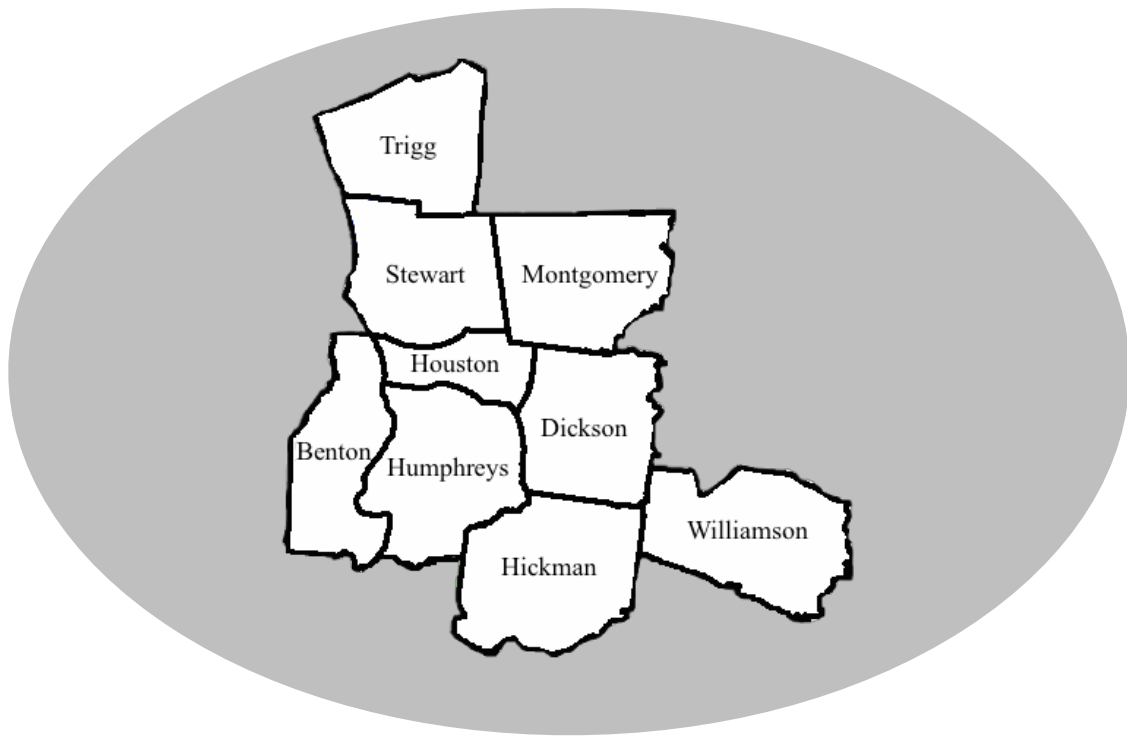


Minute Book

2018



169th Annual Session of the Judson Baptist Association

“For we are laborers together with God...”

-1 Corinthians 3:9

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**THE 169th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Burns Baptist Church on OCTOBER 13, 2018 at 8:30 am**

Welcome, Devotion, & Prayer	Bro. Aaron Terlecki, Host Pastor
Roll Call & Seating of Messengers	Sis. Sherri Mangrum
Adoption of Program	Bro. Aaron Terlecki, Moderator
TBC Representative	Bro. Mark Miller
Other State Departments Reports	
Departmental & Committee Reports	
- Treasurer / Budget Report	Printed
- Annual Meeting Committee Report	Sis. Mary Donegan, Chairman
- Nominating Report	Bro. Pete Sullivan, Chairman
- Link-Up Report	Printed
Missions Report	Bro. Joe Shannon, DOM
Old Business	Bro. Aaron Terlecki, Moderator
New Business	Bro. Aaron Terlecki, Moderator
- New Beginnings Baptist Church petition to join Judson Baptist Assoc.	
- Merge of Judson, Stewart, & Truett Baptist Associations	
Congregational Hymn	Bro. David Davidson
Offering (In Honor of Sis. Barbara Ellis)	WMU Endowment
Memorial for Deceased	
Congregational Hymn	Bro. David Davidson
Annual Sermon	Bro. Andy Plank
Invitational Hymn	Bro. David Davidson
Blessing for Noon Meal & Benediction	Bro. David Davidson

Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes

Report to Tennessee Baptist Associations

2018

By: Mark Anderson, President/Treasurer

Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes continues to provide a Christian residential ministry for senior adults and for exceptional adults. This ministry is provided in senior adult living communities and in residential group homes in several locations within our great state. The most notable change to the ministry of TBAH during this past year is that we sold the Baptist Health Care Center in Lenoir City. The sweeping changes in the delivery of nursing home care over the past two decades gave rise to the need to sell the facility. Its antiquated architecture and the monumental expenditures that would be required to make it compatibility with newer codes and requirements to make it a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF).

The proceeds from the sale of the Baptist Health Care Center have been used to retire the debt that had been incurred in the beginning phases of Williams Ferry Pointe, an independent living retirement community adjacent to the health care center. We have been working closely with a developer and with the city to get building started again at Williams Ferry Pointe.

Baptist Village of Johnson City now has a new manager. After serving faithfully for over 20 years as Manager there, Sarah Farmer of Johnson City, retired and Carol Church has been named the new Manager for the location. These duplex homes are for retirees who need affordable housing and the rent is based on income. Preference is given to retired ministers and missionaries.

The Deer Lake Retirement Community in the Bellevue community of Nashville is a 135-condominium unit complex for retirees. These modest duplex homes offer home ownership in an affordable retirement community. TBAH provides a manager for the complex and employs a part-time chaplain for the spiritual care of these independent seniors.

The group home ministry for exceptional adults continues to provide a Christian home for up to 55 men and women who need assistance and supervision. These homes, located in Nashville, Lebanon, Knoxville, and Jacksboro are often a forever home for the individuals who move in. Their diminished intellectual abilities would make them too vulnerable to live alone in the community. These homes provide family. Your generous gifts to the annual Father's Day Offering keeps these homes going.

Finally, the Special Friends Camps were near capacity in attendance this summer. Funded primarily by the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions, these camps provide at least three things; 1) a week of activities for the campers with intellectual and physical disabilities, 2) a week of respite for the families of the campers who provide care day in and day out at home, and 3) two weeks of rewarding, hard work for the young people who staff the camps...not to mention the life-long friendships these young staffers make as Counselors.

Thank you for your prayers and your generous support. In short...

Thank you for "Showing What Love Is!"

The Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc.

The Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes has been ministering to children who have found themselves in hard places for 127 years! Speaking of 127, James 1:27 says, *"Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world."* It is the mission of TBCH to be obedient to this command of Scripture concerning children who need someone besides their parents to care for them.

As of this writing, TBCH has ministered to 117 different children in **Residential Care** this year. While many of these children still reside on one of our three campuses, 33 children have been successfully reunited with their families, and 2 children have been adopted and placed in a forever family! We have assisted 13 of our young adults as they transition out of our care into adulthood.

To cut our deficit spending, our residential program is now active in three locations: The Ranch @ Millington, The Brentwood Campus, and the Chattanooga Campus. Today, we have beds for 88 children in residential care with the goal over the next year to increase that number to 96. Streamlining to three campuses, while challenging, was a necessary component in our strategic plan to double the number of children we serve at any one time by 2020.

TBCH's **Foster Care** Program has served 108 children and has had 32 sets of Christian parents commit to be Foster Families. Several of these children are in "Foster to Adopt" situations that we are praying will result in more children having permanent homes. Already this year we have had 7 children adopted and placed in a forever family! We are also pleased to announce that our no-cost contract with the State of TN's Department of Children's Services has been renewed for another five years. We are excited about the expansion of our George Shinn Foster Care Program and the continued ability to place children who are in state custody with Christian parents.

