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Bound Together

“Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.” Ecclesiastes 4:12

When I was a lad, I loved the Lone Ranger. I listened to him on radio before we had our first T.V. He always wore a mask, fought gallantly and rode away alone (except for Tonto.) That would add up to a pretty miserable life—being alone. The truly sad thing is that I have met several Lone Ranger pastors. They work with a passion. They care to see all people might have the opportunity to hear the Gospel. They are compassionate and just, but they are also overburdened and ripe for discouragement and despair.

This is when being a lone ranger can become toxic. The Lone Ranger had a companion and friend. Tonto was more than a fixture on the set. He was a comrade in arms and a confidant for the man in the mask. In fact, Tonto was the one person who had seen the ranger without his mask. He knew the Ranger's foibles and concerns. You cannot ride the trail together for very long before you know what makes your companion tick. If one were overpowered in battle, the other would step in and the two could overcome together.

I know my time with the churches is passing quickly, but I want to pass along at least one encouraging lesson pastors and the churches they serve: The ministry of the Gospel was not designed for Lone Rangers. Churches you dare not allow your pastor to become the Lone Ranger. You need to be his Tonto. Cooperation within the church and within the Association, makes the church and the individual stronger. To attempt ministry alone over a long period of time will result in isolation, discouragement and despair.

Even Paul needed assistance with his ministry. At one point, he wrote Timothy in 2 Timothy 4:11 **“Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.”** Paul counted on others who shared a similar passion for accountability and encouragement. If Paul did so, why would we imagine ourselves better than he?

I say all of this to relate what I believe one of the most important ministries of the SCASB or any association of churches. We are bound together as individuals, churches, ministers of the Gospel of Christ not only with one another, but also with the Lord Jesus Christ. We become a chord of multiple strands with one another and Jesus and Thus become very difficult to break, hack or dismantle.

Now I am not Uncle Sam, but We need YOU-every Pastor and every congregation-to band together with sister churches to exalt the name of Jesus and make the eternal wrong right. We are on mission together and we are bound together both by that mission and most especially by the blood of Jesus Christ. Now is not the time to flounder or flag. The hour calls for us to be bound together by love's strong chord and carry the battle to the very end.

I may soon no longer be on the scene, but the battle for the Gospel is set clearly before every congregation, so let's mount up together and take the day for Truth Justice and the Jesus way.

I Love you,

Bro. Tom



Living Proof Simulcast with Beth Moore

Bible teacher, author & dynamic speaker
along with **worship leader Travis Cottrell**

**Central Baptist Church, 904 Wheat Rd, Winfield
Saturday, September 28 • 8:30 AM — 3:30 PM**

This “Simulcast with Beth Moore” is open to anyone who would like to attend. Come for a day of teaching out of Proverbs 31 and what it looks like to be “secure in Christ”. Doors open at 8 a.m. The **theme will be Strong Sisters, Proverbs 31:25.**

Cost is \$10 (at the door) for a full day of Bible Teaching with Beth Moore. Early registration not necessary. Lunch is on your own. Bring a sack lunch and eat in the fellowship hall or go out and enjoy a local restaurant. There will be plenty of time to eat at any of the venues in town. Ladies you are invited to not only attend, but bring a car load of friends with you for a great day of fellowship and learning from God’s Word. Contact the church office 620-221-2980 for additional information. Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 AM to 1 PM.



74th Annual Meeting of the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists October 14-15, 2019 at Parkview Baptist Church, Lexington, NE

Messengers and alternates. Please note the pastor is NOT automatically a messenger to the KNCSB Annual Meeting. Pastors must be voted on by the church body to be a messenger, the same as laymen.

Messenger Registration: Deadline for submitting your pre-registration form is Sept. 6, (This information was mailed to each church in July). Anyone may attend the Annual Meeting, but only those registered as messengers will be able to receive a convention packet and vote on business items.

Schedule this year: The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. Monday, October 14 and end on Tuesday, October 15 at approximately 12:30 PM. There will not be a designated “Convention Hotel” this year. **Childcare Important note:** due to space constraints there will be no childcare at the meeting. For further information and the tentative meeting agenda go to knksb.org/annual-meeting. John Harms, former pastor at El Dorado FSBC and Burden FBC will give the annual sermon on Tuesday morning.

Annual Missions Celebration of Kansas Nebraska wMu, 4:30-6:15 PM at KNCSB Annual Meeting. Pre-registration is required by Sept. 20th. Cost is \$5 per person and includes dinner. Send names and contact information along with payment to Women’s Leadership Department, 5410 SW 7th St. Topeka, KS 66606. Contact Jessica at 785-228-6828 on Tuesdays & Thursdays for more information.

