

2016

Minutes

Sixty-fourth Annual Meeting

Tarrant County

Baptist Missionary Association

September 17, 2016

Sheppard Drive Baptist Church

Eules, Texas

Next Meeting

Saturday, September 16, 2017

South Park Baptist Church

7201 Crowley Road

Fort Worth, Texas 76134

9:30 a.m.

ModeratorJeremy Franklin

Vice Moderator..... Jack Cook

Clerk/TreasurerTimothy Fish

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer Ken Strong

WMA RepresentativeJo Strong

Annual MessageHeith Mitchell

Alternate Dan Oliver

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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 9:30 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, nor 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 as 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.

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At the recommendation of the Tarrant County Women's Missionary Auxiliary, the association elected a WMA Representative to represent the association at state and national meetings of the WMA. This is due to the Tarrant County WMA voting to discontinue its formal organization.

Proceedings of the 64th Annual Meeting

September 17, 2016

Opening

The annual meeting of the Tarrant County Baptist Missionary Association met on Saturday, September 17, 2016. Sheppard Drive Baptist Church in Euless hosted the meeting.

James Shoenrock, led the congregation in singing, "Amazing Grace".

Jack Cook lead in prayer.

Adam Isch read Matthew 28:18-20.

The letters were read and the messengers were seated.

Election of Officers

The following officers were elected:

Moderator: Jeremy Franklin

Vice Moderator: Jack Cook

Clerk/Treasurer: Timothy Fish

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer: Ken Strong

WMA Representative: Jo Strong

Annual Message: Heith Mitchell

Alternate Speaker: Dan Oliver

Annual Message

Jeremy Franklin, brought the annual message. He used Revelation 3:1-6 as his text.

Reports from the BMA of Texas

Jerry Burnaman, gave a report concerning all of the departments of the BMA of Texas.

Heith Mitcher, gave a report concerning the BMA of Texas Missions Department.

Mike Smith, Jacksonville College President, gave a report concerning the school.

Obituary Report

James Schoenrock gave the obituary report and led in prayer.

Financial Report

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

Other Items of Business

Motion carried to support John Harris at \$300 per month.

Motion carried to continue giving \$500 each to the seminary and college.

Motion carried to print 50 minute books.

Motion carried to pay the Clerk/Treasurer \$350

Motion carried to accept the invitation to South Park Baptist Church in Fort Worth for the next annual meeting.

Closing

Jack Cook reported that Wyatt Drive Baptist Church has changed its name to Living Waters Baptist Church.

Jack Cook sang.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Dismissal in prayer.

A meal was served after the meeting.

Reports

Funds Received and Messengers at Annual Meeting

Church	Messengers	Funds Received
Calvary	4	100.00
Centro de Vida	—	—
Living Waters	1	100.00
Lonesome Dove	—	—
New Beginnings	—	—
Northridge	1	25.00
Oasis	5	50.00
Sheppard Drive	5	100.00
South Park	3	100.00
Total	15	250.00

Obituary Report

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

Calvary	Lucille Franks
Living Waters	Lucy Cook
Sheppard Drive	Don Woodard
South Park	Wayne Smudricks
	Edna Mitchell
	Paula Moore
	J. W. Teague
	Jo Ann Smudricks

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.—Psalm 90:12

Financial Report

September 17, 2016

Mission Fund Brought Forward	6,678.30
General Fund Brought Forward.....	5,256.01
Balance Brought Forward in Checking Account	11,934.31

Income:

Interest in Checking Account:	0.00
Regular Offerings from Churches:	
Calvary.....	786.00
Oasis.....	287.08
Lonesome Dove.....	800.00
New Beginnings.....	50.00
Sheppard Drive.....	309.16
South Park.....	1,720.00
Total Regular Offerings from Churches	3,952.24
Income from Other Sources.....	0.00
Total Monies Received from All Sources.....	3,952.24
Grand Total All Working Funds.....	15,886.55

Expenses:

BMAA Theological Seminary	500.00
Jacksonville College.....	500.00
Filomeno Kakilala.....	3,600.00
Minute Books	151.82
Clerk Hire	350.00
Other	12.56
Total Monies Expended.....	5,114.38
Balance Carried Forward (Check Book Balance).....	10,772.17

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A GREAT YEAR FOR BMA OF TEXAS MISSIONS

It has been a great year in your BMA of Texas Missions Movement. You have been faithful in your prayers and financial support of your missionaries and to the support staff that takes care of them. God is blessing your faithfulness and exceeding our expectations like only He can do. We thank you so much and we thank Him.

Your mission movement to reach Hispanics in Texas continues to expand and bear fruit rapidly!