TBCH is also excited about the launch of our new ministry called **Family Care** as of June 1, 2018. Kelly Campbell is taking the lead in networking with our churches and other organizations in an effort to support and enable churches, biological families, foster families and adoptive parents to be successful in the task that God has called them to concerning children.

Join us in praising the Lord for the 9 children in our care who have been born again while on our campuses or in one of our foster homes! Through the faithful service of our staff, our foster families, the local church, and by God's grace an eternal impact is being made on the lives of the children who come into the care of TBCH.

Total Impact: The Lord has allowed TBCH the honor of ministering the love of Jesus Christ to a total of 2,418 souls from November 1, 2017 through July 26, 2018. This number reflects the specific individuals that have been affected by the ministry of TBCH including residents and their families, other families we have ministered to through counseling as well as our foster children and their families.

This great work would not be possible without the faithful support of Tennessee Baptists. Thank you for supporting the Cooperative Program and the Mother's Day Offering that directly blesses the children in our care.

Greg McCoy
President/Treasurer

Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union

2018 Annual Report

The WMU emphasis for 2017-18 was "By All Means" based on 1 Cor. 9:22b-23 focused us on challenging Christ followers to follow His example as we step into the world around us, cultivating relationships and creating opportunities to demonstrate the love of Christ.

Highlights from the past year include:

- The 2017-18 State Acteens Advisory Panelists were Maegan Adkins, Truett Association; Grace Clouse, Caney Fork Baptist Church, Cookeville; Amanda Huggins, Unaka Avenue Baptist Church, Johnson City; SandiGlen Jones, First Baptist Church Sevierville; and Mia Selvidge, Cedar Fork Baptist Church, Sweetwater.
- The theme for the 2017-18 Tennessee Missions Emphasis was "At All Costs Obey." The suggested dates for the Week of Prayer for State Missions was September 10-17 and the goal for the 2017-18 Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions was \$1,925,000. As of July 26, 2018, the total amount given to the 2017-18 Golden Offering is \$1,733,260.46. The offering year goes from September 1 – August 31.
- October is always a busy time for children's missions events.
 - Over the three weekends of JAM, there were 443 participants, from 50 churches.
 - At RA Camp-O-Ree, there were 445 campers and adult leaders
- In December, Tennessee WMU mailed, on behalf of Tennessee Baptists:
 - Checks for \$150 to 22 missionary kids whose parents serve with IMB
 - Checks for \$50 to 81 retired IMB missionaries, who are from Tennessee.
 - These gifts are made possible through an allocation from the Golden Offering
- Missions Get-Together & Connection were held on March 16-18, 2018 at the Gatlinburg Convention Center with a total attendance of 1,495. The annual offering totaled \$9,475.33 with 90% designated to Tennessee WMU missions efforts in Denver/Front Range; 10% benefited Tennessee WMU Touch Tomorrow Today Endowment at the WMU Foundation. Through the event ministry project, participants brought 521 backpacks filled with school supplies to benefit City Reach: Nashville
- Martha Pitts from Germantown Baptist Church was elected to her third term as President, during the Tennessee WMU Annual Meeting on March 17, 2018 at the Gatlinburg Convention Center. Other officers elected for 2018-19 include Recording Secretary, Charlyene Couey, Nashville; and three Vice Presidents, i.e. West: Jeanette West, Memphis; Middle, Colleen Richardson, Livingston; and East, Janice Lewelling, Dunlap.
- In March 2018, \$38,400 in scholarships were awarded to 33 students attending graduate school, seminary, as well as, undergraduate schools in Tennessee during the 2018-19 school year. These scholarships are funded through endowments, invested funds and the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions.
- Tennessee WMU sent three Prayer Walking Mission Teams to Denver in 2018 with a total 16 participants.
- Currently we have 20 Christian Women's Job Corps and eight Christian Men's Job Corps sites in Tennessee. This Christian based program, seeks to help men and women in breaking the cycle of poverty through job and life skills classes, Bible study, and mentoring. In 2017, Tennessee sites served 1,639 participants with 741 completing the program. We recorded 210 spiritual decisions, which included 40 professions of faith.
- In July 2018, four new Literacy Missions volunteers participated in the National Literacy Missions Workshop in Shocco Springs, Alabama. Tennessee Literacy Missions now has five English as a Second Language (ESL) workshop trainers (two in East, two in Middle and one in West), one Adult Reading and Writing workshop trainer and one Tutoring Children and Youth workshop trainer. Together these ministries can bring Tennesseans to Christ, through Literacy Missions.

Currently, Tennessee WMU staff includes Vickie Anderson, Executive Director-Treasurer; Denise Bronaugh, Adult Missions and Ministries Specialist; Juliana Wilson, Communications & Children Missions Specialist; Beth Moore, Student & Literacy Missions Specialist; Vickie Clemons, Administrative Assistant; *vacant*, Ministry Assistant; Brian Holt, RA/Challenger State Coordinator, and Janice Carter, CWJC/CMJC State Coordinator.

Working together to encourage and equip churches, and individuals, to engage in missions learning and involvement that helps them to fulfill the Great Commission.

Martha Pitts, President

Vickie Anderson, Executive Director-Treasurer



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Serving Tennessee Baptists Since 1938
2017 Annual Report

Since 1938 the Tennessee Baptist Foundation has been of service to Tennessee Baptists and Kingdom causes around the world. The assets under management of the Foundation have grown from \$6,577 to \$148 million during that time. God continues to bless this ministry and we are pleased to make our report to the convention as to highlights for the fiscal year 2017-18 thus far. The Foundation is pleased to offer the following services to Tennessee Baptists:

1. Presenting informational Faith-based estate planning seminars for churches
2. Working with individuals, helping them develop distinctively Christian personal estate plans
3. Consulting with individuals on the preparation of their Wills and Powers of Attorney
4. Assisting individuals in their establishment of various Charitable Trusts
5. Serving as Trustee of trusts and funds committed to its care
6. Providing investment services to Tennessee Baptist churches and institutions
7. Serving as executor of estates, upon request, in which a Baptist cause(s) is a beneficiary
8. Offering loans to Tennessee Baptist churches/associations
9. Providing grants for qualifying new ministries and projects

Highlights of the Foundation's stewardship thus far for this fiscal year include:

- Funds under management: Over 1,100
- Assets under management: \$147,871,759 (as of June 30, 2018)
- New funds under fund management agreements: \$1,035,000 (8 new funds)
- Educational grants and scholarships: 226 - totaling \$240,500 for 2018-2019 academic year (Over \$5.4 million since 1987)
- Special Project Grants: \$69,980 distributed to assist 24 ministry projects
- Cooperative Program: \$326,282 as of June 30, 2018. Project to give over \$500,000 by year end.
- Other Baptist and charitable causes: \$2,021,972 as of June 30, 2018. Project to give over \$3 million by year end.

The Tennessee Baptist Foundation is committed to helping Tennessee Baptists make *today's plans for tomorrow's impact*.

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Baptist Memorial Health Care System
Memphis, Tennessee
Jason Little, President and CEO

Baptist Memorial Health Care began as a 150-bed hospital in downtown Memphis in 1912. It was formed by the Southern Baptist Conventions of Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas because they recognized a tremendous need for a health care facility in this part of the country. The hospital's early days were rough – at one point, it almost closed – but eventually it grew to become the largest private hospital in the world. The hospital played a very important role in the history of health care in the 20th century, celebrating many firsts along the way.

The Baptist Memorial Health Care system was created in 1981 to provide an integrated health care delivery system offering a full continuum of care to communities throughout the Mid-South. Today, a total of 21 hospitals in Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi; an 800-member physician group; and dozens of other entities are affiliated with Baptist.

Baptist Memorial Health Care's staff chaplains are a part of the health care team. Patients, family members or employees can ask that a chaplain be involved in spiritual or emotional care. In our hospitals, our chaplains represent their own faith but deal with spiritual issues that transcend denominational lines.

