

# **ANNUAL MEETING**

# Program and Book of Reports

138th Annual Meeting
October 12, 2025
Arab First Baptist Church

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# **MARSHALL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

# 138<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ARAB OCTOBER 12, 2025

6:00 P.M. Welcome & Prayer	Mike Foreman
Seating of Messengers	Taylor Beck
6:10 P.M. State Board of Missions Welcome ALSBOM – Cooperative Program The Baptist Foundation of Alabama Introduction of New AMS	Dr. Rick Lance Jay Stewart Nathan Ely Mike Foreman
<ol> <li>6:20 P.M. Call to Order</li> <li>Finance Report</li> <li>Budget Committee Report</li> <li>Committee on Committees Report</li> <li>Nominating Committee Report</li> <li>Marshall Baptist Retreat Center Report</li> <li>Election of Officers</li> <li>Associational Information         <ul> <li>a. Reports</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	Mike Foreman Taylor Beck Steve Brown Mike Foreman Chris Johnson Mike Johnson Jeff Martin Mike Foreman Mike Foreman
<ul> <li>b. Annual Church Profiles</li> <li>8. New Business</li> <li>a. Allocations Committee</li> <li>b. Resolution</li> </ul>	Mike Foreman Frank McDaniel
7:00 P.M. Worship	Don Blakeney
7:15 P.M. AMS Report/Message	Eric Taylor
7:50 P.M. Introduction of Newly Elected Officers	Eric Taylor
7:55 P.M. Closing Prayer	

# **Program Personalities of the 138th Annual Meeting**

Beck, Taylor Ministry Assistant/Clerk/Treasurer

Blakeney, Don Music Minister, FBC Albertville

Brown, Steve Pastor, FBC Boaz

Douglas, Rick Pastor, Creek Path Baptist

Ely, Nathan Baptist Foundation of Alabama

Foreman, Mike Moderator/Pastor, FBC Arab

Johnson, Chris Pastor, FBC Albertville

Johnson, Mike Pastor, Bethsaida

Lance, Rick Alabama State Board of Missions

Malone, Joshua Music/Youth Minister, Creek Path Baptist

Martin, Jeff Director, Marshall Baptist Retreat Center

Stewart, Jay ALSBOM, Cooperative Program Director

Taylor, Eric Associational Mission Strategist

# MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARSHALL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The meeting was held at Central Baptist Church in Albertville, Alabama.

#### CALL TO ORDER / DEVOTION

Bro. Mike Foreman, Moderator, began the meeting with a devotion from Romans 13:11-14, encouraging those in attendance it was time to "Wake up, Clean Up, and Dress Up" and put on the Lord Jesus Christ. He concluded the devotion with prayer.

Bro. Mike Foreman then called the meeting to order.

#### WELCOME & RECOGNITION

Bro. Mike welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming.

During time for Recognition & Welcome, Bro. Taylor Beck was introduced as the new Marshall Baptist Association (MBA) Ministry Assistant, and Kenny Estes of Red Apple Baptist Church, was recognized.

# PRAYER REQUESTS

Bro. Mike Foreman then asked for prayer requests.

Bro. Daniel Waid requested prayer as Central Baptist Church and the MBA prepare for their respective mission trips to South Dakota.

Bro. Paul Lackey requested prayer for the Sardis City community and the family of Branson Peppers, a young boy who was killed in a ATV accident a few days before.

Prayer was also requested for Bro. Eric Taylor as he prepares for a procedure for his heart.

Bro. Chuck Conley asked for prayer over Casey McCollie, a 14-year-old boy who has helped lead many of his friends to Christ and most recently helped lead his mother to salvation.

Bro. Chuck Conley then led another time of prayer.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bro. Eric Taylor made the following announcements:

Third Thursdays – This coming Thursday, Sept. 18, at 10:30 a.m. at the Marshall Baptist Retreat Center (MBRC), Michael Bozeman will be speaking on mental health and anxiety issues, something Bro. Eric said was timely due to the recent events that have happened across the nation and community. Lunch will follow.

The Annual Meeting will be Oct. 12 at First Baptist Church of Arab. Bro. Eric said we want this to be a celebration for all that God has done and continues to do for the community's churches and the MBA. There will be a meal, so Bro. Eric said for churches to please let the MBA know a number of how many can be expected. More information will also be provided on the MBA website and social media.

Annual Church Profiles are due now. There are a lot of churches that have not completed the profiles. Bro. Eric Taylor reminded everyone the profiles were necessary to complete so the MBA can gather data to see how churches are doing, learn how to help. Deadline was Sept. 9, but ACPs are needed as soon as possible before the Annual Meeting for the book of reports.

# **REPORTS**

Approval of Previous Minutes: There was a motion made by Bro. Steve Brown and a second to approve the previous meeting's minutes (June 23, 2025). The motion was passed unanimously.

Approval of Financial Report: There was a motion and second to approve the financial report as written. The motion was passed unanimously.

AMS Report: Bro. Eric Taylor delivered the AMS report. He said just four months in the position, he has loved it so far. Bro. Eric said he has spent lots of time meeting with pastors. He and his wife are loving this season of ministry. He reminded churches and pastors that he is available to fill in and preach anytime if so needed.

Bro. Eric started a few months ago was a Pastors Prayer text. He's been able to connect with several pastors this way despite not being able to meet some of them in person yet. He encouraged everyone to continually pray for our pastors and churches.

Bro. Eric also mentioned again the importance of completing the Annual Church Profiles. He also touched on the Annual Meeting scheduled for Oct. 12, as well as the Third Thursday event on Sept. 18.

Bro. Eric said he recently attended an AMS Summit hosted by the North American Missions Board in Atlanta, Georgia. He returned encouraged. He said "from the love the pastors have for one another, from the love the pastors have for churches, and a desire to see the mission of God – the Great Commission – build in Marshall County and beyond. I'm thankful where we are, and we are just getting started."

Bro. Eric said to look for some things that will be done for bi-vocational pastors and their families around Christmas time.

Bro. Eric concluded his report by encouraging pastors to stay faithful to their calling. He is here to encourage, equip, and engage. He encouraged to give faithfully to and through the MBA. Consider increasing gifts to the MBA. He also encouraged them to connect with other pastors, staff, and churches. We can't do the Great Commission alone.

#### PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

Bro. Jeff Martin, MBRC Director, presented the MBRC's Quarterly Report. He also presented the proposed 2026 MBRC Budget.

Bro. Jeff said there are lots of things required of staff to keep up the MBRC, but he said a call from Bro. Steven Swords was encouraging and helped remind him what makes it all worthwhile. Bro. Steven Swords said "revival broke out" on Sunday, with over 150 people in attendance. He said two people were saved, and more he was going to follow up with.

Bro. Jeff also recognized Disaster Relief and several churches who have helped complete various projects, or donated to fund projects, including Gilliam Springs, Bethany, Bethsaida, Solitude, Beulah, Church on the Lake, and Creek Path.

He also shared that Bro. Randall Stoner and South Sauty Baptist Church donated \$5,000 to help fund new mattresses for the MBRC Dorms. The total cost to replace all mattress totaled \$8,900. Bro. Jeff was very thankful for gift.

Al Reese presented the Disaster Relief report. He announced that Gilliam Springs had volunteered to become a Disaster Relief Command Center should a major disaster effect that area of Marshall County. The church is also planning to host Disaster Relief Training Feb. 19-21, 2026. He said we have been very fortunate and blessed so far during this hurricane season. Disaster Relief was called out to Texas, and \$5,000 was also sent to help victims. He thanked the MBA and churches for the continued support.

# REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Bro. Daniel Waid presented the following recommendations from the Personnel Committee:

It was recommended by the Personnel Committee of the Marshall Baptist Association in the form of a motion to officially hire Taylor Beck as the Ministry Assistant to the AMS, replacing former administrative assistant Tammy Aziz. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was recommended by the Personnel Committee of the Marshall Baptist Association in the form of a motion to officially hire Bro. Drew Noles as the BCM Director.

Bro. Daniel concluded by expressing gratitude for Sis. Tammy Aziz in her faithful service to our Association of Churches as she transitions roles to serve the local church.

Bro. Steve Brown presented a report from the Financial Committee.

Asked prayerfully consider continue giving and increase giving to the MBA.

"God has given us resources, and we need to share those resources so we can help others without those resources, and it begins here in our accounting and grows out from there."

A few things Bro. Steve said they are hopeful to see take place in the next year include is that more input is given from ministry leaders. Another thing is combining financials of MBA with the MBRC over the next year.

Bro. Steve also presented the proposed 2026 MBA Budget. One item he pointed out was 4270 – Senior Adults, where the budget was set to \$500. He reminded those in attendance that the budget was a fluid document and a projection. It is not concrete. If an adjustment needed to be made later into the year, make an adjustment. Another recommendation from the Financial Committee was to place unused money form items 5010, 5020, and 5030 into a designated fund for contingency at the end of each year. We're doing this because there will be capital needs, but we don't know what they are. So, by creating this contingency fund, we are being intentional with unplanned repairs, maintenance, or any kind of capital needs including renovation or construction, and not have to pull from the budget. Also included in the budget is a cost of living increase for MBRC Director Jeff Martin, and a \$10,000 line item to represent the historic shortfall for doing the ministry at the Retreat Center. Total budget for 2026 is \$318,948, but Bro. Steve said another calculation he recently completed had it currently on pace for roughly \$299,000. He said this was incredibly good, and he was thankful for the giving of our churches.

Presented in the form of a motion, the 2026 Proposed Budget was approved unanimously to be moved forward for presentation and a vote at the Annual Meeting on Oct. 12, 2025.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Bro. Mike Johnson and Bro. Jeremy Patterson presented findings and recommendations from a Viability Study of the MBRC. The committee (Mike Johnson, Chairman, Andy Brown, Micah Gilmore, Jeremy Patterson, and Joey Canady), as well as Jeff Martin, MBRC Director, and Eric Taylor, AMS, were recognized.

"After months of meeting, discussing, and evaluating, Bro. Mike said the Committee believes the MBRC is a viable ministry of the MBA. In studying the financials and history over the previous three years, we have determined that the MBRC provides significant ministry for the MBA member churches as well as other organizations that utilize it. Therefore, it is our recommendation that MBA seeks to invest resources into the MBRC to subsidize the ministry. "The MBRC will complete an annual budget for 2026 and will track income and expenses closely and evaluate monthly. The MBRC will use 2026 to examine ways to maximize revenues from overnight guest stays and other events scheduled all while leveraging its opportunities to provide a place of refreshing, encouragement, and training for pastors, staff, and members of member churches."

It was further recommended that the MBA seek to subsidize resources for the MBRC in the amount of \$10,000. Bro. Mike also noted that the MBRC has completed an annual budget for 2026. Bro. Jeremy Patterson stated that the committee went back three years reviewing financial information for the MBRC, keeping in mind that expenditures were not itemized during some of that time period. Bro. Jeremy noted that there was a net total of \$8900 in the red this year, which was the reason the committee thought \$10,000 would cover that.

The report and recommendations were presented in the form of a motion and were approved unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Bro. Eric Taylor made a motion to accept the resignation of Sis. Tammy Aziz and appoint Bro. Taylor Beck as the Associational Clerk. Bro. Mike Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Bro. Eric Taylor made a motion to authorize the removal of former administrative assistants Brittany Lauren Moore and Tammy Aziz from check signing, and add Taylor Beck to the list of check signers.

This includes the following accounts with Cadence Bank:

- 850-834-8
- 1712-795-2
- 1719-913-4
- 1719-928-2

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Bro. Eric Taylor made a motion to appoint Taylor Beck as the new Attesting Officer for Credit Cards, replacing Bro. Mike Foreman and Tammy Aziz, who are no longer on staff for the MBA. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

# **ADJOURN**

There was a motion made to adjourn, and it was seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Aziz, Clerk Mike Foreman, Moderator

There were 23 present with 17 churches represented.

All reports are on file in the Association Office and copies are available to anyone upon request.

The next scheduled Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 12, 2026.

# MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2025 SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING OF MARSHALL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The meeting was held at Solitude Baptist Church and began with AMS Eric Taylor addressing those in attendance. Bro. Eric said that he appreciates the warm welcome that he has received as the new AMS and stated that he will be sending out emails to pastors soon. He specifically mentioned a May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss the South Dakota mission trip. There is still space available for seven to ten people. On May 20<sup>th</sup>, Bro. Eric would like to have a pastors' luncheon in the Boaz-Albertville area. Bro. Eric realizes June is a busy month with churches being busy with VBS. Additionally, the Southern Baptist Annual Meeting and Pastors Conference will be from June 8<sup>th</sup> through June 11<sup>th</sup> in Dallas, Texas. Several MBA pastors will be attending that. In July, Bro. Eric would also like to plan a cookout at the Retreat Center.

After Bro. Eric's brief address to the attendees, the special meeting was called to order and officiated by the Moderator, Mike Foreman. Bro. Rick Douglas then led the group in a word of prayer.

Bro. Mike informed the group that this meeting was called because the MBA has received an offer on the Highway 69 property. In order to proceed with the sale of the building, we need to have all six of our trustees in place. Right now we only have four, so we are short two trustees. Bro. Mike shared that Jeremy and Mary Helen Ferguson have made an offer of \$480,000 for the property. As soon as the agreement has been signed by the six trustees, the Fergusons will put down \$5000 earnest money for the property and pay cash in the amount of \$475,000 on closing. They would like to close by July 8<sup>th</sup>. The agreement states that the MBA (seller) will pay 50 percent of the deed preparation, 50 percent of the recording fee, and 50 percent of attorney's fee.

Bro. Mike stated that there have been further inquiries regarding the property. He is putting these names on a waiting list in case the deal with the Fergusons falls through.

Bro. Mike reminded everyone who the trustees are: Rooney Blackmon, Billy Roy, Floyd Powell, and Jerry Bethune. The two trustees being voted on are: Mr. Richard Moebes from First Baptist Church Guntersville and Mr. Kirk Segars from Solitude Baptist Church.

Motion came from the Nominating Committee that Richard Moebes and Kirk Segars be appointed as trustees. Bro. Mike asked that all in favor indicate by saying "I". Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Bro. Rick Douglas made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was seconded and adjourned.

Bro. Mike Foreman added that at the next executive committee meeting he was going to make a motion that the proceeds from the sale of the property be placed in the MBA Foundation Account and that a committee be formed to make recommendations on how to use the proceeds from the sale. Once the committee has been established, they could perhaps present some ideas at the annual meeting in October. Since the buyers would like to close by July 8<sup>th</sup>, by placing the money in the MBA Foundation Account, it would be safe and protected until decisions are made. The next executive meeting will be on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, which will be before the property closing date.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Aziz, Clerk Mike Foreman, Moderator There were 10 present at this meeting, with 8 churches represented.

