bobby Bryant, Jr., Nathan Simmons, Daniel McGuire, Kevin Higgins, Henry Blackmon, and Brian Sparks as an Alternate.

All messengers representing churches were asked to stand and a total 268 were counted.

Brother David Humber of Abilene was asked to introduce the speaker for the Annual Sermon. He introduced Brother Kevin Clinton of McKinney for that purpose. Brother Clinton had requested the congregation sing, "He Touched Me" before his message and Brother Jimmy Jones directed the congregation in singing. Several family members of Brother Clinton were introduced before he read Matthew 8:1-3 and delivered a message on the subject, "The Touch of The Master's Hand." Brother Bobby Sparks of Greenville extended the right hand of appreciation on behalf of the congregation.

The election of the speaker for the Wednesday evening service was called for and Brother Bill Johnson of Texarkana was nominated and elected.

Brother Bill Kuykendall of Henderson was asked to give a report on Dr. Ray O. Brooks, who had a light heart attack. He reported that Brother Brooks was resting well and would likely go home from the hospital the following day. A motion carried to instruct the Recording Clerks to send a letter of encouragement to Brother Brooks.

Brother Wayne Stringer of New Boston moved that an offering be received in the Wednesday evening service to benefit Sister Judy Cook, widow of Brother David Cook, to help defray the expenses of purchasing a home.

The moderator recognized out of State visitors from Arkansas, Tennessee, and Michigan, and five new pastors in the State of Texas.

A motion carried to adjourn until the morning session at 9:30 A.M. Special prayer was requested for Brother Paul Patterson of Henderson since word had been received at the meeting that he also had a heart attack. Brother Mike Evans of The Woodlands led the dismissal prayer.

### **Wednesday Morning 9:30 A.M.**

The Wednesday morning session was opened by singing several choruses led by Brother Jimmy Jones accompanied by Sister Janie Clark.

Brother Steven Hill of Carthage led the opening prayer. Brother Carroll Jones of Center brought devotional thoughts entitled, "The Need For More Preachers" based on Luke 10:1-2.

The moderator called for out of State visitors and new pastors not present in the Tuesday evening session to rise and introduce themselves.

The election of officers for 2004 was called for and the following were selected: Moderator, Hiram Melton; Assistant Moderator, Marion Reed; Recording Clerks, Donald L. Britton and Bobby Sparks; Secretary/Treasurer, Marion Reed; Publicity Director, Donald L. Britton; Auditor, Robert Wallace; and Assistant Treasurer, Bobby Sparks. An invitation for the 2005 messengers' meeting from Pastor Glenn Griffith and the Neville's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church of Mount Pleasant was gladly accepted. The following brethren were nominated to deliver the Annual Sermon in 2004: Mike Evans, Ernest Moyers, and Darrel Owens. Brother Owens was selected to be the speaker and Brother Evans to serve as the Alternate.

Bro. Randy Cloud, the Secretary/Treasurer of Missions for the ABA, asked for a special privilege to give his report at this time due to his need to leave early to attend the messenger meeting of the churches of Louisiana. He reported that the missionaries recommended at the June meeting in Wichita, Kansas had reported the salvation of 4, 708 souls.

The State Missions Report was called for as the next order of business. Auditor Steve F. Vaughn asked the Tellers to distribute the Printed Report. He reviewed the reports from Secretary/Treasurer Marion Reed and reported that all accounts were in order. A motion carried to adopt the Auditor's Report as given.

Brother Reed gave the Secretary/ Treasurer's Report for 2002/2003. He recommended that the insurance designation be included in the salary and that the sponsoring church should designate an amount of the salary for insurance. Further, recommended that the missionaries' full salary be set at \$3,000, up from the \$2877 including insurance assistance of \$375.00, less the 20% that the sponsoring church is responsible for. To also increase by 5% the salaries of the missionaries that do not receive full salary. He also requested that he be granted the privilege of appointing a four man committee to work with him during the ensuing year to make recommendations at next year's meeting that would improve the mission program. He named the following men, whom he had consulted about serving, Brethren Elvin Crocker, Roy Culley, Billy Daniels, and Ricky Knight.

The following brethren spoke concerning recommendations for missionaries for the new year: Brother David Humber of Abilene requested 1/4 salary and insurance. He is sponsored by Westwood Baptist Church of Odessa. Brother Dennis Pace of Pilot Point requested full salary. He is sponsored by Cedar Creek Missionary Baptist of Palestine. Brother W. S.

Taylor of Fort Worth requested full salary. He is sponsored by Central Baptist Church of Bedford. Brother David Dawson, pastor of Modoc Missionary Baptist of Athens, spoke for their missionary, Brother Roy Fikac of Round Rock. Then Brother Fikac spoke and requested full salary, plus insurance assistance. Brother Joel Clay of LaMarque spoke as a new missionary and requested to be placed on Designated Funds. He is sponsored by Baker Drive Baptist Church, Dickinson. Sponsoring Pastor Robert Boone of Valley View spoke on behalf of Missionary Larry Frye of Denton and then Brother Frye spoke requesting full salary.

Brother Rex Reynolds gave a report on former missionary Mitchell Williams. He stated that he had left the ministry and that they were no longer requesting any assistance for the mission in Midland but that Tall City Missionary Baptist Church of Midland likely would become the sponsoring church. Brother Roddy Rodgers of Floresville expressed thanks for the prayers and support on his behalf during the time he served as a State Missionary. A request was made to vote on each recommended missionary separately. All of those recommended were elected.

Brother Roy Culley of Henderson spoke concerning the Secretary/Treasurer's salary. He moved to set the Secretary/Treasurer's salary at one half of the full salary for recommended missionaries. The motion carried.

Brother Charlie Ellison of Pasadena moved that Brother Marion Reed's recommendation concerning the full salary for missionaries be accepted. Brother Wayne Stringer spoke about the insurance for missionaries and how important it was that they have it. Brother Marlin Freeman made a substitute motion that the missionaries be required to show proof that they were applying the money designated for insurance toward the purchase of a policy. Brother Steve F. Vaughn stated that this would infringe upon the sovereignty of the churches. Brother Boone stated that Brother Larry Frye could not get insurance due to health problems. Brother Ervin Gould related that anyone could get insurance through the State Pool but it was expensive. The substitute motion failed. The original motion to accept Brother Reed's request carried.

Brother Elvin Crocker asked permission for Brother Robert Klein, a member of his church and a Certified Public Accountant, to speak about accounting laws. He stated that it was illegal for the association to have an Auditor's Report unless it had been prepared by a CPA with special certification to audit. This was addressed by brethren Vaughn, Robert Wallace, and a number of other brethren. Brother Marvin Gardner moved that we have a CPA audit the books and apply his seal. Brother Crocker offered a substitute motion that we rescind the practice of having an auditor's office. After much discussion by several brethren both the substitute and the original motion were withdrawn.

Brother Bill Simpson asked for permission to speak about the mission in Midland and the property. He reported that Tall City Baptist Church had agreed to attempt to keep the building and mission operating.

A motion carried to give each missionary a \$200.00 Christmas Bonus.

The election of the Missionary Advisory Committee was called for and the present committee was elected again without any changes.

Brother Reed announced that a mission seminar was planned for April 22-23, 2004, and he asked Brother David Smith to give the details about the meeting.

A motion carried to also add Brethren Riley and Rodgers to those receiving Christmas Bonuses.

A special moment of silence was called for in memory of former Secretary/Treasurer Luther Crawford.

Brother Lenard Milford of Timpson led the dismissal prayer.

### **Wednesday Afternoon 2:00 P.M.**

Brother Jimmy Jones led the congregation in singing "Jesus Saves" accompanied by Sister Janie Clark at the piano. Brother Robert Blume, missionary to Romania, led the opening prayer.

Brother Bobby Sparks discussed the office of Auditor again. He made a motion to change the name of the office to "Report Examiner." The motion carried. He further moved that we either have a power point presentation or hire a fully qualified CPA to examine the books and have a report available for print at the meeting ready to be printed in the annual minutes. The plan to hire a CPA was selected.

A motion was then made to eliminate the office altogether. It carried.

A motion carried to pay the office help of the Secretary/Treasurer \$300 per month.

Brother Don Britton gave the History & Archives Committee Report. The report was adopted. A motion carried to have the current committee stand as nominees and the present committee was re-elected.

Assistant Moderator Marion Reed was recognized to moderate the meeting. He called for the Texas Mission Development Report. Brother Jim Slocum, Director of TMD, asked Pastor Bo Norris of Rocky Springs Baptist Church to present the quarterly offering to Brother Adrian Neal, pastor of Oak Flat Baptist Church, Huntington, Texas and member Julie Davis. He presented them with a check in the amount of \$23, 620.00. An excited Director was accompanied by Sister Julie Davis in singing "Only Thirty Thousand More." The report was adopted.

Brother Leroy Smith, Superintendent of Texas Mission Builders, was asked to give his report. He reported that several projects were completed during the year. Several pastors who had benefited from the program

expressed their thanks and recommended it to others. The report was then adopted.

The Interstate and Foreign Missions Report was given by Brother Sammy Eldredge of Timpson. Brother Vernon McNulty of Interstate Mission Development addressed the report before it was adopted.

The Youth Report was given by Brother Tony Harp of Longview Missionary Baptist Church. The report was addressed by Brother Harp and Brother John Pino, Manager of Pine Springs Baptist Camp at Laneville. Camp Trustee Marion Reed expressed thanks on behalf of the Board of Camp Trustees. Brother George Goodman of Lockhart spoke on behalf of the south Texas Campground. Brother Matt Gholson of Arp spoke on behalf of the Winter Weekend Retreat to be held at Pine Springs Baptist Camp. The report was approved.

Brother Lynn Hitt gave the Publications Report. The report was addressed by brethren Hitt, Darrel Owens, for the Baptist Monitor, Brother Larry Clements, Editor-in-Chief of the Baptist Sunday School Committee, and Wayne Sewell, Business Manager of the book store in Texarkana. The report was adopted.

The Cyberspace Media Report was given by Brother John Bryant of Texarkana. Brother Jerry Smith of ABA International Media Service reported on the numerous places he had been filming and the great benefit this was to churches and missionaries. Brother Bill Kuykendall spoke about the Internet courses now offered by Texas Baptist Institute and Seminary. Brother Charlie Ellison spoke about the ABA News on-line. Brother David Smith of Arlington spoke about a ranch in Southwest Texas that offered a retreat for pastors and missionaries which may be reached @ [www.hatcreekcabins.com](http://www.hatcreekcabins.com). The report was then adopted.

Brother Billy Daniels gave the Benevolence Report. Brother Marlin Freeman of Center spoke about the Heritage Housing Fund sponsored by Heritage Baptist Church of Center. The report was adopted.

Sister Julie Davis gave the Women's Auxiliary Report and it was adopted.

The ABA Credit Union Report was given by Brother Paul Cleveland Sr. Before the report was adopted it was addressed by Brother Cleveland and Brother Joe Bozarth.

The Music Report was given by Brother Charles Sutton on behalf of his son, Brother Randy Sutton, who had to leave early. The report was adopted.

Brother Monty Hilliard of Lubbock gave the MBSF Report. The following brethren spoke to the report before it was adopted: Monty Hilliard, Matt Gholson, George Waldrop, and James Heflin.

Brother R. B. Elumbaugh of Center gave the Memorials To Preachers Report. He called for a moment of silence in remembrance of those departed brethren before he led in prayer.

The Enrollment and Finance Report was given by Brother Mike Thompson of Mount Pleasant. It was adopted.

Brother John E. Raines of Alvin gave the Resolutions Committee report. Only one resolution was offered, that of a rising vote of appreciation and thanks to the Host Church. The messengers and visitors gladly rose to express to Walnut Street Missionary Baptist Church their thanks.

A motion carried to pay the Recording Clerks and the Publicity Director the same salary as last year.

A motion carried to pay the two brethren on the Enrollment and Finance Committee \$100 each.

Brother Harold Davis of Tyler moved that the Host Church be reimbursed for expenses in the same manner as last year. The motion carried.

Brother Bobby Sparks made a motion that only Baptist churches and missions be listed in the Church Directory section in the back of the minute book.

Brother Donald L. Britton of Tyler led the dismissal prayer.

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING 7:00 P.M.**

Brother Jimmy Jones led the congregation in singing "Revive Us Again" to open the evening service. He was accompanied by Sister Janie Clark at the piano and Sister Paula Owens at the organ. Brother Charlie Ellison led the opening prayer.

A very inspirational music program involving several special songs, including a special rendered by Brother Jason Clark on a hand saw, all of which was very uplifting to the 258 in attendance. Brother Al Valladares of McAllen led in prayer.

Brother Jim Jones of Hooks was asked to introduce the speaker for the evening message. He introduced Brother Bill Johnson of Texarkana for that purpose. Sister Stacy Maness of Kingsville sang "People Need The Lord" before Brother Johnson spoke. He then read Ephesians 3:10-21 and asked Brother Bill Kuykendall to lead in prayer before he delivered a message entitled, "God's Wisdom and His Mission For His Churches." Brother Billy Daniels of Bogata extended the right hand of appreciation on behalf of the congregation.

The Tellers were asked to come forward to receive the offering for Sister David Cook. Brother Bobby Bryant Jr. of Houston led in prayer before the congregation sang "Victory In Jesus." The offering amounted to \$961.00.

The Schools' Report was then called for and Brother Bill Kuykendall brought the report from Texas Baptist Institute and Seminary of Henderson, Texas. The report was addressed by Brother Kuykendall. He asked Students Dan McGuire and Michael Roberts to speak and express thanks to all who help keep the students in school. The report was then adopted.



Brother Al Valladares gave the Mexican Baptist Institute Report. The report was addressed by Brother Valladares and Brother Ben Ponaes before it was adopted. Brother Bill Simpson of Midland gave the West Texas Baptist Institute Report and it was adopted.

