

**2012**

Minutes

Sixtieth Annual Meeting

# Tarrant County

## Baptist Missionary Association

September 22, 2012

Calvary Baptist Church

Arlington, Texas

Next Meeting

Saturday, September 21, 2013

Oasis Baptist Church

1211 East Sublett Road

Arlington, Texas 76018

10:30 a.m.

Moderator ..... Jason Daughtry

Assistant Moderator ..... Jeremy Franklin

Clerk/Treasurer ..... Timothy Fish

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer ..... Ken Strong

Annual Message ..... Jason Daughtry

Alternate ..... Lio Ortega



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# Constitution

1. This Association shall be known as the Tarrant County Baptist Missionary Association.
2. This Association shall be composed of churches, by means of messengers that are members of, and elected by, the church sending them.
3. The officers of this Association shall consist of moderator, assistant moderator, clerk-treasurer, assistant clerk-treasurer.
4. It shall be the duty of this Association on the first day of each annual meeting to elect her officers for the following year.
5. New churches may be admitted to this fellowship on presentation of petitionary letters at the annual session of messengers sent from their church for such purpose, providing that on examination they be found to be in fellowship, in doctrine, faith, and practice with the churches of this Association. The moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the messengers.
6. Each church shall be allowed five messengers.
7. It shall be the duty of the churches of this Association to provide a fund to defray expenses of the Association, including local missions, correspondence, and clerk hire.
8. It shall be the duty of each church in this Association to send a letter annually by her messengers, naming the messengers, the number of members received since the last Association, and how received, number dismissed and how. Also, the amount of funds sent in and for what purpose.
9. This Association shall have no power to lord over the churches, but shall function as an advisory council.
10. In all cases where there is difference between church or individuals of this Association, the same rule shall be observed as taught in Matthew 18 and other Scriptures corresponding therewith.
11. In the event of heresy in doctrine or unscriptural practice on the part of any church of this Association, having come to the notice of the Association, and after the Association has exhausted every scriptural effort to convert the church of the erroneous ways, it shall

be the duty of the other churches of the Association to withdraw fellowship from the offending church.

12. This Association shall correspond with other associations of like faith and order as she may direct.
13. All matters coming before the Association shall be determined by will of the majority of the members present, except that of receiving churches, which shall be by unanimous vote. Associations that we correspond with shall be determined by a two-thirds majority.
14. No query shall be received by this Association until it shall have been taken up and elected upon by the church in which it originated. Then if the church fails to get satisfaction, it may be received.
15. This Association shall be governed by regular decorum.
16. As Baptists we do not hesitate to say that as it respects Missionary Institutions, we will not be bound to contribute to any, but will be left to act as the Word of God may lead us to do.
17. This Constitution may be changed, amended or altered at any regular meeting of the Association, by a two-thirds majority of messengers present.
18. This Association endorses the New Hampshire Confession of Faith as a representative compendium of what Baptist have historically believed through the centuries. We refer particularly to the edition in J. E. Cobb's *Church Manual* (third edition), published by the Baptist Publications Committee of Texarkana, Texas.
19. This Association shall meet annually at 10:30 AM on the third Saturday in September at such place as may be designated by the Association in annual session.
20. Newly elected officers shall not take over until the end of the annual meeting.

## Rules of Decorum

1. The Association shall be opened with prayer.
2. All officers shall be chosen on the first day of the annual meeting by the messengers present.
3. The moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member shall have the right to rise to a point of order as they deem necessary.
4. Any member not satisfied with the moderator's ruling may appeal to the Association for a change on the same day; not later.
5. Only one person may speak at a time, after rising and addressing the moderator and getting recognition, then only shall he speak.
6. The speaker shall not be interrupted until he has given his light, unless he gets out of order, then shall he be called to order.
7. The speaker shall adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the ones who have spoken before, by remarking of his failings or the ones who have spoken before, by remarking of his failings or imperfections, but shall strictly present his idea of the matter at hand.
8. No appellation except that of Brother or Sister shall be used in the Association.
9. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called as often as the Association may require.
10. The moderator may not interrupt any messenger, not prohibit any member from speaking until he has given his light, except he be breaking the rule of the decorum.
11. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech at any other provided the chair is filled, but shall not vote unless the Association is equally divided.
12. If any member shall knowingly and willingly break these rules, he or she shall be removed as the Association may think proper, This is to be done on the same day of the offense.

