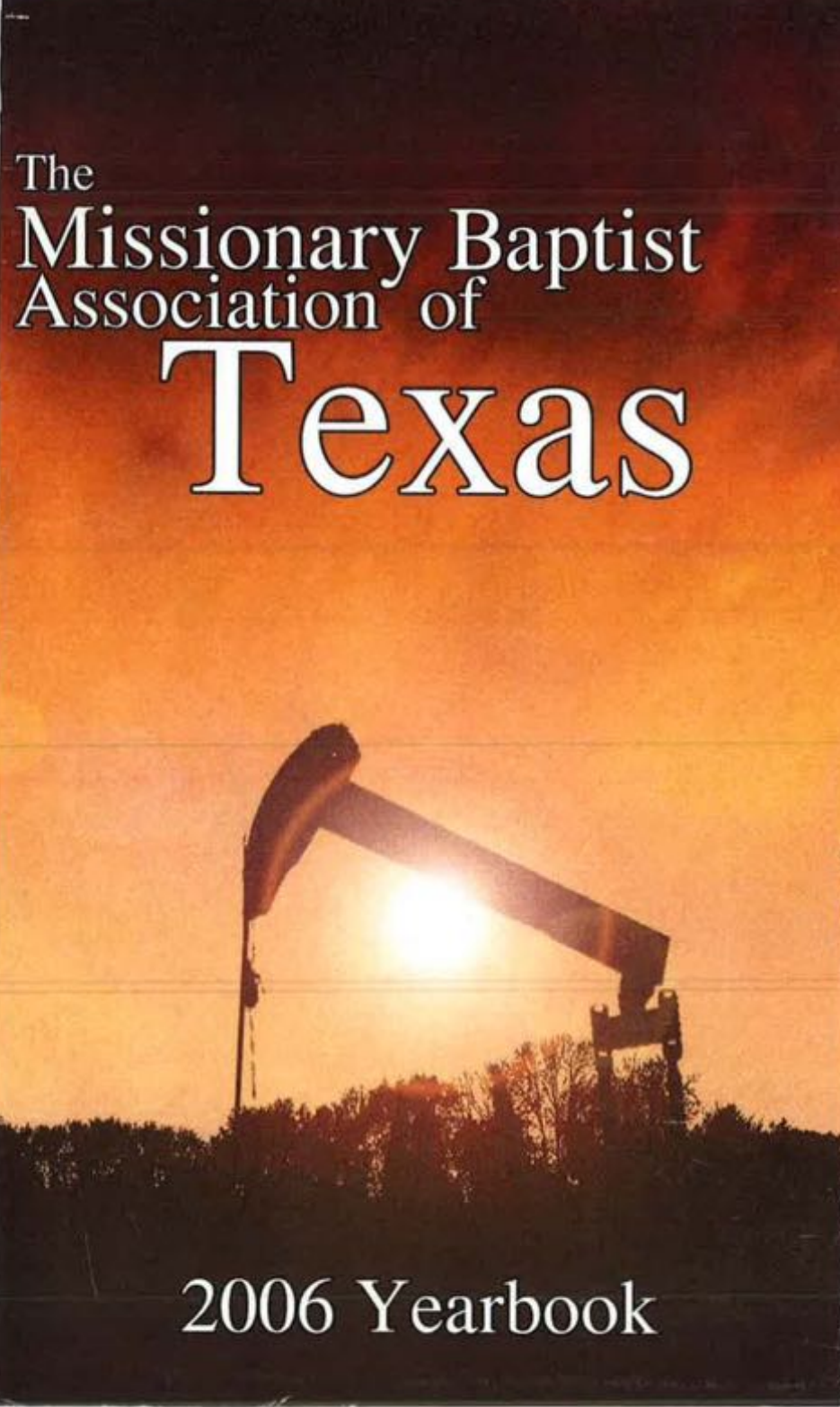


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Texas

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2006 Yearbook



**THE  
MISSIONARY  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
OF TEXAS**



**Longview  
Missionary Baptist Church  
Mt. Pleasant, Texas  
Noah Lee, Pastor**

**November 14, 15, 2006**

**2006 Minute Book**

## Invitation for 2007



Paul Clark, Pastor  
254-582-3692  
254-582-7152

We, the members of Walnut Street Baptist Church, look forward to seeing each of you here in Hillsboro, Texas. We hope to make your visit a pleasant one as we conduct the Lord's business at our annual messenger meeting of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas.

We plan to use our auditorium for the mission committee meeting and the main messenger assembly. The Ladies' Auxiliary will meet in our fellowship hall. There will be room for exhibits inside our recreation room which is in the same building as the fellowship hall.

We also plan to provide coffee and donuts etc. each morning in our fellowship hall. There are several major restaurants located close to the church. Also for your shopping convenience there is a prime outlet mall and a Wal-Mart Super Center both within sight of the church. For more information about the city of Hillsboro visit the Chamber of Commerce website, ([www.hillsborochamber.org](http://www.hillsborochamber.org)).

The hotels listed below are all within a very short distance of our church. The Holiday Inn will serve as our host hotel. Listed below are the phone numbers and addresses of the hotels in our area. Rooms should range from \$50.00 per night to \$90.00 per night. These prices do not include tax.

- Holiday Inn, 1505 Hill view drive, 254-582-0220
- Hampton Inn, (brand new) 102 Dynasty Drive, 254-582-9100
- Best Western, Interstate 35, 254-582-8465
- Comfort Inn, 1515 Old Brandon Rd., 254-582-3333
- Motel 6, 1506 Hillview Drive, 254-580-9000
- Days Inn, Hwy 22 & IH 35, 254-582-3493
- Thunderbird Motel, NW IH 35, 254-582-8452
- Super 8 Motel, 1512 Hill View Drive, 254-580-0404

Our church building is located on State Highway 22 in Hillsboro about 1/10 of a mile east of Interstate 35 at exit 368A.

**Future Sessions**  
**THE MISSIONARY BAPTIST**  
**ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS**



**NEXT SESSION**

November 13, 14, 2007

Walnut Street Missionary Baptist Church

Hillsboro, Texas

Pastor: Paul Clark

**State Ladies' Auxiliary**

Meets Nov. 13th at 10:00 a.m. & 1:15 p.m.

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

Meets Nov. 13th at 10:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

**Annual Messenger Meeting**

Begins Nov. 13th at 7:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday and Wednesday after 2nd Sunday in November.

<b>Annual Sermon</b> .....	<b>Bob Griffith</b>
<b>Alternate</b> .....	<b>Noah Lee</b>
<b>Moderator</b> .....	<b>Donald L. Britton</b>
<b>Asst. Moderator</b> .....	<b>Recording Clerk</b>
<b>Recording Clerk</b> .....	<b>Bobby L. Sparks</b>
<b>Recording Clerk</b> .....	<b>Paul Clark</b>
<b>Publicity Director</b> .....	<b>David Humber</b>

**2008 Meeting Place:**

**New Liberty Missionary Baptist Church**

**Garland, Texas**

The access code to MBA Texas website to acquire address list is **MBAT6**

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

## **Bro. James Garten**



Bro. James Garten was born September 3, 1943 to Guy William and Marina Garten in Medicine Lodge, Kansas. He married Kathleen Bunn on Nov. 2, 1963, in Wichita, Kansas. Together, they had one son and two daughters.

Bro. Garten began seminary at the Oklahoma Missionary Baptist Institute and Seminary in Marlow, OK, in 1968. He received his doctorate of Bible Theology in 1995 at the West Texas Baptist Institute and Seminary in Midland, TX. Bro. Garten pastored churches in Oklahoma and Paris, TX before coming to Amarillo in 1976. He pastored the Antioch Missionary Baptist church and Liberty Baptist Tabernacle in Amarillo. At the time of his death, he pastored Pavillard Baptist Church, where he had served for more than 18 years.

Through his years in the ministry, his love for God's people and the church and his burden for lost souls was evident. His other loves were his grandchildren, of whom he was so proud; he also enjoyed cruising in his '55 Chevy.

Bro. Garten died Thursday, March 23, 2006.

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

## **Bro. Ralph Simmons**



William Ralph Simmons was born to Rev. William Audrey and Willie Lura Norman Simmons on March 31, 1937 in Rusk County, TX near the community of New Salem. Bro. Simmons was saved at age 12, but was not baptized until the age of 14 years. He was baptized by the Zion Hill M.B.C.

Bro. Simmons graduated from High School in 1956, and moved to Texas City where he worked for Community Public Service. He attended the Landmark M.B.C. in Texas City. It was there, he met his wife, Barbara Ann Walters, and was married on June 6, 1958. Barbara was the daughter of Bro. R. E. Walters. Together they had one daughter and three sons.

Bro. Simmons made his calling known publicly on March 20, 1963 during a revival in Dickinson, TX, where Bro. Lee was preaching. He preached his first message on April 3, 1963 at Texas City M.B.C. He held his first revival at Fellowship Baptist Church in July of 1964. He attended Texas Baptist Institute in Henderson, TX where he received his Master of Theology Diploma in 1976. He taught Hebrew and English as an instructor of T.B.I. from 1974-1976. He was ordained by Ebenezer M.B.C. of Henderson, TX, Jan. 8, 1965.

Bro. Simmons pastored the following churches: Pine Ridge M.B.C., Joaquin, TX; Friendship M.B.C., Mt. Enterprise, TX; Central M.B.C., Mesquite, TX; Good Shepherd M.B.C., Shepherd, TX; Roquemore M.B.C., Henderson, TX; Irving Street M.B.C., Orange, TX; and Brook Chapel M.B.C. Bro. Simmons died on Dec. 18, 2005, at the age of 68.



## **PROPOSED AGENDA 2007**

### **TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 13, 2007**

**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 14, 2007**

**9:30-12:00**

Singing and Devotional

Election of Officers

Selection of Meeting Place for 2009

Selection of Annual Speaker for 2008

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

Miscellaneous Reports and Business

Recognition of Officers for Next Meeting

Adjournment

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1. Auditor & State Missions
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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. Heritage Baptist Institute

## **SPECIAL MISSIONARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Red River Bowie - Billy Daniels  
Mission Valley - Roddy Rodgers  
Southwest - Monty Hilliard  
Tri-County - Don Britton  
Timberland - Adrian Neal  
Anderson County - Kevin Gentry  
Mt. Zion - Roy Culley  
Bethlehem - F. E. Derryberry  
North Texas - Rusty Denny  
Navarro County - Jim Anderson  
Trinity River - Earnest Moyers  
Old Cherokee - Chuck Johnston  
Hopewell - L. C. Terry  
Shelby County - Lawrence Thompson  
South Texas - Paul Cleveland  
Salem - Dan McGuire  
Central Texas - Lonnie Johnson

## Officers for 2007



**Donald Britton**  
**Moderator**



**Calvin Gould**  
**Assist. Moderator**



**Marion B. Reed**  
**Secretary-Treasurer**



**David Humber**  
**Publicity Director**



**Paul Clark**  
**Recording Clerk**



**Bobby L. Sparks**  
**Recording Clerk**

**Missionaries for 2006 - 2007**

**Jesus Rodriquez**  
Pasadena, Texas  
FULL SALARY



**Kevin Bolding**  
Houston, Texas  
FULL SALARY



**Ricky Payne**  
Wills Point, Texas  
FULL SALARY



**Todd Gray**  
Gainesville, Texas  
HALF SALARY  
PROJECT

## Missionaries for 2006 - 2007



**Craig Rodgers**  
Grapevine, Texas  
HALF SALARY  
PROJECT



**Joel Clay**  
LaMarque, Texas  
HALF SALARY  
PROJECT



**Larry Chalker**  
Irving, Texas  
HALF SALARY



**Marvin Gardner**  
Tyler, Texas  
HALF SALARY

## DESIGNATIONS OF MISSIONS AND BENEVOLENCE FUNDS

### M.B.A. of Texas

- Directory of Churches . . . . . Paul Clark  
1030 Carr St., Hillsboro, TX 76645; 254-582-7152
- State Minutes . . . . . Bobby L. Sparks  
6410 Chapman Dr., Greenville, TX 75402; 903-454-3066
- History & Archives Committee . . . . . Donald L. Britton  
P.O. Box 570, Henderson, Tx. 75653-0570