The Central Baptist Institute Report was given by Brother Mike Evans of The Woodlands. Brethren Evans, Ernesto Gallegos, and Juan Gallegos addressed the report before it was approved. Brother Joe Bozarth gave the Heritage Baptist Institute Report. The school is sponsored by Heritage Baptist Church of Missouri City, Texas and is holding classes in LaMarque, Texas. The report was approved.

Each of the new officers was given an opportunity to speak before a motion and second was made to adjourn until November of 2004 in Denison, Texas.

Announcements were made and Brother John Paul Jones of Texarkana, Arkansas led the closing prayer.



## MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION of TEXAS

Corresponding Secretary - Treasurer of Missions

### ANNUAL REPORT of RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS September 1, 2002 to August 31, 2003

#### Balances, September 1, 2002

General Fund	\$15,963.25	
Minute Fund	\$4,103.00	
<b>TOTAL - Balances - In Checking Account</b>		<b>\$20,066.25</b>

\* Beacon Baptist Mission Endowment CD \$13,263.08

#### General Fund Receipts

Offerings	\$278,545.08	
NOW Interest	\$46.74	
Interest on Certificate of Deposit	\$644.39	\$279,236.21

#### Designated Funds: Receipts

History and Archives	\$170.00	
Texas Baptist Institute - Seminary	\$10.00	
Faith, Round Rock	\$1,038.79	
North Lake, Denton	\$400.00	
New Life, Midland	\$220.00	
Wyndrock, Denton	\$150.00	
		<b>\$1,988.79</b>

#### Minute Fund: Receipts

Offerings	\$12,582.50	
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**TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR:** **\$313,873.75**

**General Fund Disbursements**

Missionary Salaries	\$170,3000.97
Missionaries Insurance	\$47,101.66
Travel Expenses	\$2,455.38
Office Help - Theda Crawford	\$11,614.38
Office Help - Nancy Reed	\$2,000.00
Office Supplies and Postage	\$4,798.55
Utilities, Corsicana Bldg.	\$1,451.20
Auditor's Fee	\$735.00
Printing Audit Reports	\$215.00
State Meeting Expenses	\$245.00
Corsicana Building	\$299.50
<b>TOTAL - General Fund Disbursements</b>	<b>\$241,216.64</b>

**TOTAL - State Missions Designations Paid** \$1,988.79

**Minute Fund: Disbursements**

Salaries, Recording Clerks	\$1,470.00
Bobby Sparks Typesetting Minutes	991.77
Printing Expense - Minutes	\$6,541.52
Batton Photo	\$71.99
Salary, Publicity Director	\$420.00
<b>TOTAL - Minute Fund Disbursements</b>	<b>\$9,495.28</b>

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS - All Funds** \$252,700.71

**BALANCES - All Funds - August 31, 2003**

General Fund	\$53,982.82
Minute Fund	\$7,190.22

**TOTAL BALANCE - All Funds** \$61,173.04

Beacon Baptist Missions Endowment \$13,263.08

**TO BALANCE (Total Balances - All Funds)** \$313,873.75



## Secretary - Treasurer of Missions Report

We have an unfinished work to do. Our Lord has given His churches the task of taking the gospel to all the world. This work has been going on for two thousand years and it is not finished yet! In fact, it will not be finished until our Lord returns and takes His churches out of this world.

His command was to "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

Our world today consists of more than 6 billion people. That is a large field for laborers. He said "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the world." Acts 1:8. Our United States has 293 million people and that, too, is a very large field. We have our interstate and foreign mission work in the ABA to cover these fields. In our field of Texas, we have 21 million people, the second largest populated state in the United States. This is the field for our churches in the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas. What are we to do about it? Each one of us needs to be praying that God will call more men to preach the gospel and call churches to send men into the areas of our state where we have no witness. In our state there are 27 metropolitan areas. I believe we have at least one church or mission in each of them, but within each of those areas there are many cities where we need to be planting new churches. In fact, it is reported that there are 93 cities in Texas with a population of at least 10,000 where we have no Missionary Baptist Church.

God gave Nancy and me the privilege of traveling over 7,600 miles in the past ten months to visit and represent our Missionary Baptist Mission work in our great state. We have visited in 45 different churches and have been in services with each of our missionaries. We have been well received by our churches.

If there is anything to be disappointed about it is not the response of the churches in providing funds to support our missionaries. The churches responded very generously in January when the general fund was getting low. The disappointment to me is that we have only one new missionary coming for support this year. The new missionary is Bro. Joel

Clay. He is coming recommended for designated funds by Baker Drive MBC and Pastor Joe Bozarth of Dickinson. Bro. Clay is working in LaMarque with the Afro-American community there. We have three returning missionaries who are requesting full salary. They are Bro. W.S. Taylor working with Crossroads Baptist Mission in Fort Worth and sponsored by Central Baptist Church and Pastor Larry Jacobs in Bedford; Bro. Larry Frye working with North Lake Missionary Baptist Mission in Denton and sponsored by New Hope Missionary Baptist Church and Pastor Robert Boone of Valley View, and Bro. Dennis Pace working with Pilot Point Missionary Baptist Mission in Pilot Point and sponsored by Cedar Creek Missionary Baptist Church and Pastor Ron Davis in Palestine. Bro. Roy Fikac is requesting half salary, minus insurance. Bro. Fikac is working with Faith Missionary Baptist Mission in Round Rock and is sponsored by Modoc Missionary Baptist Church and Pastor David Dawson of Athens. Bro. David Humber is requesting one-fourth salary plus insurance. He is working with Texas Avenue Missionary Baptist Church in Abilene. He is co-sponsored by Westwood Missionary Baptist Church and Pastor Weeks DuBose of Odessa.

Reports from the missionaries this year show that 76 have been saved, 18 were baptized, 50 received by letter and 4 received by statement. Two of the missionaries are currently in the building planning stage (Crossroads of Fort Worth and North Lake of Denton) and the second phase building for Meadowbrook, near Wills Point, has been completed during the year. One mission, Landmark M.B.M. of Floresville, will be organized into a New Testament Church on November 22.

With the beginning of the new fiscal year, September 1st, we had completed setting up the accounting to be done on the computer using Quick Books Pro, Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel. This is a faster and more accurate way to do the work of accounting and reporting.

We have made some changes in accounting. We changed from a two week pay period to monthly. At the messenger meeting last year we voted to make the checks payable to the mission or the sponsoring church, so I asked them to work out a pay schedule that was agreeable to the missionary and we would only send one check each month. We are now able to close a month with all bills paid. Along with this change, I am recommending that we discontinue designating an amount for insurance and just include that amount in the total paid to the mission or sponsoring church, and that we encourage the mission or church to set up their own amount to be designated for insurance and medical

expense in keeping with the tax laws and the need of their missionary. Since the church or mission is considered the employer, then it should be their responsibility to work these things out with their missionary. I highly recommend and encourage the churches to make sure their missionary has health insurance coverage.

I would like to recommend that we consider raising the base salary from \$2877.00, which includes the \$375.00 insurance allowance, to \$3000.00 per month for full salary missionaries less the 20% provided by the sponsoring church. And that we increase by 5% the base request by the other missionaries. (For instance all except one on full salary receives less than the 80%. And others are asking for 1/2 salary less insurance while one is asking for 1/4 salary plus insurance.)

I would like to recommend that you allow me the privilege of appointing a committee of four men to work with me through this next year for the purpose of considering the needs of our mission work, that we would have recommendations for your consideration at the next messenger meeting and that any recommendation that might be planned will be published in advance of the messenger meeting so that you can study them. The committee I am recommending will be Bro. Elvin Crocker of Houston, who has for many years served as sponsoring pastor and as a missionary in the establishment of the church he now pastors. Bro. Roy Culley of Henderson, who is mission editor of the Baptist Monitor and leads his church in much mission work in all areas of our associated work. Bro. Billy Daniels of Bogata, who once served as secretary/treasurer, and himself served as missionary to the Northeast Mission Council and is presently pastoring the church he began as a missionary just a few years back. Bro. Ricky Knight of Grand Prairie who led in a successful mission work in West Virginia where a strong work now exists. He successfully pastored in Grand Prairie until his health required him to leave that pastorate and is now involved in establishing a new work in the South Grand Prairie area. I have spoken with each of these men and they have agreed to serve on the committee if you approve the plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Reed

Secretary-Treasurer of the M.B.A. of Texas

## Texas Baptist Institute- Seminary Report



Fifty-five years have passed since great men of God like R. E. Rodgers, A. J. Kirkland, Albert Garner, Bill Lee, G. D. Walters, W. A. Simmons, C. H. McBryde, and others prevailed upon Calvary Missionary Baptist Church to open a full-time day school primarily for men whom God had called to preach. They named the school Texas Baptist Institute. The new school had no assets; and was housed in the facilities of the sponsoring church. Local pastors agreed to teach without promise of any salary. Their expenses were paid only if sufficient offerings were received.

Through hard work and diligent men, Texas Baptist Institute-Seminary is now housed in her own beautiful facility located at 1300 Longview Drive with assets exceeding one million dollars. On her sprawling ten acre campus are houses and apartments sufficient to accommodate thirty-one families and twelve bachelors. All offices are equipped with an up to date computer system. A five thousand book catalogued library and an eight station computer lab are now available for student use.

In the past fifty-five years 1429 students have passed through her doctrinally sound classrooms; seventeen of these have been foreign students: 7 from India, 3 from the Philippines, 2 from Sudan, 1 from Japan, 1 from Mexico, and 3 from Canada. Former students have organized missions and/or churches in the states of Oregon, Maine, Minnesota, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Arkansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Louisiana, New Jersey, Missouri, Virginia, North Carolina, Ohio, Michigan, Oklahoma, California, Alaska, Vermont and New York.

Other former students have organized missions and/or churches in many foreign lands: Japan, Africa, Albania, Romania, Russia, Philippines, Canada, England, Mexico, Paraguay, and Jamaica.

During these fifty-five years other former students have organized 92 churches in Texas. At the present time 155 former students pastor Texas churches. The Texas Mission Development and the Texas Mission Builders were both brought into existence, developed, and are operated by churches pastored by former students.

These physical statistics reveal a great work done, but they are meaningless except as they relate to the greater ac-

complishments of our former students seen in the multitude of people born into the family of God through their efforts. Only eternity will be able to reveal the real worth of the work done by and through the school we lovingly call TBI.

What Calvary Baptist Church wants to convey to all who have in any way helped support TBI during these fifty-five years is: we could not have done it without you. Of course God is due all the credit for all that has been accomplished, and we thank Him for you who have responded to the needs of TBI, with your prayers and financial support. We commend you to God and encourage you to prayerfully consider our continuing needs, knowing that all you do will be fruit abounding to your account (Philippians 4:17).

Thankfully submitted,  
Calvary Baptist Church  
Bill Kuykendall, Pastor



**Food Line at the Alumni Banquet**



## Mexican Baptist Institute Report

We wish to express our thanks and gratitude to all the churches and brethren that have so faithfully sent their offerings to aid us in the everyday expenses of the MBI. Without your financial support and your prayers it would be very difficult to function at the level that we currently function at. Beginning of the year expenses added up this year as our student apartments are deteriorating and major repair had to be made this last summer. We also had to do major suspension work on both vans that are used to transport the students to and from the Institute. We say thank you once again, for your continued faithful support of this work of God.

Twenty-seven students are enrolled in classes at the MBI. Eleven are second and third year students and sixteen have enrolled for first year classes. Seven of them come all the way from the state of Yucatan. The teachers have been challenged to honor our Lord Jesus by preparing to the best of their ability to impart their classes. Our students are making a strong effort to learn and apply what they are learning in classes. All our third year students are involved in preaching, teaching and serving every Sunday and Wednesday. Your prayers are coveted for each of our students.

We will be closing the first semester on December 5th. We will have a Christmas program for our students and their children on this same date. As in year past, our desire is to give a monetary gift to each of our students that they may have a merrier Christmas. We also want to give each of the students' children a Christmas present. For this we are asking the participation of our sister churches. We have started the "Students' Christmas Fund," and we are asking our sister churches to help us make it a merrier Christmas for our students by sending an extra offering before Christmas day. All offerings will be greatly appreciated. Send your offering designated to the "Students' Christmas Fund."

Our Annual Lecture Week will be held the week of January 26th through the 30th. This year, we will be traveling to Monterrey and Saltillo and visiting the mission work in that area being done by former students. We are asking churches to send their pastors and church leaders to these lectures and on the mission tour to Mexico. The cost of the Mexican mission tour will be \$125.00. This will cover all lodging and meals on the tour. Last year forty brethren went on this tour. It is a great time of fellowship. Make plan to come and let us know ahead of time that you are planning to come.

Let us not be slothful when it comes to the work of the Lord. May we realize that we are in this world only for a little while and may we be wise and strive to be found faithful when we stand before our Lord. May God help to be all that he would have us to be and to accomplish the work, for which he placed on this earth to do. We pray God's blessing on all of his churches and people.

Respectfully submitted,  
New Liberty Baptist Church  
Al Valladares, President

## Peru Baptist Institute Report

South Union Baptist Church has been the sponsoring Church of the Peru Baptist Institute since its conception in 1973. South Union endorsed Brother Ricardo Roldan as missionary to his native country of Peru in 1972. Brother Roldan had graduated from the Missionary Baptist Seminary in Little Rock, Arkansas, with a desire to return to his country with the gospel. The following year, 1973, with the help of Brother Ray Brooks and the Texas Baptist Institute, the school began for the purpose of training preachers and workers in that South American country. The school has done a wonderful job and has a very good tract record. Many of the students come from as far away as the Andes Mountains to attend classes. They usually cannot find work in Trujillo, Peru, where the school is located, so, we have to house and feed them while they attend. The expense of this operation is very expensive, but, we at South Union feel it is well worth the cost. The school offers Bible classes using for textbooks, eight doctrinal books that Brother Ricardo Roldan has written for the school. Also, they offer a music program for all students taught by Sister Velton Roldan, wife of Brother Ricardo Roldan. Brother Percy Hernandez returned to Peru in 1999 after receiving his Masters from the Missionary Baptist Seminary in Little Rock, Arkansas, to help in the operation of the Institute. The school is located in a city of over one million people that desperately need the gospel. They usually has a very good enrollment, so, would you consider helping us as we train those that God calls to preach the gospel in Peru.