All documents are on file in the Association Office and copies are available to anyone upon request.

The next Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. The location will be announced at a later time.

# MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23, 2025 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARSHALL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The meeting was held at Creek Path Baptist Church in Guntersville, Alabama.

Bro. Eric Taylor began the meeting with prayer.

Bro. Chuck Knight, Second Vice Moderator, called the meeting to order, quoting scripture from John 1: 4-8. Chuck reminded us that like John, we are sent to be a witness. Jesus was the source of both light and life. Through Jesus, John became that light. Bro. Chuck stated that in his job he sees a lot of darkness, and this verse is so encouraging to him. John the Baptist knew who he was, but he also knew who he was not. He was not the Messiah. We have to stay humble. John knew his purpose. He is a model of a witness for us. John stayed humble and focused on his mission.

Bro. Chuck then welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming.

Bro. Eric Taylor then gave the following announcements:

The pastors' luncheons will resume in July.

Healthy Church Live will take place on August 14<sup>th</sup> at the MBRC. Edwin Jenkins and his son will be presenting this one-day workshop. Information cards were available on the table.

Senior Adult Leadership Training (SALT) will be held at Mount Calvary Baptist Church on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Senior Adults are invited to attend this event. Again, information cards were available on the table.

The following prayer requests were mentioned:

Mrs. Mary Kelly, Willis Kelly's wife, fell and broke her hip and is currently rehabilitating in a nursing home facility.

Linda Henry asked for prayer. In three weeks, she will have more surgery.

Bro. Willis Kelly offered some words of encouragement at the meeting, stating that he has been a part of the Association for 52 years. He encouraged everyone to step up in leadership.

Bro. Jimmy Flynn, a long-time pastor at Parches Cove and Beach Springs, has passed away. Prayer was asked for his family.

Gilliam Springs has a group going on a mission trip to Montana in July. Creek Path also has a group going. Carlisle Baptist has a group going to Honduras. Ann German from FBC, Guntersville is going to Belize in July.

Bro. Mike Johnson asked for prayer for Surge Camp coming up July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

Bro. Andy Brown lead us in prayer for those mentioned.

The minutes of the last executive meeting as well as the special meeting called May 12, 2025, were presented in written form. Motion was made to accept these minutes as written. Motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

The financial report was presented by Bro. Steve Brown. Bro. Steve added that we are financially healthy and thanked everyone for their support and for contributing to the MBA mission.

Total revenue through May 2025 is \$177,148.69, which exceeds the 2024 giving by \$31,419.80 in this same period.

Our total net income is \$46,644.24 through May 2025, and this exceeds our 2024 net income by \$82,013.11 in this same period.

Our income (minus camp income) through June 19<sup>th</sup> is \$120,923.34, and our net income (minus camp net income) is \$4,314.18.

Bro. Steve asked that our giving churches give more consistently, stating that sometimes we forget and then catch up the next quarter. Bro. Steve also stated that we are investigating other giving options that will encourage consistency and remove barriers to giving.

The second part of helping our budgeting process is to encourage the non-giving churches to begin contributing.

Motion was made to accept the financial report. Motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

The AMS Report was presented by Bro. Eric Taylor. Bro. Eric stated that he has hit the ground running. He has met with about twenty pastors. It has been a joy and blessing to hear what Jesus is doing in our churches. Bro. Eric has filled in for pastors at a few of our churches already. He stated that encouraging pastors is the fun part. Equipping is the challenging part.

Bro. Eric stated that there are several churches looking for pastors. He asked that if anyone hears of a church being without a pastor to please let him know. The Third Thursday will kick off in the fall for fellowship and encouragement. A South Dakota mission trip is in the works. Daniel Waid and Central Baptist are planning a trip to South Dakota as well. Bro. Eric reminded everyone that there is a big need, and that we cannot fulfil this commission on our own.

Bro. Eric added that he wants to make it hard to go to hell for Marshall County, Alabama. As an association, we want to keep loving on people and engaging them to want to go to Heaven.

Bro. Eric stated that we are trying to get good information on our churches. Some information is old and outdated. We want to be able to connect. He asked that everyone please fill out their yearly profile that is coming up. It helps us to see trends they are reporting year to year.

As student ministers, Bro. Eric and his wife did a dinner for ten where five pastors and their wives spend time together. They will try to roll this out in a few weeks. They would love to invite and get to know the pastors and their wives.

Bro. Eric informed us that we are still waiting on a closing date on the sale of the Highway 69 property. Everyone is looking forward to that day. The MBA will likely park the money in the Baptist Foundation Account at least for a season.

Bro. Eric encouraged everyone to give, stating that we need you to give because God is doing great thing sand it takes resources. He thanked everyone for making him and his wife feel welcomed.

Bro. Daniel Waid encouraged everyone to make sure we have their email address if they would like to subscribe to the newsletter.

The written report was presented for the Marshall Baptist Retreat Center, as was the reports for Disaster Relief and Campus Ministries.

Sister Linda Henry gave the reports for WMU and MCCS.

Bro. Willis Kelly gave his report on the Christian Life Committee. Again, he challenged us to look at who we are and what we can do to get involved. He's been doing this job for 52 years and is 97 years old. He added that he loves the Association and that we have come a long way, but we need to stay in the fight and encourage all our churches to get active and get busy.

# **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

There was a motion made to adjourn, and it was seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Aziz, Clerk Chuck Knight, Second Vice Moderator

There were 19 present with 14 churches represented.

All reports are on file in the Association Office and copies are available to anyone upon request.

The next scheduled Executive Committee Meeting will be in September, with the Annual Meeting coming up in Octcober.

# MINUTES OF THE MARCH 31, 2025 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARSHALL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The meeting was held at the Marshall Baptist Association and was called to order and officiated by the Moderator, Mike Foreman.

Bro. Ron Lynch lead the meeting with a time of devotion, quoting scripture from 2 Timothy Chapter 1, pointing out that we are not given a spirit of fear. The past few years it has been fearful at times, especially through COVID, but God reminds us in His word that we shouldn't have a spirit of fear. We are also not called according to our works. Bro. Ron referenced a recent sports talk show he had watched about the NFL draft. Players are picked because of their abilities. If we were picked because of our abilities, we would all be in trouble. We are chosen not because of anything we have done. It's all because of Jesus. When God looks at us, he is looking at the righteousness of Jesus.

Bro. Ron reminded everyone about the pastors' luncheons on Tuesday and Wednesday. He also stated that he has gotten a few prayer requests:

Bro. Brent Roe is going to Emory for a heart procedure.

Nick Mitchell texted Ron. He will be going to Houston's MD Anderson for follow-up on his diagnosis.

Tim Chapman's parents' house in Missouri was affected by the storms last night.

Paul Lackey has tests coming up as well.

Daniel Waid asked that we pray for him. He recently had some heart tests done. Bro. Daniel went for a checkup in January and found out he had a heart attack. He didn't know about the heart attack until his doctor's appointment. The echo and CT scan showed blockage on the left side. The doctor did say there was no permanent damage done to Daniel's heart. Bro. Daniel gave praises to Jesus that he now knows about the heart attack and can be proactive in caring for his heart.

Bro. Ron stated he had spoken with Jeremy Patterson from Gilliam Springs. He and Pastor Jamey Pruitt are on their way to Denver and then on to Montana on a church planting mission.

Bro. Charles Graham asked for prayer for his brother-in-law who recently had open heart surgery.

Bro. Terry Sharp is on his way back from his mission trip.

Bro. Rick Douglas will soon be flying to Montana to meet with mission partners there.

Bro. Mike Johnson is having a new grandson tomorrow. His name will be Owen.

Bro. Trey Ayers, Chairman of the Cornerstone deacons, has been wheelchair bound since COVID. He had an accident on his electric scooter in Jacksonville, Florida, while preparing to board a cruise ship. Bro. Ayers has been in the hospital in Jacksonville, and they are now trying to get him admitted to an in-house rehab facility in Florida.

Bro. Daniel Waid mentioned that a group from Central Baptist Church is planning a mission trip to South Dakota to an Indian reservation if anyone is interested. They are also planning a Uganda mission trip. Bro. Daniel can provide more information if anyone is interested.

Bro. Bryan Mosley lead the group in a word of prayer for all our prayer request needs.

Bro. Mike Foreman then asked that we go around the room and introduce ourselves.

Minutes were presented of the January 27<sup>th</sup> and March 17<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meetings. Motion was made to accept the minutes as written. Motion was seconded. Minutes of these meetings will be made a part of the official record.

The financial report was presented. Motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report as written.

Bro. Ron Lynch gave the AMS report. Bro. Ron stated that he has talked to Bro. Eric Taylor today. Bro. Ron offered his gratitude for having the opportunity to serve these past few months, adding that he has enjoyed being back home and visiting our MBA churches. He invited everyone to sign up for one of the pastors' luncheons. Bro. Ron also expressed his thanks to Tammy, Jeff, and Lynn Darnell and reminded everyone about the upcoming VBS workshop, the MBA golf tournament, and Surge Camp this summer at the Retreat Center.

Reports from Al Reese with Disaster Relief and Linda Henry with WUM and MCCS were presented.

Bro. Mike Johnson then stood and gave some information on Marshall County Christian Services. MCCS serves alongside TESA, which is one of our largest service groups. It has been self-supported through stores but is now needing a little more help. Bro. Mike asked that our churches pray about this and ways we might assist them. The MBA does currently help with covering some of their insurance costs.

Bro. Willis Kelly has served on the Christian Life Committee for 52 years. He presented his concerns of gambling, alcohol, and pornography, stating that as Baptists we must guard against these things. In 1982 we had a vote in Marshall County regarding the sale of alcohol, and we won. Bro. Kelly encouraged the MBA and our churches to be vigilant in their stand against gambling, pornography, and alcohol. We are doing the work of the Lord, and we need to stay in the fight and not give up.

Bro. Daniel Waid spoke on behalf of the personnel committee. Bro. Eric Taylor's start date as our new AMS will be in May. Bro. Daniel did say that we could contact Bro. Eric at his new email address: <a href="mailto:eric@marshallba.com">eric@marshallba.com</a>. Bro. Eric has made the announcement to his church. He and his wife will be moving to Marshall County soon and the association will begin getting his office set up at the MBRC.

Bro. Steve Brown spoke on behalf of the finance committee and stated that finances are looking good.

Bro. Mike Foreman pointed out that we only have four trustees and that we need two more. He asked the group to text him names of possible trustees, adding that we need to get this done.

Jeff Martin gave the retreat center report. Bro. Jeff acknowledged Bro. Willis Kelly and his work in the association. There have been two workdays scheduled at the retreat center, but both had to be cancelled. This Friday workers are coming to work at the pool house. A grounds prep guy has volunteered to come clear the property behind the dorms. Jeff asked if any of our churches or men's groups want to come help get the Retreat Center ready for the summer to please let him know.

Jeff has spoken with Lee Fleming about the sound system. They plan to install a new indoor/outdoor system.

Surge Camp will be in July. Jeff reminded everyone that May 15<sup>th</sup> is the registration deadline. He also added that you can't get a camp of this quality for \$25 per person. Dates are also available for picnics. Jeff presented the financial report and gave account balances for both the MBRC bank account and the MBRC development account.

Lynn Darnell's written report on campus ministries was presented and accepted as written, along wit Linda Henry's written report on the Marshall County Christian Services and WMU.

It was asked if there was any old business. Bro. Mike Foreman mentioned the issue of the current terms of moderator. It has been suggested that the wording be modified to "The Moderator shall be elected for a term of one year and shall be eligible to succeed himself for one ensuing term. After vacating that office for one year, he is eligible to serve another term if elected." Motion was made and seconded and passed with unanimous vote.

Bro. Ron Lynch mentioned the purchase of a sign advertising the sale of the building. There's been some confusion about what telephone number to put on the sign. It was decided to put both the MBA phone number and the MBRC phone number. The best quote for the sign was received from H&H Printing at \$190. Daneil Waid made a motion to get the sign and added that he would install it. Jonathan Lancaster seconded this motion. Motion was passed with unanimous vote.

Bro. Daniel Waid has also obtained two appraisals of the property. The lowest appraisal was \$469,900 and the highest appraisal was \$499,000. It was suggested that we accept any offer within these two amounts.

Bro. Bryan Mosley made a motion that we would sell the building within the range of \$469,900 to \$499,000 or above. The motion was seconded and passed with a unanimous vote.

Regarding the issue of new business, Bro. Mike Johnson, Chairman of the Marshall Baptist Retreat Center Committee, spoke of this committee's recent meeting at the Retreat Center where he asked Bro. Rick Douglas to come and give us the original vision for the Retreat Center. This recent meeting stemmed from a prior meeting involving the Budget/Finance Committee, Personnel Committee, and Retreat Center Committee where it was determined that a viability evaluation would be done by the Retreat Center Committee and a report provided in September. Bro. Mike indicated that we need a plan to present back to the Association in September.

Bro. Rick Douglas stated that he was uncomfortable that some felt there was a need for a viability study. Specifically, it concerns him that some are suggesting that the Retreat Center is not viable. Rick added that we might possibly need to review our long-range plans for the Retreat Center, but he doesn't like the words "viability or feasibility". Bro. Rick added that he doesn't like the direction this is going.

Bro. Mike Foreman presented this as a vote by a show of hands (whether to continue with the viability study of the Retreat Center). Three raised their hands in favor of continuing the viability study, with one opposed.

No one from the New Works Committee was in attendance at this meeting. Bro. Chris Johnson stated that a staff intern is coming back as a Church Planter in Residence and made a motion to renew the funding for the Hispanic ministry at Central Baptist Church (church planting) at a rate of \$500 per month for a one-year term. Daniel Waid stated that we wouldn't need to start this until June. Jonathan Lancaster made a motion that this funding be renewed. Motion was seconded by Bro. Steve Brown and passed with a unanimous vote.

Bro. Daniel Waid made a motion that this meeting be adjourned. Motion was seconded, and Bro. Mike Foreman closed with a word of prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Aziz, Clerk Mike Foreman, Moderator There were 16 present at this meeting, with 13 churches represented.

All documents are on file in the Association Office and copies are available to anyone upon request.

The next scheduled Executive Committee Meeting will be scheduled for June once the new AMS Eric Taylor begins in May.