### Texas Missions

- State Missions . . . . . Marion Reed  
P. O. Box 450813, Garland, TX 75045-0813; 972-272-7727
- Texas Mission Development . . . . . Jim Slocumb  
P.O. Box 1840, Jacksonville, TX 75766; 903-795-3960
- Texas Mission Builders . . . . . Leroy Smith  
P.O. Box 287, Huntington, TX 75949; 936-876-2582

### Texas Seminaries

- Texas Baptist Institute . . . P.O. Box 570, Henderson, TX 75653  
903-657-6543
- Mexican Baptist Institute . . . P.O. Box 771, McAllen, TX 78505  
512-682-0574; 512-682-4471
- Central Baptist Seminary . . . . . 108 Aduna, Del Rio, TX 78840  
512-774-5135
- Heritage Baptist Institute . . . 2223 FM 1092, Missouri City, TX  
77459; 281-403-4994
- West Texas Baptist Institute . . . 3300 Anetta Dr., Midland, TX  
79703; 432-694-2832

### Interstate, Foreign & National Missions

- Interstate, Foreign & National Missions . . . . . Randy Cloud  
P.O. Box 1050, Texarkana, AR-TX 75501; 903-792-2312
- Interstate Mission Development . . . . . Vernon McNully  
P.O. Box 572, Jacksonville, AR 72078; 501-982-8226

## Youth Camps

- Pine Springs Youth Camp ..... John Pino  
3386 FM 1798W, Laneville, TX 75667; 903-863-5524
- Bogg Springs Youth Camp ..... 784 Hwy. 84 W., Wickes, AR  
71973; 870-385-2443

## Publications

- Baptist Sunday School Committee ..... 4605 N. State Line  
Texarkana, TX 75503-2928; 800-264-2482
- Sounding Out The Word ..... Grace Baptist Church  
1823 Aldine Mail Rt., Houston, TX 77039; 713-442-5137
- International Christian Publishers ..... Bill Johnson  
P.O. Box 557, Hamburg, AR 71646; 903-278-2648

## Miscellaneous

- Texarkana Baptist Orphanage ..... Box 611, Texarkana, AR  
75504; 870-774-8214
- A.B.A. Credit Union ..... P.O. Box 585, Pasadena, TX 77501  
713-941-3124
- Church Building Ministry ..... Bro. Marion Reed  
4010 Lindenwood, Garland, TX 75042; 972-272-7727
- Macedonian Travel & Logistics ..... Jack Story  
P.O. Box 611, Somerset, KY 42502; 765-461-5672
- International Media Service ..... Jerry Smith  
2711 Texas Blvd., Texarkana, TX 75503; 903-792-7303
- Reach America ..... Charlie Ellison  
402 Llano, Pasadena, TX 77504; 713-994-1457
- Heritage Housing Fund ..... Marlin Freeman  
P.O. Box 211, Center, TX 75935; 936-598-3249

## 2007

## CALENDAR OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

DATE	NAME	PLACE
Sept. 6	Red River Bowie	Austin Chapel, DeKalb
Sept. 7, 8	Mission Valley	Landmark, Floresville
Sept. 15	Tri-County	University, Tyler
Sept. 20, 21	Southwest	Wynrock, Abilene
Sept. 21, 22	Timberland	Oak Flat, Huntington
Sept. 23	Anderson	Memory Lane, Palestine
Sept. 27, 28	Mt. Zion	Missionary, Carthage
Oct. 6	Bethlehem	Bethel, Port Neches
Oct. 6	North Texas	New Hope, Valley View
Oct. 6	Navarro County	Second Avenue, Corsicana
Oct. 12	Hopewell	Concord, Omaha
Oct. 13	Trinity River	Amazing Grace, Cleveland
Oct. 13	Old Cherokee	Muse, Slocumb
Oct. 18, 19	Shelby	Mt. Herman, Center
Oct. 20	South Texas	Landmark, Texas City
Oct. 25	Salem	Antioch, Hughes Springs
Oct. 27	Central Texas	Liberty, McKinney

(Note: These dates and places may not be accurate. It is advisable to check with the host church for verification).



**The Messengers in the Beautiful Church  
Facility of Longview Miss. Baptist Church**



# 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 Hibbitt	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 - 2004

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	Melvin 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 - Denison	Mike Evans	Hiram Melton	Bobby Sparks	Donald Britton	Marion Reed

## HISTORICAL ROLL OF MBA OF TEXAS, 2005 -

### YEAR-MEETING PLACE

2005 - Mt. Pleasant

2006 - Longview

### ANNUAL SERMON

Darrel Owens

Bobby Sparks

### MODERATOR

Glenn Griffith

Glenn Griffith

### CLERKS

Bobby Sparks Paul Clark

Bobby Sparks Paul Clark

### SEC-TREAS.

Marion Reed

Marion Reed

## Moderator's Address

### OUR CHANGING WORLD

It is indeed an honor once again to stand before you to present the moderator's address. I am humbled by your confidence. What an honor it is to serve the Lord's churches. To our distinguished guests and messengers of the churches of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas, I greet you and welcome you to this 57th messenger meeting.



There are two text verses I have chosen to use for this address: "*Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away*" (Matt. 24:35). "*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever.*"

There are two clear things upon which we can eternally depend: God and God's Word. I remember well the teachings of Dr. George Crawford (former pastor of our host church & instructor at Texas Baptist Institute). He always said, "*Stay with the Word of God, and the God of His Word will stay with you.*"

Although our God and His Word never changes, praise God, we are seeing and experiencing constant change in our present world and society. So many changes, that even the most faithful of Christians are often shocked, even though we feel sure these are signs of the time that God's Word declares will happen in the latter days.

The changes are not just taking place in the secular world, but the Lord's work, even our own associated work.

Change in itself is not necessarily wrong. Some changes may even be healthy, even though it may stretch our own personal comfort zone. It may even create a resistance to awaken us from our drowsy and lethargic condition of inactivity in the Lord's service.

However, there are some changes that are disturbing, especially when it raises a question about "the faith once delivered to the saints," Jude 3. May God help us to be true and faithful to our true and living God.

Some changes seem to CLOUD OUR PURPOSE as followers of God. And there are those of us who seem at times to have our HEADS IN THE CLOUDS. I'm not just talking about being so

"heavenly minded that we are of no earthly good." But also being clouded with the "wrongs" of everybody else, who are trying to do something for God. The Lord's work is not about "Me," "You," and / or those with "whom we agree or disagree." It's about God! Of whom we better all agree.

God never said it would be easy to serve Him. "AND IT AIN'T! (Pardon the English.)

When Christ called out His New Testament Church (and He did, during His personal ministry) and sent out His first disciples, He told them about some of the problems they would face. And they did! And will we!

But the message and the mission have not changed!

Down through the history of the New Testament Church, and even in the Old Testament, saints of God have met great opposition. Are we any better than them? Do we deserve any better than them? Hebrews 11 gives many references of the many cloud of witnesses of whom the world is not worthy.

There needs to be a real concern about what is happening today. Terrorist attacks threaten our world, and are a daily threat to our own nation. But my brothers and sisters in Christ, messengers, and guest, DO WE NOT NEED also, be aware of the terrorist attacks that satan is making in our own work? My next statement may shock you, and not to be judging anyone person or group, but it is very serious. A REAL CONCERN IS THAT WE DO NOT DEVOUR ONE ANOTHER. Yes, if there is a false doctrine creeping in, it needs to be addressed, immediately. Even though Satan is sly, we are pretty careful there, but Satan is always looking for easy prey and targets, and uses sneak attacks. There seems to be a serious attitude of mistrust and fault finding toward our own brethren. Brethren, I fear, in our own failure to reach souls for Christ, we have become over critical of those who are making the effort. We may not like or agree with their tactics. But what are we doing? Those to whom they have tried to reach, would we ever ourselves made a contact with those lost souls; and possibly no one else ever will.

The topics of so many conversations I have heard among some of our brethren is that of criticizing those who are doing something, or at least trying. In our strong disapproval of their techniques, we seem to be trying to convert them to our way of thinking. There is always room to grow and ways to improve our witness. But let us not forget that the TRUTH when presented WILL NOT RETURN VOID. No matter how clumsy or inexperienced we may be, God blesses the efforts of all who

present His Word. After all it is the "GOSPEL" that is the power of God unto salvation, not the person or technique."

The easiest thing in the world is to be critical of others. This is especially true when we are failing to do our part. May I ask this question for all concerned: When is the last time you knocked on a door and invited someone to come to know Christ, or invited them to church? Or stood on a street corner and handed out tracts? Etc?

Years ago, I heard a well known Missionary Baptist preacher, who has done many revivals through our ABA work, make the statement, "Anybody who is running over 100 in attendance is compromising." Folks, while God has promised His presence in the midst of two or three gathered in His name, He did not limit His presence only to small numbers. We are told to go out into the highways, and hedges and compel them to come in that His house might be filled. Some of the sweetest and most powerful congregations in the world may be small in number, but let us not limited our thinking to just small.

**GROWTH IS NOT A CURSE!** It comes at a high price, but "one would think that high price" would not come from the criticism of some brothers in Christ. If you want to grow, get out and knock on doors, put forth an effort to visit, and invite people to the house of God, and to come to know Christ as their Savior. Talk positive about your church and the things of God. The attitude that "people know where the church is, let them come or die and go to hell" is not in the Lord's great commission.

Congressman Hall told a story about the president, the pope, and the newspaper "write up" the next day. The president walked on water to rescue the popes hat from the water, after the wind had blown it off his head. The paper wrote in the headlines "THE PRESIDENT CAN'T SWIM." I've heard it said, "the tallest tree catches the most wind." Brethren let us be careful what we say about those who are trying their best to serve the Lord. Let all know, even when we have done your best, there will be criticism. Also remember, it is the Lord, Whom we serve, and the Lord to Whom we will answer.

Brethren I believe in the doctrines that bind us together, but I also believe that you've got to reach people to teach them. If we are not careful with our 'fault find' and 'criticism,' rather than **DEFENDING THE FAITH** we may be **OFFENDING THE FAITHFUL**. City and rural churches techniques of outreach may vary, America and foreign countries may vary, but it is the same Gospel and the same Savior. Let us be careful lest we offend our

brethren unfairly.

Some of the sermons I have heard and read over the years have had more to say about the "wrongs of others," than about the rights of Christ, what He has done, is doing, can do, and will do in the future. If we are not careful the gospel, Bible teachings, and life lessons will be missed, while we are using our time and talents to major on 'wrongs' instead of pointing people to Christ and His blessed will for our lives.

In closing let my say that I believe the call to the ministry to be the highest calling in the world. With that comes the opportunity for a pastor and his church to experience a great love relationship between him and his congregation. The greatest part of that love comes from loving the Lord first and foremost. Church work is not about we pastors getting our way, nor about anyone church member, or a family in the church, getting their way. But it is about ALL OF US "GETTING OUT OF THE WAY" so God CAN HAVE HIS WAY in each of our lives, and in the church of our membership.

May we challenge each other to be faithful, true, loyal to our Lord and Savior who is so worthy of our love, affection, and devotion. And may we encourage each other through our prayer, financial support, and concern that God be honored through us, till He returns for His own. May God have His way in this meeting and in each of our lives. To Him be the glory and the praise.

*"The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."* (Matt. 9:37).

- Bro. Glenn Ray Griffith

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

**Tuesday 7:00 P.M.  
November 14, 2006**

Bro. Jimmy Jones opened the fifty-seventh session of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas by leading the congregation in singing "Jesus Saves," and "Send The Light." He was accompanied by Greta Smith at the piano and Sarah Lee at the organ. Bro. Jim Anderson gave the opening prayer and devotion. He read from 2 Kings 5:16 and spoke on the subject of "Tolerance."

Bro. Glenn Griffith, moderator of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas, took charge of the meeting. Bro. Noah Lee was called on to welcome the messengers to the Longview Missionary Baptist Church and Longview, Texas. The honorable mayor of Longview, Texas, Jay Dean, offered words of welcome. Other pastors of the city of Longview also words of welcome. Bro. Bill Voss of Parkway Missionary Baptist Church and Bro. Ron Witcher of Greggton Missionary Baptist Church also spoke words of welcome.

The Gregg County Color Guard presented the colors. Upon positioning the flags, the congregation sang the National Anthem.

Bro. Ervin Gould was asked to respond to the welcome offered by the church and community.

