

YET IN ALL THESE THINGS
WE ARE *more than*
CONQUERORS
THROUGH HIM WHO LOVED US.
ROMANS 8:37

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BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
& CHURCH FAMILY
Worship



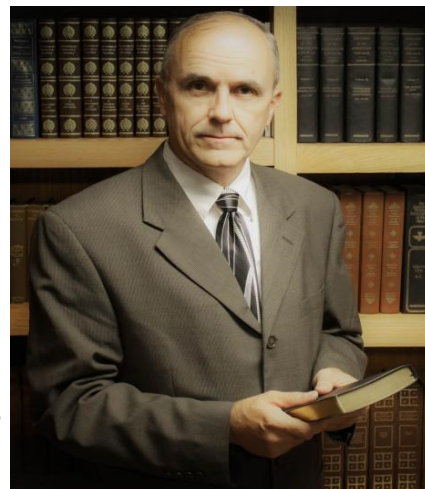
Our Congregations



HOST PASTOR Monty Dunn

Senior Pastor, Friendly Baptist Church

Monty Dunn serves as the senior pastor of Friendly Baptist Church. He has been the director of Be Thou My Vision ministries, Chairman of the MBC Administrative Committee, President of MBC Pastor's Conference and President of MO Southern Baptist Conservatives. He grew up in Branson as part of a family in the hotel industry. Monty is a graduate of SW Baptist University and Luther Rice Seminary. Monty's passion is shepherding the body of Christ at Friendly and preaching the Word. Monty and his wife Marilyn are the parents of five children: Gideon, Lydia, Ethan, Bethany and Abigail.



SPEAKER Mark Clifton

Senior Director for Church Replanting, North American Mission Board

Mark Clifton is the Senior Director of Replanting at the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Mark has served as a pastor, church planter, church revitalizer, mission strategist, coach, and mentor to young leaders. He has planted and replanted numerous churches and has also served as a national and regional leader for church planting and missions.

His experience includes serving as the lead mission strategist for the Kansas/Nebraska Southern Baptist Convention, leading church planting efforts in the regions of North Metro Atlanta, GA, serving as a church planter in Montreal, Quebec, as a Southern Baptist National Church Planting Missionary for eastern Canada, and has lead Southern Baptist church planting projects west of the Mississippi. Mark has been planting, replanting, and providing strategic mission leadership since 1978.



Mark and his wife Jill live in Kansas City, Missouri and have two sons, two daughters in law and three grandsons.

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Agenda for Information and Business Session (5:30 pm)

Rev. Bob Long (Billings First Baptist Church), Presiding

Opening Prayer	Rev. Monty Dunn (Senior Pastor, Friendly Baptist Church, Branson)	
Seating of Messengers	Mrs. Iva Hodson (TCBA Clerk/First Baptist Church of Crane)	
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Administrative Team Recommendations

The Administrative Team recommends the approval of the Resolution of Appreciation found on page 9.

The Administrative Team recommends the adoption of the 2021 Association Leadership as printed in the book of reports on page 9.

The Administrative Team recommends the adoption of the proposed 2021 Financial Plan as printed in the book of reports on page 10.

The Administrative Team recommends the acceptance of the ministry reports, as printed in the Book of Reports.

**Minutes from the Forty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the
Tri County Southern Baptist Association
September 29, 2019 at First Baptist Church Ozark
Theme: “One Body, One Family, One Mission”**

MINUTES FROM THE BUSINESS SESSION:

Rev. Bob Long (Billings FBC), TCBA president, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Rev. Josh Hall (Selmore Baptist Church) led in prayer.

Mrs. Iva Hodson (Crane FBC), TCBA clerk, presented a motion to seat the 83 messengers present. Seconded and carried without dissent.

Mrs. Hodson presented a motion to approve the agenda for the business session. Seconded and carried without dissent.

Mrs. Hodson presented a motion to accept the 2018 Minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting as printed. Seconded and carried without dissent

Dr. Richard Eakins (Chadwick FBC), TCBA Vice-President, read the Resolution of Appreciation

Rev. Long presented a motion to approve 2020 TCBA Leadership as printed. Seconded and carried without dissent.

Mr. William Brandt, CPA (Union Ridge Baptist Church), gave a report of the financial review he conducted of the association's finances.

Rev. Long presented a motion from the Administrative Team to approve the 2020 TCBA Financial Plan as printed. Seconded and carried without dissent.

Dr. Phillip Shuford (FBC Ozark), TCBA Director of Missions, gave the Director of Missions report as printed in the Book of Reports.

Rev. Long presented a motion from the Administrative Team to approve the Ministry Reports as listed in the Book of Reports. Seconded and carried without dissent.

Rev. Long presented the following motion from the Administrative Team: *That Tri County Baptist Association accept the offer from College of the Ozarks for the purchase of the TCBA property within the gates of the campus (BSU, Mission House, and BSU Director's House) for \$600,000.*

Bro. Phillip Shuford spoke to the motion.

Dr. Kyle Rapinchuk (FBC Branson), BSU Campus Minister at College of the Ozarks, spoke to the motion as well.

Dr. Jerry C. Davis, President of the College of the Ozarks, spoke on the college's intention to allow the BSU to continue to function without impediment, upon passing TCBA's property on to the College.

Rev. Long asked for discussion from the floor. There was none.

Rev. Long asked the messengers to vote on the motion, by raised ballot. Motion passed 82 in favor, 1 opposed.

Rev. Long asked for a motion to adjourn the Business session of the meeting. Seconded and passed without dissent.

Rev. Dave Bowden dismissed in prayer.

POST BUSINESS SESSION:

A Fellowship Dinner was held at 5:00 pm.