# MINUTES OF THE MARCH 17, 2025 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARSHALL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The special meeting was held at the Albertville First Baptist Church and was called to order and officiated by the Moderator, Mike Foreman.

Bro. Daniel Waid began by introducing the Associational Mission Strategist (AMS) Search Committee, which consists of Daniel Waid (Central Baptist), Richard Moebes (FBC Guntersville), Ashley Walls (FBC Boaz), Ashleigh Pruitt (Gilliam Springs), Paul Lackey (Carlisle Baptist), and Lynn Darnell (Life Church Boaz). Bro. Darnell was not able to attend this meeting due to illness.

Bro. Paul Lackey spoke on behalf of the search committee, stating they had received over 50 applications, narrowing it down to the top 10 and then the top 5. After much discussion, prayer, and seeking God's wisdom, they all agreed that Bro. Eric Taylor was the guy for the job.

Bro. Eric Taylor then took his place at the front, along with Bro. Daniel Waid and Bro. Paul Lackey. The attendees were then led in a word of prayer.

Bro. Eric began by stating that his wife Sonja was the best, stating that they have been married for 35 years. Sonja is an educator and is also involved in the women's ministries and discipleship groups at their church. Bro. Eric stated that he came from an alcoholic family with no church background. His grandmother's neighbors began taking him to church on Sundays. At church he was told if he attended Sunday School three times in a row, he would get his name on the roll, which he mistakenly took as getting into Heaven. A pastor later moved across the street and put up a basketball goal. In order to get to play basketball, Eric had to go to church on Wednesday nights. That pastor led Eric to the Lord. Eric later started going to the First Baptist Church across town because they had a larger youth group. They took him places and discipled to him. This was the foundation of what God had prepared for him.

Bro. Eric admitted that he wrestled with the call of the Lord for some time. Somewhere in Tennessee, he had a car accident. For a period of time, it was just him and the Lord. That is where he surrendered to the Lord. Eric stated that he didn't want to be a pastor. He wanted to be a youth minister, but he was called to plant a church. Eric added that God is more than capable. He has given us more than we can imagine. The Lord called him into an established church. They've done that at Bethal Baptist. When he started at Bethal, they were doing one mission trip per year. Now they are doing five each year.

A year ago, the Lord planted in Eric's heart and began preparing him for new positions. Some of his friends are AMS's. Eric's wife told him the next place God would use him is in associational work. Eric stated it is a collaborative effort. They didn't know anybody in Marshall County. Jamey Pruitt was the only pastor they knew. They were comfortable, settled, and happy. Then the Lord said, "I have a new assignment for you." They had to wait, though. God used that time to confirm some things. In the meantime, Eric admitted he had Facebook stalked all of us, adding that he was excited about what God is doing at the Marshall Baptist Association. Eric stated, "We know God is working at the MBA, and we are excited to be a part of it."

Bro. Daniel Waid then stood and gave some background information on Bro. Eric's current church, Bethel Baptist Church in Pleasant Grove, Alabama. Current church membership is 821, with the active church membership at 295. The total giving to missions is \$68,740. The total giving to cooperative program is \$32,100.

The meeting was then opened for questions from the attendees. Questions and answers were as follows:

- Q There are different types of churches. Many rural churches are struggling. How do you plan to help with church revitalization?
- A It takes all kinds of churches to reach all kinds of people. I have a doctorate degree. That and a quarter will get you a cup of coffee. Our churches are struggling, and many do not know what to do. Their pastors are struggling. They think they are alone in this. I would let them know they are not alone. I want to pray for these people and work on networking these people together. The biggest part is the relationship part. I don't want them to feel like they are alone.

Bro. Eric spoke of his sister-in-law's father was in their church in Florence. He is not a Christian. He claims to be, but he's not. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian. The Lord put him on Eric's heart. Eric stated that he spent two hours with this man. They had a casual conversation which led to a spiritual conversation. Eric continues to pray for this gentleman and asked that we all pray for him as well.

Bro. Daniel Waid then asked about missions.

A The last one that I went to was in November to South Dakota to the Chanku Waste Ranch. We did some construction and loved on the community. The Indian reservations out there are a challenge. It was a different type of mission trip. We saw hundreds of kids. Local optometrists helped them. We helped build houses. In South Dakota, they call January, February, and March suicide season. Everything is closed up. There is extreme poverty. We built bridges to share the gospel. We love that ranch.

Bro. Chris Johnson then led the attendees in prayer, and everyone joined together in singing Amazing Grace.

Bro. Eric closed in stating that he was thankful to be here and be able to meet everyone this evening and hear about what the Lord is doing in our churches.

Eric told of a church in Pell City where a lady who was an accountant felt like God was leading her to missions. She told him, "I will go if you hold the rope for me." Eric stated, "As your AMS, I want to lead. I want everyone to have opportunities I had growing up. I love the words Encourage, Equip, and Engage. Those three words resonate with my heart. God gave us that calling in The Great Commission. We are God's people carrying God's message to God's people for God's glory. Bro. Eric then cited Psalm 96:3, "Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all people."

Bro. Eric then cited Matthew 9: 37 and 38: "Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Eric stated that he wants to keep the burden of the harvest in front of our churches. In Matthew 10, Jesus sends them, and here we see the vision of the MBA. In summary, Jesus gave the disciples authority. He equipped them. After giving them their instructions, he sent them to proclaim the name of Jesus. Churches can't expect to find a harvest in an unseeded field. I want to encourage you to sew seeds. The devil loves it when pastors are unhealthy. I pity the one who falls with no one to lift him up. I want to encourage pastors. I want pastors to know they are not alone. I want to equip the saints for the work of the ministry. We need to find out who the Lord is calling into the ministry. Our goal is for the MBA to be equipping. We want to engage them with the mission of making disciples. We want to build a culture of churches. Don't forget the bookends of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18, "And Jesus came and spoke to them saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." And Matthew 28:20, "And teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." We go in His presence.

Our confidence doesn't rest in our experience. It rests in His authority.

The attendees at the meeting were then led in a word of prayer.

Bro. Daniel Waid then asked the AMS Search Committee, along with Bro. Eric and his wife Sonja to step out.

Bro. Mike Foreman called the special meeting to order with the intent to vote on the hiring of Bro. Eric Taylor as the Director and Associational Mission Strategist (AMS) for the Marshall Baptist Association.

Bro. Mike cited the Constitution and Bylaws of the Marshall Baptist Association, stating that only members of the executive committee are permitted to vote.

A motion was made to hire Bro. Eric Taylor as Director and Associational Mission Strategist (AMS) for the Marshall Baptist Association. Bro. Mike asked if there were any questions before the vote. There were none.

Bro. Mike then asked that all in favor show by raising your hand. All were in favor.

Bro. Mike asked that all opposed, do likewise. The motion passed unanimously.

There was then a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded.

Bro. Daniel Waid then went to bring the search committee, along with Bro. Eric Taylor and his wife Sonja, back into the room.

Bro. Mike Foreman welcomed Bro. Eric and his wife to the Marshall Baptist Association. Bro. Daniel Waid did likewise.

It was asked when Bro. Eric's start day would be. Bro. Eric answered that he would be available to start as soon as he lets his church know. Probably after Easter. He plans to meet with his deacons this week and make the announcement in church this Sunday.

Bro. Daniel Waid asked that people refrain from posting anything on social media right now out of respect for Bro. Eric and his church family.

Attendees then were asked to come to the front and surround Bro. Eric Taylor and his wife Sonja for a word of prayer, which was lead by Bro. Mike Johnson.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Aziz, Clerk Mike Foreman, Moderator

There were 34 present at this meeting, with 23 churches represented.

All documents are on file in the Association Office and copies are available to anyone upon request.

The next scheduled Executive Committee Meeting is Monday, March 31, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the office of the Marshall Baptist Association.

# MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27, 2025 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARSHALL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The meeting was held at the Marshall Baptist Association office and was called to order and officiated by the Moderator, Mike Foreman.

**NOTE:** In the absence of Tammy Aziz, Clerk, this meeting was recorded and the minutes typed from the video recording provided.

#### **DEVOTION**

Bro. Ron Lynch lead the devotion, sharing scripture from John 20: 24-29.

# PRAYER REQUESTS

Bro. Ron asked if there were any prayer requests and prayer was requested for the following:

- Tammy Aziz's husband John was transported by ambulance to Huntsville Hospital. John recently started kidney dialysis and is also dealing with other health problems, including congestive heart failure and circulation issues in his legs.
- Jeff Martin's mother Jean. She is being treated for bile duct cancer.
- Rick Marsh was diagnosed with bile duct cancer six months ago. He was put in the hospital today and continues to struggle with infection related to his cancer diagnosis.
- Brent Roe asked for prayer for one of his church members who has been diagnosed with sarcoma on his
  eyeball. They have removed the eyeball and put in a radioactive patch on the back of his eye. He and his wife
  have been unable to leave the room because of the radioactivity.
- Charles Graham, a member at Baker's Chapel Church, asked for prayer for their pastor Terry Sharp. Bro. Sharp has been diagnosed with cancer in his mouth.
- Sammy Gilbreath had heart surgery last week and prayer was requested for his recovery.

Mylon Metcalf led in prayer for the above prayer requests.

# WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS

Bro. Mike Foreman welcomed Charles Graham, a church member from Baker's Chapel Church, and Barrett Walls, a deacon from Sweet Home Baptist Church.

The passing of Ms. Marty Richardson was acknowledged at the meeting. Ms. Marty passed away in November and was a very faithful servant in her community and church.

# ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

The minutes of the October 13, 2024, Annual Meeting were presented in written form by Bro. Ron Lynch. There were no questions, and the minutes were accepted as written.

The financial report was presented by Bro. Ron Lynch, along with the 2024 annual reports provided by Nolan and Vincent Accounting.

At this time, the video recording of the meeting stopped. The meeting continued as follows:

Bro. Ron Lynch shared his AMS Report.

#### REPORTS OF PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Bro. Alan Reese presented the Disaster Relief Report. No report was provided by Linda Henry regarding WMU.

# REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Personnel Committee Finance Committee Nominating Committee

# MINISTRY REPORTS

- Bro. Jeff Martin presented the Retreat Center Report.
- The **Baptist Campus Ministry Report** from Bro. Lynn Darnell was presented in written form.
- The Marshall County Christian Services Report from Mrs. Linda Henry was presented in written form.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Term of Office of the Moderator.

The Moderator shall be elected for a term of one year and shall only be eligible to succeed himself for one ensuing term.

Motion to add: After vacating that office for one year, Moderator is eligible to serve another term if elected.

There was a motion made to adjourn, and it was seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Aziz, Clerk Mike Foreman, Moderator

There were 18 people present with 16 churches represented.

All reports are on file in the Association Office and copies are available to anyone upon request.

The next scheduled Executive Committee Meeting is Monday, March 31, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

# **Marshall Baptist Association Financial Report**

# 138th Annual Meeting – Sunday, October 12, 2025

I'm pleased to report, by God's continued provision and the faithful giving of our churches, the Marshall Baptist Association has been able to meet its ministry obligations and continue its mission effectively.

As of Oct. 7, 2025, account balances are as follows:

Marshall Baptist Association General Fund: \$171,936.04

Marshall Baptist Retreat Center General Fund: \$26,663.85

Marshall Baptist Retreat Center – Development Account: \$37,480.35

**Disaster Relief: \$73,183.19** 

**Baptist Foundation: \$676,214.79** 

Major Maintenance: \$3,075.41

Temperance: \$2,084.55

World Missions: \$4,657.18

Church Planting: \$184,383.93

Investment (From sale of MBA Office): \$482,013.72

**Total Assets: \$985,478.22** 

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Total 2025 Income Excluding MBA Office Sale (Jan.-Sept.): \$349,077.99

Total 2025 Income (Jan.-Sept.): \$828,877.99

Total 2025 Expenses (Jan.-Sept.): \$298,194.44

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It is an honor to serve the Lord by serving the churches of the Marshall Baptist Association. May we be faithful with every resource He places in our hands, remembering that 'every good and perfect gift is from above' (James 1:17) and that we are called to be 'faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms' (1 Peter 4:10).

To Him be the glory forever.

**Taylor Beck** 

MBA Ministry Assistant

# Marshall Baptist Association Income & ExpenseGeneral January through September 2025

	Jan - Sep 25	Jan - Sep 24
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income 3000 · GENERAL FUNDS		
3005 · General Fund	211,624.19	180,651.62
3010 · Interest on Checking	31.09	61.17
3050 · Camp Supplies/Cokes/Keys	0.00	75.00
3000 · GENERAL FUNDS - Other	2,891.65	0.00
Total 3000 · GENERAL FUNDS	214,546.93	180,787.79
3004 · Pass Throughs/Acct. Transfers		
9534 · Retreat Center Pass Thru- BF		-982.82
Total 3004 · Pass Throughs/Acct. Transfers	0.00	-982.82
3400 · DESIGNATED FUNDS		
9500 · South Dakota Missions	8,634.00	0.00
9460 · Retreat Ctr Devel-Transfer	-20,000.00	-549.99
9465 · Retreat Center - Transfer	-20,158.33	0.00
3465 · Retreat Center	20,083.33	0.00
3001 · Designated Contributions	0.00	24,710.94
3430 · State Board of Missions	0.00	850.00
3460 · Retreat Ctr. Development	20,000.00	0.00
3527 · Disaster Relief 9635 · From Bapt. Found To be det.	0.00	250.00
•	0.00	0.00
Total 3400 · DESIGNATED FUNDS	8,559.00	25,260.95
Total Income	223,105.93	205,065.92
Gross Profit	223,105.93	205,065.92
Expense	0.704.00	4 4 4 4 00
4085 · SURGE Kids Camp	2,764.32	4,111.68
6185 · Office Staff Mileage	2,558.57	1,611.93
4290 · Communications	1,062.30	1,537.34
4280 · Pastoral & Leader Encouragement	4,601.69	9,614.95
4270 · Senior Adults 4000 · EDUCATION & PROMOTION	2,150.40	0.00
4000 · EDOCATION & PROMOTION  4035 · VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL		
4040 · Faculty Training	0.00	162.79
4050 · Promotional Materials	0.00	112.83
Total 4035 · VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	0.00	275.62
4078 · Disaster Relief 4100 · WMU	0.00 0.00	2,366.65 535.24
4120 · Evangelism	68.81	0.00
4130 : Media	272.00	0.00
4160 · Ministers Conference	0.00	-1,909.91
4180 · Planning	580.00	0.00
4190 · Alabama Baptist Paper	1,823.76	581.25
4000 · EDUCATION & PROMOTION - Other	50.00	0.00
Total 4000 · EDUCATION & PROMOTION	2,794.57	1,848.85
5000 · PROPERTIES & BUILDINGS		
5005 · OFFICE		
9335 · Accounting Fees	8,810.00	7,897.00
5010 · New Equipment	0.00	14.16
5020 · Equipment Maintenance	1,885.10	2,284.78
5030 · Building Improvements	655.00	1,530.00
5040 · Office Utilities	3,712.18	3,989.41
5050 · Office Supplies & Expenses	9,136.82	5,453.96
5060 · Office Building Maintenance	150.00	298.94
5090 · Office Insurance	2,636.98	2,439.52
Total 5005 · OFFICE	26,986.08	23,907.77