## Association Officers

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# **Proceedings of Special Called Meeting**

January 28, 2012

## **Opening**

Messengers from the churches met in a special called meeting at Calvary Baptist Church in Arlington on Saturday, January 28, 2012.

Carl Willis, Moderator, call the meeting to order.

Jason Daughtry led in prayer.

Jeremy Franklin brought a devotional from I Corinthians 1:10-17.

## **Petitionary Letters**

Iglesia Bautista Centro de Vida, Grand Prairie, Texas, petitioned for admittance into the association. Their pastor is Jose Luis Ortega. Motion carried to accept the church.

## **Missions**

Noel Ortega spoke concerning starting a new church that for minister to the Hispanics in the west Fort Worth/White Settlement area. Iglesia Bautista Centro de Vida would be the parent church and Noel Ortega, a member of that church would lead the effort. Motion carried to elect Noel Ortega as missionary among the Hispanics.

Motion carried for 80% of undesignated funds received to be placed into a Hispanic Mission Fund. Noel Ortega made stated that they would not need the money until later because they would be meeting in homes and Centro de Vida was able to cover the miscellaneous expenses of their effort.

## **Other Business**

Motion carried that we give \$750 each to Jacksonville College and the Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary.

Discussed having a fellowship meeting August 6, 2012, 6:30 PM at Calvary Baptist Church.

## **Closing**

Motion carried to adjourn.

Dismissal prayer.



# Proceedings of the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

September 22, 2012

## Opening

The annual meeting of the Tarrant County Baptist Missionary Association met on Saturday, September 22, 2012. Calvary Baptist Church in Arlington hosted the meeting because Oasis Baptist Church had not completed their new building

The meeting opened with scripture reading from John 14 and Luke 16, followed by prayer.

Moderator Carl Willis called the meeting to order and called for the reading of the letters. Motion carried that the messengers be seated. The churches were represented by twenty-four messengers.

## Election of Officers

The following officers were elected:

**Moderator:** Jason Daughtry

**Vice Moderator:** Jeremy Franklin

**Clerk/Treasurer:** Timothy Fish

**Assistant Clerk/Treasurer:** Ken Strong

**Annual Message:** Jason Daughtry

**Alternate Speaker:** Lio Ortega

## Annual Message

Overcomers from Jacksonville College sang.

Dr. Mike Smith, President of Jacksonville College presented the annual message from Mark 2.

## Reports from the BMA of Texas

Dr. Mike Smith, President of Jacksonville College, reported on the various departments of the state work. Reported that 560 students were enrolled in Jacksonville College.

## Next Meeting

Motion carried to hold the next annual meeting at Oasis Baptist Church, in Arlington.

## **The Work in Tarrant County**

Motion carried to continue supporting Noel Ortega and placing 80% of the undesignated funds into the missions fund.

Michelle Merchant gave the WMA report. Motion carried to accept the report and print it in the minutes.

## **Constitutional Change Concerning Meeting Time**

Motion carried to change item 19 of the constitution to read, "This Association shall meet annually at 10:30 AM on the third Saturday in September at such place as may be designated by the Association in annual session."

## **Obituary Report**

The obituary report was given, followed by prayer.

## **Pre-association Meeting**

Motion carried to hold a pre-association meeting at South Park Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas on a Monday evening in August. South Park leadership will make arrangements closer to that time. The meeting is intended for pastors, their wives, and anyone else who is interested in the work of the association.

## **Financial Report**

Clerk/Treasurer Timothy Fish gave the Financial Report. Motion carried to adopt the report.

## **Other Items of Business**

Motion carried to give \$200 from the general fund to Jacksonville College to help pay the expense of them traveling to the meeting.

Motion carried to print 50 minute books.

Motion carried to pay the Clerk/Treasurer \$350

Motion carried to send \$750 each to Jacksonville College and the Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary.

