

**The 145th Annual Meeting of
The Beech River Baptist Association**

JUST DO IT

**Session One: October 19, 2015
Poplar Springs Baptist Church, Lexington**

The Moderator, Dr. Christopher Young, Pastor of Union Baptist Church, called the 145th Annual Meeting of the Beech River Baptist Association to order at 7:00 P. M. He welcomed to the platform Rev. Brent McMinn, Pastor of the host church, for a word of welcome and opening prayer. The Moderator then read Acts 17: 28 - 30 and made a few comments.

Following the prayer, Mike McMinn, Minister of Music at Poplar Springs, led the congregation in singing "Bless The Lord, O My Soul."

The Moderator then recognized Dr. Hoyt Wilson, Pastor of Flatwoods Baptist Church representing the Credentials Committee, for a recommendation to seat the messengers and for a report from the credentials committee. Dr. Wilson recommended that those messengers then registered and those to be registered compose the 145th Annual Meeting of the Beech River Baptist Association. He further moved that those present in session constitute a quorum. The motion passed.

The Vice-Moderator, Rev. Jeff Todd, Pastor of House of Worship Baptist Church, moved that the order of service as printed in the Book of Reports serve as the program agenda for the 145th Annual Meeting of the Beech River Baptist Association. The motion passed.

Moderator, Dr. Young, made a few announcements. He reminded those present that, although everyone is welcome, only messengers duly elected by their churches may participate in the business session and vote. Those present who were not messengers were asked to register as guests so there would be an accurate account of the number present for future planning of annual meeting locations. The messengers were requested to bring their Book of Reports back for the second session. Everyone was encouraged to read the reports of our own programs and ministries in the Book of Reports. The Moderator announced that Saturday at 4:30 New Beech Grove Baptist Church would dedicate their new building. Everyone was invited to the service.

Dr. Mike Thrower, Director of Missions, was called on to recognize new Pastors and Staff in the Association. Those recognized were: Scott Diffie, Minister of Music, Union Grove; Adam Wood, Pastor, Bear Creek; Kyle Morris, Pastor, Huron; and Tommy Smith, Pastor, Chapel Hill.

The Director of Missions report was then presented by Dr. Thrower. (Attached to the Minutes.)

The Moderator began the first business session by calling on Don Martin, First Baptist Lexington layman and Association Treasurer, for the Treasurer's Report. (Attached to the minutes.

The Moderator then asked the Budget Committee Chairman, Rev. Jimmy Burroughs, Pastor of Pine Grove Baptist Church, to present the 2015 budget recommendation. He moved the adoption of the 2015 budget as printed in the Book of Reports.

The Moderator called for questions or discussion. Rev. Lewis Screws, Union Grove Baptist Church, asked for a fuller explanation of the budget increases. Rev. Burroughs and Dr. Thrower both responded to the question. The vote was then taken and the motion passed without descent

The Moderator then recognized Vice-Moderator Rev. Jeff Todd, Pastor of House of Worship, to present the Executive Board report and recommendations. Rev. Todd gave the report. He moved that the 150th Beech River Baptist Association Annual Meeting be held at Union Baptist Church in October, 2020. Union Baptist hosted the first meeting of the Association in 1870. The motion passed.

Rev. Jimmy Burroughs was recognized for the report and recommendations from the Missions Council. He reported the Missions Council met three times this year . Rev. Burroughs mentioned they reviewed the vehicle donation policy of the Fresh Start Ministries/Christian Women's Job Corps before recommending its adoption to the Executive Board. They authorized requests from the Mission Fund to facilitate missions trips and also Coordinated Associational Activities and promotion.

Representing the Mission Council, Rev. Burroughs made the following two recommendations:

1. Mr. Moderator, the mission council recommends the 147th Annual Meeting of the Beech River Baptist Association be held October 16, 2017, at First Baptist Church, Lexington, and October 17, 2017 at Bear Creek Baptist Church, Parsons.
2. The Mission Council recommends the Association in Annual Session authorize the Associational Leadership to pursue and establish an on-going missions partnership with Painted Cliffs Southern Baptist Church in Lupton, Arizona. (Explanation Attached) Both of these motions passed.

The floor was opened for any Miscellaneous Business and there was none.

In the absence of the Nominating Committee Chairman, the Director of Missions noted the report was printed in the Book of Reports and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

The Moderator then opened the floor for the election of officers. For the office of Mod-

erator, Rev. Jimmy Burroughs, Pastor of Pine Grove Baptist Church, was nominated by Rev. Greg Stanford, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. Rev. Lewis Screws made the second and moved Rev. Burroughs be elected by acclamation. The motion passed. The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Vice-Moderator. Rev. Micah Renfroe, Pastor of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, was nominated by Rev. Lewis Screws. Rev. Tommy Smith made a second, and Rev. Renfroe was elected Vice-Moderator.

The floor was opened for nominations for Treasurer. Rev. Jerry Jones nominated Mr. Don Martin as Treasurer. After a second by Rev. Tommy Smith, Mr. Martin was elected Treasurer.

Nominations were opened for the office of Clerk, Mrs. Frances Thrower was nominated by Darlene Mills, Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. Rev. Jerry Jones made a second and Mrs. Thrower was elected by acclamation.