# Marshall Baptist Association Income & ExpenseGeneral January through September 2025

	Jan - Sep 25	Jan - Sep 24
5099 · CAMP 5140 · Camp Promotion	0.00	0.00
Total 5099 · CAMP	0.00	0.00
Total 5000 · PROPERTIES & BUILDINGS	26,986.08	23,907.77
6000 · PERSONNEL 6005 · SALARIES 6010 · Director of Missions 6020 · Secretary/Clerk/Treasurer 6050 · Camp Director 6055 · Janitoral 6070 · Campus Minister (Snead State)	38,930.67 22,502.80 38,500.11 420.00 2,622.45	43,400.04 22,783.00 37,500.03 1,080.00 2,270.48
Total 6005 · SALARIES	102,976.03	107,033.55
6079 · HOUSING & OTHER ALLOWANCES 6080 · Director of Missions Housing	15,458.30	23,187.45
Total 6079 · HOUSING & OTHER ALLOW	15,458.30	23,187.45
6134 · RETIREMENT 6135 · Director of Missions 6140 · Secretary/Treas/Clerk 6160 · Camp Director 6168 · Hispanic Minister Retirement	4,421.25 0.00 1,800.00 0.00	3,074.00 600.00 2,700.00 103.00
Total 6134 · RETIREMENT	6,221.25	6,477.00
6169 · OPERATIONAL EXPENSES 6170 · Dir. of Missions Auto Expense 6190 · Continuing Education/Conv's 6220 · Payroll Expenses  Total 6169 · OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	0.00 2,227.60 5,724.78 7,952.38	576.56 1,532.65 5,950.79 8,060.00
Total 6000 · PERSONNEL	132,607.96	144,758.00
66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies 6999 · Uncategorized Expenses 8000 · GENERAL MISSIONS 8090 · Mission Trip-SD Trip- D.Funds 9455 · Misc. Contributions 9430 · State Board of Missions 9420 · WMU Baby Bible Ministry 9450 · Church Planting 8078 · Marshall Co Christian Services 8000 · GENERAL MISSIONS - Other	0.00 0.00 5,575.25 0.00 0.00 2,187.11 20,000.00 5,394.98 0.00	0.00 0.00 75.00 150.00 1,632.02 13,500.00 5,056.80 0.00
Total 8000 · GENERAL MISSIONS	33,157.34	20,413.82
9000 · NON-BUDGETED ITEMS 6060 · Summer Camp Help 9010 · Bank Charges/CC Late Charges 9619 · DOM- Moving Expenses 9000 · NON-BUDGETED ITEMS - Other	7,450.51 28.96 4,013.96 481.05	14,154.72 0.00 0.00 0.00
Total 9000 · NON-BUDGETED ITEMS	11,974.48	14,154.72
Total Expense	220,657.71	221,959.06
Net Ordinary Income	2,448.22	-16,893.14
Other Income/Expense Other Income 9555 · Sale of MBA Office 3013 · Inv. Income- Bap. Foundation	479,800.00 7,525.61	0.00 6,701.07
Total Other Income	487,325.61	6,701.07
Net Other Income	487,325.61	6,701.07
Net Income	489,773.83	-10,192.07

# **Marshall Baptist Association**

# **Education & Outreach**

4040 VBS Faculty Training 4050 VBS Promotional Materials 4078 Disaster Relief

4085 Surge Camp 4100 WMU

4120 Evangelism/Disciple Making

4130 Media/Advertising

4140 Christian Life

4150 Annual and Key Leaders Meetings

4250 Campus Ministry

4270 Senior Adults\*

4280 Pastoral Encouragement

600	350	300
500	292	250
2800		2800
3000	1553	3000
500		500
1000	583	1000
	136	350
250	146	250
1000	583	1800
1000	583	1000
750	2150	500
8000	2848	7500
\$ 19.400		\$ 19.250

YTD (July)

2026 Budget

2025 Budget

# Administration

4190 Alabama Baptist 4290 Communication/Tech

4390 Accounting Fees

\$ 16,200		\$ 15,000	
11000	6125	11000	
3700	830	2500	
1500	1505	1500	

# **Properties and Maintenance**

5010 New Equipment

5020 Euipment Maintenance

5030 Building Improvements

5040 Office Utilities

5050 Office Supplies/expense

5060 Office Building Maintenance

5090 Office Insurance

5095 Janitorial

2500		2500
8000	1347	8000
1000	505	1000
8800	3572	0
6000	8376	2000
700	150	0
6600	2637	0
1600	420	0

35,200 13,500

<sup>\*</sup> The unused money from 5010, 5020, and 5030 at the end of each year will be placed in a designated fund for contingency.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Capital improvement, rennovation, replacement, or repair"

# Personnel

6010 AMS Salary
6080 AMS Housing
6135 AMS Retirement (5%)
6020 Assistant
6021 AMS Assistant Retirement
6030 Camp Director Assistant
6030 Camp Director Assistant Retiremer
6050 Camp Director Salary
6160 Camp Director Retirement
6040 Extra Part-time
6045 Personnel Contingency
6070 Campus Minister
6125 Christmas Bonus

	55120	29744	55,120
	37100	9274	37,100
	4611	2653	4,611
	22660	16723	45,000
	680		0
	22660		0
nt	680		0
	51500	29917	53,045
	2400	1400	2,652
	1000		1,000
	1000		1,000
	4120	2038	4,120
	2100		2,100
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2026 Budget

2025 Budget YTD (July)

\$ 205,631 **\$ 205,748** 

# **Ministry Business Expense**

6170 AMS Auto Exp 6185 Office Staff Mileage 6190 AMS Education/Convention 6210 Book Allowance 6180 Camp Director Auto Exp

\$ 11.650	<u> </u>	\$ 10,650
2000		2,000
150		150
2500	2228	2,500
1000	1881	0
6000		6,000

# **Payroll Expense**

6220 Payroll Taxes

8000	4344	8,000
\$ 8,000		\$ 8,000

# **Missions/Ministries**

8015 Christian Counseling for Pastors 8078 MCCS 9450 Church Planting 8090 Mission Trip Support 9420 Baby Bible Ministry Camp/Retreat Center

2000		0
6000	3745	6,000
24000	12500	24,000
4500		4,500
2300	1042	2,300
		10,000

\$ 38,800

\$ 46,800

\$ 334,881

\$ 318,948

# Marshall Baptist Retreat Center 2026 Budget

INCOME			
Reservations Donations		Total	\$80,000.00 \$10,000.00 <b>\$90,000.00</b>
	EXPENSI	S	
Property & Bu	uildings (1-5) 1 - Grounds Maintenance 2 - Pool Maintenance 3 - Property/Liability Insura	nco	\$18,200.00 \$5,000.00 \$17,000.00
	4 - Prop/Building Maintena 5 - New Equipment/		\$7,500.00 \$7,500.00 \$2,000.00 <b>\$49,700.00</b>
Utilities (6-10	6 - Water 7 - Electricity 8 - Natural Gas 9 - Pest Control 10 - Garbage Removal	Total	\$3,350.00 \$15,400.00 \$2,300.00 \$1,800.00 \$3,600.00 <b>\$26,450.00</b>
Payroll (11-14	<ul><li>11 - Lifeguards</li><li>12 - Janitorial</li><li>13 - Grounds</li><li>14 - Pool Maintenance</li></ul>	Total	\$6,300.00 \$3,400.00 \$2,100.00 \$2,100.00 <b>\$13,900.00</b>
Misc. Expense & Supplies (15)		Total Expenses Total	\$1,500.00 <b>\$1,500.00</b> <b>\$91,550.00</b>

# 2025-2026 Committee on Committees Report

The Moderator and Associational Mission Strategist are Ex-Officio members of each committee.

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Vacant

Family Issues

Vacant

Health Issues

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Citizenship, Legislative & Judicial Issues

Vacant

**Human Needs Issues** 

Vacant

Lifestyle Issues

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Committee On Committees serve at the pleasure of the moderator. The group listed above is the 2025-2026 Committee.

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# 2025-2026 Committee on Committees Report

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# 2025-2026 Nominating Committee Report

Assistant Clerk	Tammy Aziz, Gilliam Springs
Disaster Relief	Alan Reese, South Sauty
Evangelism	Rick Douglas, Creek Path
Mission Development	Jake Goforth, Gilliam Springs
Music Director	
Senior Adult Ministry	Dick Spybey, Gilliam Springs
VBS	
WMU	Linda Henry, FBC Albertville
Youth Ministry	Cody Fowler, Mt.Vernon

# **Trustees**

Floyd Powell, Central, 2026

Jerry Bethune, Bethsaida, 2026

Richard Moebes, FBC Guntersville, 2027

Kirk Segars, Solitude, 2027

Keith Stanfield, FBC Grant, 2028

Josh West, Sweet Home, 2028

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Rick Douglas

Chris Johnson

Tim Nabors

Chet Roden



# Marshall Baptist Retreat Center Report October 12, 2025

# It's a Great Time of Year for Baptism!

On Sunday, September 7, we hosted two MBA churches for baptisms at the Retreat Center. Each baptized a member, and what a blessing it was!

Sweet Home Baptist had scheduled an afternoon picnic that day. Brother Andy Brown called to ask if it was still okay to baptize in the lake. I assured him it was, and we even planned to rake away the eel grass. But the Lord took care of that ahead of time! They enjoyed a wonderful picnic, and Bro. Andy baptized Ms. Avery in the lake without incident.

Earlier that week, Pastor Matthew Cole from The Bridge Ministries in Geraldine asked if they could come right after church on September 7 for a baptism. We were delighted to welcome them for that short but meaningful service. Beforehand, I had the privilege of talking with Ms. Mikaela about her decision. She shared her testimony:

"I was saved as a teenager and went to church faithfully, but later drifted away. Recently, the Lord has gotten my attention, and my desire is to know Him more and serve Him fully. I visited The Bridge Ministries and attended their special service at the Retreat Center. That night of worship was powerful, and I knew I needed to be baptized to fully follow Him. I also knew I wanted to be baptized at the Retreat Center, since it was one of the first services I attended after rededicating my life to the Lord."

What a beautiful story of God's work in her life!

# A Busy and Productive Year at the Retreat Center

This fall has been full, with every Saturday and Sunday booked through early November. In 2025, the Retreat Center has hosted 28 overnight groups, totaling 1,870 overnight guest stays (ONGS). Of these, eight Marshall Baptist churches accounted for 591 ONGS.

We also had 58 one-day reservations this year—picnics, reunions, services, and ministry events. Five were specifically ministry-focused. Church on the Lake held 15 Sunday morning services in the gym, and this fall Victory Baptist, Mt. Vernon Baptist, and Bethany Baptist have gathered here for Sunday Morning Worship. The attendance for all one day events in 2025 is over 3,500 total guests on campus. It's a joy to see our MBA churches making greater use of the Retreat Center each year!

# **Looking Ahead**

From September 1 through November 30, MBA churches have priority to reserve 2026 Sunday picnics and worship services. Starting December 1, reservations will open to other churches and families. The process is simple: visit our website, choose your date, and submit a request. Taylor or I will prepare your invoice and secure your spot on the calendar.

Speaking of 2026, we already have 20 nights booked for next summer for various camps and ministry events! It's exciting to see how God continues to use the Retreat Center to provide a place for rest, renewal, and spiritual growth. With more churches returning year after year, we're anticipating another full and fruitful summer season of ministry.

### A Word of Thanks

We are deeply grateful to South Sauty Baptist Church and their pastor, Bro. Randall Stoner, for their generous \$5,000 gift toward new mattresses for our dorms. When Bro. Randall asked Bro. Eric Taylor about local needs, Eric shared that new mattresses were a pressing need, with a total cost of \$8,900. South Sauty graciously approved funds for this purpose, blessing countless future guests.

We also want to express our appreciation to Church on the Lake for their generous \$1,000 donation to help purchase mattresses.

We thank God for our MBA churches and other ministry partners whose faithful generosity supports the work He has entrusted to us here at the Retreat Center.

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Financial Report for Oct. 1, 2024 – Sept. 30, 2025

#### **Expenses**

Utilities: \$25,611.38 Payroll: \$14,345.75

Property/Building Maintenance: \$48,052.21

Supplies: \$3,037.88

Promotional Items: \$1,058.90 Reservation Refunds: \$748.75

**Total Expenses: \$92,854.87** 

#### Income

Reservations/Donations: \$130,265.07

**Total Income: \$130,265.07** 

# **Associational Mission Strategist Report**

It has been a great joy and an extreme honor to begin serving this year as your Associational Mission Strategist. Over these first few months, I have been humbled by the warm welcome from our pastors, staff, and church leaders. I have spent time visiting congregations, listening to their stories, and learning how God is at work through Marshall Baptists. These conversations have confirmed my conviction that the Marshall Baptist Association exists for one clear mission: to Encourage Pastors, Equip Leaders, and Engage Churches so that, together, we can Reach People and Make Disciples.

We have already seen glimpses of what God can do when we link arms for the sake of the gospel. Recently, I had the privilege of leading a mission team to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Watching pastors, lay leaders, and church members serve together reminded me that **the Great Commission is too big for any one church alone** — but together, our family of nearly 100 churches can make a Kingdom impact near and far.

I am grateful for the opportunity to give strategic leadership to this family of churches as we look toward a vibrant future. After prayer and conversation with many of you, I would like to reveal our 2026 Ministry Priorities. We are focusing on these four key priorities to strengthen our cooperative mission:

- 1. **Healthy Pastors** → **Thriving Churches** Encouraging and supporting pastors and their families through care, coaching, and connection.
- 2. **Church Strengthening & Planting** Helping existing congregations grow in health and impact while championing new works where the gospel is needed most.
- 3. **Equipping Leaders at Every Level** Providing training and resources for pastors, staff, volunteers, and emerging leaders to serve with excellence.
- 4. **Engaging Marshall County and Beyond with the Gospel** Mobilizing churches to work together in missions, evangelism, and community impact so our neighbors hear and see the love of Christ in and through us.