ARNULFO MALDONADOYOUR

TEXAS HISPANIC MISSIONS COORDINATOR

Arnulfo Maldonado is doing a great job leading this effort. There are currently 9 new missions underway, a Hispanic training institute in place, and a large number of prospective missionaries being equipped. Arnulfo is burdened to pour into four regional coordinators who can help share the load and expand the work. He would love to assist your church in reaching Hispanic people with the gospel in your community.

You have three Texas missionaries who will be coming off of mission support this year!

COMMUNITY LIFE MISSIONLEWISVILLE (GEORGE MARTINEZ)

This Mission has been under support since July of 2009. They have been working all this year towards the goal of self-support by December. They are both evangelistic and discipleship focused and have a bright future ahead. They currently meeting in the former Fox Avenue Building in Lewisville.

JOURNEY COMMUNITY MISSION ALLEN (CECIL LINKE)

This Mission has been under support since January of 2008. They also have worked all this year towards the goal of self-sustainability by December. They have already assumed much of their own support and are doing very well. They currently meet for worship at Green Elementary School in Allen.

THE REFUGE MISSIONTERRELL (DARREN LEMONS)

This mission has been under Mission Support with the BMA of Tex-

as since January of 2013 and with the BMA of America for five years. They are preparing to come off of support in December. They are in their own leased space and doing very well. They are impacting their community by making disciples.

We celebrate and pray for all 3 of these new churches!

You have four missionaries who are continuing to receive support this year!

LIFE CHANGE MISSION-LINDALE (RICK SYDNOR)

This mission has been under support since January of 2015. They have been through some hardship with a first year location change and most recently, the loss of their lead missionary, Dewey Davidson. Rick Sydnor, who has been with the mission from the beginning, is leading the mission and is off to a good start. They have seen many salvations and are meeting regularly.

RESONATE COMMUNITY MISSIONHUTTO (WILL HUTCHINSON)

This Mission has been under support since March of 2014. They launched public worship services back in February and have good small groups under way. They are having real impact on their community. Pray for their discipleship efforts and their search for a worship associate.

THE BRIDGE MISSIONMIDLOTHIAN (MATTHEW PRATHER)

This mission started receiving dual State and National support in July. (Matthew previously served in Celina.) It has been a season of transition for Matthew and the Bridge. They had some attacks and challenges in Celina, last of which was losing the opportunity to meet in the school district there. They are off to a great start in Midlothian and are working towards a January launch.

THE CHURCH AT VALLEY RANCH MISSION NEW CANEY (GARY SOUTHARD)

This mission has been under support since January of 2013. They have a good core of disciple workers and leaders. They are planning a public launch campaign in October. They recently lost their worship associate. Pray that God will send someone to fill this gap. They meet at Valley Ranch Elementary.

You have a new missionary that we can't wait to introduce to you at the State Meeting!

REDEEMER'S LOVE MISSION HOUSTON (BRANDON DURHAM)

This mission came under support in June of this year. They have strong outreach underway and are seeing salvations. They are meeting for weekly worship and training. They have started small group minis-

tries for men and ladies. This group is focused on first generation internationals and their community is full of internationals from all over the world.

You have a missionary in training who is interning in the Lake Jackson area!

Cliff Robertson is our first BMA of Texas intern preparing to be your Missionary in the Lake Jackson Area. His heart is to make disciples among the blue collar refinery workers who populate that area. We are exposing him to healthy churches and missions, providing him with training, and helping him to refine his vision for this new work.

You have two new potential missionaries working through assessment now!

Your mission staff has tried hard to be good stewards of the resources that you have provided us. We have trimmed over \$50,000.00 from our office expenses while aggressively seeking to expand church planting and planting success. We strive to provide support and accountability. We strive to see our vision a reality.

BMA OF TEXAS MISSIONS IS

"Your church's mission movement in Texas"

Our Vision: Equipping missionaries who follow Christ in building missional churches with the support and intimate involvement of local BMA churches.

Our Goal: 16 new Texas missions underway at a time and a Hispanic work alongside every BMA church that is willing.

Our Prayer: Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. Matthew 9:37-38

Thank you for your partnership, prayers, and giving!

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ASSETS OF THE BMLA CONTINUE TO GROW

Presently Baptist Missionary Loan Association assets total about \$11.6 million, an increase of \$500,000 in the past year. There are 252 investors with the BMLA: including individuals, churches, local associations and auxiliaries. We appreciate you , and give a big thanks for your faithful support.

Presently we provide loans for 24 projects and have money available to assist more churches with funds to help with their growing ministries. If your church plans to build or buy property, it would be a joy to talk with you about a loan.

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 ways to support the Loan 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 Investment Certificates. 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 plant churches and provide funds for growing churches.