The floor was opened a second time for any Miscellaneous Business and there was none. The business session of the Annual meeting was closed at 7:58 pm.

Moderator, Dr. Christopher Young recognized Rev. Micah Renfroe for a few words about the Centennial Offering. Rev. Micah Renfroe presented the Centennial Fund Offering. After Rev. Renfroe's comments Bro. Mike McMinn led the congregation in singing "Jesus Saves," and the offering was taken. The amount collected was \$673.30.

The Moderator introduced Dr. Todd Brady as the speaker for the night. He informed those attending that Dr. Brady is the Vice-President for University Ministries and Assistant Professor of Ministries at Union University. He has served as Pastor of a local church, interim pastor in several churches, and in various University roles. At Union University, he provides leadership to the chapel and to ministries to students, faculty, and staff. He also leads the University's relationships with churches and ministry organizations in Tennessee and throughout America and serves on the University's Executive Council.

He is a regular columnist and a frequent conference presenter and speaker. His writings often appear in The Jackson Sun, Baptist Press, Baptist Press Sports, ParentLife Magazine, Baptist and Reflector and other periodicals. Brady has contributed to *Shaping a Christian Worldview* (Broadman and Holman) and *Reclaiming the Gospel at Home: Biblical Truths for Men* (Innovo).

Dr. Brady and his wife, Amy have five sons: Jack(11), William (9), Isaac (7), Benjamin (6), and Miller (3). And he serves as a little league coach.

Following the speaker's introduction the song "*We Shall Behold Him*" was presented vocally by Tammy McMinn and in sign by Janice Barham, both from Poplar Springs Baptist Church.

Dr. Brady then spoke. His sermon title was **JUST DO IT**, our theme for this meeting. Looking at 1 Peter 4:7-11 Dr. Brady noted that In light of the end times we need to just

do it. Nine out of ten millennials will not have a relationship with Christ. We live between the Cross of Christ and the Coming of Christ. Our eschatology will show in our ethics. We must :

1. Be clear minded (verse 7)
2. Love one another (verse 8)
3. Practice hospitality (verse 9)
4. Serve one another (verse 10).

After closing remarks by the Moderator the meeting was closed with prayer.

Session Two: October 20, 2015 Calvary Baptist Church, Parsons

Dr. Christopher Young, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed Rev. Greg Stanford, Calvary Pastor, to the platform for the invocation and any words of welcome he would like to bring. Rev. Stanford gave a word of welcome and led in prayer. After the welcome Bro. Hayes led the congregation in singing "*To God Be the Glory.*"

The Moderator then made a few announcements. He announced that New Beech Grove Baptist Church would dedicate their building Saturday at 4:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

There was no new or miscellaneous business.

Bro. John Hayes then led the congregation in singing "*How Great Thou Art*".

The Moderator called on Rev. Jerry Jones to lead the Memorial Service remembering those deceased during this church year. Harp music and song were presented by Mrs. Patricia Stanford. She played and sang "*Sheltered in the Arms of God*".

After the Memorial Service Bro. John Hayes sang "*It is Well With My Soul*". He dedicated the selection to the memory of Calvary Deacon, Bro. Troy Taylor.

Instead of one special speaker bringing a message, a Roll Call of Ministries of the Tennessee Baptist Convention was presented.

Alphabetically we began with the Adult Holmes. President Dr. Kenny Cooper informed the group that Dr. Hoyt Wilson is on the Board of Directors and Rev. Jimmy Burroughs is serving his third year on the board. Some of the ministries include working with senior adults and those with disabilities. This ministry is supported by the Father's Day Offering and the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions.

Greg McCoy, President Elect of the Children's Holmes presented the Children's Holmes Report. He thanked our Association for supporting the Mother's Day Offering

and noted that it is 30% of their budget. Also Bro. McCoy said 20% of the children in their care prayed to receive Christ. Then he gave two examples of children they had helped.

The next report came from Dr. Mark Miller on behalf of the Executive Board Ministries of The Tennessee Baptist Convention. He brought greetings from Dr. Randy Davis, Executive Director of the Convention. He noted our Association is in Harvest Field two noting one of our goals is to impact churches and plant churches to win people to Christ.

The Foundation of the Tennessee Baptist Convention report was given by Bill Gruenewald, President of the Foundation. He noted our Association has funds with the Foundation. Gruenewald shared that the Foundation can help with estate planning.

Rev. Randy Poole from the Mississippi River Ministry gave a report on that ministry. He shared that this ministry impacts people in poverty through impacting poverty.

The Moderator then took a point of personal privilege and asked David Autry, a Gideon, to share about his Gideon trip to Thailand. Bro. David informed the group that 89,000 Bibles were distributed during the trip.

The Director of Missions, Dr. Mike Thrower, presented Dr. Christopher Young, outgoing Moderator, with a gavel commemorating his two terms of service. He then recognized the new officers were asked to come forward and were presented to the body.

Dr. Chris Young, then encouraged the people to attend the 146th Annual meeting at Rock Hill Baptist Church on October 17, 2016, and at First Baptist Church, Scotts Hill, on October 18, 2016.

He then closed the 145th Annual Meeting of the Beech River Baptist Association with prayer at 8:26 pm.

Total Registered Messengers: 150 from 17 Churches

Total Registered Guests: 33