I believe our best days of partnership are ahead. My prayer is that we will move forward in unity — **praying** for one another, **partnering** for the Great Commission, and **pursuing** the lost and the least with the hope of Jesus.

Thank you for the privilege of serving alongside you as we live out our calling to encourage, equip, and engage for the glory of God.

Dr. Eric Taylor Associational Mission Strategist Marshall Baptist Association

# Final Report from Disaster Relief FY 2025

# 1st Qtr

During the period 6-11 Oct, 2024, twelve (12) members of the MBA DR chainsaw team deployed to Clearwater, SC where we assisted 22 families with clean-up and recovery following the devastating effects of Hurricane Helene. During conclusion of each job, we shared the Gospel and prayed with the homeowners, providing them a copy of the New Testament that has the Alabama DR emblem on the cover.

Subsequently during the period 21-27 Oct, two members of the MBA DR team returned to Clearwater, SC where they managed the Command Center. One other MBA team member also served there working on the Shower/Laundry team.

During early Nov, 2024, two (2) other MBA DR team members deployed to Forrest City, NC where they served on a Shower/Laundry team there.

# 2nd Qtr

During this period our team did not have to deploy out of our area. However, members did provide assistance locally to several families after storms blew down trees on their property, Our team members are always willing to assist members of your churches if they have downed trees following storms.

One team member who is a part of the State DR Chaplain Training Team assisted with Chaplaincy training in Prattville and Rainsville, Al during this period. Approximately 40 new chaplains underwent this training.

# 3rd Qtr

During the period 2-6 Mar, 2025, six (6) members of the MBA DR team deployed to Big Mission Creek, Kentucky to perform a Flood-recovery Mission (Mud-Out). While there, we worked in Oneida, Ky and assisted six (6) families with clean-up and recovery following the devastating effects of the flooding. At the conclusion of each job, we shared the Gospel and prayed with the homeowners, providing them a copy of the New Testament that has the Alabama DR emblem on the cover. Our largest job was helping to clean out the Manchester Gospel Mission Church in Manchester, Ky. During this mission we had the opportunity to have student volunteers form Boston College work with us.

Several members of our team assisted at the MBA Retreat in April when we cut down a tree and helped to clean a fence line.

One team member who is a part of the State DR Chaplain Training Team assisted with Chaplaincy training in Jasper, Birmingham and Mobile,

# Final Report from Disaster Relief FY 2025

during this period. Approximately 50 new chaplains for our DR missions. Were trained.

# 4th Qtr

During this final Quarter we assisted the Retreat Center again when we cut down two large trees that had died and were a potential hazard.

Members of our team had the opportunity to assist the Tennessee River Dr team when they could not field a team to assist an elderly lady who lived in Scottsboro. The lady, who had suffered from a broken hip and her son, a cancer victim, had two large trees fall on their property during a storm. Three members of our team were able to cut the trees up and move the debris to the roadside for pickup. Upon completion of that task we were able to share the Gospel and provide a New Testament to the son.

Additionally, four members of our team assisted at Gilliam Springs Baptist Church in Arab where we cut up a large Oak tree that had been blown down by the wind.

Following devastating and deadly flooding that occurred over the 4rh of July in the Hill country of Texas, our DR team contributed \$5,000 to assist the Texas Baptist Disaster relief effort there. Sadly, the death toll was 135 including 37 children.

Gilliam Springs Baptist Church has volunteered to serve as a Disaster Relief Command Center should a major disaster affect that area of Marshall County. Our other two sites include First Baptist Church of Albertville and First Baptist Church of Boaz.

Gilliam Springs Baptist Church has agreed to host Disaster Relief Training for all disciplines. The training is scheduled to occur during the period 19-21 Feb 2026.

Numerous training opportunities can be found on the Alabama DR web site at: WWW.SBDR.ORG. If you have someone interested they can contact me at 256-599-8952 or via email Rareese2000@yahoo.com. Thank you to the MBA and member churches for your continued donations and prayers for this mission

In Christ Service, Al Reese, Disaster Relief Coordinator

### Marshall County Christian Services - Annual Report

Linda Henry's March 31, 2025, Report to the MBA's Executive Committee:

October 16, 1999, I came back from training at the WMU office in Birmingham with a vision for helping women in Marshall county by providing life skills and job skills. I was so excited! I contacted several people in town and tried to build resources to begin the program. That was a quarter of a century ago and God has continued to provide all these years. He has done this through His people. I am coming to you tonight because all of you are His people. MCCS is struggling financially at this time. We were created to be a helping agency in our communities. However we must pay our bills in order to stay open and sadly this is where we are today, we are struggling to pay the bills. We have lost the support of many churches and individual donations is almost non-existent. I know that it is too late for the 2025 budget but I would like to ask you to approach your churches about a one- time love offering and make a note to discuss adding us to your 2026 budget. We operate with the funds from our thrift stores and donations. We receive in-kind donations of some of our food for the food pantry but we purchase about half of the food that we give away. Donations of clothing and household goods come to our thrift stores and we give vouchers to those people who cannot afford to purchase what they need. I have attached our 2024 Giving Report for your information. Just look what God can do with the little that we have. By no means did we have this much money but His blessings provided in abundance.

Our Record Speaks ...
2024
Back to School-110-\$11,000.00
Christmas for Children-146-\$14,600.00
Financial Assistance-1123--\$56,150.00
Hanna Home--5743--\$57,430.00
Store Vouchers-4247-\$3,093,525.00
Food-41790-\$8,358,000.00
Total People Served - 53,159
TOTAL BENEVOLEANCE - \$11,590,705.00

I would love to come share at your church about what is going on at MCCS and how you be involved. Give me a "Missions Moment" on a Sunday morning. You can contact me at 256-572-0626.

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Linda Henry's June 26, 2025, Report to the MBA's Executive Committee:

As many of you know, MCCS went through a time of struggle during the beginning of 2025. To be truthful, I thought we would have to close our doors for lack of support financial, physical and prayerful. I take responsibility for that. You see after almost twenty six years, I forgot to talk to the One who established this ministry. I was so busy doing the things involved in doing ministry, I forgot Who owned this ministry. In the very beginning my daddy told me that I needed to ask God for what we needed. He said that I was right, God knew our needs but He wanted us to ask Him. That night my daddy and I prayed for everything about the ministry and guess what, God provided just what we needed. My daddy was a man of faith and he instilled in me that faith. You see, we need to have faith that He is able to provide for all our needs.

Well let me tell you! Back in March I again got on my knees and first asked forgiveness, then I spent an hour just talking to my Father and He heard me. He already knew but he needed me to ask! The next morning I got a call from *The Sand Mountain Reporter* asking to do an interview! That article was awesome! People started calling or just dropping by with food and funds. Our thrift store began to see more new customers. Our bank account went from not enough to pay our bills to more that I could have dreamed. Not because of the article but because God used the article to open the hearts of His people.

I could go on and on but I need to finish this report and get to work doing what God has in store for me today. I am so blessed!

### Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) - Annual Report

Linda Henry's March 31, 2025, Report to the MBA's Executive Committee:

It seems like ages since I have presented a report to you all. So much has happened this past few months. It is spring and the flowers are blooming, the birds are singing but here in north Alabama the temperature can't seem to decide to stay warmer. Well, that's Alabama for you!

Thank you to all the churches who provided gifts for the Christmas Bazars in all five of our Assisted Living facilities. We provided enough gifts for each facility to have at least one gift for each resident. Those residents who were able to come to the bazar were excited to receive their gift and also to visit and share cookies and punch. I am always blessed to visit with them and listen to their stories.

Our next project is the Back to School support for foster parents who have school age children in their homes. Foster parents are responsible for the children that they foster by providing them with all their needs as they return to school in August. Our project used to be school supplies, however schools started providing most of the supplies and many churches and communities had Back to School Block parties providing school supplies. We learned from The Foster Parents Association that they had a great need for someone to help provide the clothes and shoes needed for their children to start school. so we changed our project about two years ago and started asking you all to provide "gift cards" to be presented to the parents in order for them to take the child shopping a fit them for clothing and shoes. We need to do this project early enough for the parent to take advantage of the "Tax Free" weekend. All gift cards need to be delivered to the association office no later that July 9, 2025. The MBA office is open Monday and Wednesday from 9 to 4. Please encourage your church family to support this much needed project. We ask that you purchase \$25.00 gift cards from local stores. Some suggestions are: Belk, Shoe Station, TJ Max, Ross, Rack Room Shoes, Walmart, Hibbitt, Dollar General. Remember these children need to feel loved and appreciated, help us show Jesus love to them.

WMU is designed to "make disciples of Jesus who live in mission", this is done by providing resources, engaging in ministries and offering leadership development and praying for all things.

We Marshall Baptist need to continue to be missional in all these areas. Please contact me at 256-572-0626 if I can be of assistance to your congregation in any way.

Remember ... Annie Armstrong Easter offering is April 20.

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Linda Henry's June 26, 2025, Report to the MBA's Executive Committee:

The Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) is a self-governing auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention, founded in 1888. Its primary purpose is to educate and engage Southern Baptist women in missions work, both locally and internationally. WMU has a long history of supporting missions through education, prayer, and financial contributions.

WMU emerged from the efforts of women in local Southern Baptist churches who wanted to protect their mission offerings and organize for greater impact.

The organization was officially formed in May 1888 at the Southern Baptist Convention in Richmond, Virginia.

WMU grew from a small group of women to an organization representing thousands of Southern Baptist women from numerous churches. The organization has also expanded its focus to include various social and moral concerns beyond international missions. WMU continues to be a vital part of the Southern Baptist Convention, providing resources and opportunities for women to participate in missions and make a difference in the world.

Just a little history lesson for all of us.

WMU in Marshall Baptist Association is hurting. Very few churches have a WMU group in their church. Those that do have a group of less than ten who consider themselves as the "little old ladies" of their church. They meet and have a program from the Missions Mosaic (which by the way has some great stories about the real-life experiences of a missionary. They read the prayer calendar and pray for the missionaries who are having a birthday, then they have a snack and go home until next month. Missions is bigger than that! Missions is being the hands and feet of Jesus every day of your life. Missions is doing whatever needs to be done to show His love and concern for His people.

Would you help me get this message to every church in Marshall Baptist Association? Help me help our churches to understand and get involved again in mission organizations. Help me to be involved in rebirthing WMU in Marshall Baptist Association.

Even though we don't have many WMU groups, the churches always rally with our mission service projects. We are way behind in getting the word out to the churches about our Foster Children project. Alabama's "Tax Free" weekend is July 18 - 20 this year. Our project is to collect \$25.00 gift cards from local stores to be given to the foster parents so they can take the children in their care shopping for back to school clothes. We need those cards to us by July 15<sup>th</sup>. I just learned that school supplies will not be given free at the schools this year so we will also ask you to collect school supplies. I know that this a late notice and I can give you lots of excuses but I won't. I know that we can do it together.

I have so enjoyed being your WMU Director these few years. Missions is my heart and I have been in a mission organization all me life. I went to the WMU Circle meeting before I was born. I was a Sunbeam and my dad walked me down the aisle when I received my Queen Regent cape. My wedding bouquet was on the white Bible that by my YWA group, I have so many good memories. And now I have the present... I try to be the hands and feet of Jesus every day. I also try to see every one with the eyes of Jesus.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Linda

### MEMORIAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2025

To the messengers of the Annual Meeting of the Marshall Baptist Association and to the churches from which they have been sent—listed are the names of those people from our Associational Churches that passed away in the 2024-2025 church year that were reported on the Annual Church Profile. Their presence here is missed, but their service for our Lord will last for all Eternity.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

Psalm 116:15

### ALBERTVILLE FIRST

Bobbie Colvin LaRhue Harbison Paula Dahlke Blake Leeth Melanie Lucky Barbara Todd Virginia Smith

### ARAB FIRST

Ann Bynum
Bill Dyess
Diane Harbin
Sue Jolley
Fred Jones
Steve Maze
Ricky Roe
Charles Thomas
Rayburn Thomas
Oma Thompson
Raya Tinley

### BAKERS CHAPEL

Mrs. Marty Richardson

### **BETHANY**

Jim Drain Lynn Brothers Joyce Jones

### **BETHLEHEM**

Barney Moon Bobbie Cruse Roba Smith Melvin Browder Gladys Owens Betty Cook Betty Treadway Cindy Claborn

### **BETHSAIDA**

R.V. Amos Stacie Jones Fayetta Martin Mozella Williams Doug Storm

### **BEULAH**

Janet Coleman Corey Yarbrough Gerald Holcomb Anita Sumners Donald Wayne Gore Jim Kang Shelby Hilliard Martha Sue Stephens

### **BOAZ FIRST**

Larry Arnold

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### **BRINDLEE MOUNTAIN**

Carolyn Ashby Gene Bishop Griff Yancey Donald Lawrence

### **CENTRAL**

Troy Moody

### CREEK PATH

Larry Wallace

### **EASTSIDE**

Gaynell Burnett Janice Maze Knight Donald Jones Fred A Gray Nelta Young

### FAITH ROCK

Ray Chambers Barbara Bennet Richard Hartwell

### GILLIAM SPRINGS

Robert Taylor
Bobbie Curry
Leslie Conley
Keith Cranford
Crystal Lake
Todd Couch
Randy Cantrell
Gordon Bjorkman
Annie Jo Ashley
William Ralph Osborne
John Aziz
Clodean Corder
Willene Clark
Evelyn Johnson

Clodean Corde Willene Clark Evelyn Johnso John Bibb Faye Vick Wendell King Bill Keen

### FBC GRANT

David Coyce Brooks
Kay Rice Breshears
Inez Bearden
Christine Doering
Florence Dennis
Betty Childress
Carol Eaton
Sylvia Bearden
Brooks Barfield
Geraldeen Schnulle
Earlene Sanders

### FBC GUNTERSVILLE

Frances Todd Jo Gray Greg Tidwell Frances Cornelius Johnny Burks Louise Chandler Dot St. Charles Tom Parsley Virginia Johnson

### HANEY'S CHAPEL

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### **HAPPY HOME**

Paulette Carden

### HUSTLEVILLE

Lillie Burt

### **MOUNTAIN VIEW**

Jimmy Flynn Mary Martin Poole

### MT. CALVARY

Ed Howard

### MT. CARMEL

Don Campbell Mildred Edmonds Wynovee Elkins

### MT. HEBRON

Betty Murphree

### MT. OLIVE #2

Amy (Sue) Owens Bud Shumate Ronnie Sammons Mrs. Jarret Wilson Yancey George Durham

### MT. VERNON

John Cody Janet Woodham Lillian Giles Pat Price Norma Teague Cindy Balla Kenneth Sanders

### **NEW FRIENDSHIP**

Lowell Hayes Marlon Smith Linda Chambers Donnie Blackmon

### **NORTHSIDE**

James Lawson Susie Reeves Roy Martin

### **SARDIS**

Danny Morton Autry Johnson Patsy Brock Pat Alexander Pam Barrett Tommy Towns Keith Shields Al Gregory

### SECOND BOAZ

Jimmy Barnett

### **SOUTH SAUTY**

Carol Fiedler

### **SWEET HOME**

Dennis Smith Carol Smallwood

### THE FELLOWSHIP

Gerry Hill Rita Duffey Vonda Beard Ron Garmon Willene Thigpen

### **UNION GROVE #1**

Dortheen Davis Roger Garrett Mavorine Veal Deward Vaughn

### FIRST UNION GROVE

David Dewayne Smith Linda Spangenburg Brenda Walker Tim Martin Pat Galligher Garey Whitlock Gary Bunch T.K. Kinney

### VICTORY MISSIONARY

Becky Maze James Maze

### THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

### **How Does the Cooperative Program Work?**

### It begins with you!

You give yourself first to God (<u>II Cor. 8:5</u>). Next, out of gratitude and obedience to God for what He has done for you, you commit to give back to Him, through your church, a portion of what He provides. This is commonly called a tithe and represents ten percent of your income (<u>Lev. 27:30</u>, <u>Mal. 3:10</u>).