Historical

Church	Pastors Salary	Local Missions	State Missions	Interstate & Foreign Missions	Jacksonville College	Texas Baptist Home
Calvary	26,208	686	2,400	2,836	1,617	1,371
Living Waters	20,222	0	0	0	45	45
South Park	85,377	1,720	3,432	18,968	6,170	1,948
Total	131,807	2,406	5,832	21,804	7,832	3,364

Church	Additions				Losses			
	Baptism	Letter	Statement	Total	Letter	Death	Exclusion	Total
Calvary	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3
Living Waters	10	6	4	20	0	1	0	1
Sheppard Drive	3	2	0	5	0	0	0	0
South Park	3	14	0	17	13	5	0	18
Total	16	22	4	42	15	7	0	22

al Tables

Baptist Progress	BMATS	DiscipleGuide	Lifeword	MRS	Moral Action	Other	Total Associational Expenses
624	1,371	732	1,090	230	535	455	13,947
45	0	0	45	0	0	0	180
104	3,550	300	5,550	180	530	23,682	66,134
773	4,921	1,032	6,685	410	1,065	24,137	80,261

Current Membership	Sunday School		WMA		Brotherhood		Youth Programs	
	Enrollment	Average	Enrollment	Average	Enrollment	Average	Enrollment	Average
306	24	20	5	4	12	10	2	2
200	35	35	0	0	0	0	15	15
—	50	45	—	—	—	—	—	—
1065	243	147	30	15	30	15	88	51
1,571	352	247	35	19	42	25	105	68

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GROWING PAINS

When I was a lad of six, my legs would hurt. My mother's response as she rubbed them, "Those are growing pains."

I thought to myself, "It sure hurts to grow."

I have found it hurts to grow in all areas of life. Be it physically, institutionally, numerically in church growth, or spiritually, there usually are growing pains.

The Bible has numerous verses on pain and suffering associated with growth.

According to Acts 6, when the early church was growing—conflict arose.

Romans 8 records that Paul, who suffered immensely, said, "I consider the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared to the glory which shall be revealed."

James 1 says, "Count it all joy when you fall into trials ... "

GROWING

Jacksonville College is growing, praise the Lord. Look at the facts in the following areas:

Enrollment:

Year Fall Semester

2010	402
2011	458
2012	560
2013	526
2014	560
2015	628

EVANGELISM

In the past, a large number of students at Jacksonville College were from BMA churches and Christian homes, but not so today. Many come from unchurched backgrounds. We had nineteen countries of the world represented on our campus this past semester. Jacksonville College is a mission field. This past year we had over 100 salvation decisions. We held weekly Bible studies and discipleship training, and we had a group of students who went on a mission trip to Costa Rica.

EXPANSION

We have added new courses in agriculture, art, criminal justice, and education. We have added new staff. Janice Caldwell, wife of Pastor Robbie Caldwell of New Harmony Baptist church, is a JC speech and education instructor. Roy Stephens, former BMA and SBC pastor, is the new JC golf coach and agriculture and psychology instructor. George Cumby, All American linebacker at Oklahoma, and All-Pro with Green Bay Packers, is a JC recruiter.

PAINS

We praise the Lord for all growth in all areas, but with growth, comes pain. We need more student housing, as well as classrooms and staff to keep pace with student growth. We need new facilities. Many of our buildings are over 50 years old, and plumbing and roof leaks are constant problems. All these needs require money.

DEBT FREE IN THREE

Jacksonville College is experiencing growing pains, but I would rather have growing pains than dying pains. The College has had to borrow against itself to make necessary repairs. We need to be debt free, and I know this is possible.

We are thankful for every church, association, and individual who supports Jacksonville College. Please continue. Jacksonville College is growing and lives are being changed every day as a result. Keep giving your present amount plus a little extra to help accomplish our goal. Over the next three years, if each of you would give one-third more than you are presently giving, we could be "Debt Free in Three."

God is blessing Jacksonville College, and our students have the amazing opportunity to attend a Christ-centered college that is committed to academic excellence. Please continue to pray for us as we continue to grow.

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A BITTER-SWEET YEAR FOR TEXAS BAPTIST HOME FOR CHILDREN

It is the goal of each public speaker to say something that will have a lasting impact on the listener. Over forty years ago, Rev. C.O. Strong preached at Temple Baptist Church in Marshall, Texas. The basis of his message was a passage in Exodus that relates a time in which Israel was in the wilderness, the people journeyed three days without finding water. They came to Marah, but they could not drink the water because it was bitter- "Marah" means bitter or bitterness. The people grumbled to Moses, "What are we going to drink?" So he cried to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree. When he threw it into the water, the water became drinkable. Bro. Strong pointed out that in the Christian life we often have to take the bitter with the sweet. We also know that on occasion God will give us test to see if we really believe what we say. Statements such as, "If you can explain everything that is happening in your Christian life, God is not doing it."