## **Closing**

Motion carried to adjourn.

Dismissal prayer.

# Reports

## Funds Received and Messengers at Annual Meeting

Church	Messengers	Funds Received
Calvary	5	100.00
Centro de Vida	2	—
Lonesome Dove	1	—
New Beginnings	4	50.00
Northridge	—	—
Oasis	5	50.00
Sheppard Drive	2	50.00
South Park	5	100.00
Wyatt Drive	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>350.00</b>

### Obituary Report

The following church members have gone on to be with the Lord:

Calvary .....	R. L. Jones Jr.
Lonesome Dove .....	Van Aldridge
Oasis .....	Robert (Bob) Van Vorst
	Mary Shoemaker
South Park .....	Eva Ferguson
	Dale Britton
	Jack Allred
	Elmer Branum
	Lillie Hull
	Clifford O'steen
	Patricia Payne

## 2012 Financial Report

September 22, 2012

**Balance Brought Forward in Checking Account ..... 1,875.86**

### Income:

Interest in Checking Account: ..... 1.43

### Regular Offerings from Churches:

Calvary ..... 684.00

Lonesome Dove ..... 1,100.00

New Beginnings ..... 164.00

Oasis ..... 624.16

Sheppard Drive ..... 228.00

South Park..... 1,500.00

Wyatt Drive ..... 55.00

Total Regular Offerings from Churches ..... 4,355.16

Income from Other Sources..... 0.00

Total Monies Received from All Sources ..... 4,356.59

**Grand Total All Working Funds ..... 6,232.45**

### Expenses:

BMAA Theological Seminary ..... 750.00

Jacksonville College ..... 750.00

Minute Books ..... 99.59

Clerk Hire ..... 350.00

Other ..... 9.75

Total Monies Expended..... 1,959.34

**Balance Carried Forward (Check Book Balance)..... 4,273.11**

(In addition to the above, \$25.00 Savings Account Balance for Membership)

## **WMA Report**

Tarrant County WMA met at Calvary Baptist Church, Arlington, Bro. Jerry Phillips, pastor.

Last Year's Project met goal of \$1,000 and exceeded it, for a total of approximately \$5,800.00 for MP3 Players through Life word Ministries. I don't think all of the figures have been turned in yet.

Project for 2012-2013 will continue to be for the MP3 Players through Life word Ministries to help get the word of God in the hands of the missionaries. Goal is set at \$1,000.

Officers elected for 2012-2013:

President: Michelle Merchant

Vice President: Linda Henry

Secretary/Treasurer: Cleva Lillie

Asst. Secretary/Treasurer: Jo Strong

Project Promoter: Becky Franklin

Asst. Project Promoter: Pat Quesenbury

We encourage our ladies of Tarrant County Association to begin now to raise funds for the new project.

# **Jacksonville College**

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After 23 years of truly appreciated service, Dr. Edwin Crank retired as president of Jacksonville College. I assumed the Office of President on Wed., Nov. 9, 2011. I am depending on God for direction. Proverbs 29:18 states, "Where there is no vision the people perish." Vision gives direction. The direction God is calling me to lead Jacksonville College is threefold: praying for a movement of God, planning for more room to grow, and preparing students to participate in a global community.

## **Praying For a Movement of God**

In 1806, five students at William College sought shelter under a haystack during a thunderstorm. Out of that Haystack Prayer Meeting came a revival, the founding of the American Bible Society, and the establishment of a foreign mission board that sent out Adoniram Judson and Luther Rice as missionaries. I am praying for just such a movement of God at Jacksonville College as we emphasize disciple making through the

DiscipleWay curriculum and encourage student leadership on campus as well as in the community.

## **Planning For More Room to Grow**

Isaiah 55:2-5 says, "Enlarge your tent...Fear not for thy maker is the Lord." Enrollment is up at the college as a result of purposeful marketing, recruiting and the addition of golf and tennis to the athletic program. Our growth requires funds for remodeling existing facilities, constructing more buildings, and hiring additional personnel. We thank our supporters who gave \$90,739 for the End of Year Projects and \$78,587 for Jaguar

Day Across Texas offerings. Pray that God will touch lives and lead people to give so we can continue to build and grow.