### Your church decides the next step.

Every year your church prayerfully decides how much of its undesignated gifts will be committed to reaching people in your state and around the world through The Cooperative Program. This amount is then forwarded to your State Board of Missions.

### Messengers at the Alabama Baptist State Convention Annual Meeting...

from your church and other churches across Alabama decide what percentage of Cooperative Program gifts contributed by local congregations is forwarded to the SBC for North American and international missions and ministries. Alabama sends 50%.

### Messengers at the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting...

from across the country decide how the gifts received from the states will be distributed among SBC entities. These gifts are used by SBC entities to send and support missionaries, train pastors and other ministry leaders; provide relief for retired ministers and widows; and address social, moral and ethical concerns relating to our faith and families.

### In 2024...

Alabama Baptists continued faithfully supporting missions and ministry in Alabama, the United States, and the world by generously giving \$38,809,555 through the Cooperative Program. This exceeded our CP giving from 2023 by over half a million dollars! Once again, Alabama Baptist led the Southern Baptist Convention in giving through the Cooperative Program! We praise the Lord for the continued faithfulness of His people. We are truly better together!

Working together for the sake of the Gospel & through the Cooperative Program, people around the world hear the Gospel and receive Christ!

### Great Commission Ministries of Cooperative Program & Church Financial Resources

### **Cooperative Program Education**

- 1. AlabamaCP.org
- 2. Social media and blog posts
- 3. Beter Together Podcast
- 4. Customized resources for your church

### **Capital Fundraising**

- 1. Legacy Campaigns
- 2. Challenge to Build
- 3. Bridge to tomorrow

- 4. Forward in faith
- 5. Church building and renovation consultations

### **Other Ministries**

- 1. Church budgeting guidelines
- 2. Biblical stewardship materials
- 3. Estate Giving
- 4. Make a Will



### 2025 Report

The purpose of Alabama Baptist Children's Homes (ABCH) is to protect, nurture and restore children and families through Christ-centered services. ABCH is the state's largest faith-based provider of foster care services.

### In 2024, your Children's Homes:

- Served 522 children in foster care, family care, and college care
- Saw 104 children reunited with their biological families leading to family restoration
- Saw 46 children adopted into loving Christian homes
- Served 29 moms transitioning out of homelessness through our Family Care Homes
- Helped 45 children make spiritual decisions to become Christ-followers
- Served 2,276 individuals through Pathways Professional Counseling

In addition to these accomplishments, our 2025 Camp of Champions was a big success! At the 2025 Camp of Champions, held at Shocco Springs, we saw:

- 1.078 total attendees
- 533 kids
- 280 foster parents
- 215 loving volunteers
- 93 of our staff members

2024 was a year of significant growth for our ministry. We launched our Huntsville location, while also expanding our presence in existing locations.

When you support ABCH, you are supporting generational hope and healing. Many children who come into our care come from a long line of generational heartache with abuse, neglect, or substance abuse. With your support, we can provide things like counseling to heal their trauma, a Christian home with loving foster parents, food, clothing, tutoring, and medical needs. Most importantly, your support helps plant seeds of faith, guiding these children toward healing and breaking generational cycles. Helping one child today means creating a better future for generations to come. Would you come alongside these vulnerable children? Together, we can protect Alabama kids!



### ALCAP 120 Summit Parkway, Suite 100, Birmingham, AL 35209 Alcap.com / 205.985.9062 Greg Davis, President / CEO

The 2025 Alabama Legislative Session began on February 4th and ended on May 14th. It is always our honor to be present in the Statehouse every meeting day, providing a pastoral presence and ensuring that the voice of churches is represented on critical issues. Much of our job involves presence, as ministry occurs through relationships and personal interaction. Our role at the Alabama State House includes continually praying on-site for and with legislators and staff. We began this year's session with our annual Prayer Rally and the weekly ALCAP Prayer Breakfast, both of which continue to be well attended and provide forums for Christian fellowship and prayer support. We enjoyed facilitating the participation of many pastors in Montgomery by arranging opportunities for them to open session days in prayer and have one-on-one personal time with their local Representative and Senator. The presence of pastors makes a significant difference to those elected to serve us.

Policy issues receive the most attention from our supporters, and rightfully so. We continually seek opportunities to address issues related to religious liberty, the sanctity of life, and God's design for sexuality and family. We also oppose destructive-addictive behaviors like pornography, gambling, alcohol, and drugs. ALCAP believes that politics matters because policies matter. We can all see how these policies directly affect the lives of the people in our state that our churches seek to minister to and lead to a thriving relationship with Jesus. No doubt the normalization, legalization, and commercialization of immorality sears the conscience of individuals whom God loves.

From ALCAP's perspective, the 2025 legislative session yielded both positive and negative policy outcomes. Some of the highlights are that Alabama continues to have the strongest pro-life statutes in the nation, and codified that there are only two sexes, male and female. There was no expansion of gambling in our state, and we saw pornography and dangerous products with high doses of THC restricted.

For more information on specific legislative issues, visit our website (ALCAP.com) and look under "ALCAP Alerts" or "Legislative News."

Thanks for all your support and friendship!

Greg Davis

### Alabama Baptist Historical Commission 2025 Ministry Report to Associations Unveiling the past to enlighten the present and illumine the future.

The Alabama Baptist Historical Commission is dedicated to celebrating, documenting, preserving, and sharing the stories of God's faithfulness to His people called Alabama Baptists. It is amazing to see His hand across the years in the life of our convention. As Dr. Andy Westmoreland, former president of Samford University, once said, "We live in the shades of trees we did not plant".

Anniversaries are important times of thanksgiving, celebration, and anticipation for the future in the lives of Alabama Baptists. The ABHC presents recognitions to churches, associations, and Alabama Baptist entities celebrating milestone anniversaries. We provide anniversary planning workshops in every district and are available to assist churches with upcoming milestone anniversaries. Workshop dates and locations are provided on our website.

Preservation of original records are another important ministry of the ABHC through the best available technological methods which ensures that Alabama Baptist history will be maintained. It is offered free of charge to all Alabama Baptist State Convention churches, associations, and entities of the convention. Pick up and return of records are also provided.

### Additional areas of ministry are:

- Historical coloring/puzzle book, 200 years of God's Faithfulness through Alabama Baptists, published in 2023 during Alabama Baptist State Convention's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Contact us to order some for your special event.
- Photographic Survey of Alabama Baptist churches, continuing to add church photographs which preserves the visual record of our places of worship.
- Serving Alabama Baptists through participation in over 200 various events with the help of our enthusiastic commissioners from every district in the state.
- Encouraging churches to record the stories of God's Great Commission people through oral history interviews of Alabama Baptists' faith stories.



Thank you for your gifts through the Cooperative Program which supports these ministries that challenge Alabama Baptists to acknowledge our rich story and heritage and praise God for His faithfulness. It also leads us to seek His direction for the future as we meet ministry needs today and strive to reach the lost around us.

We would love to hear how we can assist you!

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Samford is a leading Christian university offering undergraduate programs grounded in the liberal arts with an array of nationally recognized graduate and professional schools. Founded in 1841, Samford is the 87th-oldest institution of higher learning in the United States. Samford enrolls 6,101 students from 45 states, Puerto Rico and 16 countries in its 10 academic schools: arts, arts and sciences, business, divinity, education, health professions, law, nursing, pharmacy and public health. Samford fields 17 athletic teams that compete in the tradition-rich Southern Conference.

### **SAMFORD UNIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS, 2024-2025**

Samford continues earning high national rankings among national doctoral universities. The Wall Street Journal ranked Samford in the top 10 of colleges and universities in the nation in three important categories:

- #2 in Character Development of its students
- #8 in Career Preparation of its students
- #10 Most Recommended of colleges and universities

Samford enrollment topped 6,000 for the first time in its history including a record 1,087 first-year students. The total enrollment of 6,101 includes 4,210 undergraduates and 1,891 graduate students. The university welcomed 245 transfer students, including 151 from Birmingham-Southern College, which closed in May 2024.

Samford is investing \$300 million in key capital projects to enhance students' residential experience. The new Campus Recreation, Wellness, and Athletic Complex, encompassing four buildings with 165,000 square feet, opened in September. The center saw nearly 75,000 visits in its first three months of operation. Other new projects that will be completed before the upcoming academic year: new residence halls with beds for 513 first-year students, two smaller residence halls totaling 140 beds for upper-division students in Greek letter societies, and an addition to the north parking facility with more than 500 new stalls.

The Ministry Training Institute recorded 2,328 enrollments from 40 extension locations. Courses are also being offered in three correctional facilities: two in Alabama, in Aliceville and in Bibb, and at the Southcentral Facility in Wayne County, Tennessee. A search is underway to identify a new director for the program.

**Samford's Christian Ministry Department** in the School of the Arts served 90 students including 63 majors and 27 minors. Dr. Julia Higgins joined the faculty from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. She is a B&H Academic author with multiple books she has contributed to or authored.

Samford continues its ongoing commitment to mission engagement. The annual university-wide day of service involved 1,018 students in projects at more than 50 community organizations and ministries in the Birmingham area. Ongoing Community Cadres were also a part of the engagement strategy between the university and the community. Student reflections focused on the book of Philippians and about 150 student volunteers in partnership with 24 community organizations. Twenty-two Samford Students traveled to Ecuador, along with three Samford staff members, five parents and two ministry partners. This cross-cultural ministry experience was a beautiful testament to the spiritual depth and breadth of our university. The team worked with local children, helped build a church (funded by a Samford parent), and distributed much of the food that was packed at last fall's Ecuador Hunger Relief Project.

Samford athletics teams continue to achieve success on the national stage, receiving the second-highest score in the nation among other NCAA Division I schools with a 98% Graduation Success Rate. The school has won 81 SoCon regular-season and tournament championships since joining the league in 2008.

### University of Mobile

The University of Mobile exists to multiply Kingdom leaders for the glory of God and the good of the world. We accomplish this in partnership with Alabama Baptists by preparing students to lead in every vocation through a Christ-centered culture where faith shapes learning, students are known by name and academics are joined with spiritual formation.

This year has been exciting and fruitful as we sharpen our mission, invest in future opportunities and look with anticipation toward an even greater year ahead.

On May 1, 2025, we marked a historic milestone as Dr. Charles W. Smith Jr. completed his first year as president. His inauguration at Redemption Church was followed by a Spring Spectacular celebration and fireworks on The Dr. Fred and Sue Lackey Great Commission Lawn. Speakers included presidents Dr. Jason Allen, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Dr. Danny Akin, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; Dr. Jamie Dew, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; Dr. Samuel W. "Dub" Oliver, Union University; and Dr. Rick Lance, executive director, Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions. In his inaugural address, Dr. Smith cast a bold vision of a university fully committed **For Christ & His Kingdom.** 

### Highlights of God's work at UM this year:

- Grew senior leadership team: Dr. Nathan Harris, v.p. for institutional relations; Tim Adams, v.p. for student development & collegiate athletics; Jenna Goodwin, chief of staff.
- Reinvigorated our UM Chapel program featuring worship and biblical teaching by leading voices in Baptist life, shared beyond campus through podcasts, emails and TAB Media Group.
- Strong enrollment recorded for 2024-2025 with Fall 2025 trending even stronger.
- Expanded partnerships with schools and churches across the region.
- Campus improvements to Weaver & Martin halls, Bedsole Commons & Ingram Dining Hall.
- Established The Great Commission Fund to support scholarships, student life and spiritual formation (umobile.edu/give).
- Launched a new website (umobile.edu) and monthly email The Torch to share stories, chapel podcasts and events (sign up at umobile.edu/connect).
- Welcomed Dr. Kevin Blackwell, executive director of missions for the Mobile Baptist Association, as special assistant to the president and assistant professor of disciple making.
- NAIA national appearances for men's basketball and women's volleyball.
- Carnegie Hall performance by Alabama School of the Arts.
- Graduates achieved 100% licensure pass rates and job placement in key programs (School of Nursing, School of Nurse Anesthesia, School of Education).
- School of Nursing earned 10-year accreditation; BSN program ranked #1 in Alabama
- Hosted 350 Super Summer Alabama participants & 2,400 MFuge campers.
- Scheduled UM Days: Sept. 25, Oct. 13, Nov. 20, Feb. 5 & March 23 attend and earn a \$2,000 scholarship (umobile.edu/visit).

We are grateful for our partnership with Alabama Baptists as, together, we continue the life-changing work of multiplying Kingdom leaders For Christ & His Kingdom.



### Ephesians 2:8

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

At Shocco Springs, we serve because God moves powerfully in the lives of campers. One recent student group reported 20 first-time salvations, 30 recommitments, and 10 calls to ministry during their conference. A youth pastor, bringing a group for their church's eighth consecutive year, saw 6 of their 18 campers give their lives to Christ. The youth pastor shared that their youth ministry has been forever transformed by the Lord's work during their week at Shocco. We also rejoice in stories of campers being set free from fear and anxiety during camp services.