Bro. Griffith asked the congregation to stand as he declared the fifty-seventh session officially open for business. Bro. Harold Davis led in prayer. Bro. Griffith read some rules of decorum.

Bro. Griffith turned charge of the meeting to assistant moderator, Don Britton. Bro. Britton introduced Bro. Griffith to deliver the moderator's address. A special in music was first rendered by Bro. Ronnie Stewart titled "Come Morning," accompanied by Cliff Martin at the piano. Bro. Griffith addressed the assembly on the subject of a "Changing World." A motion was approved to print the moderator's address in the minute book.

Bro. Don Britton turned charge of the meeting back to Moderator Griffith.



A motion was approved to accept the agenda as printed in the minute book.

The following brethren were appointed to the following committees: Marion Reed - Texas State Missions; Jim Slocumb - Texas Mission Development; Leroy Smith - Texas Mission Builders; Calvary Baptist Church - Texas Baptist Institute; New Liberty Baptist Church - Mexican Baptist Institute; Tall City Baptist Church - West Texas Baptist Institute; Timber Lakes Baptist Church - Central Baptist Institute; South Union Baptist Church - Peru Baptist Institute; Heritage Baptist Church - Heritage Baptist Institute; Lawrence Thompson - Interstate And Foreign Missions; Robert Wallace - Youth Report; David Proctor - Publications Report; Billy Daniels - Benevolence Report; Janie Clark - Women's Work Report; Mike Rice - Men's Work Report; Paul Cleveland, Sr. - ABA Credit Union Report; Mike Thompson and Ernest Moyers - Enrollment and Finance Report; Sam Glover and Bill Morrow; Memorial to Preachers Report; Donald Britton - History and Archives Report; Randy Sutton - Music Ministry Report; Larry Jacobs - Cyberspace and Media Report; Matt Gholson - MBSF Report; Robert Griffith and Henry Blackmon - Resolutions Committee Report.

The following brethren were appointed to serve as tellers: Tom LeBreton, Chairman, Kyle Ross, Daniel Davis, Gerald Beckham, Mike Gribble, and Cory Page would serve as an alternate.

Bro. Marion Reed was called on introduce the speaker for the evening. Bro. Bobby Sparks was elected to bring the annual message. Following the introduction Bro. Jim Jones led the church choir, accompanied by the hand-bell choir in special music. Following their presentation, Jim and Amanda Rogers sang a special titled "*It Is Finished.*"

Following the message, Bro. Kevin Clinton offered the hand of appreciation to Bro. Sparks for the message.

Nominations were received for the missionary sermon on Wednesday night Bro. Don Vestal was nominated and elected.

Bro. Griffith asked if anyone had any changes to the articles of agreement or mission policy. There were none and the business continued.

Bro. Griffith then asked if there were any out of state visitors present. There were numerous visitors present. New pastors to the state of Texas were asked to introduce themselves.

Prayer requests were offered, along with announcements. Bro. L. C. Terry led the closing prayer.

Wednesday Morning  
November 15th, 2006

Bro. Jimmy Jones opened the session by leading the congregation in singing "Revive Us Again." He was accompanied at the piano by Jane Doerstling. Bro. Dennis Humber led in prayer and brought a devotional from Psalm 100.

The Mattingly Family from Winter Haven, FL brought a special titled "*I Wonder If You Know.*"

Out of state guests were recognized. New pastors to the state of Texas were recognized.

The election of officers was called for. Nominations were opened for moderator. Bro. Don Britton was nominated and elected. Nominations were opened for assistant moderator. Brethren David Proctor and Calvin Gould were nominated. Bro. Gould was elected. The current clerks, Bro. Bobby Sparks and Bro. Paul Clark were nominated and elected. Bro. Marion Reed was elected as the Secretary-Treasurer of Missions. Bro. Bobby Sparks was elected as assistant Secretary-Treasurer. Bro. David Humber was elected as Publicity Director. No invitations were offered for a meeting place in 2008 at this time.

Bro. Bob Griffith was elected as the annual speaker next year. Bro. Noah Lee was elected as the alternate.

Bro. Marion Reed took charge to give the Texas State Missions Report. A video presentation of the state projects was given. A Power Point presentation was given of each recommendation and then a vote was called for on each missionary. Bro. Kevin Bolding was recommended. He was elected with a small opposition. Bro. Joel Clay was recommended. He was elected. Bro. Craig Rodgers was recommended. He was elected. Bro. Larry Chalker was recommended. He was elected. Bro. Ricky Payne was recommended. He was elected. Bro. Marvin Gardner was recommended for half salary. He was elected with some opposition. Bro. Todd Gray was recommended for half salary to be used to build a fellowship hall. Due to his recommendation, a motion was made to set aside the mission policy to consider this recommendation. It was approved. The vote of recommendation was taken and approved with some opposition. Bro. Jesus Rodriguez was recommended for full salary. He was elected with a small opposition.

Due to the hour, the moderator called for adjournment. Bro. Bill Simpson was called on to close the session in prayer.

Wednesday Afternoon  
November 15th

Bro. Jimmy Jones opened the afternoon session by leading the congregation in singing "Glory To His Name," accompanied by Sarah Lee at the piano. Bro. Tim Clements led the prayer.

Bro. Elvin Crocker made a motion that the committee to revise the mission policy be dissolved. The motion passed.

A motion was made that the leadership conference to be held on April 24th be paid out of the general fund. Brethren Ray Brooks and Marion Reed spoke to the motion. The motion failed.

A motion was made that we increase the missionaries' salaries by ten percent. By a narrow margin the motion passed. A motion was made that all missionaries receive a \$200.00 per year Christmas bonus. A motion was made that the Secretary-Treasurer be paid one-half salary of the other missionaries. A motion was approved that he receive a \$200.00 Christmas bonus. A vote was taken on the motion to approve the written Mission's Report. The motion passed.

Bro. Randy Cloud gave a verbal report from the office of Interstate, Foreign and National ABA Missions. Bro. Lawrence Thompson read the Interstate and Foreign Missions Report. Bro. Vernon McNully spoke concerning Interstate Mission Development. The report was approved.

Bro. Larry Clements reported on the work of the Editor-in-Chief of the American Baptist Association. The Publication's Report was read by Bro. David Proctor. Bro. Lynn Hitt spoke regarding the "Sounding Out The Word" Ministry. The report was adopted.

Bro. Larry Calhoun, a guest from Arkansas, spoke concerning Arkansas state missions.

The Benevolence Report was read by Bro. Billy Daniels. Speaking to the report were brethren Greg Hodge of the Texarkana Baptist Orphanage, Bro. Charlie Ellison of the disaster relief fund, and Marlin Freeman representing the Heritage Housing Fund. Bro. Freeman presented Sis. Kathy Reynolds the documents for her home. The report was approved.

The History And Archives Report was read by Bro. Don Britton.

A motion was made to receive an offering in the evening service for Texas Baptist Institute.

A motion and second was made to re-elect the current History and Archives Committee. The motion was approved.

An invitation was received from the New Liberty Missionary Baptist Church of Garland, TX to host the 2008 meeting. A motion was approved to accept the invitation.

Bro. Robert Wallace read the Youth Report. Bro. John Pino spoke about the Pine Springs Baptist Camp. The report was approved.

Sis. Janie Clark read the report on Women's Work. Sis. Sandra Moore presented Bro. Jerry Smith with a check for \$5,000.00 to be used for his media ministry (ABAIMS).

Bro. Jim Slocumb came forward to give his song and dance routine regarding Texas Mission Development. He presented a check for \$28,241.29 to missionary Joel Clay and Pastor Joe Bozarth for the mission at LaMarque. Brethren Charles Swilling, Melvin Holifield, and Kim Williams spoke to the report. The report was approved.

Bro. Leroy Smith gave the Texas Mission Builders Report. The report was approved.

Bro. Mike Rice gave the Men's Work Report. The report was approved.

The A.B.A. Credit Union Report was read by Bro. Paul Cleveland, Sr. The report was approved.

Bro. Matt Gholson read the MBSF Report. Speaking to the report were brethren Matt Gholson, Don Britton and George McFarland. The report was approved.

The Enrollment and Finance Committee Report was read by Bro. Earnest Moyers. It was approved.

Bro. Sam Glover read the Memorial to Preachers Report. The report called for a moment of silent prayer. Bro. Gary Griffith led in prayer. The report was adopted.

The Music Ministry report was read by Bro. Randy Sutton. The report was approved.

The Cyberspace and Media Report was read by Bro. Larry Jacobs. Speaking to the report were Bro. Marion Reed and Bro. Paul Clark.

Bro. Robert Griffith offered a resolution of thanks to the host church for the fine hospitality of this messenger meeting. The resolution was adopted.

A motion was made to give the Recording Clerks, Publicity Director and Enrollment and Finance Committee a ten percent raise.

A motion was made to reimburse the host church for all expenses related to the meeting.

Announcements were made. Bro. Leroy Smith led in prayer and the messengers were adjourned until 7:00 p.m.

## Wednesday Evening November 15th

Bro. Jimmy Jones opened the meeting by leading the congregation in singing "To God Be The Glory." He was accompanied by Sarah Lee at the organ, Jane Doerstling at the keyboard and Greta Smith at the piano. Bro. Jones directed a choir made of of brethren from the area a medley of songs.

Bro. Jerry Smith introduced Bro. Don Vestal as the missionary speaker for the evening. Following the introduction, the choir sang another special song. Bro. Vestal preached an inspiring missions message titled "*Bring Them In*" from Mark 2:1-12. Bro. David Humber was asked to give Bro. Vestal the hand of appreciation.

The TBI ensemble from Texas Baptist Institute sang a special titled "*Only Through The Blood.*" Bro. Bill Kuykendall read the report of Texas Baptist Institute. Bro. Ray Brooks spoke to the report. The report was adopted. Following the report, a special offering was taken for the school. Bro. Glenn Griffith led in prayer. An offering of \$1,214.61 was received.

Bro. Al Valladares read the report of the Mexican Baptist Institute. Bro. Ken Ashlock spoke to the report. The report was approved.

Bro. Bill Simpson gave the report of the West Texas Baptist Institute in Midland, Texas. The report was adopted.

Bro. Juan Gallegos gave a report on the Central Baptist Institute in Del Rio, Texas. The report was adopted.

The report of the Heritage Baptist Institute of Houston, Texas was given by Bro. Carl Fitzgerald. The report was adopted.

Bro. Charles Murphy asked for a reading of the report of the Interstate and Foreign Missions. After reading the report, a motion was made to amend the original report to strike out several last sentences. The motion to amend passed.

A motion passed that no check be sent to the missionaries unless they first furnish a report.

A motion passed that the state elected missionaries be encouraged to attend all sessions of the association unless providentially hindered.

Each of the elected officers expressed thanks to the assembly for their elected position.

Prayer requests and announcements were made before dismissal. A motion was approved to adjourn until next year or until the Lord comes back. Bro. Kevin Gentry led the closing prayer.



## Secretary-Treasurer of Missions Report

Thanks be "unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us"- Eph. 3:20

When I began serving as your Secretary/Treasurer, I asked God to provide sufficient funds to take care of any God honoring request for support. He has supplied the need exceedingly and abundantly for our State Mission work again this year. Our Auditor's report reveals that we have been blessed. He has also blessed the efforts of our individual missionaries and mission projects.

The missionaries and projects reported 167 souls saved, 63 baptisms, 51 additions by letter and 69 additions by statement. I am glad for the reported number of professions of faith but I am personally disappointed in the number of baptisms. That is only about 38% of those reported to have made professions of faith. The Bible says that we are to give glory to our Lord in the church and only when someone is baptized can they carry out this command. Let's pray that this number will improve during the coming year.

We were blessed, once again, with the organization of one of our missions into a New Testament church. Meadowbrook was organized on August 5th. However, the church feels that it will be necessary to ask for support of their pastor, Bro. Rickey Payne, for one more year. Two more of our missions are planning to organize during 2007.

Once again I would like to call our attention to the purpose of our Missionary Baptist Association of Texas. "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 II of our Articles of Agreement).