## **Preparing Students to Participate in a Global Community**

Roman roads linked the world in Jesus' day. Today, our students travel quite comfortably on the cyberspace highway. Though preparing students to participate in a global community involves much more than

technology, technology is key. Consequently, we have expanded the college's Information Technology Department and installed the latest technology in computer labs. However, amid fundraising, personnel needs, and facility remodeling, we never want to lose sight of our purpose in transforming lives.

For example, one student came to us homeless and penniless. We gave him a room in the dorm and a scholarship. He did well and during the summer, got a job with a local contractor. He came to me at the start of the fall semester and said, "Dr. Smith, I've earned enough money this summer to pay for my school." He was happy, and Jacksonville College was happy for the investment in a life worth changing.

Thank you, churches and associations of the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas, for your prayers, personal support and financial contributions. Thank you, Southern Baptists of Texas churches for giving to the Cooperative Program that supports Jacksonville College. Pray for us and come visit us as we seek to live out our new mission statement:

*Jacksonville College exists to provide a quality education from a biblical worldview that challenges minds, transforms lives, and equips students for servant leadership and lifelong learning.*

## State Missions

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At what level is our passion for missions? Are our hearts filled with compassion for the needs of those in the exploding cities of Texas? I remind you again there are about 26 million people living in Texas and only about 17% attend church on Sunday.

We have an enormous mission field and it's time for our level of passion for missions to increase dramatically. As Jesus went through all the cities and villages of Palestine, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel, he was moved with compassion for He saw the multitudes harassed and helpless, "like sheep without a shepherd" (Matthew 9:36).

He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray for the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:37).

This past year our goal was to start two or three new churches. Our Lord blessed by providing leaders to start two new churches. We're partnering with the BMA of America to support Matthew Prather and start a new church in Celina. Also, we're partnering with Pastor Tim Bourne and Genesis Metro to start a new church in Prosper: Joey Cook is the church planter.

We work with several Hispanic groups. Arnulfo Maldonado has seven groups in the

Houston area and we provide a stipend to help him with traveling expenses. First, Livingston has provided funds to have the training materials translated into Spanish to develop leadership and mission skills for our Hispanic leaders.

It is extremely urgent church leaders and church members to pray for our aggressive mission movement to become more aggressive.

I'm asking you to practice what Jesus told His disciples: "Pray for the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." I'm praying for God to lead us to four men to start four new churches next year. Will you join me in fervent prayer for God to supply?

**Here is a List of Our Church Planters:**



Joey & Syndal Cook, Prosper  
Matthew Prather, Celina  
Kyle & Erika Sears, Hutto  
Joshua & Lucy Kamau, Amarillo  
Cecil & Sue Linke, Allen  
George & Nicole Martinez, Lewisville  
Gary & Rhonda Southard, Porter  
Arnulfo Maldonado, Houston

We commend our churches for being faithful with your prayers and financial support. By working together, we can accomplish much more. Remember our **Vision: to have an aggressive mission movement among the BMA churches of Texas by healthy pastors, leading healthy churches, to plant new healthy churches.**

Church	Pastors Salary	Local Missions	State Missions	Interstate & Foreign Missions	Jacksonville College	Texas Baptist Home
Calvary	26,712	722	2,069	2,069	1,241	1,241
Centro de Vida	24,000	2,400	0	13,200	0	0
Lonesome Dove	0	1,800	900	900	0	0
New Beginnings	0	300	0	0	0	0
Oasis	0	502	0	1,292	0	0
South Park	75,045	1,500	5,525	36,570	5,500	2,586
Wyatt Drive	50,220	180	180	3,600	180	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>175,977</b>	<b>6,054</b>	<b>8,674</b>	<b>57,631</b>	<b>6,921</b>	<b>3,827</b>

Church	Additions				Losses			
	Baptism	Letter	Statement	Total	Letter	Death	Exclusion	Total
Calvary	2	1	0	3	0	1	1	2
Centro de Vida	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lonesome Dove	25	2	2	29	0	1	0	1
New Beginnings	5	0	4	9	0	0	0	0
Oasis	1	4	1	6	2	2	0	4
South Park	23	19	2	44	3	7	0	10
Wyatt Drive	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>



## **Texas Baptist Home for Children**

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This President would like to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of the

Board of Trustees and all staff of Texas Baptist Home for Children for all you have done for the Home.