In just three months this summer, over 90 groups visited our campus, resulting in more than 300 reported decisions for Christ. To continue attracting groups and facilitating these life-changing experiences, we prioritize keeping our facilities updated, recreation options fresh, and food quality high. More groups mean more people hearing the Word and encountering God in unique ways, leading to more salvations and recommitments.

### **New Additions This Year:**

- **Zipline**: Two thrilling 700-foot rides soaring above the lake with a return back behind the lake.
- Aqua Park Expansion: Two new Multi-Climb dome mountain climbing features added to the challenge course.
- Challenge Course: A brand-new rebuild of our ropes course with a continuous belay system, offering Mid-Cable and High-Cable levels.
- **Giant Swing**: Located near the Bazooka Ball Building and zipline, this new swing operates day or night and soars over the lake.
- **Updated Paintball Course**: Enhanced with new bunkers, netting, and exciting elements for a next-level experience.
- **3rd Floor Oakridge**: Fully renovated lodging and conference spaces for improved comfort and functionality.
- Soft Serve Ice Cream Machines: A delightful addition for campers to enjoy.

We are deeply grateful that God continues to use Shocco Springs to impact thousands of lives each year. The Board of Trustees and Shocco staff sincerely thank Alabama Baptists for their support through facility use, prayers, financial partnerships, contributions of time and talent, and gifts through the Cooperative Program. May God be glorified through the lives transformed on our campus.

### The Alabama Baptist (TAB Media Group)

Thank you for your ongoing and valued support of The Alabama Baptist newspaper and media ministry, also known as TAB Media Group. Our staff works diligently to use our resources wisely and seeks to stay closely connected to the Alabama Baptist community, especially since The Alabama Baptist continues to be the largest circulated newspaper in the state and the largest circulated Baptist newspaper in the nation.

In everything we do, we're committed to creating content and resources that deliver truth with compassion. This includes our second publication, The Baptist Paper, which alternates week-to-week with The Alabama Baptist and is delivered to a national audience as well as to Alabama Baptists.

Your support and personal engagement with TAB Media Group's various platforms make us a better team. As we celebrate more than 180 years of ministering to you, please know you are the reason we exist. It is a blessing to serve our Lord and each of you.

— Jennifer Davis Rash President and Editor-in-Chief

### TAB Media Group publications and platforms include:

- Daily news updates online at tabonline.org and tbponline.org
- Daily email newsletters
- Social media Facebook, X, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube
- Every other week state print newspaper The Alabama Baptist
- Every other week national print newspaper The Baptist Paper
- Emailed PDFs of each of the two papers, including exclusive digital content
- Audio edition for visually impaired, mailed on special cartridges
- The Weekly podcast featuring current topics and news highlights (found anywhere you get your podcasts as well as online at tabonline.org under "Explore" in the menu)
- Weekend radio show
- TAB News app
- Bimonthly email newsletter for pastors
- Monthly email newsletter for ministry assistants
- The Scroll news site for young adults
- Special events, workshops and training opportunities
- Website and social media resources for churches through hostedchurch.com

### THE BAPTIST FOUNDATION OF ALABAMA 2025 Report to the Associations

The Board of Directors and staff of The Baptist Foundation of Alabama (The Foundation) are pleased to present this report to the associations of the Alabama Baptist State Convention. Since 1940, The Foundation has helped Alabama Baptists, their churches, and their ministries unlock more financial resources to do more ministry across the state and around the world. We do this through services like:

**Legacy Launch** – Having a Legacy Ministry is an important part of a thriving church. But too often, churches are unaware of the huge Kingdom impact opportunity available through Christ-centered estate planning. We offer a turnkey solution to launch a sustainable Legacy Ministry in your church, helping *meet the estate planning needs of your members and fueling ministry inside and outside of your church for years to come.* 

**Kingdom Impact Investing** – The Foundation invests your church's resources in a Biblically responsible way through investments that *align with Biblical principles* and are *actively advancing the Gospel*, while seeking to generate return. As a result, your church enables ministry and mission work down the street and around the world until Jesus returns.

Church Loans – Whether your church is ready to purchase, build, renovate, or refinance an existing loan, we can help. We provide lending to Alabama Baptist churches, ministries, and organizations. Access costefficient, hassle-free financing with ease. Our rates are highly competitive, and unlike traditional lenders, the *interest from your loans is reinvested in Kingdom causes*.

**Vision Campaigns** – A vision campaign is an exciting new phase for your church, meaning an opportunity to *create sustainable funding for future growth*. Unlike short-term capital campaigns, we build and run your vision campaign to fund goals for the long-term. As a result, we help your church have more resources for ministry and mission opportunities for years to come.

**Educational Scholarships** – The Foundation manages 100+ scholarship funds for Alabama Baptist students pursuing undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degrees. We *connect your students to resources that can support their educational goals*.

GiveThree65 – Digital giving was once optional, but now it is essential. Provide members an easy way to give to your church any time, anywhere with our online giving solution, GiveThree65. Best of all, this tool is free for any Alabama Baptist church. Simplify giving now, grow generosity, and fund more ministry.

Ministry Accounting – Ministry leaders shouldn't spend more time on financials than shepherding people. Our Ministry Accounting service helps Alabama Baptist churches simplify bookkeeping, manage payroll, and produce reports – so you can have confidence in your books and clarity in your budget.

Please go to our website at www.tbfa.org or contact our ministry engagement staff at (334) 394-2000 for assistance or more information.

Thank you for your support and for allowing us to serve you and your church. Our team stands ready to show you all of the ways we can help your church unlock more money to do more ministry!

### 2025 Report Office of LeaderCare

The Office of LeaderCare seeks to assist ministers and churches in a variety of areas as we all strive to be committed partners in fulfilling the Great Commission.

The Office of LeaderCare seeks to serve our churches in the following ways:

- Leadership Training involves the equipping of church leaders in such areas as Pastor/Staff and Deacons.
- Bi-vocational Pastors the Office of LeaderCare understands the value of these faithful ministers and seeks to provide encouragement for them as they serve. Retreats are held for Bi-vocational Pastors and their wives in different parts of our state in which encouragement, fellowship, and networking are enjoyed.
- Works to bring training/events to local Associations as requested.
- Provides Pastor/Staff Search Committee training.
- Houses Resumes for church ministry positions and assists in sending them to search committees when requested.
- Offers guidance in the arena of Conflict Resolution.
- Leadership Development the Office of LeaderCare, in conjunction with the Office of Evangelism & Church Revitalization, offers conferences, events, webinars, coaching, and personal consultations which can further enhance the development of church leaders as they minister in their respective areas.

### 2025 Report GLOBAL MISSIONS

### **Mission Partnerships**

Knowing a missionary is critical when it comes to engagement in missions. A close relationship and regular interaction with a missionary will excite your church about missions more than anything else.

Your church, through your association or the State Board of Missions, can connect with a missionary for this kind of relationship. Connecting with them can influence missions involvement, missions giving, and growth among your members.

Alabama Acts 1:8 Connections helps churches support Alabama missionaries through connections, crisis preparation, and Celebrations. Every church has an opportunity to encourage and work alongside our missionaries and in turn impact the world through missions. Information can be found at www.al8c.org

Numerous opportunities are available through the State Board of Missions partnership with Alaska. Week long projects, longer terms commitments, and other opportunities are all possibilities in this mission field. These opportunities and promotional aids can be found at

### www.alaskabrn.com

Crisis preparation is essential for missions volunteers. Specialized training is needed not only to protect volunteers but the people with whom they will work in international settings. Faith focused safe travel training is available to all Alabama Baptist mission teams. Personalized trainings are available and should be done approximately four weeks prior to the trip. More info can be found at <a href="https://www.al8c.org/ffst">www.al8c.org/ffst</a>

Travel insurance is a must for all missions volunteers. For a minimal cost, there is help to cover deductibles and other out of pocket expenses. Not all policies are equal. A recommended coverage plan can be found at <a href="https://www.al8c.org/patriot/">www.al8c.org/patriot/</a>

### Men's and Boys Ministries

Ministry to boys and teen guys is crucial during those years of development. On going opportunities help them to establish good spiritual growth habits. A part of this ministry can include participation in larger activities such as Adventure Weekend (1st-6th grade boys) and Fortify (7th-12th grade guys).

If your church would like to partner with other churches in the association, this would be a great opportunity for these young men to experience a great weekend of growth.

More information can be found at: www.alabamamen.org

### **Disaster Relief**

Loving and serving people during times of disaster is the primary focus of Alabama Baptist Disaster Relief. Also known as the "yellow shirt army", these volunteers represent Jesus in a real and tangible way. Training is available through the State Board of Missions in multiple areas including: chainsaw, clean up/recovery, mass feeding, communications, administration, and chaplaincy. Training events can be found at <a href="https://www.sbdr.org">www.sbdr.org</a>

### Chaplaincy

Chaplains are volunteers who receive specialized training to work in multiple settings:

- \*Public safety/first responder chaplains care for the men and women on the front lines of protecting our communities.
- \*Disaster Relief chaplains are trained in ministry to persons in crisis.
- \*They offer their skill set to areas of need in their local community.

Training is a key component of what the State Board of Missions provides to chaplains around the state. The training schedule can be found at <a href="https://www.sbdr.org">www.sbdr.org</a>

### 2025 Report Associational Missions and Church Planting

### **Community Ministries**

2025 has been a year of prayer and pace. Three new churches opened their doors to start accessibility for the Deaf to come and worship and fellowship together. Our youth camp, Deafquake, resulted in 10 decisions for salvation / baptism. A local news station did a report on the growth of Deaf ministry in north Alabama which gave great exposure and awareness to that area. Not only are we reaching the Deaf in Alabama but in other countries as well. We had a team of 10 from Eden Westside Baptist Church in Pell City go to Honduras to work with the Deaf in that area. Their sign language is different from ours, so they used an interpreter to help them communicate. God is using all of His children to reach the world in so many different ways.....from Deaf ministry to English as a Second Language to feeding people through our hunger ministries. God is reaching the world!

### **Church Planting**

Over the last couple years God has continued to add and multiply new church plants especially as new established churches commit to multiply and plant in Alabama.

The following are recent highlights:

Dawson Memorial – Hispanic: New works in Huntsville, Albertville and a new one for Clanton Nueva Vida – Montgomery/Hispanic: New works in Union Springs and Alex City (Our planter here passed away this season from cancer)

Valleydale Baptist – Church at Old Town and Leeds Valley Church
The Wells Network – Banner Church, 5 Rivers Church
Cornerstone Church Gadsden – Cahaba City Church
Dayspring Mobile – Orange Beach (new)
FBC Decatur – planting a new Hispanic work
Lindsey Lane – New Plant and possible other new

Northport - Journey Church, Samantha

With 50+ in funding this year and 70+ in our network we are moving in 2 fronts. One was to bring on Cameron Bell as our Church Planter Pathway Coordinator (assisting planters' front entry to full development) and we are upgrading our systems in Assessment and Training to parallel NAMB's upgrade. This allows for more effectiveness and cross-state connectivity. This fall there is a new formatted assessment and training cohort in process.

### **Associational Missions**

Associations are at the forefront of ministering to the churches, and a healthy association is essential to have healthy churches. Serving our associations as your missionaries from the Alabama State Board of Missions is a privilege. We work with associational leaders to assist in meeting needs related to their overall work. For example, Calling Out the Called is a new resource to help with the pastor/staff shortage. Currently, we are working on a Strategy to help connect with and train bi-vocational pastors. Also, a new process developed for Alabama Baptist associations is ready to be used. SPARC, Strategic Planning for Associations in Rural Contexts, is the process title that takes a little less than a year from start to finish. If your association has not signed up for this opportunity, encourage your leadership team to discuss this possibility with your Associational Missionary Strategist.

### 2025 COLLEGIATE AND STUDENT MINISTRY REPORT

In partnership with associations and churches, the Office of Collegiate and Student Ministries works to reach middle, high school, and college students for Christ and help them grow in faith and service. Simply put – across campuses in Alabama we want to see the <u>lost saved</u>, <u>saved discipled</u>, and the <u>discipled sent</u>. Alabama Baptists give so that we can call 17 full-time Baptist Campus Ministers and maintain 10 Baptist Student Centers. The Collegiate and Student Ministries Office also works in cooperation with multiple collegiate church plants, associational BCMs, and ministries at the University of Mobile and Samford University.

### **COLLEGIATE MINISTRY**

During the 2024-2025 school year, BCMs impacted nearly 24,000 students.

### Lost Saved

- Through the BCM, Alabama Baptists saw over 120 students decide to follow Jesus on Alabama university campuses. We also saw 450 others make decisions for Christ through DNows and mission projects BCM students participated in.
- Alabama BCMs mobilized over 500 students on evangelistic outreaches.

### Saved Discipled

- Alabama BCMs had over 600 students involved in small group or one-on-one discipleship groups.
- Alabama BCM staff meet with over 200 students in a regular discipling relationship.

### Discipled Sent

- One Mission Students is the sending arm of the Collegiate and Student Ministry Office.
   Between Christmas and Summer mission opportunities, we saw over 150 students sent from Alabama to the ends of the earth. <u>Alabama Baptists sent a student to every inhabited continent to share the Gospel this summer!</u>
- Overall, we saw over **515 students** across Alabama participate in local, national, and international mission projects.
- Alabama BCMs are working with over 70 students who have expressed an interest in vocational ministry.

### STUDENT MINISTRY

- We had 50 students participate in On Mission Huntsville.
- We are the first state convention youth camp to partner and adopt an unreached area with the IMB we sent a team to West Africa.
- We have mobilized 600 students to pray and share the Gospel with a lost person.
- 350 at Super Summer Alabama which is our annual discipleship camp.
- 35 Students attended our Called to Ministry session at Super Summer.
- We have trained over 150 leaders through Conclave and YM Link On the Road.
- We had over 500 in attendance at our Speak Tour Events with 10 decisions for Christ.

We are grateful for the effort Alabama Baptists take to reach every student. It's critical. It's urgent. It's a worthy sacrifice.

### 2025 Woman's Missionary Union Report

What Joy! The theme for the year resonated as WMU across the state celebrated all that God was accomplishing. Below are highlights from the 2025 ministry year.