Please send offerings to South Union Baptist Church, 159 Farm Road 997, Daingerfield, Texas 75638, designated to the Peru Baptist Institute.

In Christ,  
Neal Clark, Pastor

## Heritage Baptist Institute Report

The Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church of LaMarque, Texas disbanded because of lack of membership at the latter part of the 2002-2003 school year and deeded their property to H.B.I. Along with several acres of land, there is a chapel building, a fellowship building and a three bedroom house. This gave H.B.I. property that would not only serve for the present needs, but also with room for future growth. Further, we now have student housing available. It is our regret that one of the Lord's churches closed her doors, but at the same time we thank Him that the church remembered heritage while doing so.

We closed last year with one student receiving the Applied Ministry Diploma and fourteen students receiving Certificates of Merit. Also, we issued twenty-seven Certificates of merit to students enrolled in our extension classes at Good Shepherd Missionary Baptist Church, Shepherd, Texas.

We opened the 2003-2004 school year with eighteen students. Four of which were enrolled for the first time at H.B.I. Since the year began, four students have dropped classes.

Our physical address is now 2200 3rd Avenue, LaMarque, Texas 77568. (The corner of Highway 3 and FM 719, or Main Street). However, we are still receiving offerings at our sponsoring church, Heritage Baptist Church, 2223 FM 1092, Missouri City, Texas.

Prayerfully submitted by,  
Joe Bozarth,  
President

## West Texas Baptist Institute Seminary Report

West Texas Baptist Institute is proud to report that we are having a very good year. The registration of students is up from last two years. We anticipate two or three to enroll the Second Semester in January. This is our seventeenth year of school in this area. We feel like there has been some good accomplishments and results from our school at Tall City Missionary Baptist Church.

We are open to men of any faith, with their understanding that we teach from a Baptist perspective and doctrine only. This has been well received as there has been no misunderstanding about our teaching presentation.

We have some black ministers who are eagerly accepting our school. This is their first opportunity to have anything to attend.

First, they are Baptist themselves, and it is apparent that they want to learn. We are glad to have them.

We teach with the aim to help these men to be good pastors when they are called to a church. They get good Biblical lessons that teach the faith once delivered to the saints. Bible knowledge and pastoral administration helps them to function as good pastors.

We stress evangelism that reaches to the area where Missionaries are sent out, or supported. We are stressing and teaching the ministers and other students to be evangelistically learned and be able to put it into action in the church where they attend.

We feel free to advertise our school and institute as one where anyone can come and receive their Bible and pastoral learning. We welcome students from wherever they live and have a desire to be educated for His work to make an inquiry with us.

May God bless all of our sound institutions and seminary work where men can go to learn of the most important work in the world today.

God Bless,

W.R. Simpson, President

## Central Baptist Seminary Report

The Central Baptist Seminary in Acuna, Mexico continues to maintain the highest of Christian Education standards the students, churches, and missions deserve. This school continues to have a tremendous impact in the northern Mexico area, and even across the border in South Texas. We continue to be amazed and grateful to God for what our faculty and students are accomplishing.

Presently 22 full time students are enrolled in seminary studies which is an increase from the past year. Members of the area missions and churches are showing great support for these educational areas. The seminary has been privileged to participate in several mission and church activities this past year.

Our needs continue to be the same as most schools: we desire more students who have responded to God's call for ministry and see the need for solid Bible training. We need churches to sponsor our graduates as they launch out into their fields of endeavors. We always covet your prayers, and are thankful to God for the continuing list of supporters who send regular offerings, as well

as the growing number of those who joined us this year in supplying gifts to meet our needs. We also thank each of the church groups, youth groups, and individuals who assisted us this past year in building needs, Vacation Bible Schools for area missions and churches, and outreach efforts on their behalf. Additionally, quite a number came by to simply visit with us, see our work, and enjoy the fellowship we have. We are indeed grateful for it all.

On behalf of Bro. Ernesto Gallegos, our president, and the faculty of the Central Baptist Seminary, we want to thank each of you for partnering with us in this great work.

Sincerely,

Mike Evans, Pastor

Timber Lakes Baptist Church

## **Interstate And Foreign Missions Report**

The LORD gave His commission to His Church and told them to go into all the world. This past year, we had missionaries placed in 169 countries, through out the world. In order to do this, churches of like faith must co-operate and work together, in association, and through prayer, and offerings, to support this great effort.

There are salaries to be paid, and buildings to be built, and many other expenses that must be met. This is necessary, so that the Word might be preached to every nation and individual throughout the world.

I thank GOD for His grace, in allowing us to be a part of this great association, which here-to-fore has kept the faith, and held to the truth, once delivered to the saints. It is my prayer that each church and individual will consider being a part of this association, that we might be more able to carry out the work that must be done.

Submitted by,

Timpson Missionary Baptist Church

Sammy Eldridge, Pastor

## Texas Mission Builders Report



Texas Mission Builders has had another good year of productivity. The churches have benefited much from the efforts of our people working through this program. The help received has been much appreciated by the churches receiving it.

The sponsoring church and officers of the program have worked hard to keep things going forward. A lot of progress has been made in getting volunteers to help with the work. Many people from churches all over the state of Texas have been involved with the work. We are thankful for this response and look forward to an even greater involvement by the members of our churches in Texas.

The financial help from individuals and churches has been good, however, we are still not breaking even every month with our budget. We need some more of the Texas churches to take on Texas Mission Builders in their regular mission budget. If your church is not supporting TMB please consider doing so.

Several churches have been helped this year and they are as follows:

Vanderbilt MBC, Tyler  
 San Augustine MBC, San Augustine  
 Northview BC, Silsbee  
 Antioch MBC, Hughes Springs  
 Spring Hill MBC, Pittsburg  
 Dunnigan MBC, Shelbyville  
 Bethlehem MBC, Joaquin  
 Oak Flat MBC, Huntington (sheetrock being hung)

Our tool purchases made in the past have been sufficient to keep us armed with a fine variety of equipment to do the work that the churches need done. Many of them have to be replaced periodically. The Lord has blessed in their replacement through the churches. For this we are thankful. Please continue your prayerful support of Texas Mission Builders. The churches need this program and the Lord has made it possible through people like you. Let us work together until Jesus comes.

Please make some time in your busy schedule to help on the projects. This is a great need in our work. God will bless you for your efforts.

Prayerfully Submitted,  
 Leroy Smith  
 TMB Supervisor



## Texas Mission Development

Rocky Springs Missionary Baptist Church is so very grateful to all those who so faithfully support the Texas Mission Development mission endeavor. We are also grateful to those who continue to join the program.

We did not reach our \$100,000.00 annual goal this year, but we were very close. The total for the year was near \$96,000.00. Our largest quarterly fund totaled \$24,376.00. Being short of our goal was due mainly to a fund being depleted that had given T.M.D. one thousand dollars each quarter for nearly 8 years. With a few more new supporters, the funds could once again reach our \$100,000.00 annual goal.

There were 31 requests sent to us this year. 18 missions and 13 churches ask for these funds. We regret that only 4 of the 31 requests could received the funds. All four were chosen by a majority vote of the TMD members. The projects receiving the money the last four quarters were two missions and two churches.

Those receiving the funds and their amount were as follows:

The Meadowbrook M.B. Mission of Wills Point, TX - \$24,376.00.

The Wyndrock M.B.C. of Abilene, TX - \$24,097.00.

The Bethel M.B. Mission of Mt. Pleasant, TX - \$23,724.00.

And the Oak Flat M.B.C. of Huntington, TX - \$23,620.00.

The total presented this year was \$95,817.00. Let me personally express my gratitude and the gratitude of Rocky Springs members and her pastor for your prayers and support that made this good report possible.

The funds presently being received will go to the Echo Hills M.B. Mission of Redwater, TX and the Bethlehem M.B.C. of Joaquin, TX. Being that the 4th quarter funds will be divided between these two projects, we sincerely ask for your sincere prayers that our all-sufficient, almighty God will, in His all-knowing, all-powerful way, provide our \$30,000.00 goal!

I am very excited about the Interstate Mission Development, the sponsorship of Landmark M.B.C. of Jacksonville, AR and it's director Bro.Vernon McNulley. I recommend that you all personally pray for this program and support it. Knowing that the Texas Mission Development with only Texas churches, has reached a quarterly record of \$27,000.00, we can only imagine what the churches of America could reach for the I.M.D. program.

I thank God for all He has so graciously done for the T.M.D. mission program through her faithful supporting membership.

May God bless you all exceedingly.

Jim Slocumb, Director

## Memorial to Preachers Report

I Tim 6:12: "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, where unto thou art also called, and host professed a good profession before many witnesses."

As our minds drift back in time, we remember those great soldiers for Christ who served God so faithfully in His army.

Now these men have completed the work, God called them to do and the job is passed on to us. These men of God will be missed greatly by pastors, churches, friends and family.

The following brethren from the state of Texas have departed from us and gone to be with the Lord in 2003:

Bro. Johnnie Boyd  
Bro. Jim Adams  
Bro. Frederick Robert Noble  
Bro. Charles Monroe Stuart  
Bro. Luther Crawford  
Bro. David Cook  
Bro. O.L. (Oscar) Kennedy  
Bro. Billy Woods

We recommend that a memorial page be dedicated to the memory of these men of God. We thank God for the work of these brethren.

We, also, recommend that the messengers assembly stand in a moment of silence followed by prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bro. R. B. Elumbaugh  
Bro. Wayne Stringer

## Cyberspace Media Report

Cyberspace is the fastest growing piece of technology that the world has ever experienced. It is connecting people around the world, gathering and sharing information so that people can do whatever they can think of. It is now inside most American homes in the form of the internet; it is being placed into cell phones, PDA's, cars, televisions, and even refrigerators. It is expected that most electronic devises will be connected to each other through cyberspace within a short amount of time.



Cyberspace may be something to fear. But it can be harnessed to do the work of the Lord. Cyberspace allows computers to link to each other, share files and information, and help people communicate across the world.

It is important to the Lord's work because it carries a wealth of information that can be tapped into at any given time. It is used for research as well as for promotion. Many of our churches have web pages on the internet that are beneficial to others in our work. Some of our websites have sermons in written form, in audio and in video, where anyone in the world can watch and listen to Biblical sermons. The MBA of Texas has a website that is available to each of us with information and pictures that are of interest. Our Baptist Book Store's website can give you access to items which you use on a regular basis, they can be viewed and ordered online. Our Seminaries are beginning to offer courses online. The benefits to the work of the churches of the American Baptist Association are endless, and we must awaken to reality to see that we have been given an open door to the entire world through the use of this tool.

Media is as old as the written word on a page, it is a means of expressing thoughts and ideas in written, printed, taped, videotaped, digitally taped, or over the internet. All forms of these express our thoughts and ideas to the person reading, listening or watching. Pastors and churches have been involved in media for centuries, it is nothing new, but modern technology has brought great advancements in media. We have capabilities today that only a few years ago would have been impractical if not impossible.

Media is very much a part of each of our days. If you read the newspaper in the morning when you get up, that's media, if you watch the weather or news on the TV, that's media. If you print a church bulletin or newsletter, that's media. If you write down a sermon outline for others to read, that's media. If you check your e-mail when you get to the office that's media and media is here to stay even if modern technology were to cease.

Many churches are involved in media by means of projection systems in their churches which project the words of hymns, scriptures, sermon outlines, illustrations, announcements and other important information on a screen for people to see. With this technology we enable the congregation to not only hear the sermons we are preaching, but to see the main points, scriptures, and illustrations. This makes us even more effective communicators.

Through the use of video and internet transmission you can watch your missionary in his native land interacting with his

people. You can, via video tape, see reports where missionaries live and work. You can see and hear your missionary which may be thousands of miles away tell your people and their supporters about their work. The ABA International Media Service is growing to meet the needs of the Churches of the American Baptist Association. Bro. Jerry Smith who is director of the ABAIMS is working hard under the direction of Unity Baptist Church of Texarkana to see that churches and missionaries have the opportunity to communicate in these modern ways to become more effective stewards of the technology which has been given to us in these modern times.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John B. Bryant

## Music Ministry Report

The purpose of Music Ministry is to lead people of all ages to exalt our Heavenly Father and to worship our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Singing praise to God is a vital part of our worship.

The Bible instructs us to use Hymns, Psalms, and Spiritual songs when we come together to worship. Throughout the years, God's people have used these three elements in many exciting ways. Although God did not leave us a holy inspired book containing the songs he desires to hear. He did leave us a guide by which to measure all material that is to be presented to Him. Far too often we let our own personal taste dictate the offering of praise. This problem caused a great tragedy for Cain and Abel. We all have our favorite styles of music, our favorite songs to sing and our own way of doing things. We must remember, worship is not for the benefit of man or the pleasing of his ears but rather for exalting the God of all creation. We live in a self-centered society that has somehow seeped into our sanctuaries and pulpits. It is time to do things God's way by getting back to the heart of worship and fully understanding that it's all about Him and not about us. Jesus summed it up this way "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." John 4:24.

Respectfully Submitted  
Randy K. Sutton

## Publication Report

Webster's Intermediate Dictionary defines the word publish to mean to produce or release for publication especially by print. It defines the word publisher as one that sends out and offers for sale printed matter as books, magazines, or newspapers. Publication is the act or process of publishing. A religious publication is the act or process of publishing religious books, magazines, or newspapers by a religious publisher offered for sale or free distribution.

The greatest religious publication ever published is the Bible. No other publication can nor should try to take its place. But we find in God's Word in the book of Acts chapter eight and verses thirty and thirty-one where Philip found the man of Ethiopia, to whom he was sent by the angel of the Lord, reading from the prophet Isaiah. He asked him if he understood what he was reading. The man of Ethiopia replied, "How can I, except some man should guide me?" Philip then took the passage from which he was reading and "preached unto him Jesus." Men not only need the Bible but they also need some man of God to guide them in understanding the Bible as Philip guided the man from Ethiopia. If we cannot go personally to give this guidance then we may give it through publications that are true to God's Word.