### **Partnership in His Services**

The partnership between this agency, the Baptist Missionary Association

of Texas and the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention continues to provide opportunities of service. The Baptist Home appreciates your willingness to seek information and counsel from this ministry. In many cases, churches have contacted the Home seeking occasion to volunteer or to provide services to the Baptist Home. The help you give for Back-to-School and Christmas are of vital importance. Two special blessings came our way this year. Firstly, the president was invited to attend and speak to a girl's camp at Woodlake. It was a special blessing to meet the girls and their counselors and to share with them about the workers and children with whom we serve. Secondly, a couple of months later, the Home received boxes of crafts and personal care items that the girls had made and collected. The GMA of Texas took Texas Baptist Home for their project for 2011 and 2012. We appreciate the efforts of the counselors and girls involved in this auxiliary; attending their annual meeting is always interesting, and a lot of fun.

### **Support**

This is a time in which ministries are forced to reduce their budgets due to the uncertainty of the economy; much of this is due to a reduction in personal giving within churches. However, due to your generous support through the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptists of Texas, the Home has not been forced to discontinue nor reduce any of the programs which we provide. In fact, the ministry continues to increase in the number of clients served. Your assistance is what has made our efforts so successful in the lives of abused and neglected children. However, with the desire to be good stewards we have re-

duced the annual budget. The annual budget for the coming year is 3.7 million dollars.

## **Change for Children**

The goal for Change for Children has been \$55,000 for a number of years. In recent years the amount received has been around \$38,000. This year we surpassed our goal by more than ten thousand dollars! A special word of thanks goes to each church and individual who helped with this effort. We encourage you to continue to give to this cause. The funds raised go to the activities for the children throughout the year.

## **Foster Care**

In the past year, the Baptist Home was afforded the favor of working with over 380 children through foster and foster-to-adopt care. Eight of our students made the most important decision of their lives by accepting Jesus Christ as Savior. Two children left the Home in an effort for reunification; unfortunately, things did not work out and the children requested to be returned to Texas Baptist Home. Some of the most substantial growth has come through our Bedford office. Due to the growth, the need arose for more office space and the Baptist Home was able to rent a larger area in the same building that they have always occupied. The additional space affords an area for training, which was previously held at Sheppard Drive, Euless. The Texas Baptist Home for Children would like to express our sincere appreciation to Pastor James Schoenrock and the congregation of Sheppard Drive for their gracious hospitality in allowing the Home to conduct training in their building. Pray that this ministry can continue to address the spiritual needs of our children as well as other needs. At this writing there are 127 children in the care of Texas Baptist Home for Children.

## **Adoption**

The goal of this particular ministry is to provide permanent homes for children. 14 children, who came to the Baptist Home through foster care, found forever families through adoption. We praise the Lord for three private adoptions as the birth mother chose life for their children. Ten families completed adoptions this year. One of these was a special needs child who was adopted by a nurse, who is now a single mother.

## **Accreditation**

Eighteen months of preparation and funds went into the application for accreditation.

There are over 1000 residential child care facilities in the state of Texas; going into 2012 only four were fully accredited. Or July 13, 2012 Texas Baptist Home for Children was notified that they are number five;

there are now seven. This recognition places our agency among the elite in childcare facilities in the nation. We appreciate this honor while understanding that we are only stewards in the service of our Lord.

## **Loan Association**

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The BMLA is in very good condition. Presently our total assets are about \$6.7million. We appreciate, and give a big thanks to individuals, churches and associations for supporting the Loan Association.

During the past year, we served 23 loans to various churches. We've been in business since 1952 and have not had a default. .I am very thankful for our faithful trustees who give their time and support to help the BMLA have an effective ministry in assisting our churches and missions.

We have people on our trustee board with very good financial expertise: bankers, businessmen, and pastors. They are a great help to me and I appreciate their leadership.