- WorldSong Missions Place had a great summer with more than 300 MAC campers studying the Word of God and learning about sharing the Gospel among people who live in countries that have no knowledge of Jesus.
- In partnership with the Office of Collegiate and Student Ministries WMU launched Cultivate, a ministry to undergird our Baptist Campus Ministries through prayer, and encouragement as we become more aware of how God is using this vital ministry. More than 400 Alabama Baptist have signed up to pray weekly through an initiative called Pause and Pray. Weekly a one-minute video with a campus minister giving up to date prayer request is sent.
- Additionally, hundreds have adopted our 17 campus ministers to offer prayer and support.
- Cultivate has proven to be a vital asset to our BCMs across the state as they reach out to the more than 300,00 college students.
- Alabama Baptist collected 15,038 Christmas Backpacks that were distributed to 7 states. Over the
  past 3 years it has been reported that 763 people have accepted Christ as their savior and more
  than 77,000 people have heard the Gospel.
- Digital outreach continued through Great Commission Conversations (GCC) and Pakistan Prayer.
   Participants met 7 missionaries over the months during GCC and prayed for the work in Pakistan, meeting a different worker each month.
- Missional Leader Training continued with an emphasis on Generations. More than fifty participants learned the value of being a student of the Next Generation. Participants learned valuable tools in understanding NextGen and the importance of developing relationships.
- More than 500 women registered for the women's conference Renew. Participants were challenged by Heather Johnson as well as our mission personnel. Fun was had by all as we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Cooperative Program.
- More than 300 teen girls participated in the teen girl event Complete.
- Hispanic WMU hosted our first Hispanic women's event with nearly 100 in attendance.
- Pastor Wives were encouraged at our first Pastor's Wives Retreat with Page Hughes as guest Bible Study leader.
- Alabama Baptists continued to faithfully support our seasonal missions offering with a record amount of more than \$1.7 million given to the Myers Mallory State Mission Offering.







### **NAMB 2025 Association Report**

For 180 years, Southern Baptists have prioritized missions in North America through the work of the North American Mission Board and its predecessors the Home Mission Board and the Domestic Mission Board. Today, that commitment remains strong as our churches have sent more than 3,000 missionaries who are planting new evangelistic churches and leading compassion ministries that meet physical needs while sharing the message of salvation.

In this 100<sup>th</sup> year of the Cooperative Program (CP), NAMB is grateful for the investment Southern Baptists continue to make in our ongoing ministries. This and repeated record giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® for North American Missions allows our missionaries to focus on investing in peoples' lives, establishing strong, healthy churches, and sharing Christ through all they do. In addition, your support funds evangelism resources that go to the mission field and are available for every Southern Baptist church. Thank you!

Throughout this report, you will read highlights of what we have seen God accomplish in 2024 through the work of NAMB missionaries and our church partners.

In evangelism, NAMB celebrated the news in May 2024 that baptisms in Southern Baptist churches rose nearly 26 percent in 2023, according to Lifeway's Annual Church Profile. Also in 2024, the number of NAMB Evangelism Kits distributed reached nearly 23,000. Our evangelism team and our partners held 57 in-person Evangelism Kit training events in 2024 with a total attendance of 4,507. More than 2 million English and 400,000 Spanish 3 Circle Conversation Guides have been distributed to churches since the resource was created. Our Youth Leader Coaching Network (YLCN) led by Shane Pruitt, hosted more than 350 student leaders at our Alpharetta building in 2024, and since YLCN's launch in 2021, more than 3,400 youth leaders have attended in person or online.

**Through Send Network**, our church planting ministry, it is our privilege to partner with Southern Baptist churches as they plant new churches throughout North America. We celebrated 767 new churches started by Southern Baptists in 2024, the most recent year for which complete data is available. With 138 new affiliations and 59 new campuses, Southern Baptists added 964 new congregations in all. Equipping new church planters remains a top priority as we hosted 53 church planter assessment retreats in 2024 and more than 400 attended Send Network church planter orientation events.

**Send Relief** continues to see remarkable participation from Southern Baptist churches and volunteers. In 2024, Send Relief worked directly with 2,001 churches across North America and Puerto Rico. This resulted in 32,563 individuals engaging to serve 181,185 people across diverse communities and catalyzed 22,115 gospel conversations. In addition, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers, with support from Send Relief, prepared more than 1,417,039 meals and shared the gospel 42,225 times.

**Chaplaincy**. NAMB endorses and trains chaplains on behalf of Southern Baptists. Currently there are more than 3,100 NAMB-endorsed chaplains. In 2024, many chaplains deployed throughout the United States in response to hurricanes Helene and Milton. Others served in prisons, law

enforcement, hospitals and around the world through the US Military. Southern Baptist chaplains reported 100,084 Gospel presentations in 2024 and 2,100 baptisms.

Jesus reminded us in Matthew 9:37 that, "The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few," (CSB). Thank you, pastors and Southern Baptists, for the resources you have provided to help reach this abundant harvest. Please pray with me that the Lord will send out more workers as, together, we seek to push back lostness in North America and beyond.

### One Hundred Seventy-Ninth Annual Report



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### Introduction

From the Great Commission to the Great Multitude, Southern Baptists have united for 179 years in a Great Pursuit of those who have yet to hear the gospel by sending missionaries overseas through the International Mission Board. We work together to make disciples of every nation, among all tribes and peoples and languages.

Southern Baptists' faithfulness and generosity are a blessing to the nations as you continue to send and support missionaries through the IMB. It is our privilege to bring you reports of how God is at work through your IMB missionaries and our close partners. Behind every aspect of this report are real people: missionaries and missionary families at work, and those among the nations who once walked in darkness but now walk in the Light. Praise the Lord for these changed lives!

We also celebrate God's providence in leading the Woman's Missionary Union to establish an offering in 1888 to support international missions — that offering we lovingly call the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® today, with a cumulative total of more than \$5.5 billion across its storied history — and we are especially grateful for Southern Baptists' record giving this past year.

A good offering is not all we have to celebrate at the IMB. We can also celebrate that last year, we graduated our largest class of missionaries from Field Personnel Orientation in more than a decade. We celebrate that our missionary application pipeline is higher than it's been in more than 15 years. We celebrate that the IMB brand is strong again, and we are connecting with more churches than ever before in our 179-year history. We celebrate that the average tenure of service for long-term missionaries is higher than it's been in many years. And we celebrate that Southern Baptist volunteers serving alongside of our overseas teams in the past year topped 11,600, an increase of nearly 20% over the previous year.

And yet, we still have challenges. Inflation continues to present significant challenges here at home and around the world, and growing generosity is required to have a growing missionary force. Why is that so important? Because while we celebrate these wins for God's kingdom, the most sobering and heartbreaking statistic we report on each year continues to grow. Tragically, today, 174,202 people will die and enter an eternity separated from our Lord.

We need even more missionary candidates in the missionary application process, and we need the Lottie Offering to grow at a quicker pace so we can send and fully support those missionaries. While we celebrate God's providence in leading Southern Baptists to unite in a foundational unified giving program 100 years ago in 1925, birthing the Cooperative Program — which is vital to our international missions endeavors and, indeed, to our convention as a whole — we need church leaders to remember the implicit value of the Cooperative Program; to revitalize our collective commitment to the CP; and to make a concerted effort to expand its effectiveness.

We press forward because so much is at stake, and God has shown His willingness to bless our efforts. At the end of 2024, Southern Baptists have more than 3,600 adults, along with their 3,000 children, who serve in long-term missions around the world. Those thousands are joined by tens of thousands more who have served on a short-term mission trip; by thousands of national Baptists around the globe who serve alongside our IMB personnel; and by nearly 150 global missionary partners who have been sent from sister Baptist conventions and unions overseas to take the gospel where they are uniquely equipped to go.

In the Great Pursuit of the lost, we remain steadfast at the IMB in our mission to serve Southern Baptists in carrying out the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. Our work is focused every day on doing our part to see the fulfillment of the Revelation 7:9-10 vision and the gathering of the Great Multitude before the throne and before the Lamb.

The nations are waiting. We still have much to do, together.

Paul Chitwood, Ph.D.
President, International Mission Board

### RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ARAB OCTOBER 12, 2025

**WHEREAS** First Baptist Church of Arab is the gracious host of the 138<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Marshall Baptist Association, be it

**RESOLVED** that the pastor, Rev. Mike Foreman, and church members are commended for an outstanding job in hosting this meeting with their beautiful facility and friendly people; be it further

**RESOLVED** that we express our appreciation to the pastor and members by adopting and including this resolution in the 138<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of our Association; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that we have but one mission and that is the Great Commission: and be it finally

**RESOLVED** that our sincere gratitude be acknowledged to all messengers and guests who work diligently for our Lord and took part in this 138<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Resolution Committee

Frank McDaniel, Chairman

# Marshall Summary Information

## For ACP Year 2025

Congression	Total	Resident	Total Bantisms	Other	Worship	SS inrollment A	SS SS Avg. DT	DT	Ministry F	WIMIO Forollmont	Ministry	lotal Peceinte
Albertville First	1.405	1.040	30	27		726	420	0	0	0	0	\$1.573.212
Alder Springs	<u>.</u>	2	3	i	)		Ì	•	•	•	•	
Antioch												
Antioch at Martling												
Arab First	1,235	1,103	17	12	252	435	202	0	0	0	0	\$996,403
Bakers Chapel	309	236	~	2	40	45	30	0	0	0	0	\$83,583
Bethany	642	486	2	80	161	190	94	0	0	0	0	\$537,080
Bethlehem	995	3,277	21	7	280	200	185	0	0	0	0	\$0
Bethsaida	289	259	13	12	112	122	86	0	0	0	0	\$276,884
Beulah	404	359	12	80	153	179	86	0	0	0	0	\$435,155
Boaz First	535	0	7	16	235	415	210	0	0	0	0	\$1,363,907
Brindlee Mountain	180	127	4	_	92	130	20	0	0	0	0	\$225,228
Butler												
Carlisle	0	0	4	0	65	53	20	0	0	0	0	\$152,379
Central	154	122	2	0	105	85	82	0	0	0	0	\$170,655
Chapel Hill	172	148	0	0	35	101	26	0	0	0	0	\$95,071
Clear Springs												
Cornerstone	230	230	4	0	150	20	20	0	0	0	0	\$35,668
Cowboy Church												
Creek Path	442	213	2	3	150	153	75	0	0	0	0	\$449,642
Douglas	176	176	80	2	65	37	37	0	0	0	0	\$78,542
East Albertville												
East Lake												
Eastside	153	126	4	0	22	12	80	0	0	0	0	\$30,671
Fairview												
Faith Rock	45	15	2	0	12	22	22	0	0	0	0	\$0
Free Home												
Gethsemane												
Gilliam Springs	1,339	1,236	29	73	894	1,688	089	0	0	0	0	\$3,154,213
Grace	324	232	6	10	230	138	138	0	0	0	0	\$0
Grace Fellowship	123	22	10	3	22	21	21	0	0	0	0	\$46,000
Grant First	1,114	1,114	2	10	168	74	74	0	0	0	0	\$412,231
Guntersville First	1,896	991	10	45	441	755	315	0	0	0	0	\$2,472,464
Haney's Chapel	58	20	0	0	19	0	က	0	0	0	0	\$47,568
Happy Hill												
Нарру Ноте	40	40	0	27	31	27	20	0	0	0	0	\$25,048

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Congregation	Total Members	Resident Members	Total Baptisms	Other Additions	Worship Attendance	SS Enrollment	Worship SS SS Avg. DT Attendance Enrollment	DT inrollment	Music Ministry	WMU Enrollment	Mens Ministry	Total Receipts
Hebron												
High Point												
Hillcrest	136	109	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
Honeycomb												
Hustleville	135	19	0	0	14	80	80	0	0	0	0	\$30,303
Liberty Hill												
LifeChurch	0	140	0	0	250	100	0	0	0	0	0	\$270,000
Maranatha Haitian Church												
Messiah church	133	0	7	16	140	103	55	0	0	0	0	\$103,000
Mount High	111	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
Mountain View	362	307	2	5	20	20	40	0	0	0	0	\$111,474
Mt Calvary	747	369	_	_	65	78	47	0	0	0	0	\$288,797
Mt Carmel	175	131	0	3	48	47	40	0	0	0	0	\$84,752
Mt Hebron	154	53	0	0	32	28	27	0	0	0	0	\$35,858
Mt Olive #1	400	20	0	0	40	26	26	0	0	0	0	\$0
Mt Olive #2	282	149	0	2	34	30	21	0	0	0	0	\$122,051
Mt Sinai												
Mt Tabor												
Mt Vernon	009	409	10	11	250	255	190	0	0	0	0	\$820,613
New Canaan												
New Covenant												
New Friendship	166	166	2	0	80	40	45	0	0	0	0	\$112,996
New Heights												
New Macedonia												
Northside	20	20	0	0	20	9	9	0	0	0	0	\$0
Northwest												
Oak Grove												
Oak Hill	72	_	_	0	22	72	0	0	0	0	0	\$20,624
Pine Grove #1												
Pleasant Grove	286	147	7	13	70	62	26	0	0	0	0	\$90,817
Pleasant Hill #2												
Pleasant Valley	06	06	4	0	65	46	30	0	0	0	0	\$70,712
Primera Hispana												
Red Apple	299	274	27	10	22	22	22	0	0	0	0	\$107,997
Red Hill												
Rehobeth												

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Rock Springs	288	0	0	0	55		53	0	0		ı	
Ruth												
Sand Mountain Cowboy Church												
Sardis	1,325	1,105	18	29	425	621	621	0	0	0	0	\$875,806
Second Boaz	630	242	0	0	31	27	12	0	0	0	0	\$50,571
Shoal Creek	47	30	_	0	20	15	10	0	0	0	0	\$38,153
Snead Chapel	50	40	0	0	35	14	14	0	0	0	0	
Solid Rock												
Solitude	968	497	26	21	325	278	278	0	0	0	0	\$1,335,735
South Sauty	35	29	_	2	30	18	18	0	0	0	0	\$74,772
Southern Cross												
Southside												
Springdale												
Sweet Home	451	200	38	12	200	170	94	0	0	0	0	\$380,483
The Bridge	139	220	20	0	196	27	27	0	0	0	0	\$35,000
The Fellowship	267	300	6	33	195	06	20	0	0	0	0	\$540,334
Trading Post												
Union Grove #1	317	267	11	10	116	120	80	0	0	0	0	\$107,396
Union Grove #2												
Union Grove First	484	350	10	9	120	135	95	0	0	0	0	\$416,569
Valley View	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$14,143
Victory Cornerstone												
Victory Hill												
Victory Missionary	538	277	10	80	135	98	96	0	0	0	0	\$0
Westside Boaz												
White Oak	148	34	0	5	34	20	0	0	0	0	0	\$81,329
Marshall	21,617	17,662	441	456	7,463	8,381	5,089	0	0	0	0	\$19,042,110