

CAPE GIRARDEAU BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
197TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH – DELTA, MO

Attendance: Messengers 52
Visitors 43
Churches Represented 16

Welcome and Prayer: Randy Conn, pastor, FBC Delta

Call to Order: Lewis Scott, Moderator, pastor, Sedgewickville Baptist Church

Seating of Messengers: 52 messengers registered. Motion to accept by Dennis Bovey with a second and approved.

Order of Business and Book of Reports: Motion to accept and approved.

Voted to approve Executive Board Members with one name correction (Gerry Duvall at Trinity). Fourteen churches did not report a board member. Doug Austin made motion, 2nd by Dennis Bovey and approved.

Appointment of Committees

Time, Place, Preacher (2023)

Ben Chapman
Jeremy Sells
Jason Grubbs
Aaron Campbell

Program Committee (2022)

Kevin Goebel, Lynwood
Reese Hammond, FB Oak Ridge
Amy Elfrink, FB Oak Ridge
Matt Hale, FB Millersville

Nominating Committee(2021/22)

Margaret Tallent

Motion to accept Appointment of Committees by Reese Hammond, motion second and approved.

Minutes from 2020 Annual Meeting were presented by Margaret Tallent. They were reviewed with motion to approve by Margaret Tallent, second by Dennis Bovey

Lewis Scott led in a time of prayer prior to Reports.

Roger Graham introduced a new committee, Camp Ministries Committee, to be a permanent functioning committee, with responsibility of additional retreats, one day events, etc. Motion to form this committee made by Jim Blevins, second by Jeremy Sells.

Nominating Committee Report presented by Roger Graham. Report was amended to include Ed Carter, Trinity Baptist, and Reese Hammond, FBC Oak Ridge, on the Credentials Committee; also amended to include Cliff Crosnoe, Lynwood Baptist, on Missions Development Committee. Report approved

Roger Graham presented the 2022 Time, Place, Preacher Report: The focus will be Baptist Collegiate Ministry; hosted by FBC Millersville on November 13, 2022. Kevin Goebel will be the preacher.

Treasurer's Report as printed in the Book of Reports: Roger Graham presented and report with a motion to accept by Cliff Crosnoe and second by Andrew Green.

In the absence of Ben Rhodes, Hayes Howell reported on the new Lynwood Christian Academy.

Worship in Song led by Josh Boley with Rebecca Hanlon at the piano. Song..."Ten Thousand Reasons" and "Mercy is More."

Baptist Collegiate Ministry Report given by Reese Hammond and focused on 2021 Welcome Week at SEMO, contacts with International Students, discipleship groups and Monday Dinners that are served by associational churches.

Worship in Song: "Great is Thy Faithfulness", "O Praise His Name", "Is He Worthy".

Church Revitalization: Aaron Campbell, pastor at Mercy Hill shared the focus his church is taking following their participation at the MBC Refocus Church Renewal Workshop that was held in our association in April 2021. A total of six churches were present with vision teams at the workshop to begin developing a renewal plan for their respective churches.

Worship in Song: "How Firm a Foundation", "This is My Father's World" and "In Christ Alone"

Camp Ministries: Using Colossians 3: 15-17 Craig Petzoldt reported on the activities at Peaceful Valley this past year and what will be scheduled for 2022.

Break (30 minutes) Finger foods provided by Delta First Baptist Church in fellowship hall.

Church Planting Center: John Vernon introduced the following to share reports:

- Billy Garner, pastor Church of the Rescued & Redeemed spoke on God's activity in Cape Girardeau through the construction of their new church building.
- Jo Ann Hahs, Disaster Relief
- Kathy Blevins, Associational WMU Director

John Vernon's CPC report focused on Church Plants, introducing Ednor Sebag who serves as our Filipino Church Planting Catalyst for the region, Enoc Baeza who serves as our Hispanic Church Planting Catalyst for the region, and a new Deaf Ministry that is being organized locally. and the

DOM Report: John Vernon introduced Amy Elfrink, member of FBC Oak Ridge working with the True Vine Christian Counseling group, who is working as a provisionally licensed counselor out of the associational office. Looking forward, he announced that Cape Baptist Association will be a training center for church planters through the North American Mission Board. Additionally, he informed the association he would be seeking to develop a new vision & mission for the association, including updates to the constitution and bylaws to bring them into alignment with the new vision & mission, over this next year.

Worship in Song: Trinity Baptist Women's Trio - Pattie Brooks, Amy Richardson, & Sharon Biehler sang "Jesus Saves."

Partnership Missions: Roger Graham shared the association has partnership missions with Belluno Italy, Alberta Province Canada, and Filipinos worldwide. The Filipino partnership encompasses all nine associations in the Southeast region of Missouri. Because of Covid there have not been any trips to Italy or Canada. There was a regional Acts 1:8 Conference at Miner Baptist Church this Spring of 2021 focusing on the Filipino Ministry and how it impacts our local, North American, and International work in partnership with our local association, NAMB and IMB.

Partnership Missions/Annual Sermon: Ed Carter, pastor at Trinity in St. Mary asked his wife, Joye, to read Acts 13: 1-6 and she led in prayer. Pastor Ed's message was focused around four points: 1)Seeking to Send, 2)Set a Precedence, 3)Suspect the Unexpected, 4)Solicit to Bring More to the Partnership.

Season of Prayer for

Hispanic Church Plants led by Aaron Campbell. Aaron shared that there is a Hispanic group organizing through Enoc Baeza (mentioned above) in the area.

Afghan Refugees led by Mike Parry. Mike reported that there are 1000 Afghan refugees in St. Louis presently.

Old Bethel: Beverly Nelson gave an update on Old Bethel sharing that the churches are invited to join the “Friends of Old Bethel” group to help with upkeep and spreading the word about the availability for services, picnics, etc. She announced that Old Bethel will be open the second Saturday of November and December for Open House. There is a new log cabin style restroom to be completed in the near future.

Missouri Baptist Children’s Home: Keith Vawter brought an update on the Missouri Baptist Children’s Home with headquarters in Bridgeton, MO.

Missouri Baptist Home: Spencer Hutson brought a report on MBH stating that three new locations are soon to open in Adrian, Smithville and Independence. The Smithville location will be for veterans.

Presentation of Officers: Lewis Scott introduced Troy Richards, Moderator, Jeremy Sells, Vice Moderator, Margaret Tallent, Clerk and Roger Graham, Treasurer

Motion to adjourn by Dennis Bovey, second by Jim Blevins

Closing Prayer led by Lewis Scott, Moderator

Clerk,
Margaret Tallent