As your Secretary/Treasurer, I feel a deep responsibility to encourage our churches to participate in the greatest work on earth - the work of reaching lost souls, baptizing and teaching them for the purpose of establishing new churches in our state. We have a total of 26 metropolitan areas in Texas; 9 of which are

considered major metros which have shown substantial economic growth over the past 30 years. They are Austin, Brownsville, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Arlington, Houston, Laredo, McAllen, and San Antonio, with very rapidly increasing populations. These areas should be of great concern for our mission endeavors to establish new churches. I challenge every pastor to become concerned and lead your church to pray and seek God's leadership in your becoming a sending church, asking God for a missionary to go for you.

God has given us the money, through the faithful support of many of the churches who continue to provide funds, to do exceedingly more than what has been done over the past three years. We all need a deep awakening and interest in doing the work God would have us to do. We all need to seek God to call more men to be missionaries to work in our state.

In order to provide for new churches in the metro areas, I would ask that the pastors in these areas band together to search for locations, ahead of developers, that would be suitable on which to build. Then give our association of churches opportunity to help financially with the purchase. It most likely would require buying more land than would be needed. However, the extra land could be sold at a greater price than was paid for it. This could help pay for the building when the time comes to build. If, for some reason, it was never used for a church building, it could be sold and the funds returned to our mission treasury to be used in another location.

I want to encourage each church to continue sending your offerings. To my way of thinking, it would be very detrimental to our mission program if the offerings are cut off. Why do you think God blessed us with the funds we have? God provided the funds we have in order for us to do the work He commissioned us to do; that is, the winning of lost souls, baptizing them, teaching them and establishing churches for them to worship in and in turn, reach other souls for Christ. We need to keep the funds coming and seek God to lead us in their proper use. If every church sent their support some where else we would soon need no Secretary/Treasurer. We would have no need of associational meetings such as we now have. I am an associational Missionary Baptist. To "associate" means that we all work together in doing the Lord's work.

I am not interested in having a large amount of money in the bank. I believe God has blessed us with what we have to show us what we can do. We need to trust Him and do what He has

given us to do as spelled out in the Great Commission. If you want to support something else, I pray it is by God's leadership and not because you think we have too much money in the bank

Jesus prayed that we all might be one, as the Father and He are one. He wanted the same love God has for Jesus to be in each of us. When this love is in us, we are drawn to each other with a common mission. The walls fall down. The independent spirit is broken. Competition is destroyed. Our love for each other is manifest to the world around us. Lost souls will begin to see this love which is so foreign to them, helping them believe the message as we share it with them that they be saved.

"That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me." (John 17:21).

May God bless our labors together, "For we are labourers together with God."

- Bro. Marion Reed



**Jim and Amanda Rodgers Bring A  
Special Before The Annual Sermon**



## **Missionary Baptist Association of Texas**

### **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Board of Directors of  
The Missionary Baptist Association of Texas

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas (a non-profit organization) as of August 31, 2006, and the related statement of activity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas as of August 31, 2006, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Conway Company CPA's, P.C.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Comparative Statement of Financial Position  
For the Years Ended August 31, 2006 and 2005**

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Current Assets (Cash)	\$83,850	\$ 64,061
Investment	\$186,783	\$ 185,033
Total Current Assets	\$ 270,633	\$ 249,094
Capital Assets		
Office equipment	\$ 1,653	
Accumulated Depreciation	(331)	
Total Capital Assets	\$ 1,322	
Total Assets	\$ 271,955	\$ 249,094
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 271,955	\$ 249,094
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 271,955	\$ 249,094

**Comparative Statement of Activity and Changes in Net  
Assets For the Years Ended August 31, 2006 and 2005**

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Revenue (Exhibit A)	\$ 271,842	\$ 261,880
Operating Costs (Exhibit B)	\$248,981	\$ 183,616
Net Revenue	\$ 22,861	\$ 78, 264
Net Assets - Beginning of year	\$ 249,094	\$ 170,830
Net Assets - End of Year	\$271,995	\$ 249,094

**Statement of Clash Flows  
For the Year Ended August 31, 2006**

<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	
Excess Revenues over Costs	\$ 22,861
Depreciation expense	331
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	23,192
<b>Cash Flows from Capital Activities</b>	
Acquisition of Capital Assets	(1,653)
Net Cash used for Capital Activities	(1,653)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents	21,539
Cash at beginning of year	249,094
Cash at end of year	\$ 270,633

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Notes To Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended August 31, 2006**

**NOTE 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:**

The Missionary Baptist Association of Texas is a non-profit religious organization founded in 1950. The organization is composed of independent Missionary Baptist Churches that voluntarily choose to cooperate in carrying out the object of the Association, which is to encourage and perpetuate activity in missionary, educational and benevolent enterprises. The Association is supported by donations.

**Accounting:**

The financial statements of the Association have been prepared utilizing the accrual basis of accounting. All assets, liabilities and activities are recorded in the general fund.

The Association receives donations and interest from investments.

Associational expenses are shown in their natural classification on the Statement of Activity.

**Use of Estimates:**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Property and Equipment:**

The Association has purchases a computer and printer **Cash & Cash Equivalents:**

The Association has Cash & Cash Equivalents of \$270,633 as of August 31, 2006.

**NOTE 2 - Revenue Recognition**

The Association receives donations from member churches. Interest income is received quarterly from investments.

**NOTE 3 - Reporting of Expenses**

Expenses are reported as operating expenses.

**NOTE 4 - Tax Status**

The Missionary Baptist Association of Texas is exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

**NOTE 5 - Long Term Debt**

The Association currently has no debt.

**NOTE 6 - Status as a Going Concern**

We noted a positive cash flow, no debt and controlled costs. Nothing came to our attention that would materially effect the Association as a going concern.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

To the Board of Directors of  
The Missionary Baptist Association of Texas

Our report on our audit of the basic financial statements of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2006 appears on page 1. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The schedule of revenues and operating expenses are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Conway Company CPAs, P.C.

**Exhibit A - Revenue**

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Cash Receipts	\$ 253,487	\$ 247,620
Interest Income	4,820	2,315
Minute Fund	13,535	11,945
 Total Revenue	 \$271,842	 \$ 260,880

**Exhibit B - Operating Costs**

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Office Expenses	\$ 4,768	\$3,885
Salary Expense	209,461	151,313
Travel Expense	6,670	7,086
Minute Fund Expense	13,803	12,903
Heritage Housing Fund	7,561	5,354
MBA of TX Conference Expenses	3,708	2,000
History & Archive Expenses	100	75
Audit Expense	1,000.00	1,000
Depreciation Expense	331	-
Designated offering	1,579	-
Total Operating Costs	\$ 248,981	\$183,616

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



## Texas Baptist Institute - Seminary Report

Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Bill Kuykendall and the whole TBI family take this occasion to thank God for all who support this great work. Without you, our many supporting churches, women's auxiliaries, TBI rallies, and individuals, this work could not continue. Thank you for joining TBI in this team work of love for the Lord Jesus Christ and His cause. The goal of TBI is to provide biblical and practical instruction and training for those called by God to represent Him in the age long war against the forces of the evil one.

TBI has no source of income other than the free will offerings of the Lord's churches and interested individuals. Our present operating expenses average \$30,000.00 per month. Salaries for faculty members and other employees account for only \$14,000.00 of this total amount. Costs of operation continue to escalate year by year and there is nothing we can do about this without doing harm to our purpose for existing. Many churches and some interested individuals have understood this and have increased their offerings to help cover these rising costs; for this we are thankful. We encourage all churches associating in the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas to review their support of TBI and consider increasing their offerings to help meet the increasing expenses of this important part of our Lord's Great Commission work.

The bright side of our first semester enrollment of thirty four day time students was the seven first year preacher students. We closed out a very good first semester and began second semester classes on Friday, November 3 at 7:15 a.m. with an increase of four in enrollment. We have the promise of three more first year preacher students for first semester 2007-2008. We must not let up on our prayers to God to call many more men to preach His wonderful Word.

TBI rallies and Women's Auxiliaries continue to help meet the needs of the General Fund and to keep the students store rooms full. Past blessings have come from the Salem Association rally at Hughes Springs MBC; Bethlehem Association rally at Rosewood MBC of Jasper; Red River-Bowie Women's Auxiliary at East Post Oak MBC; East Texas Women's Auxiliary at Bethel MBC; Central Texas Women's Auxiliary at Maranatha MBC of

Crandall. Further blessings will be at the Tri-County Association rally at Landmark MBC of Athens November 18 at 7 :00 p.m. and the Shelby County rally at Heritage MBC of Center December 7 at 7 :00 p.m.

Special thanks go to the Women of Memory Lane MBC of Palestine for two huge meat offerings each year and to the Women of Timpson MBC for special storeroom offerings each month. The Women of Calvary MBC, our sponsoring church, together with women from many other churches provide each student family with a nice cash gift at Christmas time.

We also thank all churches and auxiliaries who adopt student families and supply needs through the school year and those who shower our student's children with gifts at Christmas time.

The 2006 edition of the A. J. Kirkland Memorial Lectures will be held December 5-8. Dr. Darrel Owens will speak on "Church Discipline" each day at 10:45 a.m. Services on Tuesday, December 5, will begin at 8:00 a.m. with visiting speakers Brethren Odis Bryan and Leroy Smith. Please plan to visit us and enjoy feasting on the Word of God, Texas BarB-Q and great Baptist fellowship.

Finally, the whole TBI family says, "Thanks" to all who hold us up to God in prayer and support us with your offerings.

Thankfully submitted,

Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

## **2007 TBI Alumni Association Officers**

Mike Roberts, Moderator  
Mat Gholson, Asst. Moderator  
Lawrence Thompson, Clerk  
Dennis Humber, Assistant Clerk  
Billy Turpin, Program Committee  
Paul Clark, Banquet Committee

## Mexican Baptist Institute Report

The Mexican Baptist Institute and the New Liberty Baptist Church, thank the churches of Texas for their support of our school. Your prayers and offerings have helped us to give an more excellent service to our Lord. We continue teaching and training men that they may be the best that they can be in their service to our Lord Jesus.

Currently we our student body is composed of 22 students. These students come from different parts of Mexico. They have answered the Lord's call and are preparing to serve our Lord in a greater capacity and more understanding.

We thank the churches and friends that contributed that we would be able to purchase property for a church camp in the mountains south of Saltillo, Mexico. We have bought near to 10 acres which we are currently developing that it may serve our brethren as a church camp. We have built a storage shed, cleared much brush, cleared and leveled areas where we plan to build our dormitories and other facilities. Many more finances and time will be needed to bring this camp to where all the facilities are in place. However, we will begin having camp in July of 2007. It may be in tents, but it will begin serving our brethren. We ask or your prayers and finances to make this camp a reality.

We have also bought 11 acres in Rio Bravo, Mexico, where we plan to build the new Mexican Baptist Institute facilities. Our current apartments have become badly deteriorated and we have outgrown our current school facilities. This is a necessary step in our continuance as a seminary that we may serve our God called men and women in their ministerial preparation. We are currently doing all we can do to insure that everything is legally in order with the Mexican government and other authorities, before we actually begin construction. We will let you know when we are ready to lay the first stone. Keep us in your prayers.

The doors to mission work in Mexico remain open. There are missionaries on the field that can use a helping hand from a sister church that will sponsor them and assist them financially with a salary and construction. Please consider what the Lord would have you to do. There are many areas in Mexico where there are no evangelical works.

We ask for your continued financial support. This great work could not be done with such excellence, if it were not for your prayers and financial support. Consider raising the amount

of the offering that your send each month.

We thank God for the generosity of our church and brethren and their willingness to give of their finances and of themselves to the work of the Lord and to the preparation of future workers in His vineyard. God bless you all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bro. Al Valladares, President

Bro. Ken W. Ashlock, Pastor of Sponsoring Church

## **Heritage Baptist Institute Report**

Heritage Baptist Church, the faculty of Heritage Baptist Institute and its trustees would like to extend heartfelt thanks for your prayers and financial support for HBI. Heritage Baptist Institute is a unique seminary in that we have two campuses; one in Missouri City, Texas and one in Beaumont, Texas.

Enrollment for the 2006 fall semester began with 51 students. This presented HBI with a challenge that any seminary would like to have, growing pains.

To better prepare our students to minister to the changing needs of people, two new programs of studies are in work at this time. They include courses in basic Bible doctrine for young people and Biblical counseling for the lay-person. The new ladies' discipleship class was greeted with excitement and good attendance. We thank God for His continued blessing toward this ministry. There are currently 16 students working in full time ministry in the Southeast Texas area.

