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LEAVING and LEADING

And I will also be diligent that at any time after my departure you will be able to call these things to mind. 2Peter 1:15

I used to love the old western movies. The good guy would show up, rescue the lady, save the ranch and then ride out on his trusty steed into the sunset. That may have seemed romantic in my childhood, but the truth is I hate the prospect of leaving.

Like Peter, I feel as if I am in covenant relationship with the churches of South Central Association and more especially with the individuals that comprise these congregations. Vicki and I will never forget the kindnesses you have showered upon us, nor will we forget how you made us feel at home in every congregation. I will not forget the times of prayer and counsel with the leaders of these congregations. I will not forget the tears nor the laughter we have shared. But there are things I pray you do not forget.

Whether you remember me or not is of no importance, but I really hope to remind you now and will do so later that: Regardless of how we may feel, **God has given us everything pertaining to life and Godliness.** God has already given us all we will ever need to live our life in His likeness. Notice that God has given us **great and magnificent promises.** We know that what He promises, He will bring to pass. He has promised that we will in the future partake of His divine nature. That's pretty spectacular.

Then there is the reminder concerning our response to God's working in us. Verses five and following outline the importance for personal diligence, moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, brotherly Kindness; and love. It is obvious that God has some pretty high standards for our character and behavior. His demands are not tedious or problematic IF we walk in the light as He is in the light.

Peter anticipated his departure and wanted those in whom he had invested his time and effort to carry the torch of the Gospel to the ensuing generations. Departure of one sort or another is going to take place. Some folks are transferred to other parts of God's battlefield; others go directly to Headquarters. At this point, my assignment will take me to a different field of service. I will not forget the comradery nor the kindnesses, my charge to you is that you do not forget that God has already given you as individuals and congregation, everything you need. Trust Jesus, obey His Word and you will see just how magnificent those promises He made to us really are.

My departure is at hand. The Lord our God beckons me to another field of battle. Remember we are a band of Brothers (and Sisters) whose uniting cause is the Proclamation of the Gospel and the

Glorification of Jesus. May we be faithful to His Cause and faithful to His Call. With grateful heart I bid you adieu. In the words of Babe Standerfer, "I will see you here, there or in the air!"

Peace be unto You,

Tom Edwards

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OUR MISSION FIELD

Every town, city and campus

2019-2020

KNCSB Goal: \$ 210,000

50% to Association

Churches and individuals may give to the State Missions Offering any time during the year.

November 5—10, 2019 • Mission Trip to Juarez, Mexico

- **Participating SCASB churches include:** FSBC Arkansas City, FSBC Augusta, FBC Belle Plaine, FBC Douglass, FBC Towanda and Central Winfield.
- A total of 21 individuals are participating in the trip
- **Prayer Needs:**
 - 1) Pray for the Iniguez-Mendiola family for whom we will be building the home. Only the mother, Beatriz, is a believer; so, pray that her husband Dario and three daughters (Natalia, Camilla and Regina) might come to know Jesus as Lord as well.
 - 2) Beatriz has health troubles as doctors have found a lump in her breast.
 - 3) Pray Ephesians 6:19 for each of us: "that the message may be given to me when I open my mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel." Pray especially as we distribute 214 evangelistic Mission Ball soccer balls and children's evangelistic packets.

(Information provided by Voyt Lynn, Mission Trip Coordinator, FBC Douglass)



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.



2019 Annual Meeting Information

Officers Elected to Serve 2019-2020:

Moderator: David Crook, Pastor
 FSBC, El Dorado,
 Vice Moderator: Kermit "KC" Colvin, Pastor
 FSBC, Arkansas City
 Clerk: LaVaughan Scheurich, FSBC, Ark City
 Treasurer: Bea Ward, FSBC, Ark City

Admin Team Recommendations Approved:

Location: Central Baptist Church, Winfield
 Meeting: Monday, October 5, 2020

Annual Message: Paul Hutchison, Pastor
 FBC, Belle Plaine
 Alternate Message: Jimmy Charles, Pastor
 South Haven Baptist Church

At Large Admin Team Members Approved:

Judith Colvin, First Baptist, Burden
 Michelle Umholz, First Baptist, Udall
 Mark Wagner, First Baptist, Towanda

2019 Annual Meeting Attendance:

42 messengers and 29 guests in attendance for a total of 71. Churches represented in attendance: Andover; Ark City, FSBC; Augusta, Prairie Hills; Belle Plaine, Burden, Douglass, El Dorado, FSBC; Rose Hill Fellowship; South Haven, Towanda, Udall and Winfield, Central.