In the last year our ministry has gone through a time of learning to take the bitter with the sweet. The first four months were times of rejoicing as we were impacting the lives of more children than any time in our history. November is recognized as National Adoption Month and we received a foretaste of what would prove to be the year that records would be set through our adoption ministry. Couples and individuals were responding well to accept the challenge to serve as foster or adoptive parents. Churches responded well to the Back-to-School and Christmas appeals. The response to the Change for Children Campaign proved to be another productive year.

On Dec. 17, 2015 a federal judge in Corpus Christi handed down a ruling that would change residential childcare, as we had known it, for many years. The ruling was to call for the closing of all residential group homes. Group homes are homes that provide for more than six children. All six of the campus homes would fall under this regulation. Five of the cottages are equipped to house eight children and one has room for 12. Many of the community homes that contract with the Baptist Home were group homes. Children who were placed in residential care before the December date were allowed to remain in the placement; those who came after that date were moved, some to shelters. In the

final eight months of the year the number of children under the care of this ministry went down from 160 to 112. While this was going on 25 to 30 children are sleeping in CPS offices or where ever space can be found. This affects almost everything concerning our ministry. That is the bitter.

As was mentioned earlier, this was a wonderful year for the Adoption Department as 46 children found a permanent home through adoption . One of the goals of Texas Baptist Home for Children is to see children come to Christ. This year 22 made that all important decision. The Lord has blessed this ministry with the finest staff to be found anywhere. There is a true team spirit. We are blessed to have a great group of loving and nurturing foster families and families who have opened their hearts and homes to make room for a child who desperately needs a home. Our Heavenly Father has answered the prayers of childless couples by placing a baby in their arms.

Many residential child-care agencies have not been able to survive through this crisis. One of the reasons is that they do not have the faithful support of the Southern Baptist of Texas Convention and the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas. Due to your partnership, Texas Baptist Home for Children continues to carry out the mission that the Lord has called it to do, caring for boys and girls who are displaced from their homes and families, and pointing them to Christ and a better future. That is the sweet!

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CHANGES COMING FOR BAPTIST PROGRESS PUBLISHING SCHEDULE CHANGE AND BUDGET CUTS

The newspaper industry has seen a lot of changes over the past 15 or so years with the advent of the Internet. The way people communicate has changed drastically with advances in technology-email, texts, websites and more. Newspapers across America have experienced large decreases in their amount of subscriptions, reduced the number of times they publish and some have even closed.

To add to the new way of communicating, paper and postage costs have continued to increase. With the changes in communication and the cost of paper and postage, adjustments have to be made. The old adage is true, "Money doesn't grow on trees."

For the past few years, Baptist Progress has continued with its current publishing scheduling due to funds received by churches that have closed, as well as funds received from the closure of the Baptist Book Center. Such extra income cannot and hopefully will not be depended upon in coming years. We would much rather see our churches thrive than to benefit from the closure of even one.

Therefore, because it is necessary to scale back our budget, Baptist Progress trustees will recommend that Baptist Progress cease printing two 12 page issues per month and begin , printing one quality 16-page paper per month. Of course, those who subscribe by email will still receive news alerts, the Ministry Connection newsletter, e-News Updates and more news.

If you wish to receive up-to-date news, almost as it happens, your best option is to become an email subscriber. Email subscriptions deliver the paper digitally, as it appears in print.

Pastors are urged to lead their church plan subscribers to switch from print to email subscriptions now. Again, current print subscribers may also try the email version of Baptist Progress for free before switching to an email subscription.

Other changes will be made to our budget in order to save money in the 2016-2017 associational year. If approved, changes will become effective following the BMA of Texas Annual Session in November.

MINISTRY CONNECTION WORKSHOPS

Thank you to those who have attended our Ministry Connection Workshops in 2016. Thanks also to our presenters, Dr. Mike Smith, Dr. Blanton Feaster, Bro. Jerry Burnaman, Bro. Alan Rogers and Bro. Brandon Cox. Workshops on media, design and communication; overcoming hurts, habits and hang-ups; generations; small groups; handling conflict; and mobilizing people for ministry were well attended. More workshops are being planned for 2017.

MINISTRY CONNECTION CONFERENCE

Baptist Progress and the Ellis-Hill Baptist Association are partnering to bring you the first ever Ministry Connection Conference. The conference will be held on the first day of the 116th Annual Session of the BMA of Texas, Nov. 14, 2016. Speakers will include Pastor Jerry Jolly, Pastor Jonathan Falwell and Dr. John Bisagno. National recording group, Brian Free & Assurance, will present a concert.

During the conference, a ministry question and answer time will take place with the scheduled speakers and others.

Please make plans to attend.

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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