When Bro. Joe Bozarth stepped down as president, Heritage Baptist selected Bro. Carl E. Fitzgerald to replace Bro. Joe Bozarth as president and Bro. John Raines to replace Bro. Carl E. Fitzgerald as academic dean. Two new staff members have been also joined our faculty this year. Sis Linda Swafford teaches ladies' discipleship and Bro. Ben Pomales teaches evangelism.

Special offerings received from Mission Rallies, Ladies' Auxiliaries and various other church ministries have been a special blessing to HBI students. Our monthly budget of \$2500.00 is frequently stretched to its limit. We encourage all the churches of our associated work to share in the blessings of this growing ministry.

We continue to pray for God to call more men into the ministry and that more men will answer God's call.

Prayerfully Submitted,

Carl E. Fitzgerald, President HBI



## West Texas Baptist Institute Report

We are glad to be in the first semester of our twentieth year of school here at West Texas Baptist Institute and Seminary here at Tall City Missionary Baptist Church, 3500 Anetta Dr. Midland, TX.

We meet each Monday and Tuesday evening starting at 5:30 p.m. There are four class periods each night making it possible for any student to have a total of eight classes. Our two semesters last for 16 weeks each year. This allows a student to go full time if they want to and enables them to complete our courses in 4 years. Each student decides how many classes they are able to take each semester.

Our institute is available to any minister of any faith. Of course, each person knows that we teach from a Baptist perspective to reach our points of Baptist Christian education.

Any person, man or woman, may attend the classes for their own Christian education to further their teaching if they are involved in Sunday School classes or any teaching work in their church.

We do not have many students this year, but are planning for a higher attendance after the first semester. At the present time, we have four teachers who apply themselves very well with the classes they teach. They are very diligent and dedicated with their class teaching.

We encourage church members and churches in our work to help advertise and inform others about our school to help the attendance grow. We appreciate everyone's efforts in doing this.

We did not have a Saturday Seminary this fall, but plan to have on next Spring. Please pray about this for us.

We wish to thank each church and individual who has supported us financially and with their prayers as our expenses continue to increase. We especially ask for financial support for our faculty, "call it salary," but some have to travel from other cities, and we try to help them with some of their expenses. Your prayers for the persons receiving their Christian education at our Institute and Seminary is very important and much appreciated by Tall City Missionary Baptist Church, who feels led to offer this work to all who will inquire about us and come. We have material for you to look at and information on inquiring about us.

God Bless and send students, In Christ,  
W.R. Simpson, President

## Texas Mission Builders

Texas mission Builders has had another successful year of helping the churches of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas. TMB is an auxiliary of East Side Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Texas, and is now in it's twentieth year of service to the Churches of the state of Texas. During this twenty year period there has been an average of just over seven projects per year. The money saved by the churches runs in the millions of dollars.



For these twenty years, there has been a steady build up of tools and equipment purchased by the churches of our state work that has made possible the work to go on. There is a continuous need to update these tools and equipment. The help of the churches makes it possible to have these updates and replacements when necessary. Standard of quality in this work depends largely on the tools and equipment used to complete the projects.

The progress of any auxiliary program will be largely due to the oversight of the sponsoring church and East Side Baptist continues to do an excellent job. Their vision of the needs of the program, and the churches who are seeking help through TMB, is a credit to them and their pastor Bro. Calvin Gould. God has blessed the program through their responsible leadership.

Texas Mission Builders is a good investment for the churches of our state because of the benefits it renders. Many churches would not have attempted their projects without the help of God through TMB. This has been stated by numerous pastors and church members. The true importance of this program to the churches will be better known in eternity.

Five projects were worked on this year. One of these lasted seven months. The projects continue to grow in size and this is many times due to the savings that TMB makes possible. Churches can afford to build larger projects when they are able to save labor costs and also contractor costs. This in turn makes these churches able to do more mission work. The projects worked on this year are:

- Woodville Missionary, Woodville
- Victory Baptist, New Caney
- Landmark Baptist of Waco

Stonegate Baptist of Port Arthur

Greggton Baptist of Longview (just starting)

These churches were very appreciative of the help they received from Texas Mission Builders. The churches of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas have made this program available to all our churches by their faithful giving and prayer support. The men and women of our work have come to the jobs and helped with the work that was needed to be accomplished for the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May it continue to be so.

Respectfully submitted, Leroy Smith

TMB Supervisor

## Publication's Report

Another year has passed for our churches of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas. We have been blessed with quality literature for our people. As we approach another year, our churches still require Biblical literature for sound instruction. We are blessed to have good Sunday School literature, Baptist Training literature, Vacation Bible School literature and the youth Discovery literature. Our literature is second to none. We recommend the Bogard Printing Press for quality literature. We are thankful for Bro. Larry Clements, Editor-In-Chief of publishing, Bro. Wayne Sewell, Business Manager, and all the staff and workers at Bogard Press for providing our churches with Biblical literature. God's people who make up God's churches need sound systematic teaching, Biblical exposition from the pulpit to the classroom remains top priority for Christian growth. We recommend the Baptist Monitor, our beloved Texas paper. The paper keeps our churches informed on all facets of our associational work. The Midland Messenger and the Sounding Out The Word Publications are also valuable tools for our preachers. We further recommend all the King's Men for our men's groups. Let us thank those who publish Biblical literature and see to it that our people receive the truth for the printed page.

Respectfully submitted,

David Proctor

## Texas Mission Development

We have had a very good year. We have had challenges with funds coming to our old address and being lost. But thank God and faithful supporters it is being worked out. No money has been lost to our knowledge. Churches have replaced the lost checks. (Please friends, we have not had that address in five years)

We have at the present 155 churches or individuals supporting regularly. We have gained some members this year and lost some. Praise the Lord! We had 23 requests for the funds this year. We regret that only four projects could receive the funds. Please remember, as long as you are supporting you are qualified to request the funds. There were no tie votes this year. Our total funds for the last four Quarters was \$106,326.69



Those receiving the funds the last four quarters were:

Amazing Grace MB Mission of Cleveland, TX . . . .	\$25,849.57
Lufkin MBC of Lufkin, TX . . . . .	\$25,687.63
Stonegate MBC of Port Arthur TX . . . . .	\$26,348.77
Hopewell MBC of LaMarque, TX . . . . .	\$28,241.29
Total . . . . .	\$106,326.69

All these projects were very grateful to all of you who made these funds possible. Our fourth quarter '06 project is the Gloria MB Mission of Mercedes, TX. They will receive the funds in February 2007.

I presently have eight individuals and churches supporting me monthly. These funds are used for travel and car expense. I feel inadequate to express how so very much this means to me in my work to promote this so very important state mission program. Some of these have been supporters for some time others were added this year. I am truly grateful.

This year I would like to ask for, not a money goal but a membership goal. If we could only gain 50 more in membership we would make our money goal. I am asking for a membership goal for 2007 of 200 members. Let's do it! It takes only four bees, "Be a supporter, Be a member, Be a voter and Be a project."

Rocky Springs MBC with her pastor, Dr. Charles Swilling, myself, and TMD treasurer, Nancy Gaston express our deepest felt gratitude to all of you who are supporting and praying for this Texas mission program.

God bless you all.

Jim Slocumb-Director

## Men's Report

These latest statistics from the Barna group are quite revealing. They report:

- > 74% of women compared to 64% of men say their faith is very important to them.
- > 50% of women attend church on a given Sunday ... only 44% of men do so.
- > 51 % of women compared to 42% of men report reading the Bible in the past week.
- > 89% of women versus 79% of men report that they have prayed in the past week.

One of the greatest challenges facing men of God today is the challenge of isolation. Now, more than any other time in history men tend to feel isolated with little or no connection to other men of faith, even though they may attend church regularly and be acquainted with many other men in the same situation. They shake hands and exchange greetings but they make no real connection for spiritual strengthening.

When men are under pressure or when they have relationship problems or when they are just going through serious times of trials, they have a tendency to keep it to themselves. While it may sound like the "macho" thing to do, it is physically, emotionally and spiritually unhealthy.

The Holy Spirit inspired King Solomon to write: *"Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up."* (Eccles. 4:9-10).

What does the term "Men's Work" mean in your church? Is it mowing grass or painting a building? Or does your church consider "men's work" as a ministry to benefit the men of your church? Paul told Timothy, *"Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart."* (2 Tim 2:22). The words *"with them"* indicate that Paul did not intend that Timothy should accomplish these things on his own. Instead, he should join forces with other men with the same focus.

Since the men of our churches are called by God to fill positions of headship, shouldn't we provide our men guidance and opportunity to prepare for headship *"with them that call on the Lord."* *"Men become men in the company of other men."* For God's men, who want to follow God's way, connection with other men is a responsibility, not an option.

May the churches of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas be challenged to minister to their men, so they may minister to others.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Rice

## Women's Work Report

The Women's Auxiliary of the Missionary Baptist Associations of Texas met in its fifty-fourth sessions on November 14, 2006 at Parkway Baptist Church in Longview, TX. There were 49 auxiliaries represented with 73 messengers and 30 visitors present making a total attendance of 103.

Our 2006 mission project was the ABA International Media with Bro. Jerry Smith, Missionary. We set our goal at \$8,000 and we raised a total of \$6,697.82. Funds for this project will be collected through the end of December and the ladies of the MBA of Texas are encouraged to do all they can to reach our goal. The ladies selected Pine Springs Baptist Camp as our project for 2007. They set the project goal at \$8,000.

Our Bible and Tract fund received \$1,889.51 this year. We had the tract, *Three Little Monkeys*, printed in Spanish in memory of Marilyn Brown.

Respectfully submitted  
Janie Clark, President

## Interstate and Foreign Missions Report

Before ascending up to Heaven, Jesus Christ gave His church what we know as the Great Commission. Matthew records Jesus' words: *"Go, ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."* Mark records: *"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."* Luke records: *"Thus it is written and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nation, beginning at Jerusalem."* Luke records also in Acts: *"ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."*

The Scriptures make it clear that Great Commission work should start here at home in the United States and spread through the entire world. Each and every New Testament church has the obligation to obey this command.

The churches of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas are encouraged to follow God's guidelines to accomplish this Great Commission. The Scriptures provide God's guidelines through teachings and examples that set forth principles that should be followed. Following these principles will be profitable both here in the United States and on the foreign fields.

As seen in the Scriptures, fulfilling the Great Commission on Interstate and Foreign fields cannot be accomplished without the establishing of new churches. The Great Commission involves churches being led by the Lord to send out God called missionaries to lead people to salvation, baptizing those who are saved, and organizing them into a church. The Scriptures show forth the support of these missionaries so that they can fulfill the work that God has called them to fulfill. The Scriptures pattern the example of planting self-supporting, self-governing New Testament churches who were dependent on their faith in the Lord. These churches were established this way from the very beginning. Each group of Scripturally Baptized believers who covenanted together under Christ was considered a church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lawrence Thompson

(Note: After some discussion, the original report was amended to delete a portion of the last two paragraphs. Due to the interest and questions, the deleted portion is printed in the following paragraphs. - the Clerks).

There is no Biblical example or teaching that shows churches governing over a group of Scripturally baptized believers in mission status. There is no example or teaching that shows a group of scripturally baptized believers being dependent on financial support for buildings and ministry expenses. There is no Biblical example or teaching that shows two groups of scripturally baptized believers in two different locations all being members of one church.

The churches of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas are encouraged to revisit the Scriptures and pattern their Great Commission work according to the Biblical examples and teachings.

## Enrollment And Finance Committee Report

Churches and Missions Represented by Messenger . . . . .	133
Estimated Tuesday Evening Attendance . . . . .	403
Messengers reported on church letters . . . . .	262
Churches and Missions represented by letter . . . . .	57
Visitors Reported . . . . .	46
General Fund . . . . .	\$11,456.00
State Missions . . . . .	\$156.25
History & Archives . . . . .	\$100.00
 Total Funds Brought to Meeting . . . . .	 \$11,712.25
Prepared by, Michael Thompson Ernest Moyers	

### Resolution of Thanks

Whereas the Longview Missionary Baptist Church of Longview, Texas has been a most gracious host of the 57th annual session of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas;

And whereas, the host and her pastor have graciously allowed the messengers the use of her facilities for meetings, booths, and the advancement of missions in the State of Texas;

Be it therefore resolved that we, the messengers of the MBA of Texas, give a rising vote of appreciation to this church for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Griffith  
Henry Blackman



## Pastor's & Laymen's Council

The meeting was opened by a congregational song led by Bro. Jimmy Jones with Sis. Greta Smith at the piano.