Administrative Team: Is composed of the SCASB Officers, ministry team leaders and three as Member-At-Large. The 2019-2020 Ministry Team Leaders are:

Sending Team: Voyt Lynn

Cell 316-249-1310 or pastor@fbcdouglass.net

Share Team: James Gillespie

Cell 316-836-5103 or biblepreacher@sbcglobal.net

Starting Team: Blake Orr

Cell 620-218-5563 or revblakeo@gmail.com

Strengthening Team: David Gibbs

Cell 316-573-7011 or dgibbs75@gmail.com

Contact these team leaders if your church is planning a community ministry, mission trip or community evangelism outreach event and would like some financial help from the association.

Statistical Information from 2019 ACP's completed by 13 churches:

Total Members	4,365
Baptisms	62
Other Additions	40
Weekly Worship Att.	925
SS/Bible Study Avg Att	607
VBS Enrollment	415
Total Giving/Receipts	1,763,441
Cooperative Program	97,344
Annie Armstrong Off.	12,484
Lottie Moon Off.	17,103
Great Commission Giving	223,305
Total Mission Giving	271,248

Information from Called SCASB Executive Board Meeting, August 19, 2019:

Those nominated and elected to service as team members for the Associational Director of Missions (ADOM) search team are: David Gibbs, First Baptist, Towanda; David Crook, First Southern, El Dorado; Blake Orr, Central Baptist, Winfield; Robert Ward, First Southern, Arkansas City; and Susan Pedersen, Prairie Hills, Augusta. Susan Pedersen was elected to serve as the ADOM Team Leader.

Information from Called SCASB Executive Board Meeting, October 28, 2019:

Purpose of the meeting was for discussion and calling an Association Interim Director of Missions, Dr. Russell R. Cook. Following discussion and recommendation by the ADOM Search Team Dr. Russell R. Cook received an unanimous call to serve South Central Association as Interim Director of Missions. He will begin his ministry as of November 3. He is currently serving as Interim Pastor at Cherryvale, KS, and will be in the SCASB office on Monday November 4th. His contact information is: Cell 405-919-1961; E-mail russellrcook@gmail.com. Dr. Cook and his wife Marsha reside in Shawnee, OK. They are the parents of two sons and a daughter, and have eight grandchildren. FBC Burden has graciously provided their church parsonage for Dr. Cook to use on nights he stays over in the association.

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NOVEMBER



<p>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</p> <p>December 1-8 Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering 6 Pastor/Staff/Spouse Christmas Dinner/Fellowship at Winfield, Central. 24-31 Office Closed</p> <p>January 1 New Years’ Day, Office Closed 9 Pastors Fellowship, Noon 13 Administrative Team Meeting, 7:00 PM at FBC, Douglass 17 KNCSB, Y.E.S. PLT Mtg., WCC 19 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, SBC 20 Office Closed, Federal Holiday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day 21-23 Midwest Leadership Summit 2020 Springfield, IL at Crown Plaza Hotel 27 Executive Board Meeting, 7:00 PM at SCASB Office Building</p>	<p>February 10-16 Focus on WMU 15 Children’s Ministry Day, SBC 17 Office Closed, Federal Holiday President’s Day 20 Pastors Fellowship, 6:30 PM</p>
	 <p>November</p> <p>06 Voyt Lynn 28 Richard Awtrey 30 Kam & Bon Prakonekham</p>
	<p>LOOKING AHEAD.... November is the time for churches to prepare for the Week of Prayer emphasis for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. All KNCSB churches received a packet the last of September with a letter from Bob Mills, prayer guides, poster and giving envelopes. The goal for 2019 is \$160 million.</p>