

Why We Exist

Severns Valley Association of Baptists exists to assist churches in proclaiming the Gospel to the lost, equipping the Saints, and ministering to people in Christ's name. Churches located in two counties serve in cooperation with each other to enhance fellowship, promote Biblical values and doctrine, and assist one another in accomplishing each church's respective mission.

As an Association:

- we can do together what no single church can do by herself. Together, we can serve the total geographic area when we serve in cooperation with each other.
- we serve together on local ministries, thus helping each other to accomplish common mission responsibilities. We teach and model cooperation when we serve together.

- we provide training and assist in developing church members by involving them in leadership and service responsibilities. The Association provides conferences, seminars, and training opportunities each year which enable church staff to develop believers, witness to the lost, and minister to the hurting.
- we provide pastors and staff the opportunities for fellowship. Through these fellowship times, church staff discover that they are not alone in ministry. They learn that they can have a support system through the Association.

The vision of Severns Valley Association of Baptists will be accomplished by:

1. promoting positive fellowship among the churches,
2. strengthening the oneness of our faith and practice,
3. encouraging our churches to participate in the work of the Association and denomination, and
4. helping churches do together what they cannot effectively do by themselves.

We are dependent on your financial stewardship. SVAB does NOT receive Cooperative Program money. Your C.P. dollars go to KBC & SBC and their respective entities



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Meet the Director of Missions

Dr. Shawn Edwards has come back to his beginnings in his service here, being born in Hardin County, though he spent most of his growing up years in Glasgow. At the age of eight, after witnessing his cousin's baptism, he realized his need for Christ. In November, 1967, he gave his heart and life to Christ. God called him into full-time Christian service years later while at WKU. He continued his education by getting his Masters of Divinity at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and his Doctor of Ministry from Luther Rice Seminary.

During his ministry, Shawn has served as a full-time pastor in churches in West Virginia, North Carolina and Kentucky. He is excited about this new chapter in his ministry.

Ministries Offered

Bible Drill—enables children and youth to learn the books of the Bible, key passages, and to recite from memory important passages.

BCM (Baptist Campus Ministries) - we partner with ECTC in ministering to the students by providing meals and encouraging devotionals each week.

Pastor Conferences—Pastors gather together to encourage each other, pray for one another, and to discuss topics that apply to their respective ministries

Counseling—sometimes a Pastor or staff member needs a caring heart and listening ear.

Evangelism Training—we sponsor various ways of sharing the Gospel in a practical method.

Security Training—sadly, we live in times when we have to provide protection for our congregations as we worship. We provided this training to assist churches in helping to provide a safe place.

Supply Equipment—we are able to supply equipment for disaster relief ministries

Ministries cont..

Summer Camps—we provide a ministry where children and youth can learn to have fellowship and fun together, as they study the Scriptures.

Financial Guidance—we offer this ministry for churches and ministerial staff. We have discovered that churches and their respective volunteers need training in the area of finances.

Staff Development & Mentoring—we do what we can to network with staff in assisting them to develop their spiritual gifts and talents.

Minister & Staff Placement—we are happy to assist those ministers who seek God's leading to their next place of service. We have been able to assist several.

Networking—we provide communication and networking among Pastors and churches to better assist them in their respective ministries and mission endeavors.

DNOW—we are blessed to be a part of such a community-wide ministry bringing churches together to better equip their youth for a weekend each winter.

Missions— we provide assistance for members on their first-time international mission trip.