Moderator Billy Turpin called on Bro. Michael Thompson to lead in prayer. Bro. Mike Thompson brought the morning devotional from Ephesians 2:8-10.

Host pastor, Bro. Noah Lee gave the welcome from the host church. The moderator then recognized new pastors in the state as well as visitors.

Bro. Billy Turpin called for the election of officers for the coming year. The new officers are as follows: Moderator - Billy Turpin; Assistant Moderator - Ed Davis; Clerk - Steven Pace; Assistant Clerk - Dennis Humber; Speaker - Daniel McGuire; Alternate speaker - Jason Haber.

Bro. Billy Turpin called on Bro. Mike Thompson to introduce the speaker, Bro. Lawrence Thompson.

Mission reports were heard until the lunch break at 11:30 am.

Following the lunch break, the congregation sang "*When We All Get To Heaven.*" Bro. James Williams brought the afternoon devotional. The mission reports then resumed. A total of 47 missionaries or representatives were heard. The meeting was adjourned by Bro. Charlie Ellison leading in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bro. Steven Pace

## Memorial Of Preachers Report

In Psalms 1:36, all 26 verses ends with the words "for his mercy endureth for ever." Truly in death, He is merciful to His children and to us through those who have passed on.

We dearly miss those who the Lord has called home, but their labors remain to bring glory to Him.

We pause at this time to pay tribute and honor to the following:

W. Ralph Simmons - Brooks Chapel MBC, Beckville, TX.

James Garten - Pavillard MBC, Amarillo, TX.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Sam Glover

Bro. Bill Morrow

## MBSF Report

The state of the Missionary Baptist Student Fellowship ministries in Texas, as a whole, is troubling. Most, if not all, of the MBSF's have seen no growth and are in steady decline. This is especially sad since there are approximately 1.5 million college students in Texas and approximately 40 MBSF students from the four MBSF's in Texas (Texas A&M MBSF, Texas Tech MBSF, Sam Houston State MBSF, and Tyler MBSF). The financial support of this ministry is almost non-existent which severely hinders the effectiveness of this great work. Therefore, it is the opinion of this author, and other concerned men, that either there should be adequate support of this ministry or we need to quit "spinning our wheels" and do away with this work. While I wholeheartedly believe we should continue these ministries, there may need to be an adjustment in the methods used to support them.

A Regional MBSF Director could be established in areas with several institutions of higher learning. The Director would help two to three MBSF's become established ministries and then after a MBSF is self-sustaining, he could move on to another university, college, or junior college. According to the Statement of Mission Policy, Section II, Part I, a mission project may be considered as worthy of funds. This has been applied to many projects that were not in and of themselves "mission" work. Therefore, an application of these funds, as was done several years ago with a state MBSF Director, could be used to pay the salaries of these men. While working with several MBSF's and churches, the MBSF Director would be member of one church who would be his sponsoring church. Once the salary is covered, other money could be directed to outreach, Bible studies, building, or other needs of the MBSF's. If every church in Texas (over 300) sent \$50 per month for such needs, there would be over \$15,000 available every month.

While these are drastic changes, if something is not done quickly, there may be no MBSF's on which to report.

Submitted by,  
Matt Gholson  
Ebenezer Baptist Church

## History And Archives Report

This year has not been as eventful in regards to collecting and preserving history as far as our churches are concerned. Part of this is likely due to the fact that our committeemen have had an unusually busy year other than History and Archives work.

We had desired to complete the water line to the Memorial Plaza to better care for the shrubs and plants. That will be one of our main projects for the new year.

We were able to conduct a great dedication service for the unveiling of the Memorial Plaque for Dr. W. Herbert Brown. Many mends and family gathered to honor the memory of the very loveable Brother Brown.

We are near completion of the plaque for Dr. O. H. Griffith. If you have not given to this project there is still a small amount needed to complete and also time to contribute. The dedication will likely be set to coincide with the Strengthening The Shepherd Seminar in the spring. Watch the Baptist Monitor for the date.

May we remind you that Sweet Gum Grove Baptist Church Museum is available for tours upon requests. Call TBI for arrangements.

We deeply appreciate your liberality in financial support for our work.

Please pray for your committee that we may preserve history for generations following us.

Submitted by

History and Archives Committee

Billy Daniels, Chairman

Donald L. Britton, Secretary

Kenneth Griffith

Leonard Milford

Larry Chandler

## History And Archives Fund

### Financial Statement, 2005-2006

#### BALANCES (On hand, September 1, 2005)

General Fund	\$5,846.75
Memorial Plaque Fund	\$2,050.77
History & Archives Tour Funds	\$11.35
<b>TOTAL 2003 BALANCES</b>	<b>\$7,908.87</b>

#### RECEIPTS (September 2005 - August 2006)

General Fund	\$665.00
Memorial Plaque Fund	\$1,350.00
History & Archives Tour Funds	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$2,015.00</b>

**TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR (Includes 2004 Bal.)** .. \$9,923.87

#### DISBURSEMENTS (September 2005 - August 2006)

General Fund	\$1,216.70
Memorial Plaque Fund	\$1,157.03
History & Archives Tour Fund	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSE</b>	<b>\$2,373.73</b>

#### BALANCES (On hand, August 31, 2006)

General Fund	\$5,295.05
Memorial Plaque Fund	\$2,234.74
History & Archives Tour Fund	\$11.35
<b>Total 2005 Balances</b>	<b>\$7,550.14</b>

**TOTAL (+Disbursements)) TO BALANCE** ..... \$7,550.14

## Auditor's Report

November 9, 2006

The annual audit of the financial records of the Missionary Baptist History & Archives Museum Fund has been completed for the year ending September 30, 2006.

An accurate record of the receipts and disbursements has been kept, and the books are in satisfactory order.

Mrs. Charlye Taylor

## **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 or the pleasing of man, but rather for exalting the God of all creation. It has become very evident that we are living in a self-centered society. This philosophy has somehow seeped into our worship services. It is time to do things God's way by respecting each other and getting back to the heart of worship and fully understanding that it's all about Him and not about us. Jesus summed 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

## **Benevolence Report**

The Bible teaches us to care for those who are in need. (Romans 15:25-27; Second Corinthians 8 and 9)

We do not have to look very far to find those who are in need. There are many children who are abused physically and/or mentally by their parents and/or others in their family situations.

There are also preachers who are not prepared for ill health, accidents, or old age that stand in need of assistance.

The Texarkana Baptist Orphanage is one way our churches have of reaching out to needy children. Children brought to the

Home receive the love and Christian guidance so badly needed in their young lives.

Support for the home comes from the generous support of churches from several states and the support continues to be good as offerings come in for the General Fund, the Children's Fund and other special projects.

The Texarkana Baptist Orphanage Counseling Ministry has eight units completed with four of these occupied. These apartments are available for retired pastors and missionaries, or their widows. Offerings are needed for maintenance of these apartments.

The Heritage Housing Project continues to help meet special needs of pastors or widows of pastors. Projects for the past year include paying off the homes of Mrs. David Cook, New Boston and Mrs. Rex Reynolds, Hermleigh. This work is sponsored by Heritage Missionary Baptist Church, Center, Texas.

The Disaster Relief Ministry has been another effort that has helped many churches and members of these churches in times of disaster. This work is worthy of support.

These are some of the benevolent opportunities available for us to help others who are in need. The Word of God says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Jesus, our great example, reached out to those in need. He expressed His care and concern for children; He fed the hungry, gave sight to the blind, healed the sick and lame. We follow this example as we minister to those in need around us.

Please continue to support these areas of our associational work and pray for those who are working in these areas.

Respectfully submitted,  
Billy Daniels

## **Cyberspace & Media Report**

The internet has given the Lord's New Testament Churches a means to share the gospel in a way that was never thought possible a few years ago. Many of our churches have their own Web sites which gives them the opportunity to share with their

community and the world our distinctive beliefs from the Word of God. Any person or family can, in the privacy of their own home, pull up their web site and view pictures and information, meet the pastor and staff, know what the church teaches, who would be their Sunday School teacher, what the church's program is regarding their nursery facilities, listen to and view audio/visual clips, and much, much more.

The internet is a highly effective tool in gathering information. There are so many sites that can be used in Bible Study, sermon enhancing material, visual aids and background information on most any subject. The Baptist Sunday School Committee has a web site ([www.abaptist.org](http://www.abaptist.org)) which allows you to access items which you and your church will use on a regular basis. can be viewed online and ordered. Many of our Seminaries and Bible Institutes offer Bible courses online. The benefits to the work of the churches of the American Baptist Association is endless. We must awaken to the open door God has set before us in the use of this valuable tool.

We must also be aware that with the potential of great good, there is also the potential for evil. We can be assured that the devil has used this medium to spread unholy and vile material. Pornography, false doctrine, materials of hate are just a few of the despicable ways evil has used the internet. We must guard our children and family and our own integrity by only using the internet for what is good and right.

When we speak of media, we speak not only of the internet. We live in a very visual so we must make use of Power Point, Video/audio equipment and programs. 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 opportunity to communicate with these effective tools.

May we be wise in our ability to use these Medias to share the glorious gospel of our Lord and Savior and be better equipped to serve Him.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Jacobs

## Youth Report

"We are only one generation away from God's work ending on this earth." That is the cliché that has been used repeatedly in our churches in regards to Youth Ministry. The reality is WE HAVE ALREADY LOST A GENERATION!

The demographics of the majority of our churches is comprised of those 40 years old and above and their grandchildren. The 20-somethings and 30-somethings are nowhere to be found. This truth answers many questions that are being raised in our work.

Why is church attendance declining? Why is seminary enrollment dropping? Why can churches not find pastors? The answer to all of those questions can be answered by the fact that the generation where men make lifelong decisions as to their "career" path and the generation that has children and the generation who is more mobile and willing to move to new places and fields is Generation Lost.

The worst part of this truth is that our churches are continuing to use the same methods with the younger generations today that were used to lose the last generation. The wake-up call is ringing, but we are refusing to answer.

Projecting this truth 30 years into the future, our churches will have not have 50-somethings and 60-somethings in them. Where will the wisdom and foundational strength that is typically associated with this age group come from? If we lose the current younger generation, then we will also not have any 30-somethings or 40-somethings. Where will our churches be without those from age 30 - 70?

The first response from most is, "How far do we go to reach this generation?" or "Where do we draw the line with changing methods?" At this point the most logical answer to those questions is, "Start moving in that direction and when you get within sight of the line that discussion can begin."

Churches of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas should be more than encouraged, but implored to not only take a long, hard look at what they are doing in the name of Youth Ministry, but immediately begin to take steps to make long-overdue, hard changes to reach the current generation.

The answers are neither quick nor easy, but the imperative is non-negotiable. Where will your church be in 30 years on the current path it is on?

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert Wallace



## **ABA Credit Union Report**

The American Baptist Association Credit Union celebrated its 36th 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, 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 State Agency.

On September 30, 2006, there were 406 members with total assets of \$1,022,836. We are getting closer to our goal of being able to help ABA Churches, which was one of the purposes for our existence.

November 20, 2006, Laverne M. Bostick, President/Manager, will have completed 33 years as Manager of the Credit Union and is planning to step down in early 2007. Sheri D Lynch, is in training serving as Office Assistant, will be taking over the job of Manager.

The Credit Union office is located in Pasadena, Texas. The Board of Directors is: Pastors Paul Cleveland, Sr., William Myrick, Joe Bozarth, Charlie Ellison; also Jerry Stone, Lawrence McGrew and Aubery Adams. Laverne M. Bostick is President/Manager, Sheri D. Lynch, Office Assistant and Jon Dor, Bookkeeper. Visit our website [www.abacu.org](http://www.abacu.org) or e-mail us at [www.aba@abacu.org](mailto:www.aba@abacu.org). Our address is P.O. Box 585, Pasadena, Texas 77501-0585 or call (713) 941-3124.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Paul Cleveland, Sr.

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

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 microphones 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.