All religious publications should be based on the Holy Word of God. Religious opinions should have a biblical bases and not personal biases. Neither should religious publications be used to promote personal agendas.

Many different avenues are afforded to us for publication in this age of electronics and updated printing equipment All of these avenues are used by others to publish all kinds of ungodly material. May we use them to publish God's Word.

Such publications as: The Baptist Sunday School Committee of the American Baptist Association, Swilling Publications, Sounding Out The Word Ministry, The Midland Messenger, The Baptist Companion, and The Baptist Monitor are recommended for our use and support.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lynn Hitt

## Men's Work Report

James 1:22-27

22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

26 If any man among you seem to be religious and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

It is very important that Christian men know and understand the work that God has called them to do in and through the local church. To comply with our mission, we must continuously reach out to the saved and unsaved man, woman, boy and girl, who are located throughout the world. However, we also need to reach out to those in our local communities by performing tasks that often go unfilled. Some of these tasks are listed in this report. We must see our brothers as men who are energetic and always ready to perform a mission for Christ. Therefore, we need to encourage our men to volunteer to perform one or more of the following tasks:

- a. Participate in and assist with Bible Study Groups.
- b. Visit the sick regularly.
- c. Help the elderly as needed (for example, mow their lawns, repair their autos, etc.)
- d. Establish, and administer benevolence funds.
- e. Attend church services regularly, and encourage other church members to attend regularly.
- f. Minister to those individuals who are not saved, by informing them of the Word, and encouraging them to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.
- g. Attend and encourage other men to attend monthly men's meetings that are held at their church.
- h. Organize and participate in men's functions, and offer to assist with other church functions.

We are to be "Doers of the Word" according to James 1:22-27. Matthew Henry wrote: "It is not enough to remember what we hear, and to be able to repeat it, and to give testimony to it, and commend it and write it, and preserve what we have written; that which all this is in order to, and which crowns the rest, is that we be doers of the Word."

It is our prayer that our men's ministry will some day become a ministry that goes on all during the week in many places and in many ways. We are to do all that we can to make the local church a place to worship the Living God and see to it that our church grow in the grace of God and that each member will grow in the likeness of Christ

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles Murphy

## A.B.A. Credit Union Report

The American Baptist Association Credit Union celebrated it's 33rd anniversary this year. The Credit Union was established as a savings and lending institution to help the people and churches being in fellowship with the American Baptist Association. Membership is extended to ordained and licensed ministers and their families; ABA churches and their organizations and employees; as well as members of ABA churches located in New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas.

The interest rates on savings and loans are comparable or better than other lending institutions. The Credit Union furnishes Credit Life Insurance on all loans that qualify. Dividends are paid quarterly on shares and a detailed statement of your account is mailed. All savings are Insured to \$100,000 by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), a United States agency.

On September 30, 2003 there were 383 members with a total assets of \$1,337,079 and loans outstanding In the amount of \$760,019. We are getting closer to our goal of being able to help ABA Churches, which was one of the purposes for our existence.

The Credit Union office is located in Pasadena, Texas. The Board of Directors are: Rev. Paul Cleveland, Sr., Rev. William Myrick, Rev. Joe Bozarth, Jerry Stone, Lawrence McGrew and Aubrey Adams. Mrs. Laverne Bostick is President/Manager and Jon Dor, Bookkeeper. Visit our web site [www.abacu.org](http://www.abacu.org) or e-mail us at [abacufevi.net](mailto:abacufevi.net). Our address is P.O. Box 585, Pasadena, Texas 77501-0585 or call (713) 941-3124.

Respectfully Submitted,  
A.B.A. Credit Union

## Resolution of Thanks

Wherefore, Walnut Street Baptist Church has been a wonderful and gracious host to the messengers representing the churches of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas.

Wherefore, Walnut Street Baptist Church has opened the doors to their facilities for the purpose of our meetings and booths freely and her members have worked tirelessly and in brotherly love to make the messengers feel greatly welcomed.

Be it therefore resolved, that we, the messengers and visitors attending the messenger assembly of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas, give a rising vote of thanks and appreciation for having made our meeting a productive and enjoyable one.

Respectfully submitted,  
John E. Raines  
Ricky Vestal



**Enrollment & Finance Committee at Work**

## Missionary Baptist Student Fellowship

One of the unexpected findings connected with the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, on September 11, 2001, was that some of the hijackers were educated in American universities! It is very alarming to think of our youth attending classes with people like that! But, this is just the proverbial tip of the iceberg.

To say our youth are facing problems on college campuses is a gross understatement. We would all be horrified to obtain a full report of the activity of evil that goes on in universities like, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Houston, and even a supposedly Baptist University, Baylor, just to name a few. The temptations involving drugs, alcohol, sex, suicide, atheism, evolution, and the introduction of false religion and cults is dramatically increased and intensified at the college level. Every year more young people fall into these snares, ruining their lives or greatly damaging their futures.

Over the years we have had a multitude of students attend Texas Tech which were members of Missionary Baptist Churches. Many of them were quickly and completely overcome with the forces of evil. They did not attend the MBSF our church sponsors, not even once. I am very confident we could have helped some of them, but never had the chance. There could be a number of reasons for this, but one main reason is: They were not encouraged to join or attend our MBSF by their home church, parents and/or pastor. The same is true for other MBSF works across the state as well.

The churches composing the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas, need to be much more concerned about the hostile environment students face on the college campus, and especially so for Missionary Baptist Youth. We, as churches, pastors and parents, ought to be much more aggressive in encouraging our youth to get involved in MBSF.

Many of the High School graduates this coming year from ABA churches will be enrolling in universities where we have sister churches. In so doing, they will be heading into a virtual "den of iniquity." They will be as sheep among wolves! Quite honestly, most of our youth are not spiritually prepared for such a battle.

What can be done to stop or hedge this destructive force against our youth?

> Churches should warn their High School Juniors and Seniors of the dangers on college campuses. Give them factual information about it. Show them the consequences.

> Churches should instruct their youth in how to combat

these enemies. Give them tools to fight with. Help them plan escape routes.

> Churches should strongly urge them to get involved in a local MBSF. Talk positively about MBSF. Hold them accountable about attending MBSF after they arrive at school.

> Churches should contact the MBSF Director or Pastor about the student's arrival and background. Give the local MBSF a chance to be in touch with students.

> Churches should invite MBSF Groups and/or Directors to visit with their youth and get to know them. This greatly aids in the transition from home to college life. They are much more likely to attend an MBSF group if they are acquainted with them first.

> Churches should financially support a local MBSF. We all know how important it is to put our money where our mouth is. Our youth know it, too. If your church isn't going to invest anything in it, why should they? If it is valuable, it is something we will support.

> Churches should pray for their students, for the local MBSF and the church that sponsors them. The goal is to help our youth to grow spiritually while they are in college and stay with our work when they get out of college. Let's pray for this to happen.

> Churches of the MBA should encourage more MBSF works to begin throughout the state, by seeking out and supporting a full-time MBSF Director. The college campus is a great mission field for lost souls, and a great training field for saved souls. Let's pray for God to call a man to lead out in this work across the state.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Monty A. Hilliard, Pastor

## Enrollment & Finance Committee Report

Churches & Missions represented by Messenger . . . . .	116
Physical count of Messengers on Wednesday Night . . .	268
Messengers Present from Letters . . . . .	229
Churches & Missions Represented by Letter Only . . . . .	66
Visitors Reported . . . . .	34
General Fund Offerings . . . . .	\$10,932.50
State Missions . . . . .	\$125.00
History & Archives . . . . .	\$310.00
Texas Baptist Institute . . . . .	\$15.00
The Baptist Monitor . . . . .	\$22.50
TOTAL . . . . .	\$11,405.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Thompson  
Ernest Moyers



## Women's Work Report

The fifty-first session of the Women's Auxiliary of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas met on November 11, 2003 with Walnut Street Baptist Church in Hillsboro, Texas acting as host. There were seventy-three church auxiliaries represented with a total of one hundred two in attendance.

The 2003 Project for the Women's Auxiliary has been Texas Baptist Institute and Seminary for the particular purpose of refurbishing student housing. Bro. Bill Kuykendall was present to give a report on the school and the work being done there and to receive the funds collected for the project. We are happy to report that we raised a total of \$7,206.77 toward our goal of \$8,000. We have asked our ladies to go back home and strive to raise the remaining \$793.23. We know that with God's help we will meet our goal.

The project selected for 2004 is the land fund for the True Light Missionary Baptist Mission in Houston, Bro. Kim Williams, Missionary Pastor. Bro. Williams, along with his sponsoring pastor Bro. Lavern Clark, were on hand to tell us about what True Light has accomplished with God's help and their plans for the future. They are currently meeting in the community room of an apartment complex in very cramped conditions. In order for them to grow further they must have more room. We have again set our goal at \$8,000 and look forward to being a part of helping this work for the Lord get on the ground with a facility of their own. Bro. Williams is available to come and visit your church if you would be interested in hearing more about and helping this outstanding work reaching into the black community.

With generous donations from the ladies works throughout the state our Bible & Tract fund was able to finance the remodel and printing of a wonderful children's tract, "The Three Wise Monkeys." These are available for you to take back to your church and we encourage you to do so. We would appreciate any offerings for this purpose as we have two more tracts that we would like to print in the coming year. Please see Patricia Hitt for information about getting these tracts and where to send your offerings. If you can't catch up with her today, her address and phone number are in the State Book.

I would like to thank the ladies for the privilege of leading our work as the President for the past two years. It has been a rewarding and uplifting experience for me. I pray for the incoming officers and trust that God will continue to bless our united women's work for His sake.

In Christ,  
Julie Davis

## Pastors' & Laymen's Meeting

On November 11, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., Bro. Ron Witcher called the Pastor's and Laymen's meeting to order in the sanctuary of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Hillsboro, Texas. Bro. Jim Jones, accompanied by Bro. Monty Hilliard at the piano, led the congregation in singing "Glory To His Name." The moderator called for prayer requests and Bro. Mike Rice led in prayer. Bro. Henry Sims brought a devotional based on Romans 3 and led in prayer. Bro. Jason Clark brought words of welcome on behalf of Walnut Street Baptist Church. Bro. Witcher recognized new pastors in the state as well as visitors to the meeting.

The moderator called for the election of officers and the speaker for the 2004 meeting. The following were elected:

Moderator - Ron Witcher  
Assistant - Danny Chappell  
Clerk - David Humber  
Assistant - Steven Pace  
Speaker - Kevin Higgins  
Alternate - Roy Fikac

Following the election of officers, the congregation sang "Send The Light." Bro. W. S. Taylor, Missionary/Pastor of Crossroads M.B.M. in Fort Worth, introduced the speaker for the morning. Bro. Lonnie Johnson, pastor of Fairhaven Baptist Church in Mesquite. Bro. Johnson used the text, 2 Corinthians 5. Following the challenging message, Bro. Al Valladares was asked to express appreciation for the morning's message and devotional on behalf of the assembly. The congregation then sang "Jesus Saves."

A report was given on the outreach effort in Hillsboro. Missionaries or their representatives then gave reports until 11:30 a.m. Bro. Ricky Knight was asked to close the morning session by leading in prayer.

Following lunch, the afternoon session was opened with the congregational hymn "I Love To Tell The Story." Bro. Gordon Riley led in prayer. Assistant moderator Bro. Danny Chappell, called for missionaries or their representatives to give their reports. In the morning and afternoon sessions, there were a total of 27 reports given. The meeting was closed in prayer led by Bro. Jim Anderson.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Humber, Clerk

## Benevolence Report

There are many needs in our churches and communities and God's Word instructs us to consider the needs of those around us.

There are children being abused, without parents for various reasons, or whose parents are not caring for them as they should. There are adults who are aged and in need of assistance or perhaps have been overcome by illness. There are those who have had unfortunate situations arise such as fire, storm, death in the family, etc., and they need help. There are preachers who have not prepared for ill health, accidents, or even for old age. These, our preacher brethren, stand in need of assistance.

These are some of the opportunities available for us to help in a benevolent way. The Bible says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25:40) As our example, Jesus reached out to those in need. He helped the sick, fed those who were hungry, gave sight to the blind, and enabled the lame to walk. We follow this example of caring and helping as we minister to those around us.

We have opportunities to work together in an associated effort by supporting Texarkana Baptist Orphanage. Children brought to the Home receive the love and Christian guidance they might otherwise never have. Support for the Home comes from churches in several states and the support has been good again this year. Offerings have come for the General Fund, the Children's Fund, and for other special projects.

The Minister's Retirement Center in Texarkana, and the Heritage Housing Project offers ways to help retired or disabled ministers and their wives with housing assistance. The second unit, two duplexes, is basically complete. Offerings are needed to pay the note on this unit.

The Heritage Housing Project has worked well in the past to meet special needs of pastors or widows of pastors. This is sponsored by Heritage Missionary Baptist Church, Center, Texas.

Please continue to support our associational projects to help meet the needs of those who have served faithfully in the Lord's churches. Please continue to support Texarkana Baptist Orphanage and pray for the administrators, house parents and other employees.

Respectfully submitted,  
Billy Daniels

## Letter To Ray O. Brooks

November 12, 2003

When a given object is found in a place, time after time it would be called a fixed object. If that object suddenly is no longer in its place, it is missed by all who observe.

Such is the case with Ray O. Brooks, who has been such a fixed object at the messenger meetings of the churches of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas for over fifty years. Ray O. Brooks, you were missed greatly and an air of great concern and prayer were quite noticeable in your absence.

The prayers of this body is that our great God who has enabled you and led you to guide this body many times in the right directions will watch over you and Sis. Mickey. May He grant you restored health that we may benefit from your love for the truth, for many years to come.