Purpose of South Central Association of Southern Baptists. The South Central Association of Southern Baptists (SCASB) exists to resource its member congregations in ways that will enable them to fulfill their unique, God-given vision for reaching the lost, developing disciples and leaders, and being involved in missional partnerships.



72nd Annual Meeting of South Central Association
Monday, October 7, 2019
at First Baptist Church, Towanda, KS

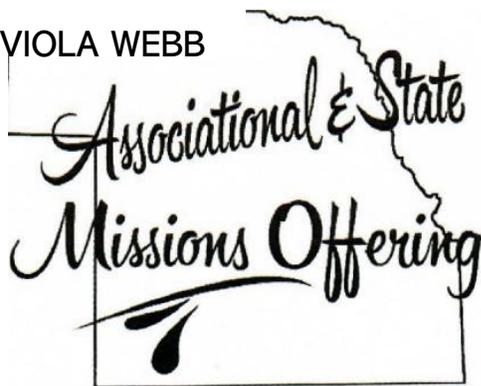
Preacher: James Gillespie,
Pastor Andover Baptist Church

The schedule is as follows: 5:15 p.m. Dinner • 6:15 p.m. Pre-Session Music • 6:30 p.m. Annual Meeting

Remember, everyone is invited and encouraged to attend, but only those elected to serve as messengers may vote. **Meal and childcare reservations are to be made through the association office.** There is no charge for the meal or childcare, but donations will be received to help defray cost of the meal. Deadline for meal and childcare reservations is Monday, September 30, 2019.

REMINDER...ACPs are due on line or in the SCASB office on or before September 16th. Note: Your church Username and Password is the same as on last years ACP. Please be sure and include messengers on the ACPs as this is where we get the information to make up the list of church approved messengers checking in at the annual meeting. All leader information on the ACP should be for the coming church year, 2019-2020. As soon as the ACPs are received from LifeWay, they will be put in the mail to all SCASB churches.

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OUR MISSION FIELD
Every town, city and campus
2019-2020
KNCSB Goal: \$ 210,000
50% to Association
50% to KS-NE Missions Causes

Your gifts to the Associational and State Missions Offering provide dollars for a number of ministries including **church starting, church health, leadership conferences, collegiate work and disaster relief.**

Each church received first week of August a sample of this year's State and Associational Missions Offering envelope. Also included is a post card for you to request how many additional envelopes you will need to ensure members of your church family have the opportunity to give over and above their tithe to missions causes in our two state area. Posters, videos and clipart are available at www.kncsb.org. The September issue of the Baptist Digest www.baptistdigest.com will have a section of stories to help promote this offering. **Thanks for supporting the Associational and State Missions Offering.**

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September 25, 2019 students gather
at their school flag pole to pray.



September

- 2 **Office Closed, Labor Day**
- 4-5 Missionary/Staff Leadership Team Mtg.
Baptist Building, Topeka
- 5 Executive Committee Mtg, Topeka
- 6 Mission Board Mtg., TBA
- 12 Pastors Fellowship, Noon at Playa Azul Mexican
Restaurant, Augusta. Voyt Lynn host.
- 13-14 **Renew, WCC** (Formerly Wonderful Weekend for Women)
- 16 **ACP's due on Line or in Association Office**
- 16 **Administrative Team Mtg., Annual Meeting
Preparation, 7:00 PM at FBC, Douglass**
- 23-29 **Viola Webb Missions Offering &
Week of Prayer Emphasis**
- 25 See You at the Pole (Local Schools)
- 29 **Viola Webb Missions Offering Day**

October

- 1 Housing Reservations open on line
re SBC Annual Meeting for following June.
- 7 **SCASB Annual Meeting, FBC Towanda**
- 11 WCC Board Meeting, WCC
- 13 SBC Global Hunger Sunday
- 14 **Office Closed, Columbus Day**
- 14-15 **KNCSB Annual Meeting,
Parkview, Lexington, NE**

November

- 1-2 SHINE, for Teen Girls, WCC
- 3 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11 **Office Closed, Veterans' Day**
- 14 Pastors Fellowship, Noon
- 28 **Office Closed, Thanksgiving**

**SHINE A Conference for Teen Girls
Nov. 1 & 2, 2019
Webster Conference Center, Salina
Cost: \$ 50 per person**



September

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| 08 Robin Long | 25 Ruth Orr |
| 12 Justin & April Bates | 26 April Bates |
| 18 Render Nelson | 29 Ron & Susan
Rogers |
| 19 Render & Maris
Nelson | 29 Susan Rogers |
| 22 Robert Ward | |