**Bro. Dennis Humber Brings a Devotional**

## 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; 1 Peter 2:13-15; Acts. 5: 29).



**Auxiliary Officers At Work**

## **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.

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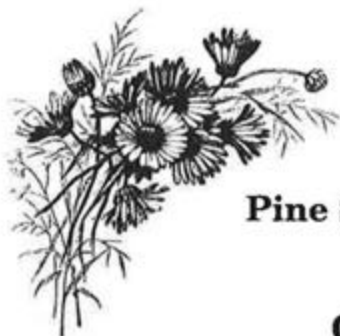
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**ORDER OF BUSINESS****Morning Session:**

- 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 2007**

**Pine Springs Baptist Camp  
Laneville, Texas**

**Goal = \$8, 000.00**

## President's Address

### Is there anything too hard for God?

We women are emotional people. I know I have a tendency to let my emotions determine how I view things. But that is the



way God made us. It helps us to be compassionate, caring, loving and tenderhearted. We just have to be careful to know if our feelings are in the will of God. We see this problem in the first woman, Eve. She was made perfect and without sin but she let her emotions get in the way after listening to the serpent. We read in Genesis 2:6 that after listening to the serpent, she saw that the forbidden tree was good for food and that it was

pleasant to the eyes and to be desired to make one wise. She had not sinned yet so she was still without sin at this point. Being tempted is not a sin, just giving in to the temptation. She let her emotions convince her that this fruit would make her a better person. She would be more like God, whom she loved and wanted to be like, because she would have wisdom. And it was so pretty. Isn't it hard for us to resist something that is pretty and affordable? The main thing she forgot was that God had told her not to eat it nor even touch it. So how do we make sure we are following God's will and not letting our emotions lead us astray? We have to know what God's will is. How can we know this? We can read it in his word. He has given us a book that tells us what he wants us to do.

It tells us in the 23rd Psalm that the Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want. I have never been around sheep, but I am told that they follow the shepherd wherever he leads them. And as long as they stay around him, they are fine. But when they get out of his sight and go their own way, they get lost and into trouble. This works with us and God also. As long as we are reading his word and following his commands, we will not want for his blessings. But what if we don't know what he wants us to do? What if we only hear what he has to say to us at church? Who are you listening to and getting most of your instructions and ideas from during the week? Is it the people at your job? If so, I hope they are Christians. Being around ungodly people every day can tend to make us have ungodly thoughts. One of

the most ungodly influences in our lives today is the television. I am afraid it has become the shepherd of many people. And it has become increasingly ungodly in its content. It's like Satan is using it today the way he used the serpent back in the Garden of Eden. But there are so many things to watch and some of them are pretty to look at and appealing to our emotions. Although there are a lot of evil and sinful programs on TV, there are some that are good, but if you are watching them and not taking any time to read the Bible to see how to follow the Lord, even the good programs can be bad to watch. It all boils down to knowing when to turn it on and when to turn it off. When we are tempted to watch something we shouldn't or watch when we need to do something else, if we let the Lord guide us, we can resist the temptation to let the TV be our shepherd.

With all the evil influences in our society today, it has become increasingly ungodly. I get really upset at the way so many people are insisting we not say anything religious around holidays. Yet I noticed no one was afraid to say Halloween or Trick or Treat last month. I also bothers me when we stop saying prayers or having Christmas programs in our schools because atheists are offended by it. There has also been much violence lately, mostly in other countries, from a religion who thinks their beliefs are true and all other people, including Christians, need to die. It has gotten so bad that many people are afraid to condemn this religion, because they are afraid they will be killed. When you see the news, it looks like these other religions, or no religion at all, are the more powerful because they seemingly are winning by having everyone cater to their wants and demands.

Does this bother you? Are you outraged by this? My emotions kick in and I want to punch the bad guys. What can we do about the situation in the world? It seems like an impossible problem to get around. God has told us how we are to react to our enemies in Matthew 5:44, *"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."*

So we know that we are not to go out and punch everyone that disagrees with our beliefs. We should love everyone to the extent that we want them to all know Jesus as their Savior. I do not want anyone to go to hell. I would like everyone to know that Jesus is the only true God and that belief in Him is the only way to have salvation. Jeremiah 10:10-14 tells us this.

These verses tell us that the Lord is the only true God. He is the only one who can make the earth tremble and show his indignation to other nations. His power and wisdom are what



have made the world the wonderful place that it is. We also see that dew, rain, lightning, and wind are all controlled by him. Act 4:12 also tells us that He is the only way to salvation. (Acts 4:12) Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

But how can I convince these people of this when they are so convinced that they know the truth and I am wrong. It seems too hard a job for me to convince them of the truth, but Jeremiah 32:27 has a solution to the problem. It says: Behold, I [am] the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?

There is a powerful word in Matt:5:44, that I read earlier that we need to not overlook, pray. It says we are to pray for them that despitefully use us and persecute us.

Since there is nothing too hard for God, and he has promised to answer our prayers in Matthew 7:7-10. This doesn't mean if we ask for something and then say "in Jesus name" we will get it. It means what we ask for must be within His will. So we see that God is all powerful and is willing to give us our desires as long as they are within his will. This is where we must be careful about our emotions. Sometime we convince ourselves that we really need something and God would surely want us to have it. We must not forget to consult Him in this matter. We should read the Bible and ask him to help us understand what we read and only want His will to be done in our lives.

We also need to be willing to use His power. Have you ever had something that was so powerful, you were afraid to use it to its full potential? My hair dryer quit working one time so I decided to get one that was more powerful. I bought the one that had the biggest numbers, thinking that the more powerful had to be better. When I used it for the first time, I thought it would blow my hair out or flatten my curls, it was so much more powerful than the one I had before. I set it on medium speed and would not use it on high. I was afraid of its power. Finally, after a year or two, and dropping it a few times, it quit working also. I went to find another dryer and after checking to see what would be the best, I discovered I had the best one I could buy at Wal-mart, so I got another one just like the one I had. When I went to dry my hair this time, I decided that the hair dryer couldn't be considered the best if it had to be used on medium speed, so I tried using it on high again. I was nervous at first, but I discovered it wouldn't blow my hair out or flatten my curls, it just dried my hair faster. All that time, I had owned a wonderful time saving device, but was afraid to use it to its full

potential.

We have a tendency to do God this way. He answers our prayers from time to time and we are amazed by this, but do we really think he can answer a BIG prayer, like showing non believers that He is really God and all powerful? Let's look at how Elijah handled this same problem in I Kings 18 starting in verse 21: *"And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD [be] God, follow him: but if Baal, [then] follow him. And the people answered him not a word."* The Israelites were trying to serve both God and Baal. They had no answer to his question so he had a plan to show them who they should serve. This plan is found in I Kings 18:22-24.

Vs. 26 tells us the prophets of Baal got their bullock up on the wood and called on Baal from morning until noon and nothing happened. In vs. 27 we see that Elijah had a sense of humor. (1 Kings 18:27), *"And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he [is] a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, [or] peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked."* This really upset Baal's prophets for they cried louder and even cut themselves until their blood gushed out. Does it do any good to pray to a piece of wood? That is what they were doing. Praying to an inanimate object got them nowhere. Then it was Elijah's turn. We read in verses 30-35 that he had the people gather close so they could see. Then, after he had stacked 12 stones up and made an altar, he dug a large ditch around it. Then he put wood on the altar and laid the meat from the bull on top. Next, he had four barrels of water poured on top of the sacrifice and wood three times until it ran down from the altar and filled the ditch. After all this preparation, Elijah did something very important in verse 36 and 37: (1 Kings 18:36-37), *"And it came to pass at [the time of] the offering of the [evening] sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou [art] God in Israel, and [that] I [am] thy servant, and [that] I have done all these things at thy word. Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou [art] the LORD God, and [that] thou hast turned their heart back again."* After praying this prayer, we see in verse 38 that fire from the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones, and the dust, and even licked up the water that was in the ditch. God has the power to show people who HE is. After this happened, verse 39 says, *"And when all the people saw [it], they fell on their faces: and they said,*

*The LORD, he [is] the God; the LORD, he [is] the God.*" If Elijah had made all this preparation and not prayed, do you think anything would have happened. God wants us to ask for our wants, not just expect to get them. Also, the people needed to hear Elijah pray so they would know who sent the fire. It wasn't some magic that Elijah did; it was answered prayer from God.

I have been praying as an individual for God to show these people, but there is power in numbers, also. I am sure many of you have seen the way prayer through a prayer chain helps in time of need. If we want people to know Jesus is powerful and the one true God, all we have to do is pray and let God show them in the way He knows is best. We still need to spread the word and witness to those who haven't made a decision about who to worship. In this way we might reach them with the truth before some false doctrine confuses them and leads them away from God. We may not know what to say, but if we pray, study His word, and are willing to be used of God; He has the power to give us the words we need to get the message across. So let's use our anger at the lack of godliness in the world, fear of how it will affect our lives, and concern for our families and friends to make a difference for the Lord. Go back to your auxiliaries and churches and ask everyone to join you in prayer to God, just as Elijah did, that He will let it be known that He is God and that we are his servants and that we ask this be done so that all people may know that He is the Lord God and their hearts may be turned to Him. His answer might be a little scary, just like the fire coming down was probably scary, but some of these people who are headed for hell might instead repent and be saved when they realize Jesus has the power and is the only way to heaven.

Let's stop being afraid. God is powerful enough to take care of us. When the three Hebrew children were told they had to bow down to the king or be thrown in the fiery furnace, they said, in Daniel 3:17 and 18. *"If it be [so], our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver [us] out of thine hand, O king."* (Dan 3:18) *"But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up."*

We don't have to worry. If we are doing God's will, He will take care of us, and He can help us use our emotions for His honor and glory so that when we get to heaven we will hear, *"Well done, thou good and faithful servant."* And remember, there is nothing too hard for God.

- Janie Clark

## Ladies' Auxiliary Proceedings

The fifty-fourth annual session of the State Ladies' Auxiliaries met at Parkway Baptist Church in Longview, Texas at 10:00 a.m. on November 14, 2006.

### Morning Session

The meeting was opened by President Janie Clark. Bro. Ronny Williams led two congregational hymns: "How Majestic is Your Name" and "Great Is The Lord" accompanied on the piano by Sis. Sarah Lee. Opening Prayer was led by Sis. Frances Davis. Sis. Marilyn Shively of Parkway Baptist Church in Longview gave the welcome and presented President Janie Clark with a beautiful corsage. President Janie Clark expressed her appreciation and thanks to the host church. Sis. Jeanie Wiggins from Roquemore gave the response from the State Ladies' Auxiliaries to Parkway Baptist Church for hosting the meeting. Sis. Sharon Templeton led in the prayer and an offering was taken for the Minute Fund.

President Janie Clark recognized the five past presidents that were present in the meeting.

Bro. Jerry Smith and wife, Susan, thanked the ladies for adopting them as the project for 2006. The project has helped many missionaries. Many will be seen today during other portions of the messenger meeting. DVD's will be available on mission works in the USA and around the world.

There were four ministers, recognized that were in attendance at the meeting. Missionary wives were also recognized. President Janie Clark recognized any new auxiliaries present at the meeting. Spann's Chapel was the only new auxiliary present.

President Janie Clark opened the floor for new nominations for the 2007 project. Pine Springs Baptist Camp in Laneville was submitted by Sis. Roslyn Grigsby from Pleasant Hill MBC, Overton, TX. McKinney Mission Building Project, Pastor Bro. Kevin Clinton, submitted by Sis. Phyllis Morrow, Sublet Road, Arlington, TX. Bro. Kevin Clinton was given permission to speak on the project.

First Vice-President Johnnie Armstrong thanked the auxiliaries that brought posters this year.

Bro. Ronny Williams from Parkway Baptist Church sang a

special "He Is Faithful." First Vice-President Johnnie Armstrong introduced the morning workshop. "How To Be Spiritually Fit" was presented by Second Vice-President Sharon Templeton, Jessica Adams, Marvelle Hudson from Victory in Sherman, TX. We learned that we cannot become spiritually fit by works. The inner strength is what matters most. We must grow daily by taking in His Word. Scriptures to remember: 2 Corinthians 12:9-10; Philippians 4:13; Ephesians 6:10.

Sis. Mary Smith dismissed the morning session in prayer.

### **Afternoon Session**

President Janie Clark started the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Bro. Ronny Williams led a congregational song "Blessed Be The Name." Bro. Paul Clark led in prayer for the offering for the state project, ABA International Media. Bro. Ronny Williams led another song, "He Is Lord."