The Messengers and Guests of the 2003 Meeting  
while in Session at Walnut Street Baptist Church

### Youth Report

To the messengers of the churches of the Missionary Baptist Association:

Ministry to youth and children is very important. Consider this:

"Most of the people who accept Jesus Christ as their savior do so at a young age. The median is age 16. In total, six out of ten people say they made their decision to accept Christ before age 18. At the other end of the age spectrum, only 8% of those 50 years or older claim to have made a decision to embrace Christ as their savior after their 50th birthday." - Bama Research Group [www.bama.org](http://www.bama.org)

If churches were to prioritize ministry based on this information children and youth would be of an utmost priority. Churches must reach all ages, but as the people get older their hearts become more hardened to the gospel.

I thank the Lord for Texas Baptist Institute in their training of pastors, but also for having specialized courses for men called to the Youth Ministry. Our churches are to be commended for providing camps such as Pine Springs and Bogg Springs so that children and students will have a place that the gospel can be presented on an age appropriate level of understanding so they will have a opportunity to come to know Christ as Savior and Lord. It is also important that churches continue leading out in special events to reach children and students with the gospel and to encourage their spiritual growth.

The Bible says, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;" Ecclesiastes 12:1.

Faithfully submitted,  
Tony Harp

## History & Archives Committee Report

Another year is added to the category called "history." It is yet another year in which the Lord has not returned, so we are obligated to continue serving and watching for His return.

The work of the History & Archives Committee has progressed to a degree during the year. The windows of the museum were tinted to keep out the sun's rays. The propane tank was installed at the rear of the building and a heater put up on the inside. Several donated items of history were received during the year.

One great accomplishment was receiving enough funds to order the Memorial Plaque in honor of Dr. George B. Crawford. This is being cast at the present time and a service to unveil the plaque is planned for Tuesday, December 2, 2003, at 1:30 p.m. This will coincide with the Visitors Day during the A. J. Kirkland Memorial Lectures at Texas Baptist Institute & Seminary. We encourage you to join Sister Edd Crawford and family in the wonderful service.

As a result of your contributions the General Fund is in good shape. We will need to apply some of these funds to some repairs to the museum and the plaza area. We have adequate funds to accomplish this. We encourage you to continue sending offerings to keep this fund in good shape.

Several have enquired about our sponsoring another History Tour. Securing transportation has been our problem recently. As soon as we can locate a good source to rent adequate transportation we likely will plan another trip.

Please pray for your committee that we might continue to preserve our history and make it available to the generations following us.

Respectfully submitted,  
Billy Daniels, Chairman  
Donald L. Britton, Secretary  
Wayne Stringer  
Kenneth Griffith  
Lenard Milford

## Missionary Baptist History & Archives Fund

### Financial Statement, 2002-2003

#### BALANCES (On hand, September 1,2002)

General Fund .....	\$5,306.78
Memorial Plaque Fund .....	\$1,787.06
History & Archives Tour Funds .....	\$11.35
<b>TOTAL 2002 BALANCES .....</b>	<b>\$7,105.19</b>

#### RECEIPTS (September 2002-August 2003)

General Fund .....	\$928.87
Memorial Plaque Fund .....	\$1,270.00
History & Archives Tour Funds .....	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS .....</b>	<b>\$2,198.87</b>

**TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR (Includes 2002 Balances) .**\$9,304.06

#### DISBURSEMENTS (September 2002-August 2003)

General Fund .....	\$1,137.84
Memorial Plaque Fund .....	\$ 150.25
History & Archives Tour Fund .....	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSED .....</b>	<b>\$1,288.09</b>

#### BALANCES (On hand, August 31,2003)

General Fund .....	\$5,097.81
Memorial Plaque Fund .....	\$2,906.81
History & Archives Tour Fund .....	\$11.35
<b>Total 2003 Balances .....</b>	<b>\$8,015.97</b>

**TOTAL (+Disbursements) TO BALANCE .....**\$9,304.06

## **Suggested Guidelines For Hosting Messenger Meeting**

Compiled by Donald L. Britton

These are not to be construed as "laws," but simply some things that others have experienced as they prepared for this august body.

First, ask your church to pray earnestly for the Lord's direction in this matter and if felt led to do so, "GO FOR IT!"

### **Things To Do Before Coming To The Meeting:**

Unless your church has a very large sanctuary, you will need to make arrangements with a motel or civic center that can provide two large meeting rooms on Tuesday and an even larger one for balance of the sessions. What about rental fees? Will a room or hall be available for displays, with tables and ample electrical outlets?

A motel that can provide up to 250 rooms with a quoted and locked in rate. Could be more than one motel, but they should be close to each other. Will there be "Complimentary Rooms?" These are free rooms provided for the officers and are usually based on the number of booked rooms.

How far is it to a good, clean RV Park? What about the airport? Shuttle service, taxi, or church van for to and from?

### **Things To Do After You Have Been Selected As Host:**

- > Will the motel require you to put down a deposit to hold the room block?
- > Secure a meeting room with a capacity of 300 for Pastor's & Laymen's Council for Tuesday. Piano and/or organ, PA system with floor mikes required.
- > Provide a room for about 200 for Ladies' Auxiliary meeting on Tuesday, same requirements. These rooms should be far enough apart so that they do not disturb each other. Ladies will need tables for registration, clerks, etc. Nursery for small children helpful. Host Ladies Auxiliary is responsible for Program during session.
- > Will coffee, doughnuts, cookies, juice, etc. be provided? Food store might help.
- > The Chamber of Commerce may provide lists of restaurants, maps, interesting sites.
- > See the Ladies' Auxiliary "Poster Rules" for host church responsibilities

## The Main Sessions:

- > Meeting room for 600 or more.
- > Sound and recording system, floor microphones. Their operator or ours?
- > Piano and/or organ, two tables on or near stage area.
- > Coffee, cookies, nursery for small children (who will staff?), stage decorations.
- > Song sheets or hymnals, tape player connected to sound system for background accompaniment. Wednesday night special music must be held to allotted time.
- > Will city, county, officials appear for welcome?
- > Copy machine available?
- > Will there be free parking for those not registered at motel?

## Other items:

- > A picture of pastor or church, map to location of meeting, a welcome letter to Clerks for inclusion in Minute Book.
- > Start early to finalize plans. Enlist help of area churches and pastors.
- > Contact motel manager to assure that plans agreed on early are intact.
- > Send letters of welcome and info to each church, two to three months in advance. Secure mail list from Clerks.
- > Two months in advance send articles to The Baptist Monitor.
- > Check with local newspapers and other media for publicity of meeting.



**Kevin Clinton Preaching the Annual Sermon**



## DOCTRINAL STATEMENT MBA OF TEXAS

1. We believe in the plenary verbal inspiration and inerrancy of the whole Bible as originally written, and that the Bible is the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice, (Psalm 119-160; 2 Tim. 3:16-17).

2. We believe in the personal triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, equal in divine perfection, (Matt. 28:19).

3. We believe in the Genesis account of creation, (Gen. 1, 2).

4. We believe that Satan is a fallen angel, the archenemy of God and man, the unholy god of this world and that his destiny is the eternal lake of fire, (Isa. 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:11-19; Matt. 25:41; 2 Cor. 4:4; Eph. 6:10-17; Rev. 20:10).

5. We believe in the virgin birth and sinless humanity of Jesus Christ, (Matt. 1:18-20; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Peter 2:22).

6. We believe in the Deity of Jesus Christ, (John 1:1, 14; 10:30; 14:9; 2 Cor. 5:19).

7. We believe that the Divine Administrator for Jesus Christ in His churches is the Holy Spirit (Luke 24:49; John 14:16, 17; 16:13; Act 1:4, 5, 8), whose work as such began on the first Pentecost after the resurrection of Jesus Christ with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, which event occurred only once and is not repeated, (Acts 2).

8. We believe that the miraculous gifts of the Spirit listed in 1 Cor. 12:8-10 were done away when the Bible was completed (1 Cor. 13:8-10), that the gift of apostleship ceased with the death of the last chosen directly by the Lord Jesus (Eph. 2:20), and that the abiding gifts adequately equip the churches for service to God, (Rom. 12:13; 1 Cor. 13:1-3; Eph. 4:7-16; 1 Peter 4:10, 11; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17). The apostles and prophets were the inspired agents through whom the New Testament revelation was given. When that revelation was complete, there was no further need for the office of apostle and prophet; thus, the apostleship ceased with the death of the last apostle chosen directly by the Lord Jesus.

9. We believe that man was created in the image of God and lived in innocency until he fell by voluntary transgression from his sinless state, the result being that all mankind are now sinners, (Gen. 1:26; 3:6-24; Rom. 5:12, 19).

10. We believe the substitutionary suffering and death of Jesus Christ was sufficient to propitiate for the sins of all humanity, thus making salvation available for all mankind, (Isa. 53:6; Heb. 2:9; 1 Peter. 2:24; 3:18; 2 Peter. 3:9; 1 John 2:2).

11. We believe in the bodily resurrection and ascension of Christ and the bodily resurrection of His saints, (Matt. 28:1-7; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Cor. 15:42-58; 1 Thess. 4:13-18).

12. We believe in the pre-millennial, personal, bodily return of Christ as the crowning event of the Gentile Age. We further believe at His coming the righteous dead shall be raised, the living saints shall be changed and both shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. We also believe after the Millennial Reign of Christ on earth the unrighteous shall be resurrected unto eternal punishment in the lake of fire, ( John 14:1-6; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 2 Thess. 2:8; Rev. 20: 4-6, 11-15; 21:8).

13. We believe the depraved alien sinner is saved wholly by grace through faith in Jesus Christ and the requisites to regeneration are repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 13:3, 5; John 3:16, 18; Acts 20:21; Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:8, 9), and the Holy Spirit convicts sinners and regenerates, seals, secures, and indwells every believer, (John 3:6; 16:8, 9; Rom. 8:9-11; 1 Cor. 6:19, 20; Eph. 4:30; Titus 3:5).

14. We believe all who trust in Jesus Christ for salvation are eternally secure and shall persevere in Him and shall not perish, (John 3:36; 5:24; 10:27-30; Rom. 8:35-39; Heb. 10:39; 1 Peter 1:5).

15. We believe God deals with believers as His children, chastises the disobedient, blesses the obedient in this life and reserves rewards for the future, (Matt. 16:27; 25:14-23; John 1:12; Heb. 12:5-11; 2 John 8; Rev. 22:12).

16. We believe Jesus Christ , during His personal ministry, established His Church, which is a local, visible assembly of scripturally baptized believers in covenant relationship, to carry out the Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ. We further believe each church is an independent, self-governing body over which no

other ecclesiastical body may exercise authority. We believe Jesus Christ gave the Great Commission to New Testament churches only, and promised the perpetuity (Matt. 4:18-22; 16:18; 18:15-18; 28:19-20; Mark 1:14-20; John 1:35-51; Eph. 3:21).

17. We believe there are two pictorial ordinances in the Lord's churches: baptism and the Lord's Supper. Scriptural baptism is the immersion of penitent believers in water, administered by the authority of a New Testament church in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We further believe the Lord's Supper is a memorial ordinance, restricted to the members of the church observing the ordinance, (Matt. 28:19, 20; Acts. 8:12, 38; Rom. 6:4; 1 Cor. 5:11-13; 11:1, 2, 17-20, 26).

18. We believe there are two divinely appointed offices in a church, pastor and deacon, to be filled by men whose qualifications are set forth in 1 Tim. 3:1-16; Titus 1:5-9.

19. We believe all associations, fellowships, conventions, boards, and their committees are servants of the churches, (Matt. 20:25-28).

20. We believe in the complete separation of churches and state (Matt. 22:21) and affirm our belief in civil obedience unless the laws and regulations of civil government run contrary to the Holy Scriptures (Rom. 13:1-7; I Peter 2:13-15; Acts. 5: 29).



**State Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting**

## STATEMENT OF MISSION POLICY

### SECTION I

The messengers of the churches of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas will not recommend any man to the mission field unless he has first been elected or endorsed by the church of his membership, said church being associated with and subscribing to the principles and practices of the churches of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas.

### SECTION II

Each church recommending a missionary from their membership to the churches of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas in annual session is requested:

1. To submit in writing, hereafter, to the Secretary-Treasurer's Mission Office, the endorsement of any missionary, whether salaried or on designated funds, and-or a mission project of any sponsoring church, by the fifteenth (15th) day of September prior to each messenger meeting.

2. To submit for public reading a brief summary of the ministerial activities of the recommended missionary.

3. To give a statement as what their plans are concerning their support of the missionary being recommended.

4. To give the location of the area where the recommended missionary will devote his labor.

This information concerning the recommended missionary, his abilities, training and work will greatly aid the messengers from the churches in making their decision about individual missionaries.

### SECTION III

We recognize that a missionary elected by his local church, if it be a Scriptural church, is a Scriptural missionary, without recommendation of the messengers from the churches of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas.

### SECTION IV

Any messenger may request an individual vote on any name recommended for endorsement to the messengers in annual session.

### SECTION V

We recognize as Scriptural the right of the messengers in annual session to recommend stipulated salaries for the missionaries.

We also recognize the responsibility of the sponsoring church and the mission to aid in raising the missionary's salary. Therefore, the corresponding Secretary-Treasurer shall not be permitted to pay over 80 (eighty) percent of the missionary's salary.

## SECTION VI

All missionaries of the churches working as State Missionaries under the recommendations of the messengers shall:

Make duplicate monthly reports to their endorsing church and Secretary-Treasurer.

1. These reports shall tell of the work done during the month and shall list all money, material and monetary gifts collected on the field. All money collected on the field shall be counted as salary, unless the money is designated to some special church or mission project, with the following exceptions:

### a. MATERIAL GIFTS

Missionaries shall have the same privilege as pastors in receiving material gifts above their salary and shall not be required to report them as salary.

Material gifts are defined as items (or money for them) as: Clothing; Automobile accessories; Household goods.

### b. MONETARY GIFTS

Monetary gifts are defined as such gifts as pastors receive for: Weddings; Funerals; At Christmas season; Honorariums; etc.