### **There are Three Way to Support the Load Association**

A contribution from an individual or church.

An interest free loan.

Interest loans that compound quarterly. Currently, we are paying 2% on share accounts and 2.5% on CDs. These rates may change during the year depending on the financial climate. Your financial support and prayers are essential for the BMLA to have part in assisting the BMA to pant churches and provide funds for growing churches.

## **Baptist Progress**

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### **Giving Back in Celebration of 100 Years**

The first issue of *Baptist Progress* was published Nov. 21, 1912. Throughout the year; leading up to our publication's 100th anniversary, we have held drawings and provided

gifts to several churches, pastors and other individuals who subscribe to *Baptist Progress*.

Winners of the final drawing will be presented their gifts at the annual meeting of the BMA of Texas in November.

The gifts to be presented include:

Framed Scripture Art (valued at \$300),

A New Testament Set of the Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible

A New Kindle

A ¼ Page Ad

A One Year Subscription to our Every Sunday Bulletin Service

Thank You

We are especially grateful to the churches, Sunday school classes, auxiliaries and individuals who gave \$100 to *Baptist Progress*, in celebration of our 100 years of ministry. We fell short of our \$20,000 goal, receiving \$14,423. Even so, God provides!

### **Join the Church Plan**

If your church is not already, please become a part of our Church Plan. For only \$1.50 per month (\$18 per year) per mail subscription or \$1.00 per month (\$12 per year) per email subscription, your church can provide each of its member household with 24 issues of *Baptist Progress* for one year. The Church Plan cost is a discounted rate plan. Standard rates for mail subscriptions is \$21 per year and for email subscriptions, \$18 per year.

### **I'm Available to Visit Your Church**

Thanks to all of the churches that have extended invitations for me to speak during a worship service this past year.

Pastor, if you plan to be out of your pulpit or would just like for me to come to your church to preach and tell your people about the BMA of Texas work please contact me.

Although I am serving as the teaching pastor at Anthony Drive, Ennis, the church understands that my ministry as editor of *Baptist Progress* comes first.

*Thank you for allowing me to serve the Lord by serving you as the editor of our state publication for the past 8 years. I look forward to the "progress" we will make together for His glory in the future!*

## **BMA Seminary**

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While returning from a mission trip to Guatemala in June. I encountered a man who did not know how to behave himself on an airplane. Our early morning flight had been canceled and we were forced to wait many hours in the Guatemala City airport for the next flight. Several of the passengers decided to spend the time drinking in an airport lounge. The young man who was seated beside me on the plane was one of them. His semi-drunken state led him to behavior and speech that, at best, would be described as loose. After a couple of encounters with his seat mates and the flight attendants, it was brought to his attention in a blunt manner that he was not behaving well as a passenger on an international flight. The interaction worked and the flight was completed peaceably. Occasionally, we all need to be told to behave ourselves, young preachers included. Even better than having poor behavior pointed out, is being given instruction on the best behavior by someone who is truly concerned.

Paul's letters to Timothy and Titus were written as loving correction and instruction from one generation of ministry to the next. Paul's intention to disciple his two sons in the faith is implicit throughout the letters and explicit in 1st Timothy 3:1 5: "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God. the pillar and ground of the truth." These three pastoral letters form the basis of BMA Seminary's pastoral ministry classes. These letters give instruction in all areas of church life from preaching to elements and attitudes of proper worship to church discipline-even to the area of finance with the older generation discipling the



younger.

These letters are our basis for pastoral behavior (practice) because the seminary is committed to the regulative principle, i.e., the canon of Scripture is inerrant and complete and, therefore, authoritative in every issue of faith and practice. In other words, what we believe or practice must have warrant in scripture, whether it "works" or not. In modern evangelicalism (and too often in Baptist circles), what "works" is informally understood to be philosophies and practices that result in larger crowds and larger offerings on Sunday. Doing what works for the past several decades has largely produced two generations of church members that have beliefs and lifestyles that are practically indistinguishable from the rest of society. Our faculty's commitment to Scripture requires that we teach the younger ministers to base their behavior (practice) in what the Bible says, whether men think, it "works" or not. We will teach young men to preach expository sermons, conduct public worship that is decent and in order, protect the integrity of the ordinances. Consistently bear a bold witness to the lost, and be committed to a lifelong practice of personal disciple making. These behaviors please God and will bear fruit that lasts.