In August 2017, Baptist's Pastoral Care Department introduced the Rev. Jimmy Terry Preaching Series: It's All About Jesus, and it has been a tremendous success. Through the series, Gospel messages have reached more than 100,000 people in person or through social media.

The series is named in memory of a beloved member of Baptist's Board of Trustees and the founder and former pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Clarksville, Tennessee. Each month, a speaker – usually an ordained Baptist minister – delivers an evangelical message to employees, physicians, patients and visitors at Baptist's flagship hospital. The message is also broadcast to all 21 of Baptist's hospitals in Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas, and it is promoted on Baptist's Facebook page.

The pastoral care team has placed "prayer crosses" in 13 Baptist Memorial Hospital lobbies, including in several of its Tennessee hospitals. Patients, visitors, employees and physicians can write prayer requests on colored strips of paper and submit them through slits in the cross. A chaplain then takes the prayer requests and prays over them.

Baptist Carroll County (formerly known as Baptist Huntingdon) and Baptist Tipton won QUEST 2020™ performance awards from Premier, a health care improvement company that unites 3,900 U.S. hospitals to improve the health of communities. Baptist Tipton won the Top Performance Threshold award for performing better than any other hospital in its peer group in four key areas, and Baptist Carroll County was named a Top Performance Threshold Award finalist for having the second highest performance scores in its peer groups.

We expanded our Acute TeleNeurology program to four Tennessee hospitals – Baptist Union City, Baptist Tipton, Baptist Collierville and Baptist Women's Hospital – giving these facilities the power to save even more lives. Through Acute TeleNeurology, an out-of-town neurologist can evaluate patients who may have suffered a stroke, seizure, severe headache, aneurysm or other neurological condition and help the onsite physician deliver treatment.

Baptist & Reflector

Striving for excellence has been a key phrase for the *Baptist and Reflector* in 2018. The paper was named by the Baptist Communicators Association as the second best state paper in the Southern Baptist Convention in terms of content and design. In addition, members of the Communications Team (which includes the *B&R*) of the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board captured several individual awards for material produced related to the paper.

The *B&R* is mailed to nearly 21,000 homes 26 weeks a year, reaching a potential readership of about 52,500 readers.

In addition, the *B&R* website has grown since it was introduced in late 2015. We have had more than 116,000 user engagements since January with 66,212 visitors and 196,553 page views.

The goal of the paper is to “tell the story of Tennessee Baptists” through news, feature stories and photographs. As in the past, the paper this year placed a major emphasis on what Tennessee Baptists are doing to reach the world for Christ by focusing on stories related to missions and evangelism. This year the paper has focused on timely topics such as domestic violence that impact Tennessee Baptists and our churches.

The *Baptist and Reflector* continued to utilize social media tools in 2018 such as Twitter. Editor Lonnie Wilkey regularly writes a blog that provides information for Tennessee Baptists between print issues. The paper also has a Facebook page that has been more prominent with the addition of David Dawson to the Communications Team.

The staff monitors trends that could affect Tennessee Baptists and prints those stories to keep readers informed. In addition, opinions, both from the editor and others, are printed and are intended to make readers think, reflect, and act.

The paper continually seeks to enlist new subscribers and will be offering a simplified subscription plan in the near future. We need more churches to send the paper to their leadership such as deacons, Sunday School teachers, etc. We are asking every reader of the *B&R* for the next year to consider sending one subscription to someone they know. If just a small percentage of our readers would do this, our print circulation would significantly increase. For more information about subscription plans, call the *Baptist & Reflector* office at 1-800-558-2090 or (615) 371-2003.

Lonnie Wilkey, Editor

IMB 2018 Report: What God is doing Through the International Mission Board
DAVID PLATT | JULY 16 2018

The IMB is a coalition of more than forty-seven thousand churches working together to support thousands of anonymous missionaries whose names and locations can't be shared in public because they are spreading the gospel at significant risk to their lives. Churches and the missionaries they send are the IMB, and I want to report to you on what they are doing.

I can't go into what *every* missionary is doing, but I do want to share a selection of their stories.

- Muslims are hearing the gospel for the first time in one of the largest slums in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Thousands of refugees from Iran and Afghanistan are coming to know Christ in Europe.
- One church in a European city started four new churches in the past year. To give you a picture of the nations in those churches, six people were recently baptized—two were European, one was Chinese, and the other three were Iranian.
- A Yezidi refugee who was fleeing ISIS came to Christ and got baptized.
- Last month, after years of work, missionaries planted a church in a country that's almost 100 percent Muslim.
- In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, we trained 160 national pastors and missionaries to reach thirty-two peoples who have no Bible in their language.
- In one village in South Asia, our personnel trained forty pastors and church leaders to reach migrant peoples in the villages around them.
- God is raising up biblically grounded leaders for the church in East Asia through theological education that is now being conducted entirely in their local language.
- We are training leaders at seminaries in the Americas, Europe, East Asia, Southeast Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.
- After years of trying to get access to a particular unreached people, we finally have access. They will finally hear the gospel!
- We shared the gospel with a dying man who was a lifelong atheist. He trusted Christ one day, was baptized the next, and died the following day. This brother is now with Jesus!
- Refugees are coming to Christ, become disciple makers, and returning to their war-torn homelands to rebuild their communities on the gospel.
- An East Asian couple we trained is now being sent out as missionaries to a Middle Eastern country.
- Last week, alongside local partners, we shared with gospel with more than 1,100 Muslims in three days.
- Even as Venezuela implodes and people die of hunger or lack basic medicines, those remaining in the country, and those emigrating to other places, are coming to Christ as they hear the message of hope in the gospel.
- We're sharing the gospel with the Deaf around the world digitally and through social media, and they're coming to faith in Christ.
- Village leaders in one unreached area are begging us to come back and teach them more of the Bible.
- In one country in Sub-Saharan Africa, we trained nearly two hundred pastors in the characteristics of a healthy, biblical church.

A Man in a Dream

In addition to those highlights, let me share a story I recently received from one of our workers. The man replied, "You don't understand. I've had several dreams over the past three nights, and in each dream, a man wearing white has told me he had the way to salvation for my family and me. Last night, that man appeared to me again and told me a man dressed in white would come to my home the next

In a Muslim country in Southeast Asia, one of our missionaries was with a national partner named Ahmad. It looked like it was about to rain, and Ahmad asked our missionary if he could borrow an old shirt to wear as he rode his motorcycle because he didn't want to get his new jacket wet. Our missionary handed him a big white T-shirt.

Later that day, Ahmad was wearing that white shirt on his way home when it started raining. As many people do, he pulled his motorcycle over under an awning. As he stood there, waiting for the rain to pass, the owners of a nearby house came out and, as is their custom, invited Ahmad in for tea. He went in, and over tea, Ahmad thought, "I might as well share the gospel."

After he shared, he asked the couple, "Do you want to believe and be baptized?" Without any hesitation, they said, "Yes!" Ahmad was taken aback at how quickly they responded, and he asked, "Do you understand what you're doing? That your family will probably shun you for this, or even worse?"

The man replied, "You don't understand. I've had several dreams over the past three nights, and in each dream, a man wearing white has told me he had the way to salvation for my family and me. Last night, that man appeared to me again and told me a man dressed in white would come to my home the next day and share the way of salvation. When we saw you standing outside, we knew we needed to invite you in and hear whatever you had to say to us."

This formerly Muslim couple are now followers of the Messiah.

If anyone asks you what's happening at the IMB, you tell them disciples are being made, churches are being multiplied, and Jesus is being glorified among people who have never even heard his name.