First Vice-President Johnnie Armstrong introduced President Janie Clark to give her President's Address titled "Is There Anything Too Hard For God?" Special music entitled "I Just Feel Like Something Good Is About To Happen" was sung by President Janie Clark, Kim Phillips, Paul Clark and Connie Peveler. A motion by First Vice-President Johnnie Armstrong to include the President's Address in the year book. A second by Kim Phillips. Motion carried with no opposition. Sis. Mary Smith expressed appreciation to President Janie Clark for her President's Address.

President Janie Clark recognized Bro. John Pino to speak about Pine Springs Baptist Camp which was one of the project nominations

Our afternoon program was presented by the host church, Longview Missionary Baptist Church. Sis. Sarah Lee played "It Is Well." Sis. Sarah Lee introduced our speaker, Bro. Don Vestal. He and his wife teach English in China at the State University. Bro. Vestal presented a slide show and a video about the work they are doing in China. Scripture was 2 Corinthians 12:7-10.

President Janie Clark declared the meeting in business. Treasurer Sandra Moore will present Bro. Jerry Smith with the ABA International Media with a check for \$5,299.02 for the project for 2006 at the general assembly. Sandra Moore gave the Treasurer Report and Enrollment Report and moved to adopt the reports. Sis. Martha Langston made a second to accept the reports Motion carried with no opposition. Sandra Moore gave

the Personal "Report and Financial Report and moved to adopt these reports. Second was made by Cind March. Motion carried with no opposition. Sandra Moore read a letter and the Bible and Tract Distributor Report sent by Sis. Patricia Hitt. Sis. Moore moved that the report be accepted as read. Second by Kim Phillips. Motion carried no opposition

Sis. Kim Phillips addressed the issue of needing an Asst. Bible and Tract Distributor. Motion to amend Article V to include Assistant Bible and Tract Distributor. Motion to amend Article VI to include Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Bible and Tract Distributor. We can not vote on this until next year's meeting. Sis. Kim Phillips made a motion for President Janie Clark to appoint an Asst. Bible and Tract Distributor for 2007. Second was made by Sis. Sharon Templeton. Motion carried with no opposition.

Pine Springs was elected as the state project for 2007. Sis. Kim Phillips made a motion for the goal for the 2007 project be \$8,000.00. A second was made by Sandra Moore. Motion carried with no opposition. New officers as follows:

President - Janie Clark.

First Vice-President - Johnnie Armstrong.

Second Vice-President - Sharon Templeton.

Recording Secretary - Roslyn Grigsby.

Assistant Recording Secretary - Wanda Smith.

Corresponding Secretary - Charla Zangarine.

Treasurer - Sandra Moore.

Assistant Treasurer - Laverne Bostwick.

Bible and Tract Distributor - Martha Rose.

Assistant Bible and Tract Distributor - Mary Smith.

(Appointed by Janie Clark).

Parliamentarian - Kimberly Phillips.

Five posters were entered this year: Woodville MBC, Woodville won first; Erin MBC, Jasper second place; Walnut Street B.C., Hillsboro third place. Other posters entered were Nevill's Chapel B.C., Mt. Pleasant and Victory M.B.C., Sherman.

Sis. Paula Sims made a motion to give a rising vote of appreciation to the host church. Second by Sis. Sandra Moore. Motion carried with no opposition. New officers were introduced. Sis. Mary Lou Daniels led in dismissal prayer.

## Bible & Tract Report

Balance brought forward (11-14-05) .....	\$ 1,031.39
Total Funds received at 2004 State Meeting .....	\$ 235.00
Offerings received by Mail in 2005-2006 .....	\$ 558.12
Total deposits for 2003 .....	\$ 793.12
Total Credits .....	\$ 1,824.51

### Disbursements

Total Disbursements .....	**\$ 00
Ending Balance 11/14/05 .....	\$ 1,824.51

\*\*The Baptist Bookstore in Texarkana failed to get a statement completed for the cost of printing the tract prior to our state meeting.

Sister Marilyn Brown, the elected Bible and Tract Distributor, began the work to have the "Three Little Monkey's" tract printed in Spanish. We dedicate this new Spanish tract to her memory and pray that many young lives will be won to the Lord because of her endeavor to have this tract translated into Spanish.

Respectfully Submitted

Patricia Hitt, Acting Bible & Tract Distributor



**State Ladies' Auxiliary Officers**

## Women's Auxiliary of the MBA of Texas

### Treasurer's Report

#### December 2004 - November 2005

#### Receipts

Alto LA - Alto .....	10.00
Avery LA - Avery .....	\$ 125.00
Beacon Baptist. LA - San Angelo .....	125.00
Bethel LA - Tatum .....	265.00
Bethlehem Association .....	719.75
Bogota LA - Bogata .....	370.00
Brazos St. LA - Lockhart .....	75.00
Calvary LA - Baytown .....	20.00
Calvary LA - Deer Park .....	25.00
Calvary LA - Henderson .....	125.00
Central LA - Bedford .....	50.00
Central East Texas District .....	76.00
Conroe LA - Conroe .....	15.00
Corinth LA - Timpson .....	120.00
Creekmont LA - LaPorte .....	35.00
Day Spring LA - New Mexico .....	5.00
Eastfield LA - Mesquite .....	25.00
Eastside LA - Jacksonville .....	110.00
Ebenezer LA - Henderson .....	25.00
Emmanuel LA - Greenville .....	40.00
Erin LA - Kirbyville .....	30.00
Fairhaven LA - Mesquite .....	50.00
Faith LA - Houston .....	100.00
Faith LA - New Boston .....	50.00
Faith LA - Round Rock .....	100.00
Faith LA - San Antonio .....	75.00
Fellowship LA - Joaquin .....	40.00
Fellowship LA - Pasadena .....	189.00
Fostoria Oaks LA - Cleveland .....	25.00
Friendship LA -Clarksville .....	25.00
Frontier LA - Angleton .....	50.00
Good Shepherd LA - Shepherd .....	20.00
Grace LA - Houston .....	133.00
Greenridge LA - Houston .....	80.00
Greggton LA - Longview .....	25.00
Harmony LA - Houston .....	25.00
Hopewell LA - Carthage .....	20.00
Hopewell LA - Hughes Springs .....	25.00
Hopewell LA - Mt. Pleasant .....	195.75
Johntown LA (Friendship Circle) - Bogata .....	60.00



Kerr Chapel - Sherman	15.00
Kilgore LA - Kilgore	25.00
Kirbyville LA - Kirbyville	35.00
Liberty LA - McKinney	20.00
Liberty Hill LA - Mt. Pleasant	50.00
Logansport LA - Joaquin	55.00
Maple Grove LA - Mt. Enterprise	130.00
Mt. Herman LA - Center	50.00
Mt. Pleasant LA - Denison	25.00
Mt. Sylvia LA - Mt. Pleasant	25.00
Nedville LA - Jasper	200.00
Nevill's Chapel LA - Mt. Pleasant	240.00
New Liberty LA - Garland	200.00
North Lake LA - Denton	20.00
North Texas Dist. Aux. -	82.00
Oakridge LA - Maud	25.00
Old Salem LA - Center	21.26
Overton LA - Overton	25.00
Ora LA - Huntington	21.26
Pacific Ave. LA - Iowa Park	100.00
Pleasant Hill LA - Overton	275.00
Pruitt Lake LA - Avinger	50.00
Ridgecrest LA - Levelland	50.00
Salem Dist. Aux. - Atlanta	90.00
Second Ave. LA - Corsicana	100.00
Shelby - Panola Dist. Aux.	100.00
Spann's Chapel LA - Center	20.00
Stonegate LA - Port. Arthur	80.00
Sublett Road LA - Arlington	250.00
Tall City LA - Midland	10.00
Tanglewood LA - Atlanta	25.00
Texas Ladies Retreat	200.00
Timber Lakes Light Min. - The Woodlands	120.00
Timpson LA - Timpson	225.00
Tyler Road LA - Henderson	40.00
Twinland LA - Houston	10.00
Unity LA - Richwood	120.00
University LA - Tyler	140.00
Victory LA - New Caney	275.00
Victory LA - Sherman	90.00
Walnut St. LA - Hillsboro	50.00
West Texas Dist. Aux. -	128.00
Woodlawn LA - Denison	100.00
Wyndrock LA - Abilene	25.00
Naomi Bell	25.00
Bonnie Doty	15.00
Mary Johnson	20.00
Barbara Harris - Mt. Enterprise	10.00

Paula Sims .....	30.00
Re Deposit - NSF .....	40.00
<b>Receipts Total .....</b>	<b>\$7,909.76</b>

**Disbursements**

NSF (2) .....	40.00
RDI .....	4.00
Bank Fees (Dec. Apr.) .....	41.00
Transfer to Goal from Minute Fund .....	(20.00)
#1033 Colonial Baptist Church ('05 goal) .....	389.00
#1034 void	
# 1035 MBA of TX (Minute Book Expense) .....	50.00
Bank bag .....	5.00
#101 Patricia Hitt - Bible & Tract .....	20.00
#102 ABA Int. Media Serv. ('06 goal) .....	5,299.50
#103 Paula Sims - Recording Secretary .....	100.00
#104 Mary Smith - Corresponding Secretary .....	50.00
#105 Sandra Moore - Treasurer & Expenses .....	200.00
#106 Mary Smith (Corres. Sect. Expense) .....	58.50
<b>Disbursements Total .....</b>	<b>\$6,257.00</b>

<b>Beginning Bal. 12/15/05 .....</b>	<b>\$ 183.53</b>
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<b>Receipts Total .....</b>	<b>\$7,909.76</b>
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<b>Special Offering - State Meeting 11/14/06</b>	
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(Goal \$162.06 Minute Fund \$219.00 B&T \$45.00) .....	\$421.06
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<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$8,514.35</b>
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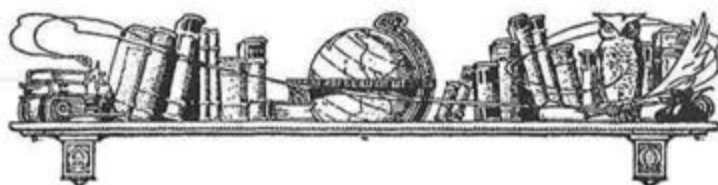
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>\$6,257.00</b>
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<b>Balance on Hand 12/01/06 .....</b>	<b>\$2,257.35</b>
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(Goal \$2,033.32) (Minute Fund \$179.03, B&T \$45.00)	
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Brings Goal Total to \$7,332.82 (short \$667.18)	
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**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	Broadus	1996 & 1997
Mrs. Maxine Wade	Denton	1998 & 1999
Mrs. Mary Smith	Laneville	2000 & 2001
Mrs. Julie Davis	Huntington	2002 & 2003
Mrs. Kimberly Phillips	Broadus	2004 & 2005
Mrs. Janie Clark	Hillsboro	2006



## District Auxiliary Presidents

**Bethlehem** - Shayne Smith

HC 4, Box 1005024, Kirbyville, TX 75956; 409-383-1233

**Central** - Annie Clayton

**Central East Texas** - Tiffany Wiggins

161 Deer Lane, Lufkin, TX 75901; 936-637-0149

**East Texas** - Roslyn Grigsby

6876 Hwy. 323, Overton, TX 75684; 903-657-3046

**Hopewell** - Sue Wilson

5788 CR 1905, Talco, TX 75487; 903-379-3741

**Mission Valley** - Vicki Rogers

45 CR 331, Floresville, TX 78114; 830-393-7032

**North Texas** - Elizabeth Clinton

361 Tee Taw Circle, Sherman, TX 75092; 903-893-0312

**Navarro County** - Janie Clark

1030 Carr St., Hillsboro, TX 76645; 254-582-7152

**Red River - Bowie** - Brenda Jackson

P.O. Box 41, Avery, TX 75554; 903-684-3420

**Salem** - Linda Brown

7892 CR 1617, Avinger, TX 75630; 903-756-5152

**Shelby-Panola** - Sandy Jones

416 FM 1970 N., Timpson, TX 75975; 936-254-3409

**South Texas** - Sandra Moore

174 Glazebrook, Houston, TX 77060; 281-931-9416

**SouthWest** - Martha Langston

2610 Cambridge, Odessa, TX 79761; 432-366-2335

## **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 \_\_\_\_\_?



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