### c. REVIVALS

The missionaries and the Secretary-Treasurer may hold as many as two revivals each year without reporting the funds received for the revivals.

### d. VACATIONS

The missionaries and the Secretary-Treasurer may have two weeks paid vacation each year in addition to two revival meetings.

2. All reports shall be made available to the churches and a yearly report published in the minutes.

3. The endorsing church is requested to provide a report annually for the messengers assembly regarding:

a. The amount and nature of all material and monetary gifts.

b. An assessment is requested as to whether there has been any abuse of this privilege on the part of the missionary.

## SECTION VII

State Mission work shall be defined as follows:

1. Work in cities where we have no Missionary Baptist Churches, or in cities large enough to have two or more churches.

2. Work with weak pastorless churches, to aid them in growing and securing a pastor.

3. Although we look with favor on revival meetings, revivals in established churches with regular pastors, should not be counted as mission work.

4. A month's work should include at least 160 hours actually spent in constructive mission work.

## SECTION VIII

We recommend:

1. The missionaries seek fields in sections of the state where we have no churches.

2. The missionaries should seek out a church to sponsor the mission that is consistent in their support of missions, and that is of sufficient strength to fulfill the responsibility of a sponsoring church, and that the sponsoring church adopt a policy concerning the mission that would not allow it to be organized into a church until it becomes self-supporting in every respect, including a full-time pastor on the field.

3. That the missionaries begin teaching leading newly organized missions and churches to support all phases of mission work and that they begin immediately to give support to the missionaries's salary and that such support be increased regularly as the work grows. The missionary and mission should work toward a goal of being able to support a pastor within five years. That this be done by seeking to support 20 percent of the missionary's salary within the first year, 40 percent within the second, 60 percent within the third, 80 percent within the fourth and within the fifth year of being able to support a full time pastor. The missionary should remain with the mission until it becomes self-supporting.

4. That the missionaries seek to lead the newly organized churches to adopt and put to proper use, a good Sunday School record system and plan of Sunday School organization.

5. That the missionaries lead the newly established churches to follow a definite plan of organized visitation evangelism.

6. That the missionaries not be used as supply preacher in our established churches where pastors are on the field.

7. That missionaries not pastor a church that is recognized as a self-supporting church, regardless of how much of his salary they might pay.

8. That the missionaries should not be elected to an office of the Association.

## SECTION IX

May the statements of this policy never be interpreted as binding laws upon churches or missionaries, but as goals and guidelines.

## **ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT**

### **ARTICLE I – Name**

This association shall be known as the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas.

### **ARTICLE II – Object**

The object of this Association shall be to awaken a deeper interest in the welfare of the churches, to cultivate a closer fellowship among the churches, and to encourage and perpetuate the very greatest possible activity in missionary, educational and benevolent enterprises.

### **ARTICLE III – How Composed**

Section 1. This Association shall be composed of such regular independent Missionary Baptist Churches as may voluntarily choose to cooperate in carrying out the object of this Association.

Section 2. The Messenger Assemblies of this Association shall be composed of messengers elected by the churches composing it.

Section 3. Each church choosing to represent in this Association shall be entitled to three messengers.

Section 4. Each church shall be the sole judge of the qualification of her messengers.

### **ARTICLE IV – Nature**

The Messenger Assembly of this Association shall be, in nature, formed as a council in matters pertaining to missionary, education and benevolent work.

### **ARTICLE V – Principles**

The Messenger Assembly of this Association shall recognize the freedom of speech as essential to the highest achievement in its work. It shall stand or fall on its own conformity to the truth. It shall exercise no ecclesiastical authority, but it shall, by every precaution recognize the independence and sovereignty of every individual church. It shall also encourage on the part of the church and the messengers the greatest possible freedom of expression in discussing matters pertaining to its work.

### **ARTICLE VI – Powers**

The action of the Messenger Assembly shall be limited to the work of awakening enthusiasm in missionary, educational and

benevolent enterprises and receiving and distributing funds for the same.

### **ARTICLE VII – Funds**

Section 1. All funds of this Association shall be raised by voluntary donations secured solely upon the merits of the cause in the interest of which appeals are made for gifts: provided, this is not to prevent the use of any income or any property that may be acquired by donation or by purchase.

Section 2. Distribution of funds shall be authorized by an act of this Messenger Assembly, or by an act of properly authorized committees of this assembly hereinafter provided for; but in no instance shall the assembly or any committee of it use means in violation of the expressed preference of the donor.

### **ARTICLE VIII – Officers**

Section 1. The officers of this Messenger Assembly shall be a moderator, and assistant moderator, two (2) recording secretaries and a corresponding secretary-treasurer.

Section 2. All officers of this assembly shall be chosen annually, and shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and the same shall be true of all members of standing committees. All officers shall be elected by a majority of the messengers voting. No moderator shall succeed himself more than one year.

Section 3. The duties of all officers shall be as may be directed by the Messenger Assembly, unless otherwise directed by the churches.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the corresponding secretary-treasurer to take charge of money and valuables not specifically entrusted to someone else and to dispose of same as he may be directed by this Messenger Assembly. He shall make an annual report to this assembly of all monies received and disbursed.

Section 5. The recording secretaries, in addition to keeping the records of this Association, will superintend the printing and distribution of minutes of such regular meetings as the messengers may direct.

### **ARTICLE IX – Committees**

Section 1. The missionary committee shall be composed of one representative of each church choosing to be represented. The duty of the committee shall be to meet quarterly, or as directed by the Messenger Assembly, in the interest of all the



work. It shall be empowered to fill vacancies of regular offices between sessions of the Messenger Assembly and to call a special meeting of a Messenger Assembly when needed.

Section 2. The following officers of the Assembly shall be the trustees of the association: Namely, the moderator, assistant moderator, two recording secretaries and secretary-treasurer, subject to the direction of the Messenger Assembly, and they are empowered to act in legal capacity as trustees of the Association.

### **ARTICLE X -- Missionaries**

We hold that the authority for execution of the Great Commission was given to the New Testament Church and the authority must remain forever with the churches. Therefore, the right and privilege of every church of this Association to endorse, set apart or send out missionaries of its own choosing and the act of one church in sending out missionaries can in no way bind or obligate any other church.

The churches shall be free and their support of missionaries shall be voluntary on their part.

### **ARTICLE XI --Meetings**

The regular meetings of the Church Messengers shall be at such time and place as the assembled messengers may appoint.

### **ARTICLE XII -- Amendments**

The Messenger Assembly shall have no power to change the Articles of Agreement. Any church desiring a change shall send to the annual meeting a copy of the proposed change; the Messenger Assembly will then submit the proposed change to each cooperating church; if two-thirds of the cooperating churches vote for the change, then the Article of Agreement shall be amended to conform to the proposed change. Two-thirds of the churches representing in assembly in the previous year shall be the number determining the results.

**THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF  
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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### Morning Session:

- 9:00 - 10:00 Registration  
10:00 - 11:30 Song  
Prayer  
Welcome Address  
Response  
Necessary Business  
Presentation of Resolutions  
Presentations of Project  
Nominations  
Special Music  
Workshop

### Afternoon Session:

- 1:30 - 2:30 Song  
Prayer  
Special Music  
President's Address  
Program
- 2:30 - 4:30 Business  
Announcements  
Adjournment

**Goal For 2004**

**True Light Baptist Church  
Land Fund  
Houston, Texas**

**Goal = \$8,000.00**

## EMPTY VESSELS

II Kings 4:1-7



This passage of scripture introduces us to a minister's widow who had fallen on hard times. Her two sons were about to be sold into slavery and the only thing of value she possessed was a pot of oil. This was a difficult piece of business. There was nothing she could do to save either her sons or herself. Without them to help provide for her she would be in dire straits. I want to look at this woman's response to her predicament and at the solution presented.

In the first verse of the text she calls out to God's representative, the prophet Elisha, and states her problem. He asks her how he can help her and what she might possess in order to help herself. The first thing we must do is recognize that we have a need. That need is salvation.

The widow told Elisha that she had only a small pot of oil in the house. We have to understand that we have nothing of value to offer God except our humble and contrite heart. When we acknowledge our need and come to Him in repentance and faith we put ourselves in the position to receive His divine assistance with our main problem - SIN.

The prophet then instructed her to go out to her neighbors and borrow all the empty vessels she could find. He told her to borrow not a few. The expectation, then, was that something big was about to happen. But she needed empty vessels so that God could fill them as He wished. At this point she had no idea what form God's help would take. In order for God to use us to our full potential we have to empty ourselves of all the clutter. This includes many things, beginning with our own pride. The biggest downfall for any Christian is an exaggerated sense of self-importance. This goes to our foundation as humans, love of one's self.

In order to be productive children of God we must be able to strip away our layers of false and foolish pride and realize that anything good that we might assay to do is no more than filth in God's eyes. Anything that we believe we can accomplish and lay before Him is contaminated by our sin nature. If we do not approach Him through His Son, Jesus, we are destined to fail.

Another thing we must empty ourselves of is the influence of the world. We have come to casually accept many things that are considered abominations before God. Satan lulls us into a false

sense of security by small steps. Some of you will remember that fifty years ago any woman who had a child outside wedlock was ostracized by the community. It wasn't she who was repugnant, but her sin was not so easily accepted. Further, you would never have heard of same sex couples living openly in an intimate relationship. They would have been unceremoniously run out of town. By the use of television, radio, and printed materials we have been "reprogrammed" to accept these ungodly behaviors as being "the way things are now." We need to do whatever is necessary to keep our lives free of influences that would make us believe that what God deems wrong is actually right.

The next instruction the prophet gave the widow was for her and her sons to shut themselves up in their house and to take her pot of oil and use it to fill all the empty vessels. This reminds me of how important it is for us to remove ourselves from others and go into our closet to pray and study. This is where God can work the greatest changes in us. When we are focused on Him and what His will is for our life - apart from the influence of others - we can really experience the fullness and joy of our Christian walk. God didn't need an audience to meet this family's need and He doesn't need the appreciation of the world to meet ours, either.

When the widow had filled all the vessels available to her the oil stopped. She went back and told Elisha what had happened and he instructed her to sell the excess oil to pay her debts and use what was left for her family's living. God always gives us what we need to live. He promises to meet our needs. In my own experience I can say that God has given me abundantly above my needs. That's not to say that I have everything I want, but I believe I possess the ability through my relationship with Christ to put things in perspective. We have a home, dependable vehicles, jobs and, most importantly, my husband and children are saved and we serve God as a family. This is the source of our joy. So many times when we hear people say that God will bless us abundantly they are speaking of physical things. God's best blessings are spiritual in nature. His Son, Jesus, is the most complete gift ever given. One might say He is the original "gift that keeps on giving"!

By recognizing her need, appealing to God for help, and following His instructions, this woman was delivered from her burden. We can enjoy victorious living if we are willing to recognize our need, appeal to God for help, then take ourselves out of the equation, allowing Him to work His will in our lives. Bring God an empty vessel and let Him fill it as He wishes for His

honor. Don't fall into the traps Satan sets for us by coming to God full of ourselves and the world and expecting God to be pleased with our offering. That is a Cain syndrome that will ultimately lead to our own and God's disappointment. Remember what Isaiah said in chapter 64 verse 6, "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." May we not find ourselves a broken vessel in God's service, but rather an empty vessel waiting to be filled with and led by His Spirit.

Our text passage is just one of many examples of the Lord meeting the needs of His people; this widow one of countless numbers of people who have turned to God in a time of trial. If you are not a child of God, your immediate need is for a Savior. Jesus paid the debt required for your sin with His own blood. Realizing that you are a sinner, believe that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God, confess your sin and ask God to save you in Jesus' name and you will be made spiritually whole. Follow Jesus' example of scriptural baptism and membership in a New Testament church and then you can begin your spiritual growth process. When we submit ourselves to God He can fill us as He sees fit and can show us the real meaning of a happy, productive life.

- Julie Davis, President



**Officers of the State Ladies' Auxiliary**

## Ladies' Auxiliary Proceedings

The 51th annual session of the State Ladies' Auxiliaries met at Walnut Street Missionary Baptist Church in Hillsboro, Texas on November 11, 2003.

### Morning Session

The meeting was called to order by the President Julie Davis from Oak Flat MB Church in Huntington, Texas. Sister Becky TeKell from Walnut Street MB Church led the opening songs "Victory in Jesus" and "I'll fly Away." Sister Jamie Clark from Walnut M.B. Church accompanied on the piano. Sister Mary Smith from Maple Grove M.B. Church from Minden, Texas led in opening prayer. Sister Jane Aitken from Walnut St. M.B. Church gave a warm welcome to the Ladies' Auxiliaries of Texas. Sister Becky Phillips of Northside MB Church in Snyder, Texas gave the response to Walnut Street Ladies' Auxiliary for hosting the hosting the state Ladies' meeting. President Julie Davis was given a lovely corsage by the Walnut Street Ladies, presented by Sister Jane Aitken. President Julie Davis expressed her appreciation for the corsage. President Julie Davis then recognized pastors and missionaries that were present There were two new auxiliaries present: Meadowbrook M.B. Church at Wills Point, Texas and Victory M.B. Church at New Caney, Texas. President Julie Davis asked if there were any resolutions to be brought to the body. There were no new resolutions.

President Julie Davis asked for project recommendation for the State Project for 2004. Sister Debbie Evans from Timberlake in the Woodlands, Texas nominated Bro. Kim Williams from True Light Mission in Houston, Texas for Land Fund. Sister Mary Lou Daniels nominated Crossroad Baptist Mission in Fort Worth, Texas for the Building Fund. Sister Maxine Wade from New Hope in Denison, Texas nominated Bro. Jesus Rodguez for a Hispanic Work in Denton, Texas.