Judson Treasurer's Report - 2018 Annual Report

Balance Brought Forward			\$16,377.06
Receipts:	General	Designated	
FBC, Bon Aqua	\$758.82		
Burns	\$500.00		
Faith	\$521.00		
Liberty (Bldg. Fund)	\$425.35	\$225.00	
Maple Grove	\$450.00		
Missionary Ridge	\$2,500.00		
Mt. Zion	\$120.00		
New Beginnings	\$75.00		
New Hope (Bldg. Fund)	\$2,200.00	\$2,258.50	
Old New Hope	\$900.00		
Parkers Creek	\$2,275.83		
Rolling Hills	\$575.00		
Watershed	\$3,571.87		
FBC, White Bluff	\$825.00		
TN Bapt. Convention		\$9,727.14	
Interest		\$126.41	
Total Receipts	\$15,697.87	\$12,337.05	\$28,034.92
Expense:			
Link-Up Budget (TBC Support)	\$9,727.14		
Judson's Link-Up Budget		\$2,638.42	
Liability Insurance		\$1,000.00	
Assoc. Bldg Electric		\$1,216.73	
Assoc. Bldg Water & Sewer		\$271.81	
Assoc. Bldg. Misc. (AC Repair)	\$1,122.00		
Benevolence		\$3,000.00	
Yard Work		\$900.00	
Total Expenses	\$10,849.14	\$9,026.96	\$19,876.10
Balance on Hand			
Building Fund		\$4,280.17	
WMU Fund		\$294.06	
VBS Fund Balance		\$222.23	
Disaster Relief Fund		\$1,647.62	
Crusade Fund		\$300.00	
Mission Fund		\$2,500.00	
Actual Balance / General Fund		\$9,244.08	\$16,334.25

Judson Baptist Association

9841 Highway 46
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Proposed Monthly Budget
2018-2019

Judson Link-Up	\$1,700.00
Total	\$1,700.00

Note: The Tennessee Baptist Convention sends \$938.42 per month for staff link-up salaries. We propose that the interest on the checking account go into the building fund.

Annual Meeting Committee Report

170th Annual Meeting

Judson Baptist Associational Office

Oct. 12, 2019

Devotion: Bro. Bud Sherrill

Annual Sermon: Bro. Andy Plank

Annual Sermon Alternate: Bro. Aaron Terlecki

171st Annual Meeting

Watershed Baptist Church, Cumberland Furnace, TN

Oct. 17, 2020

Devotion: Bro. Kevin Miner

Annual Sermon: Bro. Aaron Terlecki

Annual Sermon Alternate: Bro. David Davidson

Annual Meeting Committee

This committee shall consist of at least four (4) members, and have the following responsibilities:

- a. To propose an order of business for the Annual Meeting;**
- b. To propose place, dates and speakers for the Annual Meeting at least two years in advance;**
- c. To publicize the complete order of business for the Annual Meetings to the churches in the Association at least (30) days in advance;**
- d. In cooperation with the Moderator and other program personnel, to arrange for all facilities needed for the Annual Meetings;**
- e. To receive invitations from churches and suggestions for program emphasis and personnel for future sessions.**

Judson's Summary of Executive Minutes

January

Aaron Terlecki asked everyone to review the Link Up Budget for the next year. Bro. Joe advised that this is usually voted on at the Annual Meeting but that does not give each individual association time to determine what they were going to give during the year. That's why we are reviewing this now to make a decision. He asked if there were any questions before we make a motion. He also asked if anyone wanted to make the motion to accept this proposal. Bro. Kevin Miner made the motion to accept it. Bro. Tony Holloway seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Brother Aaron advised that Vice-Moderator, Bro. Wilson Spencer was going to come and make a motion. Bro. Wilson came forward and advised that it has been discussed to do away with the Associational Council Meetings before the Executive Board Meetings. Bro. Joe felt that everything could be sent by email. Bro. Wilson made the motion to move forward with doing away with the Associational Council Meetings. Everyone was in agreement. Motion carried.

Brother Aaron then advised that Bro. Andy Plank and his wife have been having a lot of medical difficulties. He said that Bro. Andy has used all of his vacation time at his job. He mentioned that he wanted to see about trying to assist them with their financial situation. Moderator, Bro. Aaron Terlecki told us about his family that was benefited by the local pub to assist them when his family had a similar situation. He felt that the association needed to help them in any way they could. Bro. Joe advised that they wanted to do something especially from the Association to assist the immediate need they have. He mentioned that they wanted to see if the Association could provide him a month's wages. Bro. Kevin Miner made the motion to give a monetary gift of at least \$3,000 to Andy and Anne Plank. Bro. Andrew Allen seconded the motion. It was noted that his wife needs a bone marrow transplant. They mentioned it would be good if each church could assist them in any way. Bro. Joe and Bro. Aaron advised that any funds sent for them could be sent to the Association and marked for them specifically. Motion carried.

April

Bro. Joe advised that before he gets his report, he wanted to introduce the new Associational Clerk for the Association. He introduced Ashlinn Turnbow. He said she is learning a lot to do for the Association. She will be working in the Associational Office two days a week shortly. He wanted to make sure that he introduced her to everyone. The Association gets 15% of the orders for VBS back to the Association. They will be using these proceeds to assist in the Ecuador project.

Bro. Aaron asked if there was any old business. None was given at this time.

Bro. Wilson was asked to come to discuss something that has been brought by the Link Up Committee. He read a notice that was printed discussing the decision that merge the three Associations into one association. Bro. Wilson read the notice to everyone and advised the different discussions have been held to see if this would work. Bro. Mark asked Bro. Joe his thoughts on this situation. He said that after reviewing everything, he feels like it is a good idea due to the benefits of the merge. The discussion was on what the Associational building would be used for. Bro. Joe advised that the office

would still be used for the Associational purposes. Ms. Ashlinn would still be using the office mostly. Bro. Joe would still be the Director of Missions. There were several questions that were asked before a decision was made to see if we want to let them move forward with them working on this merger. Bro. Joe went over a lot of the questions that everyone was asking. He mentioned several times that when we have joint events, we would probably have meeting in a central location for all three associations. It was also mentioned that Bro. Joe is having to go to meetings for all three associations and this would assist him. Bro. Joe said that his signature was not on this paper because he did not want to be the instigator of this decision. There were several other people in all three associations that said they wanted to look at this transition. Motion was made by Bro. Mark Proffitt and seconded by Tony Holloway to let them move further with exploring the possibility of merging the three associations. Bro. Cletus advised that if the Associational building ceases to be needed, there are legal ramifications on what would happen to the property. It was discussed about what would need to be discussed if we merged the associations. It was mentioned that we need to discuss the situation with Mrs. Dolly Tidwell. The motion was to approve the Link Up Committee to further discuss merging into one Association. Motion carried.

Bro. Dennis Jones made a statement that he has been a Baptist for most of his life. He said that if you can inform your people, they can make decisions for their church. He said that he was disappointed that this is the first time we are hearing about this change. He is requesting that in the future when we decide to make this decision, please have the documents presented to the churches at least 3 weeks in advance so that we can make an informed decision. He asked that if we could please be informed a little bit better when we have major decisions to make. Bro. Pete Sullivan seconded this recommendation. Everyone was in agreement.

Bro. Aaron came back to apologize to the group after the discussion was held that they did not want to offend anyone with the decision to move forward with possibly merging the three associations.