While the biblical principles and practices young missionaries and pastors need to know never change. The method of delivering instruction can be adapted to use current communication technology. In past generations, it was easier than it is now for young preachers to relocate to Jacksonville and take all their classes in residence. Increasing financial demands for families over the years has made relocation increasingly difficult. Several years ago the seminary began the Masters in Motion program of one-week intensive classes. This enabled students to attend in summer and winter without moving to Jacksonville. The extension classes, graciously hosted by Central Baptist College in Conway, also enabled several students in Arkansas to graduate without moving. Due to this flexible schedule, the BMA Seminary 2011-2012 academic year averaged 120 students per semester and concluded with 21 graduates.

Another breakthrough in instruction will commence this fall. Beginning this August students can begin work on two different degree programs and a certificate program online. There is immeasurable value in personal interaction with professors and fellow students and online students will be urged to augment their programs with on-campus summer and winter classes and special lecture series. Prospective students are encouraged to monitor our website and subscribe to the seminary's e-newsletter to keep current on class offerings. The latest information is always available on the seminary's Facebook page. Go to our website, [BMATS.edu](http://BMATS.edu) and click on our Facebook link, or go to [facebook.com/BMASeminary](https://facebook.com/BMASeminary).

The 2012-2013 year will begin with both the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Association of Theological Schools having reaffirmed our accreditation. The process of providing sound Baptist education that is credentialed by the most prestigious accrediting agencies in the United States is not an easy or inexpensive proposition. The highest recognition for this accomplishment goes to the tireless work of our dean, faculty, and staff, with the support and advice of our trustees led by Chairman Danny Pitts, pastor of First Baptist of Shady Grove in Laurel, MS. BMA Seminary continues to offer one of the most affordable accredited seminary educations in the nation.

We all wish to express our appreciation to the churches and individuals who financially sacrifice to support the ministry of helping new missionaries and pastors learn how to behave themselves in the household of God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

We are always eager to express our gratitude in person and take advantage of every invitation to provide faculty and student speakers for our churches and associational meetings. To arrange for a speaker, contact the seminary through our toll free number: 800-259-5673.

I ask that this report be read at your meeting. After reading this report, please remember us in prayer.

Earnestly contending for the faith,

Charley Holmes

President

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God has certainly blessed beyond all expectations the ministry of MRS. Who would have thought that in 12 years the BMA Retirement portfolio would have grown 10 million dollars. Today, September 12, 2012, we stand at 13.8 million and growing.

Our Long Term Growth portfolio is up over 8% thus far for this year and since 2003 we have averaged annually a growth of over 7% net of fees. Our Fixed Income portfolio is paying 3.25% for this year. The Fixed Income portfolio continues to look strong and stable; therefore, we would anticipate to continue paying an excellent rate each year going forward. This portfolio is not invested in the stock market,

We ask for your continued prayers and financial support for the operation of the retirement agency of the BMAA. We ask for each church to prayerfully consider enrolling their pastor and church staff in the BMA Retirement program. Please contact us at 870-774-2654 or email us at rchesser6365@aol.com and we will mail you a retirement packet. Remember little is much when God is in it. Church, set aside just a little monthly for your pastor's retirement and God will multiply it and make it much for his retirement days.

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## **Order of Business**

1. Open with a singing, prayer and Scripture reading
2. Call for Church Letters and Read (Article 8)
3. Seating of Messengers
4. Petitionary Letters
5. Election of Offices (take office at the end of the annual meeting)
6. Annual Message
7. Reports
  - A. BMA of Tarrant County
    - County Missions
    - Auxiliary Reports
  - B. BMA of Texas
  - C. BMA of America
  - D. Obituary Reports
  - E. Financial Report
8. Other Items of business:
  - Hosts for Rallies and Amounts to be given each
  - Number of Minute Books to Print
  - Amount to Pay Clerk
  - Miscellaneous Business
9. Announcements and Benediction