Special music "Each One Reach One" was song by Sister Becky Phillips. First Vice-President Kim Phillips from Harvey Creek in Broaddus, Texas introduced Second Vice-President Terry Hilliard from Quaker Ave. in Lubbock, Texas to present the morning workshop. "Reaching Your Neighborhood for Christ." Sister Hilliard's Scripture reading was from Mark 16:15. Sister Hilliard had some wonderful material and presented with deep conviction about winning our neighborhoods for Christ. Sister

Mary Lou Daniels from Bogata M.B. Church extended Sister Hilliard a big hug for her presentation and encouraged each one to go home and be a better witness in our own neighborhoods for Christ Bro Steve Phillips from Harvey Creek MB Church in Broaddus led in closing prayer for the morning session.

### Afternoon Session

The afternoon session began at 1:30 p.m., Sister Becky TeKell led "Battle Hymn Of The Republic." Sister Janie Clark accompanied on the piano. Bro Adrian Neal from Oak Flat MB Church led in prayer. President Julie Davis allowed Bro. Bill Johnson to speak to the ladies. Bro. Johnson asked if any auxiliary was looking for a project to consider helping with computers and software to translate our literature in the different languages and to pray for him and Sister Rita .

First Vice-President Kim Phillips and Shannon Phillips presented special music "The Potter." First Vice-President Kim Phillips introduced President Julie Davis to present the President's Address "The Empty Vessels." First Vice President Kim Phillips made a motion and there was a second to include the President's Address to the minutes. First Vice-President asked Sister Mary Smith to give our President Julie Davis a hug for a very good President's Address. Sister Maxine Wade lead in prayer to encourage us to help be vessels that God can use.

Due to some of the men needing to be in different meetings, President Julie Davis allowed the presentation of our 2004 projects nominations to be done before the host church program.

Bro. Mike Evans introduced Bro Kim Williams, and Bro. Lavern Clark, pastor of sponsoring church in Memphis, Tenn. presented a Powerpoint slide on the work at True Light in Houston, Texas . The slide also showed the land that the Mission is wanting to purchase. Bro. W.S. Taylor of Crossroads MB Church in FL Worth, Texas presented information on the building that they are wanting to build. Bro. Larry Frye and Bro Jesus Rodriguez presented information about wanting support for a Hispanic work in Denton, Texas.

The Walnut Street Ladies' Auxiliaries presented the program "Sister Red Henrietta" written by Sis. Janie Clark. Sister Linda Owen sung a special "For What Earthly Reason." The program was enjoyed and challenging to all. After the program from host church, Bro. Mike Evans led in prayer.



President Julie Davis declared business meeting open. Treasurer Sister Sandra Moore presented Bro. Kuykendall from Calvary M.B. Church with a check for the state projected in the amount of \$5,074.20. The total for year up to date had been raised was \$6,556.77 Sister Sandra Moore gave the Enrollment Report and the Christian Outreach Report. Sister Moore made a move and Sister Joyce Edding second to adopt the report. The Treasurer's Report was given by Sister Sandra Moore. There was a move and second to accept the report as read. Sister Moore informed the ladies that the minute fund was short to be able to pay the expenses. Motion and second was made to take up special offering for minute fund and the state project. (See Treasurer's Report for the exact amounts).

The Bible and Tract Report was submitted by Sister Patricia Hitt. (See Bible and Tract Report). Sister Hitt brought to the meeting the tract "The Three Monkeys" to take back to their churches. Sister Hitt made motion for us to have printed "Which Door to Heaven" written by Sister Terry Hilliard of Quaker Ave. in Lubbock, for our 2004 Tract Project. There was a second to the move.

The Project for 2004 will be True Light Mission in Houston, Texas for Land Fund. Sister Oletha Thompson made a motion to set the goal for \$8000.00.

President Julie Davis recognized Sister Jerri Swilling to speak about the books that could be used for Ladies' Auxiliaries. President Julie Davis allowed Sister Johnnie Armstrong to speak about the posters and encourage more auxiliaries to bring poster to the state meetings not to show off, but to encourage each other to do more for our Lord. Woodville Missionary Baptist Church won 1st place for the poster contest.

Elections of Officers for 2004 are listed on State Officers page with each one's address and phone numbers. If any officer can be of service to any church or auxiliary please feel free to contact us. We are here to serve Our Lord and you.

Sister Mary Smith made a move to give the Walnut Street Ladies' Auxiliary a rising vote of appreciation for the hospitality and hard work. Sister Marsha Witcher wanted to express her appreciation for all the help that had been given to the Romania Women's Shelter and encourage each one to continue to support the work even though Sister Brenda Scarbrough had returned to the states. Sister Sandra Moore made a move to give our President Sister Julie Davis a rising vote of appreciation for her leadership for the last two years. Bro. Don Britton led in closing prayer.

## Reports

### Enrollment Committee Report

Churches represented .....	73
Messengers represented .....	79
Visitors represented .....	23
Total present .....	102

### Christian Outreach Report

Personal Visits .....	868
Hospital Visits .....	119
Visit to Sick & Shut-Ins .....	989
Phone Calls .....	2990
Cards & Letters Sent .....	4030
Bible, Tracts, & Letters .....	898
Soul Talks .....	121
Flowers and Gifts Sent .....	771
Food Gifts .....	945
Christian Deeds .....	712
Conversion Witnessed .....	10
Daily Bible Readers .....	31

### Financial Report

Mission .....	2200.00
Orphan's Home .....	60.00
Christian Education .....	2284.00
Benevolence .....	1901.06
Church Building Fund .....	750.00
Minutes .....	390.00
Flowers .....	00.00
Misc. ....	1834.17
Total Amount Raised .....	9419.23

## Bible & Tract Report

**November 12, 2002—November 11, 2003**

Balance brought forward .....	\$821.42
Total Funds received at State Meeting .....	\$15.00
Offerings received by Mail in 2002-2003 .....	\$754.86
Total deposits for 2003 .....	\$769.86

Total Credits .....

	\$1691.28
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### Disbursements

11/26/03 Ck.# 107 Baptist Sunday School Committee ..	\$ 1004.49
Total Disbursements .....	\$1004.49

Ending Balance 11/10/03 .....

	\$686.79
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### Offerings received 2002-2003

Avery MBC Ladies Auxiliary .....	50.00
Beacon MBC Ladies Auxiliary, San Angelo, TX .....	25.00
Bethel MBC, Ladies Auxiliary, Tatum, TX. ....	30.00
Calvary MBC Ladies' Auxiliary, Henderson, TX .....	25.00
East Texas District Auxiliary .....	197.50
Pacific Ave. MBC Ladies Auxiliary, Iowa Park, TX .....	10.00
South Texas District Ladies' Auxiliary .....	347.36
Southwest District Ladies' Auxiliary .....	60.00
Trinity River Association .....	10.00
Total .....	\$ 754.86

Respectfully Submitted

Patricia Hitt, Bible & Tract Distributor

## Women's Auxiliary of the MBA of Texas

### Treasurer's Report

#### December 2002 - November 2003

#### Receipts

Avery LA - Avery	\$182.00
Beacon Bapt. LA - Odessa	10.00
Beacon Bapt. LA - San Angelo	100.00
Bethel LA - San Augustine	17.48
Bethel LA - Tatum	240.00
Bethlehem Association	554.24
Bogota LA - Bogata	320.00
Calvary LA - Baytown	55.00
Calvary LA - Henderson	250.00
Clement - Gainesville	90.00
College Blvd. - Denison	15.00
Corinth - Timpson	80.00
Eastfield - Mesquite	50.00
Emmanuel - Greenville	80.00
East Post Oak - Blossom	50.00
East Side - Jacksonville	100.00
East Texas District - Tyler	219.35
Fair Haven - Mesquite	70.00
Faith - Houston	50.00
Faith - New Boston	95.00
Faith - San Antonio	100.00
Fellowship - Pasadena	205.00
First Baptist - Arp	60.00
First LA - Mabank	125.00
Golden Circle - Denison	45.00
Grace - Houston	50.00
Grace - Kingsville	20.00
Greenridge - Houston	140.90
Harmony - Houston	25.00
Highway - Huntington	310.50
Hopewell - Hughes Springs	122.00
Kerr Chapel - Sherman	30.00
Kilgore LA - Kilgore	10.00
Kirbyville	25.00
Kirbyville - (Bethlehem Dist.)	50.00
Landmark - Athens	60.00
Landmark - Porter	100.00
Liberty - McKinney	10.00
Magnolia LA - Magnolia	100.00
Maple Grove - Minden	40.00
Meadowbrook - Wills Point	25.00

Mt. Herman - Center	25.00
Mt. Pleasant	25.00
Mt. Sylvia - Mt. Pleasant	50.00
Nevill's Chapel WMA - Mt. Pleasant	220.00
New Hope - Valley View	325.00
New Liberty - Garland	50.00
New Liberty - Mesquite	275.00
Northside - Snyder	65.00
Oakland - Shelbyville	100.00
Oakridge - Maud	25.00
Oak Flat - Huntington	150.00
Pacific Ave. - Iowa Park	90.00
Pleasant Hill - Overton	70.00
Pruitt Lake - Avinger	48.30
Pursley - Purdon	50.00
Quaker Ave. - Lubbock	45.00
Red River Bowie District	238.00
Second Ave. - Corsicana	100.00
Shelby - Panola District	83.00
Southwest Association - Midland	55.00
Springcrest - Houston	25.00
Stonegate - Pt. Arthur	25.00
Sublett Rd. - Arlington	150.00
Tanglewood - Atlanta	50.00
Timberlakes - The Woodlands	70.00
Timpson	280.00
Tomball LA - Tomball	225.00
True Light - Houston	30.00
Unity - Richwood	60.00
University - Tyler	75.00
Victory - Denison	10.00
Victory - New Caney	125.00
Victory - Sherman	100.00
Walnut St. - Hillsboro	50.00
Wards Creek - Simms	60.00
Westside - New Boston	50.00
Woodglen - Spring	60.00
Zion Hill - Henderson	25.00
Wyndrock - Abilene	20.00
<b>Receipts Total</b>	<b>\$7,254.77</b>

#### Disbursements

Checks for new Acct. 1/31/03	12.00
#1001 Liberty MBM (Goal 2002) 3/17/03	50.00
#1002 US Postmaster - Stamps 3/20/03	14.80
#1003 Liberty MBM (Goal 2002) 3/31/03	208.00
Bank Fees Feb. - July 2003	48.00
#1004 Marsha Witcher Recording Sect.	100.00

#1005 Becky Phillips Corresponding Sect. ....	100.00
#1006 Becky Phillips Sect. Expenses .....	151.20
#1007 Sandra Moore - Treasurer .....	100.00
#1008 Sandra Moore - Treas. Expenses .....	21.91
#1009 TBI 2003 Goal .....	\$5074.27
#1010 MBA of TX - Minute Book .....	225.00
#1011 Patricia Hitt - Bible and Tract Dist. ....	25.00
#1012 TBI 2003 Goal .....	2,167.50
<b>Disbursements Total .....</b>	<b>\$8297.68</b>
<b>TBI Housing Goal 2003 (\$8,000.00) .....</b>	<b>\$7241.74</b>
Sent Direct to TBI:	
Nevills Chapel .....	220.00
Shelby-Panola Dist. Aux. ....	83.00
Red River Bowie Dist. Aux. ....	238.00
Victory - Sherman .....	10.00
Victory - Denison .....	10.00
<b>Total Sent to TBI Housing Fund Goal .....</b>	<b>\$7,802.74</b>
<b>Beginning Bal. 12/01/02 .....</b>	<b>\$ 204.58</b>
<b>Receipts Total .....</b>	<b>\$7,254.77</b>
<b>Special Offering - State Meeting 11/11/03</b>	
(Goal \$450.00 Minute Fund \$391.95) .....	\$841.95
<b>Total Receipts for Year .....</b>	<b>\$8,301.30</b>
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>(\$8,297.68)</b>
<b>Balance on Hand 12/01/03 .....</b>	<b>\$3.62</b>

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Sandra Moore, Treasurer**

## History Of Texas State Ladies' Auxiliary

Organized in Hillsboro, Texas, Nov. 8, 1954

(List compiled by Martha Langston, Odessa, TX)

President	From	Year
Mrs. A.T. Powers	Henderson	1954 & 1955
Mrs. Catherine Lierly	Hillsboro	1956 & 1957
Mrs. J.B. Powers	White Oak	1958
Mrs. Jack Dean	Snyder	1959
Mrs. Jack Dean	Snyder	1960 & 1961
Mrs. Harold Walker	Grand Prairie	1962 & 1963
Mrs. L.H. Owen	Galveston	1964 & 1965
Mrs. Wanda Crawford	Hillsboro	1966 & 1967
Mrs. Steve F. Vaughn	Lone Star	1968 & 1969
Mrs. Ken Ashlock	Garland	1970 & 1971
Mrs. Jerry Coffman	Odessa	1972 & 1973
Mrs. Gene Smith	Pasadena	1974 & 1975
Mrs. Billy Daniels	Corsicana	1976 & 1977
Mrs. Travis Arden	Mesquite	1978 & 1979
Mrs. Charles French	Carthage	1980 & 1981
Mrs. Bill Hitt	Henderson	1982 & 1983
Mrs. Ron Parrish	Denison	1984 & 1985
Mrs. Aileen Patterson	Henderson	1986 & 1987
Mrs. Sharon Watson	Daingerfield	1988 & 1989
Mrs. Joy Eddins	De Kalb	1990 & 1991
Mrs. Mary Lou Daniels	Hillsboro	1992 & 1993
Mrs. Martha Langston	Odessa	1994 & 1995
Mrs. Jean Crawford	Broaddus	1996 & 1997
Mrs. Maxine Wade	Denton	1998 & 1999
Mrs. Mary Smith	Laneville	2000 & 2001
Mrs. Julie Davis	Huntington	2002 & 2003
Mrs. Kim Phillips	Broaddus	2004

## District Auxiliary Presidents

**Bethlehem** - Dorothy Collier

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**Central** - Dorothy Chambers

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**Central East Texas** - Julie Davis

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**Hopewell** - Mary Terrell

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**Mission Valley** - Vicki Rogers

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**North Texas** - Karla Kennedy

125 Prairie Dr., Sanger, TX 76266; (940) 458-9104

**Red River - Bowie** - Becky McIntosh

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**Salem** - Mattie Ruth Beedy

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**Shelby-Panola** - Lana Kocurek

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**South Texas** - Roberta McAdams

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**SouthWest** - Becky Phillips

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**Former President Julie Davis transfers gavel  
to new President Kim Phillips**



## **STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES TEXAS STATE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY**

### **ARTICLE I – Name**

The name of the organization shall be Women's Auxiliary of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas.