July

Concerning old business, Bro. Wilson called for Bro. Neal Westerman to come discuss the link up committee report about continuing the discussion of merging the three associations. They discussed some items that they needed to review prior to the annual meetings. They want to have new by-laws that are combined from all three associations to be presented at the Annual Meeting. If all the associations voted for it at the Annual Meeting, they would want the merge to take place at the beginning of the year. He also said they would have to come up with a budget for the new association as well. He said each Association would vote for their officers, but they would have a transitional team to come up with officers for the one association. They talked about how they would come up with the Moderator and officers from the three associations. They discussed the Judson Associational property and advised that he talked to Bobby Tidwell, who is a nephew of Bro. John & Sis. Dot Tidwell. From his understanding, as long as this building is still being used by the Association for the Lord, there would be no problem with the use of the property. He has been on the nominating committee for Truett Association for 30 years and it gets harder and harder to have someone to fill those positions. He has advised that they are going to have some information ready to be presented at the Annual Meeting. He wants everyone to pray for this situation and the committee to make sure they are able to do what they are supposed to do for all three Associations. We need to pray, asking and knowing that God will answer. He will give them the guidance and understanding according to HIS will. He mentioned that the 18-19 years of the Link up has worked great. He advised that we have seen it

change over the years. There are many things that still need to be discussed to see if this merger will be in the best interest for all three associations. He will make sure that everyone is aware of what's going on.

Bro. Wilson thanked Bro. Neal for coming to address the information about the merger of the three associations.

He called for any other old or unfinished business at this time. None was brought up.

In regards to new business, Bro. Wilson advised that New Beginnings Baptist Church has requested to join our Association. Bro. Cletus Tidwell advised about the stipulations regarding another church joining us. A letter was sent by them for us to review in order to join our association. It was passed around for everyone to read. Bro. Wilson said that since they have requested to join prior to the Annual Meeting, he didn't see any reason why they couldn't join. Bro. Joe advised that we would watch and check to see if they are of like faith and order prior to their acceptance. Bro. Wilson asked if there was any opposition to their joining. None was given at this time. He said we would keep a "watchcare" over them and vote on it at the Annual Meeting.

Digest of Church Letters

	Total Members	Primary Enroll.	VBS Enroll	Baptisms	Total Offering	Assoc. Giving	Mission Giving
FBC Bon Aqua	280	41	70	5	\$22,994	\$986	\$4791
Burns	225	120	50	18	\$233,253	\$600	\$25300
Faith	103	30	0	2	\$32,575	\$742	\$3818
Liberty	81	25	24	0	\$9,555	\$850	\$4115
Maple Grove	226	47	59	3	\$44,153	\$600	\$12331
Missionary	0	21	0	0	0	\$3000	\$6280
Mt. Zion	73	7	0	0	\$11,925	\$120	\$360
New Beginnings	14	25	0	0	\$10,200	\$50	\$100
New Hope	320	100	97	2	\$118,476	\$6119	\$26047
Old New Hope	267	25	31	0	\$36,194	\$1,200	\$5976
Parkers Creek	250	168	163	5	\$241,473	\$3521	\$19877
Rolling Hills	75	29	0	1	\$22,960	\$728	\$2762
Watershed	43	56	82	11	\$82,096	\$4,149	\$12395
White Bluff	80	65	55	1	\$71,899	\$900	\$2151
Total	1531	742	631	48	\$937,753	\$23,565	\$126,303

Nominating Committee Report 2018-2019

Officers:

Moderator:	Wilson Spencer
Vice Moderator:	Kevin Miner
Clerk:	_____
Treasurer:	_____

Department Heads:

Sunday School Director:	_____
Discipleship Training Director:	Allen Cochran
Evangelism Director:	_____
Youth Director:	David Davidson
Music Director & Pianist:	Jerry Harrison
Stewardship Director:	_____
WMU Director:	Barbara Ellis
Disaster Relief Director:	_____
Men's Ministry:	Eric Patterson
VBS Director:	Nathan Davis
Volunteer Mission Director:	_____

Committees:

LinkUp Advisory:	Moderator & Vice Moderator
Annual Meeting Committee:	Vice Moderator, Clerk, & Mary Donegan
Evangelism Committee:	Evangelism Director, Youth Director, & VBS Director
Budget Committee:	Vice Moderator, Treasurer, Stewardship Director
Missions Committee:	Volunteer Missions Director, WMU Director, Men's Ministry Director, & VBS Director
Nominating Committee:	Bro. Pete Sullivan & Sherri Mangrum
Building Committee:	David Lavy & James Fisher
Trustees:	Pete Sullivan (1 term left) Tony Holloway (1 term left) _____(3 yr. term)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT
LINK-UP BETWEEN
JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
STEWART COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
AND
TRUETT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

We have just completed the nineteenth full year of the LINK-UP. Everything is positive and productive. Through the joint contributions of the three Associations, we have been able to support our full-time DOM, Bro. Joe Shannon and Asst. DOM Bro. William Gray and the addition this year of our Administrative Assistant Ashlinn Turnbow. These staff are operating in accordance with the job descriptions developed and providing excellent support to the Associations and Churches. We are very fortunate to have them, so please take time to thank them for their hard work at our annual meeting.

This has been a transitional year with many challenges for the staff and Advisory Committee. With the aid of one additional member from each association approved by the Executive Boards much effort and prayerful consideration has occurred to provide the Motion to Merge all three Associations, the proposed Bylaws, and a Proposed Budget for 2019. The Committee is committed to see that this transition is seamless and all of the Association needs are met. The Budget has been restructured to meet the needs of changing responsibilities of staff. Our goal is to closely monitor and adjust during this transition period and keep the merged Association apprised of developments at the Executive Board meeting.

Please talk to the Committee Members with any questions or input you may have. Your Advisory Committee continues to evaluate ways to improve the work and organization. We covet your input as we go through the next year. It is the unanimous opinion of the Advisory Committee that together we can accomplish all of the goals of the Member Churches. It is exciting to see what God can do when we cooperate to do God's will and reach out to a Lost and Dying World. I will be happy to discuss the transition with anyone who wishes to contact me.

We appreciate and covet your prayers as we serve you. Thank you for your support. We look forward to many years of cooperative effort to impact the Kingdom of God. We are always excited to look at new avenues to cooperate together. We especially request you pray for Bro. Joe, Bro. William, and Sister Ashlinn through next year

In His Service,

Neal Westerman
Chairman, Advisory Committee

**THE ASSOCIATIONS
LINK-UP BUDGET REPORT
August-18**

	THIS YEAR'S BUDGET	THIS MONTH'S EXPENSES	EXPENSES TO DATE	BUDGET AMOUNT REMAINING
1 DOM Salary & Allowances	\$ 63,324.00	\$ 5,277.00	\$ 42,216.00	\$ 21,108.00
2 DOM expense reimb.	21,360.00	1,175.65	12,153.09	9,206.91
3 DOM Insurance	13,866.60	1,155.55	9,244.40	4,622.20
4 Assist. DOM Salary	15,000.00	350.00	10,000.00	5,000.00
5 Assist. DOM Expenses	6,000.00	484.22	3,954.95	2,045.05
6 Assist. DOM Insurance	24,080.04	2,006.76	18,060.84	6,019.20
7 Administrative Assistant	7,800.00	1,346.27	3,305.19	4,494.81
8 TBC Support Replacement	6,600.00	-	2,750.00	3,850.00
9 Office Expense	1,500.00	135.50	135.50	1,364.50
10 Liability Insurance	350.00	-	-	350.00
11 DOM Retirement	7,980.00	665.00	4,962.00	3,018.00
12 DOM Medical IRA	2,820.00	-	-	2,820.00
13 Assist. DOM Retirement	11,400.00	950.00	7,600.00	3,800.00
14 Staff Christmas Gift	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00
15 Staff Mission Expenses	2,800.00	-	2,800.00	-
16 Reimbursed Expense	-	-	918.94	(918.94)
TOTALS	\$ 187,880.64	\$ 13,545.95	\$ 118,100.91	\$ 69,779.73
RECEIPTS				
JUDSON ASSOCIATION	\$ 20,400.00	2,638.42	\$ 21,107.36	
STEWART CO. ASSOCIATION	66,840.00	5,070.00	45,630.00	
TRUETT ASSOCIATION	63,180.00	5,100.00	40,800.00	
JUDSON TBC SUPPORT	12,456.00	-	-	
STEWART TBC SUPPORT	19,785.96	2,148.83	19,339.47	
OTHER INCOME	8,000.00	48.85	6,372.07	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 190,661.96	\$ 15,006.10	\$ 133,248.90	
 BEGINNING BALANCE	 \$ 56,099.34			
 ENDING BALANCE	 \$ 57,559.49			

ASSISTANCE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT 2017-2018

Miles Travels..... 5,712
Revivals Held in The Associations.....4
Revivals attended within the associations.....10
Associational Mtgs. / Committee Mtgs. attended.....10
Associational Executive Board meetings attended.....3
Ministerial meetings attended.....10
Good Samaritans Meeting attended.....55
State and S.B.C. meetings.....5
Served as Chaplain at Campgrounds, 4 weeks
Participated in 1 Ordination services
Participated in Make A Difference Week in Stewart
Attended the Southern Baptist Convention and TBC.

I have four primary responsibilities, The Good Samaritans ministry, Land Between the Lakes campground ministries, Association Prayer meeting and advisor to the Churches.

The Good Samaritans ministry: I serve as president to coordinate volunteers and minister to people in need. Their Executive committee meet every Thursday at the Stewart association office. I receive calls almost daily from churches and individuals to help them minister to people in need.

Land Between the Lakes campground ministries: I am primarily responsible for Piney campground to schedule chaplains, keep the chaplain camper in working condition. Also, to meet with LBLAM counsel to coordinate all the ministries.

Prayer meeting: I meet every Wednesday at the Stewart association office, to lead a prayer meeting.

Advisor to Churches: Working with our DOM to give advice and direction to the churches.

William Lee Gray, Assistance DOM

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT

October 2017 - September 2018

Miles Traveled: 38,278
Messages Preached: 93
Churches Visited: 41
Ministry Meetings (Pastors, Ministers, & Church Members): 68

Associational Committee Meeting: 10
Associational Executive Board Meetings: 9
Associational Trainings, Fellowships, or Conferences: 6
Counseling Sessions: 19
Ordination Services: 2
Volunteered at Youth Camp in Stewart Assoc.
Served during Make-a-Difference Week
Taught "Simple Church" Class (6 weeks)
Taught "I Am Church Member" Class (7 weeks)
Led Youth Group in Bible Storying Evangelism (7 weeks)
Worked toward Church Revitalization Efforts in Several Churches
Assisted in New Church Start
Coordinated Spanish Class

Ecuador Mission Trips: 3
Ecuador Mission Trip Planning Meetings: 8
El Salvador Mission Meeting: 2
Mission Trips to Mascoutah: 2
Mission Presentations: 6

DOM Meetings & Gatherings: 11
TBMB Meetings: 3
NAMB Meetings: 2
Attended International Mission Board's Missions College (1 week)

Memorial

FBC, Bon Aqua

Buddy Hornburger

Sharon Rice

Frances Tidwell

Maple Grove

Joe Hafner

Horace Reynolds

New Hope

Hoyett Tidwell

Darene Decharme

Old New Hope

Kathy McBoom

Maxine Norvell

Parkers Creek

Gracie Craft

Marie Hutchinson

Shawn Totty Lankford

Calvin Smith

Lucille Stanfield

*Judson Baptist Association Annual Meeting
Burns Baptist Church
October 13, 2018*

Moderator, Bro. Aaron Terlecki opened the meeting and apologized for being a little bit late. He said it was his prayer that this day would be a blessing to you. He then opened the meeting in prayer.

He began the meeting by having a devotion from Philippians 4:4. He read the verse and mentioned that it repeats itself. He puts emphasis on the fact that the **Lord** repeats himself. He reminds us that the reason he did it because our tendency is to do the opposite or to complain. It is in our flesh to feel this way. God says that we have so much to be thankful for so we need to be a rejoicing people. He led us in repeating in unison to **REJOICE!!!** When we rejoice, God is honored by his people being thankful to Him. He wants us to memorize this verse. He led the group in repeating this verse several times. He then called the meeting to order.

He asked the clerk to call the Roll Call and seat the messengers. Sis. Sherri Mangrum called the list of churches and went over the number of messengers present.

Bro. Terlecki asked if someone wanted to make the motion to accept the program as printed. Bro. Allen Cochran made the motion and Bro. Eric Patterson seconded it. Motion carried.

A video was shown of Bro. Randy Davis who is the TBMB President and Executive Director discussing **THE SUMMIT of 2018**. He went over the different speakers and gave a special thanks to everyone that has given to the special offerings of the Tennessee Baptist Board. He advised that a record offering was given of over \$1m to assist the hurricane victims all over the US. He mentioned that a large portion has been given to the Cooperative Program this past year as well.

Bro. Mark Miller came and discussed that **THE SUMMIT** is going to be coming up very shortly. The dates are in November. He serves as the Harvest Director for Tennessee. He mentioned that if there is anything he can do to assist any church, we just need to call him. He went over the disaster relief teams that are working diligently at this time. He praised God for those teams and the ministry they are doing at this time. He gave Director of Missions, Bro. Joe Shannon, a certificate for the gifts that were given to the Cooperative Program. He mentioned that he wound up at Parkers Creek and realized that he was lost. Then Bro. Joe reached out to him to find out where he was. He said we have a message to tell that needs to be spread across the great state and the world to those that are lost. That's why we give our gifts to the Association and our churches to assist in making sure people are going to make it to Heaven.

Bro. Aaron came back to review the department reports. The first report was the Treasurer's and budget report on page 11. He then realized that we had another representative present to speak at the meeting.

Bro. Campbell from TN Baptist Children's Home came to speak about the orphans in the area. He mentioned that most of the orphans today are not there due to death, but by choices that are made by the adults in their lives. There are several reasons why these children are left vulnerable. Some reasons are drug abuse, neglect and sexual or physical abuse. The state is divided up into regions. We are part of the Northern Region. There are over 400 children in the state's custody at this time. Statewide, there are over 8500 in this part of the world. Of

that 400, over ¼ of them are in this county. Because there are so few foster homes in this area, most of these children are being placed in another area than near their own

home. TN Baptist Children's Home provides foster care for these children in Christian homes. So far this year, they have seen nine (9) children to come to Christ. Seven (7) children have actually been adopted in this program. They don't do this program **for** us, they do it **with** us. They want us to tell our churches about this program. He mentioned a book that they have that will help meet the needs of the children in this program. He thanked us for the opportunity to be here and present his message.

Bro. Aaron came back again to say thank you to Bro. Campbell for coming to speak. He apologized for overlooking him before the reports.

He returned to the Treasurer's report and advised that some of them were incorrect. He advised the changes that need to be addressed. Ashlinn advised that she will fix the report and send a copy to each of the pastors to review. Bro. Allen Cochran made the motion to accept the budget as being corrected. A second was made by Bro. David Davidson. No opposition was given. Motion carried.

Sis. Mary Donegan was asked to give the report from the Annual Meeting Committee report. Motion was made by Bro. Al Anthony to accept the report as given. Bro. Andrew Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

He called for Bro. Pete Sullivan to come and give the Nominating Committee report. Bro. Pete wanted to review each section. He read the responsibilities of each position. Motion was not needed but he asked if everyone was in favor of the Moderator and Vice Moderator. Bro. Aaron took the vote. Everyone agreed. Bro. Pete asked if anyone wanted to accept the job as the Associational Clerk. He advised that Sis. Sherri Mangrum was not able to do it any longer. He asked if there was anyone that wanted to accept the position. He asked for a round of applause for Sis. Sherri's efforts as the clerk. Someone asked the duties of the clerk. Bro. Pete read the description in the bylaws. Sis. Beth Vosbein volunteered to serve as clerk for the coming year. Bro. Aaron asked if everyone wanted to accept her offer. Sis. Mary Donegan made the motion and Bro. David Davidson seconded the motion to accept her as a volunteer. Motion carried.