### **ARTICLE II – Definition**

The Auxiliary shall be composed of messengers of the local auxiliaries of the churches which compose the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas.

### **ARTICLE III – Purpose**

The purpose of this State Auxiliary shall be to encourage the women of the local churches to be active in all phases of the work in which they have the scriptural right to participate and to encourage the establishment of auxiliaries in all our churches where none exist.

### **ARTICLE IV – Time and Place**

The State Auxiliary shall meet annually at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday before the annual session of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas. The place of each meeting shall be determined by the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas messengers.

### **ARTICLE V – Officers**

The officers of the State Auxiliary shall be: (1) President, (2) First Vice President, (3) Second Vice President, (4) Recording Secretary, (5) Assistant Recording Secretary, (6) Treasurer, (7) Assistant Treasurer, (8) Corresponding Secretary, (9) Bible and Tract Distributor, (10) Parliamentarian.

### **ARTICLE VI**

All officers shall be elected annually by nomination and majority vote. Each officer must be an active member of an auxiliary and shall be present in the session when elected. No officer shall succeed herself more than once consecutively except the Treasurer and the Bible and Tract Distributor.

### **ARTICLE VII – Duties of Officers**

#### **SECTION I – President**

The duties of the President shall be:

(a) To preside over all state meetings; (b) To appoint committees as directed by the Messenger Body; (c) To call special meetings when necessary; (d) To be active in looking after the welfare of the work.

**SECTION II – Vice Presidents**

The duties of the First Vice President shall be:

(a) To preside over the meetings in the absence of the President or when called upon by the President; (b) To perform the duties that usually devolve upon such officers; (c) Shall be Chairman of the Committee to Stimulate Interest.

The duties of the Second Vice President shall be:

(a) To preside over the meeting in the absence of the President and First Vice President or when called upon; (b) Shall be the Chairman of the Program Committee and shall appoint other committee members as needed to assist with the program; (c) To perform the duties that usually devolve upon such officers.

**SECTION III – Secretary**

The duties of the Secretary shall be:

(a) To keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings; (b) To announce special meetings; (c) To prepare and read reports as instructed by the Messenger Body; (d) To perform such other duties as may be necessary in carrying on the work of this office.

**SECTION IV – Treasurer**

The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

To receive and disburse funds as designated by the donors.

**SECTION V – Corresponding Secretary**

The duties of the Corresponding Secretary shall be:

(a) To correspond about necessary matters with the officers of the State Organization; (b) To report through our religious papers on the activities of Women's Work; (c) To correspond with the State Officers of other State Auxiliaries with regard to work and meetings; (d) To keep a mailing list of Auxiliaries over the state, both active and inactive; (e) To mail a report to all auxiliaries sometime during the year to encourage the help of all auxiliaries in reaching our State Project goal.

**SECTION VI – Bible and Tract Distributor**

The duties of the Bible and Tract Distributor shall be:

(a) To solicit funds and receive voluntary offerings for the Bible and Tract project. (b) Keep a record of money received and disbursed and present a yearly report at the annual meeting; (c) Encourage regular support of the Bible and Tract project; (d) Be available to correspond with those needing help or information concerning the use and purchase of tracts.

**SECTION VII – Parliamentarian**

The duties of the Parliamentarian shall be:

To advise the presiding officer on points of parliamentary law and also to give similar advice to the body when they request it.

## **ARTICLE VIII – Membership**

Each church shall be entitled to three messengers who have been chosen by her Auxiliary and approved by the church.

## **ARTICLE IX -- Contributions**

**SECTION I** -- All contributions to this Auxiliary shall be raised by voluntary offerings and shall be given to the Treasurer for proper disbursement.

**SECTION II** -- At each annual meeting, the messengers shall select, by majority vote, a special project within the confines of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas, for the coming year. (a) Individual or District Auxiliaries who shall desire to nominate a project shall be encouraged to send a copy of the proposal to the Corresponding Secretary by September 1 so that she may include such information in a publicity letter to auxiliaries over the state before the State Meeting; (b) Individual or District Auxiliaries who nominate a project should be prepared to present adequate information concerning the project; (c) All project offerings shall be given to the Treasurer for proper disbursement.

**SECTION III** -- At each annual meeting a Bible and Tract project within the confines of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas shall be selected and the Bible and Tract Distributor shall receive funds for this project and make proper disbursements.

## **ARTICLE X -- Salaries**

**SECTION I** - The Secretary, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary shall receive salaries as designated by the messenger body.

**SECTION II** - The Treasurer shall reimburse the expenses incurred by the Secretary, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary in copying and mailing out reports as specified.

## **ARTICLE XI – Reports**

**SECTION I** -- This Auxiliary shall make an annual report of work accomplished by the combined Ladies Auxiliaries to the messengers of the churches which compose the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas when they are convened in annual session.

**SECTION II** -- Reports of local and district auxiliary work (Personal Service Reports and other reports of work accomplished) shall be made at each annual session of this Auxiliary as provided for in the program of that meeting.

## **ARTICLE XII – Committees**

**SECTION I** -- Committees shall be appointed by the President except when the President requests that they be elected.

**SECTION II** -- A program committee shall be appointed by the Second Vice-President as she deems necessary to work with the entertaining church in preparation of the program material for each annual meeting.

## **ARTICLE XIII – Amendment**

These articles of agreement shall not be changed or amended unless the change of amendment be offered in writing during the morning session and permitted to lay over until the afternoon session. It may then be adopted only by a vote of two-thirds of the messengers.

## **POSTER RULES**

1. Each auxiliary circle is encouraged to bring one poster.
2. Each girl's auxiliary circle is allowed an entry.
3. We encourage the practice of lettering on all posters being done by members of the auxiliary. A person should not be hired for the job.
4. The posters are to be representative of the work which has been carried on throughout the past year. Pictures, facts or details should be given on the poster, making sure the project idea is carried over clearly.
5. New projects which have been underway need to be presented on the poster.
6. The posters should be of a uniform size -- 22 inches by 28 inches.
7. The name and location of the church can be placed on the front of the poster.
8. The posters will be judged by a committee of three ladies appointed by, and who are members of, the host church's Ladies' Auxiliary. In the event the host church does not have an active Ladies' Auxiliary, the judges will be ladies appointed by, and members of, the host church. First, Second and Third Place ribbons will be furnished and awarded by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the host church. In the event the host church does not have an active Ladies' Auxiliary, the host church will be responsible for furnishing and awarding the ribbons.

## CHRISTIAN OUTREACH REPORT

We recommend the use of this report for encouragement of ourselves as auxiliaries in evaluation of our individual service to our Lord, our churches and others.

Explanation of "Christian Outreach Through Ladies' Auxiliary."

1. Personal Visits -- Any personal visit on behalf of your church or function of your church.

2. Hospital Visits and Visits to Sick -- Any visit to a person in the hospital or visit to sick in home.

3. Visits to Shut Ins -- Any visit to a person confined at home or nursing home because of permanent sickness or disability.

4. Comfort Visits -- Any personal visit made in time of death or adverse circumstances.

5. Telephone Calls -- Any telephone call made on behalf of your church or to show Christian concern or encouragement.

6. Cards and Letters Sent -- Any card or letter sent on behalf of your church or to show Christian concern or encouragement.

7. Bibles, Tracts or Literature Distributed -- Bibles, tracts or literature given out other than in a class situation.

8. Soul Talks -- Personal talks given with the intent of soul-winning or spiritual growth.

9. Flowers or Gifts Sent -- Flowers or gifts sent in Christian love.

10. Food Gifts Sent -- Food sent in time of need or to help or to encourage.

11. Christian Deeds Performed -- Any deed performed in Christian love, outside of your regular church duties.

12. Conversions Witnessed -- Seeing the fruit of salvation in a field that you helped cultivate.

13. Daily Bible Reader.

If your auxiliary is using the personal Service Report at this time, please begin using the new form.

**CHRISTIAN OUTREACH THROUGH LADIES'  
AUXILIARY**

Personal Visits \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital Visits \_\_\_\_\_

Visits to Sick or Shut-in \_\_\_\_\_

Comfort Calls \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Calls \_\_\_\_\_

Cards and Letters Sent \_\_\_\_\_

Bibles, Tracts or Literature  
Distributed \_\_\_\_\_

Soul Talks \_\_\_\_\_

Flowers, Gifts Sent \_\_\_\_\_

Food Gifts Sent \_\_\_\_\_

Christian Deeds Performed \_\_\_\_\_

Conversions Witnessed \_\_\_\_\_

Daily Bible Reader    Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(You may copy this form for your use.)

## REPORT FORM FOR STATE MEETING

Please fill out the form below for your local auxiliary and bring to the State Meeting:

### CHRISTIAN OUTREACH REPORT FINANCIAL REPORT

Personal Visits	_____	Amount Raised	_____
Hospital Visits	_____	Missions	_____
Visits to Sick or Shut-in	_____	Orphans Home	_____
Comfort Visits	_____	Christian Education	_____
Telephone Calls	_____	Benevolence	_____
Cards & Letters Sent	_____	Church Bldg. Fund	_____
Bibles, Tracts, or Literature Distributed	_____	Minutes	_____
Soul Talks	_____	Flowers	_____
Flowers & Gifts Sent	_____	Miscellaneous	_____
Food Gifts Sent	_____		
Christian Deeds Performed	_____	Total Brought	
Conversions Witnessed	_____	to this meeting	_____
Daily Bible Readers	_____		

Is this a local Aux. report \_\_\_\_\_ or a District report \_\_\_\_\_?

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Church \_\_\_\_\_

Officers of the Auxiliary: \_\_\_\_\_

President \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

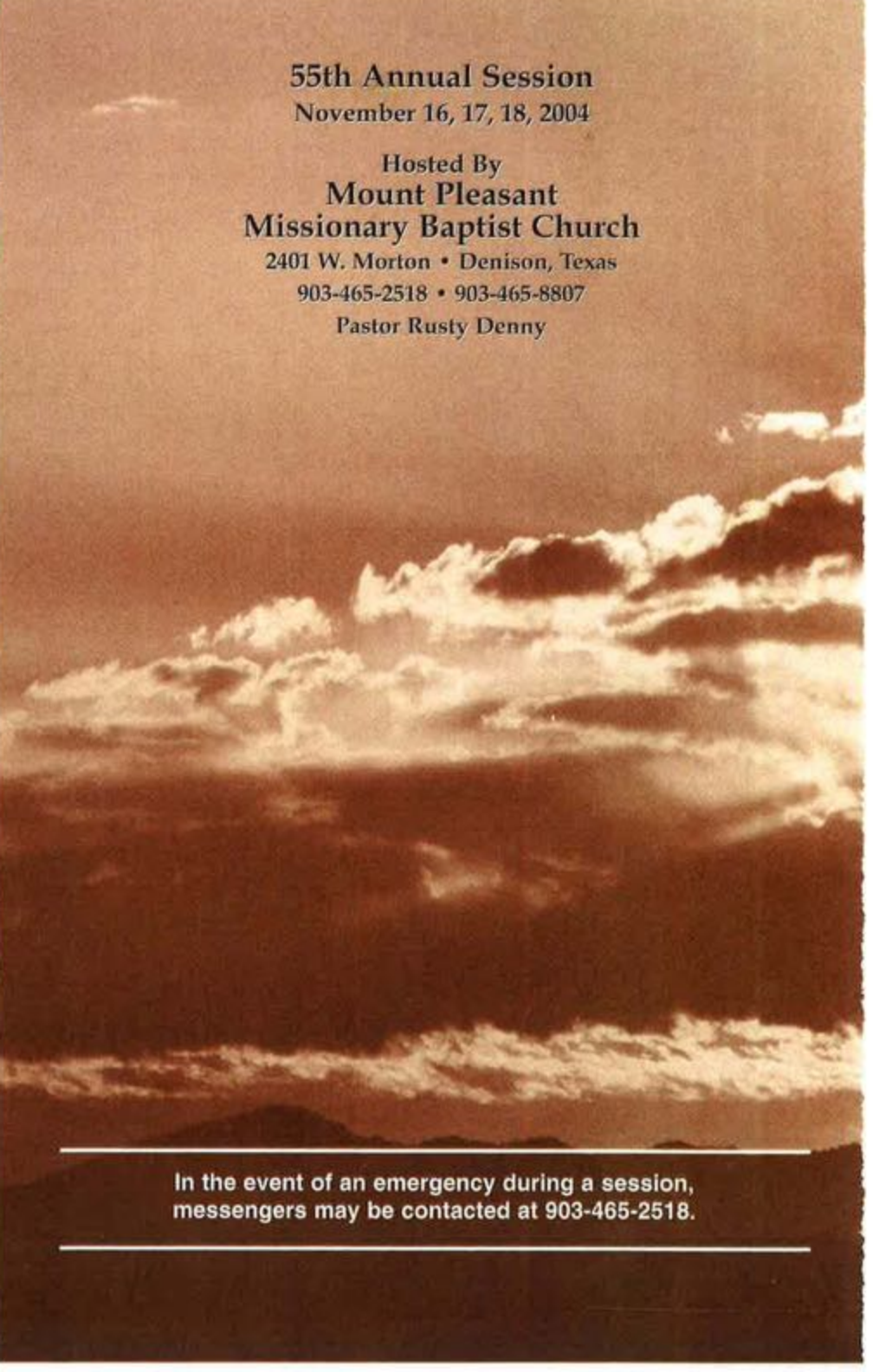
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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of District \_\_\_\_\_

District President \_\_\_\_\_

Address & Phone \_\_\_\_\_



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