Bro. Pete advised that he knew this was taking a little extra time but he wanted to get everything done correctly. He mentioned that at this time, Bro. Wilson, Bro. Joe and Bro. Aaron Terlecki actually are being responsible for the signing the Associational checks at this time. Bro. Wilson advised that the bylaws state we are required to have a specified Treasurer for the Association. Bro. Pete read the description of this job to the group. He advised that right now there are several of the officers that are responsible for this position at this time. He asked if there was a volunteer for this position. No one responded. He said that if someone wanted to volunteer by the end of the service, we would appreciate it.

He then went to the Department Heads. He read the ones that have accepted a position at this time. He asked the Moderator to come and call for the vote. Bro. Aaron asked if there was anyone to volunteer for the other vacant positions at this time. He asked for someone to make the motion to accept the positions that have been filled. Bro. David Davidson made the motion and Bro. Andrew Allen seconded it. Motion carried t this time.

Bro. Pete moved on to the Committees listed. He went over each position that makes up each committee. He also advised how many members were to be on each committee. He also went over what officer is to be on each one. He then made the motion to accept the list

of committees as presented and ask for volunteers for the ones still left to be filled. Since this came from a committee, no second motion is required. Everyone agreed to this motion. Bro. Pete asked if there were any volunteers for the open spots left on the committees.

Bro. Nathan Davis advised that part of the problem is that no one knows what these committees do and when they meet. Bro. Pete advised that if anyone has a copy of the 2016 minute books, there is a copy of the by-laws included in it. Bro. Nathan made a motion that we postpone the nominations of these committees until everyone has had an opportunity to review the duties of these positions. Bro. Allen Cochran seconded the motion. Bro. Cochran asked how we can get a copy of these bylaws. Bro. Pete called for the vote to be taken on Bro. Nathan's motion and it carried. Bro. Aaron advised that he will get copies of these bylaws made for everyone to view so a decision could be made before the end of this meeting. Bro. Wilson Spencer came and took over the platform so he could speak to the issue. He went over the different committees and advised the number of people for each committee.

Motion was made by Bro. Aaron Terlecki and seconded by Bro. David Davidson to make sure copies of the constitution and bylaws are included in the minute books for next year.

Bro. Aaron came back to the pulpit and was reminded that we still had another committee report for the link-up. He told us to review the report printed in the booklet. He asked if there was any discussion. Motion was made by Bro. David Davidson to accept the Link up budget as printed. Sis. Sherri Mangrum seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bro. David Davidson came and asked to speak to the congregation. He said he wants to have a **BRIDGE** night each month at his church. He called it an open mike night at their church. He said the idea was based on Psalm 150. He wants to make it open for anyone that wants to come. He said this event is not open only to the young people but it's open to anyone of any age. He mentioned that music is what we need for worship. He discussed about the worship service that Paul and Silas had in the jail. He said the jailer came in to join them and see what was going on in the jail. He was talking about this being an outreach to youth primarily, but not only our youth. The first one is on November 1 which is a Thursday night. He has posters to pass out to anyone that wants it.

Bro. Aaron asked Bro. Joe to come and give his mission report. He said Sis. Mary Donegan wanted to make sure he had time to give his report. He joked that if he goes too long it's her fault. Bro. Joe said that we have had a good time in missions this year. He wants to encourage all our churches to be active in going across the country in ministry. He said that in reviewing the numbers of the Association, there has been nearly 17% of our churches involved in some type of ministry. He was slightly disappointed in the fact that no more people have been involved in missions. He reminded us that the Association has sent out 8 mission teams this year. Because of the ministry in Ecuador, there are 2 men that have started opening their hearts to people for new churches. He advised that cost should not be the main determining factor of whether or not someone goes on a mission trip since they will work hard to make sure anyone has the funds if they really want to go.

He mentioned that we have partnered with a church in Mascota, IL. He said there were two families that previously had difficulty but they are working hard in this church. They are already trying to start another church in the area.

Bro. Joe also talked about several opportunities they had in Nashville to discuss the gospel with people from all different types of nationalities. He also discussed going to a celebration in Nashville that involved several new groups.

We have reason to celebrate since 13.4% of our churches gave out to others this year. He was encouraged about how many churches were having money going right back out to the community. He mentioned about 50% of the churches have had problems keeping their church doors open. For the church to grow, the church must go out. We were never called to be entertainers. He said that we need to get people rooted and grounded in the Word in order to have more people come to our churches. He reminded us that our purpose as an Association is to reach others for Christ. The reason we joined together as an Association was to have doctrinal integrity to share the gospel to the ends of the Earth. He encouraged each of us to remember why we have joined together. He stated that the Link Up has been together for 18 years. Each of the three Associations are weak alone but together we are strong. Bro. Joe reminded us how long Bro. Gray has been working with all three Associations. He went over the benefits of the three Associations combining into one. He feels that the joining of the three Associations will give us more people to work together to spread the gospel. Motion was made by Bro. Eric Patterson and seconded by Bro. Andrew Allen to accept the Missions report from Bro. Joe. Motion carried.

Bro. Aaron advised that Bro. Pete Sullivan was passing out copies of the by-laws for everyone to review. He then called for Old Business but none was given to discuss.

He then called Bro. Pete Sullivan to come back to finish giving his report for the Nominating Committee. He went over the positions available to see if anyone wanted to volunteer for any of these open positions. Bro. Aaron Terlecki advised that he would volunteer for the Evangelism committee but was asked to clarify if he wanted to be the Director or just a member. He said he would volunteer for the Direction. A call was made to accept his offer. Motion carried.

Sis. Sherri Mangrum asked if we could postpone the decision of the committee members until the last business of the day. Bro. Andrew Allen advised that he would volunteer to be on the Evangelism Committee. Bro. Aaron asked if everyone wanted to vote to accept him as a volunteer member on this committee. Motion carried.

Bro. Aaron then called for new business to be discussed. The first order of business was to accept New Beginnings as a new member of our Association. Motion was made by Bro. Kevin Miner and seconded by Bro. Andrew Allen. The pastor from New Beginnings advised that he has been blessed to be a part of this church. He told about how the Lord has been blessing them in search for a building. He has placed them in a good position inside town. Bro. Terlecki called for the vote to see if everyone agreed to their joining the Association. Motion carried.

Then he called to discuss the issue of the merging of the three Associations. Bro. Kevin Miner was called to come speak to this issue. He mentioned that he was the one to bring up the suggestion of the merge since there was very little participation when everyone met for the quarterly meetings. He read the motion that was supposed to be presented to each church to see if everyone wants to merge into one Association which is to be called JST Baptist Association.

The motion made by Bro. Miner was: "I make the motion that Judson Baptist Association, Stewart Baptist Association and Truett Baptist Association merge to form one Association,

named JST Baptist Association and for all assets and liabilities for each individual association be owned by the newly formed association effective January 1, 2019.

I move to accept the present bylaws and budget presented by the Link Up Advisory Committee and allow for a “transition team” comprised of the nominating committee chairman and moderator from each association to have the task of forming a Nominating Committee Report to be presented in January 2019 at an Initial Special Executive Board Meeting.

As an integral part of this motion the Advisory Committee has comprised the budget based upon the available financial information from the three associations, and pledges to the new JST Budget Association to fund all ministry areas, if not fully budgeted, by using reserve funds, in order to achieve the ministry needs. After the first year, the ministry needs will be more closely defined by their funding level.

Since this was motion was given by a committee there is no call required for a second. Bro. Nathan Davis asked for an opportunity for discussion. Bro. Pete Sullivan asked what was required to pass this motion. He advised that it would need to be a majority. Someone asked how the new positions would work. Bro. Kevin advised there would be a transition team to determine who would actually be on the new Associational team. Bro. Wilson Spencer went over some of the guidelines of the new Association. Bro. Pete asked about the meetings for the new Association. Bro. Joe advised that they would try to get a central location for all three Associations. Several points were discussed on this issue. Bro. Al Anthony asked if any of the other Associations had met and how they had voted. Truett has voted already to join into one Association but if any one of the three Associations decide against the merger, the motion is off the table.

Bro. Nathan mentioned the fact that he does not agree with this decision and he feels that it had already been made for us.

Sis. Sherri Mangrum advised that she believed the ones involved in suggesting this merger was not trying to hurt any of the Associations, but to help by having more people involved.

Bro. Andrew Allen reminded us that no matter how everyone decides to vote, we still need to remember the brotherly love for one another.

Several discussions were made on how this merger is to assist the Association. Someone mentioned that we need to remember this is not about filling positions on a committee but to spread the gospel of Christ.

The Director of Missions advised that there are people in all three Associations that we can all benefit from their strengths. This is because each Association has their own unique struggles and together we can work to resolve them.

Sis. Patricia Davis asked if she could come up front so she could see people’s expressions while she talked. She asked if we want to let everything we have fought so hard for to go down the drain. She mentioned how we don’t have any youth in these meetings. She all reminded us of many things from the past and how the Association used to be. She also feels like the little churches are going to be lost in the shuffle if we merge into one.

Sis. Sherri Mangrum and Bro. Kevin Miner both voiced their opinions for and against the merger. Both mentioned that youth is important and we need to keep doing what we are doing in our own churches to help our churches survive as well as the Association.

Bro. Joe advised that with the new Association, each church will have equal representation throughout all the churches.

Bro. Aaron asked if there was any other discussion at this time. We thought the first matter was whether or not to accept the motion regarding the merger. Before anyone could second the motion, Bro. Nathan Davis made the motion to vote on this new merger by roll call of the churches. A second was made by Bro. Pete Sullivan to vote by roll call. It was noted that there were two motions on the floor at the same time. Since it was recognized that the roll call vote was called initially, Bro. Aaron asked to see how many people wanted to count the vote by a roll call. There were 12 for the vote and 17 against it. After the motion was concluded, we went ahead with the vote to merge the three associations. Moderator, Bro. Aaron Terlecki and Vice Moderator, Bro. Wilson Spencer counted each vote on the merger. There were 22 yeas and 8 nos. Bro. Joe reminded the group that this does not mean the merger is completed, but that Judson Association is in favor of the merge. He then advised that Stewart Association will be voting on October 18th as to their decision on the matter.

Bro. Aaron asked Mrs. Mary Donegan to say a few words about the WMU Endowment to be done in Sis. Barbara Ellis' name. She reminded everyone that this offering is to help support scholarships in this area. She said she doesn't know Sis. Ellis, but she believes she would be a good person to honor with this offering. Sis. Barbara Ellis was at the meeting today and she was very touched that this endowment was done in her name.

Bro. David Davidson came to lead the congregation in singing "**Victory In Jesus**" while Bro. Eric Patterson and Bro. Andrew Allen passed the offering plates to take up this offering.

Bro. Wilson Spencer came and presented the Memorial to honor all those that have passed away in the past year. There was a few people that were mentioned since they were left off. Those mentioned were Bro. Bob Talbert & Sis. Jane Talbert as well Mrs. Estelle Sullivan, who passed away that morning.

Bro. David Davidson led the congregation in singing "**THIS IS MY STORY**". Then he did a special song called "**YOU OVERCAME**" and invited the congregation in joining him in singing this beautiful song. He provided the words on overhead slides. He played his guitar as an accompaniment.

The Director of Missions, Bro. Joe Shannon, came forward to introduce Bro. Andy Plank who came to deliver the annual sermon. He said he wants us to take heed because he knows it is going to come from God's word.

Bro. Andy came forward and asked everyone to stand and recite the verse that Bro. Aaron asked us to remember previously. Philippians 4:4 says, "**Rejoice again I Say, Rejoice!**" He asked that after everyone stretched could we please sit down and look up 1 Corinthians 9. He asked, "Why are you here? Why doesn't God take us on home after we become saved?" We all deal with several hardships in our lives. He mentioned that there are three (3) points as to the purpose of why we are here in our lives.

What is your reason for being here? In verse 19, Paul says he is a servant to win people to Jesus Christ. He did different things but his main reason for being here is to win the lost to Christ. We want them to go to Heaven with us. Soul winning is the term we used to use, but for some reason we have gotten away from using that term. **Win** is a word meaning *to gain or acquire something*. In several passages, he brings to our mind that we are to concentrate on winning more people to Christ. This is supposed to be our first priority for the Kingdom of Christ. In Matt. 4:19, Christ told them to follow him so he could make the Fishers of Men. It's

not just us 4 no more! Christ's purpose was to seek and save the lost and he meant for us to do the same thing. Our Christian life is not just to get together and have a picnic, but we are supposed to bring others to Christ.

He reminded us that you don't catch fish in a parking lot, you have to go where the fish are. If you are going to find the lost, you are not going to find them in the church. You must go out into the world to find them. The Sunday morning service should not be our main evangelizing tool. We have to get outside the four walls of the church to find them. The title of his message was ***"Are We Fishers of Men or Are We Fishers of the Aquarium?"*** The church is the Aquarium. If we have several in our church and then they go to a different church, we are just switching Aquariums and not reaching the outside fish. **WE** are not doing what God has called us to do. Our primary function is to lead the lost to Jesus. He reminded us that we are not living in the past so we don't need to *focus* on the past. Most everyone agrees that the Bible is God's word. Unfortunately, they don't look at us with respect as Christians any more. As our culture changes, we have a hard time giving them a message that does not change. This message is eternal because Jesus is eternal, but the way we *present* that message may need to change. Now people look at the Bible as just another book, like the Koran, is just another book. He mentioned how Paul decided to reach the Gentiles by removing any stumbling blocks that might be in his way. That's the reason Timothy became circumcised. Paul was comfortable around the Jews but he also did things as the Gentiles did. When he was with the Jews, he concentrated on things like them. When he with the Gentiles though, he did the same thing. Jesus broke many cultural barriers just by talking to the Samaritan woman. We need to adapt ourselves in a world that's changing as well. Our world is changing and we need to change our thinking to engage these folks where they are. He mentioned that when Jesus told Zacchaeus he was going to his house, the religious leaders passed out.

What is your motivation? In verse 22, Paul said that his motivation is that he got a blessing by reaching others for Christ. If we knew how many fish we were going to catch, they wouldn't call it fishing, they would call it catching. We need to be reminded of what our motivation is sometimes.

What barriers are people having to cross to get to your Jesus? What habits are you willing to change to bring more people to Jesus? We have built barriers that make it difficult for people to come to Christ. If you want to wear a suit that's ok or if they want to come in jeans that's ok. They just want to see Jesus, not come to a fashion show. He told a story of when he was in California and a young lady came to church in a string bikini to find out about Jesus. Needless to say he lost his place in the sermon. He also mentioned about music that some people like and others don't. God forbid if we let our music keep people from Jesus. Do we leave our visitors sitting on the back pew to see what's gonna happen next? Are we fishers of men or are we keepers of the Aquarium? He told the story of a lifesaving station that watched over the sea. It became famous and it grew but some of the new members thought it was out of date. The mission of life saving became something that some of the people did not care about anymore. He mentioned that some of the club members were upset and did not want to help people that needed to be saved anymore. So the ones who wanted to keep saving lives went somewhere else and started over again.

Bro. David Davidson came and led the congregation in singing ***"Where He Leads Me."***

Bro. Joe came and made an announcement for everyone to come to Joint **"M"** night at Faith Baptist Church on October 29, 2018

Maple Grove will be having a service on Nov. 18 to ordain two deacons. The service starts at 2:00 p.m.

Burns will be having a revival beginning this week also.

Bro. David Davidson led the closing prayer and asked the blessing over the food.

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