Joint Worship service began at 6:00 pm. Music was led by First Baptist Ozark and Music Minister David Hicks. Dr.

Grant Ethridge (Liberty Baptist Church, Hampton Virginia), brought a powerful message. Dismissal concluded with several around the altar and aisle

Annual Meeting concluded at 7:15pm.

Written Minutes submitted by Iva Hodson -Typed summary by Meleta Getman

Resolution of Appreciation to the Friendly Baptist Church

WHEREAS, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, King David wrote in Psalm 133: “Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity”; and

WHEREAS, the Apostle Paul enjoined the believers in Rome to “Practice hospitality” (Romans 12:13); and

WHEREAS, the art of Christian hospitality stirs up the souls of God’s children to “Let brotherly love continue” (Hebrews 13:1); and

WHEREAS, the act of fellow believers coming together serves to encourage all in their walk with Christ, as written in Hebrews 10:25: “Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near”; and

WHEREAS, fellowship among believers is an indispensable aspect of making disciples of our Savior, and thus Christian gatherings such as this are a discipling act; and

WHEREAS, the Friendly Baptist Church of Branson, Missouri has agreed to serve as host church for the 45th annual gathering of the churches of the Tri-County Southern Baptist Association on September 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Friendly Baptist Church’s senior pastor Monty Dunn, and fine staff and lay leaders have exemplified true Christian hospitality in the preparation for and hosting of the Association’s annual gathering; and

WHEREAS, the messengers and guests from the various churches of the Tri-County family have been greatly blessed by Friendly Baptist Church’s gracious spirit of Christian charity; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we, the messengers, representing the congregations of the Tri County Southern Baptist Association family, express our deep and sincere thanks and appreciation to the Friendly Baptist Church of Branson for their demonstrations of Christian love as they host us in our 2020 annual gathering.

Let brotherly love continue.

Hebrews 13:1

2021 Tri County Baptist Association Leadership

Staff:

Director of Missions:	Dr. Phillip Shuford
Associate Director of Missions:	Rev. Bob Long
Ministry Assistant/Financial Secretary:	Mrs. Meleta Getman
Baptist Student Union Campus Missionary:	Dr. Kyle Rapinchuk

Administrative Team

President:	Rev. Bob Long (FBC Billings)
Vice President:	Dr. Richard Eakins (FBC Chadwick)
Secretary:	Mrs. Iva Hodson (FBC Crane)
Treasurer:	Rev. David Bowden (Pleasant View)
	Rev. Mark Zimmerman (Ozark Highlands)
	Rev. Danny Hartwell (Pleasant Grove)
	Rev. Josh Hall (Selmore)
	Rev. Mike Keeter (Cedar Ridge)
	Rev. Dennis Reynolds (Lampe)

Ministry Leaders:

VBS Director:	Mrs. Vicky Perkins (FBC Nixa)
Tri County Bible Institute Lead Instructor:	Dr. Richard Eakins (FBC Chadwick)
Disaster Relief Directors:	Tom and Peggy Anderson (Union Ridge)
Summer Camp Directors:	Children: Mrs. Cindy Kinser (FBC Ozark)
	Junior High: Rev. Bryan Ridenour (North Nixa)

BSU Ministry Team:

Phillip Shuford (ex officio)
Kyle Rapinchuk (ex officio)
Juston Gates (FBC Forsyth)
Justin Carswell (FBC Branson)
Mark Miller (FBC Branson)
Rusty Osborne (FBC Branson)

Tri County Representatives for the Executive Board of Baptist Hill Assembly

Rev. Phillip Shuford (DOM)
Cindy Kinser (First Baptist Ozark)
John and Mary Fall (North Nixa)
Rev. Danny Hartwell (Pleasant Grove)

2021 TCBA FINANCIAL PLAN

Tri County Baptist Association exists to encourage, assist and resource churches to fulfill the Great Commission.

MINISTRY INCOME

Anticipated undesignated gifts from churches in 2021

\$266,500

MINISTRY EXPENSES

CHURCH OUTREACH

Vacation Bible School training/ support	\$ 1,500.00
Summer Camps	9,000.00
Community outreach projects	4,000.00
Mission trips	1,895.00
New church assistance	4,000

CHURCH STRENGTHENING

Church strengthening/revitalization projects	\$4,000.00
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CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Church leadership projects	\$1,500.00
Pastor/staff care	7,500.00
Tri County Bible Inst. (Seminary Ext.)	5,000.00
BSU ministry support	\$3,000.00

PERSONNEL

DOM mileage/professional expense	\$7,830.00
ADOM mileage	1,500.00
DOM salary	45,696.00
Ministry assistant salary	39,500.00
DOM housing	24,240.00
ADOM retirement	9,856.00
DOM Health	8,552.00
Ministry assistant health	13,580.00
DOM retirement	21,511.00
DOM Life	3,480.00
Staff Christmas gift	7,000.00
Conventions/conferences	2,000.00

ADMINISTRATION

Property insurance	\$5,200.00
Repairs/maintenance	5,600.00
Office utilities	9,000.00
Mileage for assoc. business	900.00
New equipment/repairs	1,500.00
Office operations	9,800.00
Administrative concerns	1,000.00
Exec Board/Annual Meeting	2,000.00
Accounting services	2,300.00
Employer FICA	2,500.00
Employer Medicare Tax	560.00

**Total anticipated
ministry expenses for 2021 \$266,500.00**

Church giving to TCBA: January 1 – June 30, 2020

CHURCH	UNDESIGNATED	DESIGNATED	CHURCH	UNDESIGNATED	DESIGNATED
Beacon of Hope	0	0	New Beginnings	0	0
FBC Billings	\$1,569.14	0	FBC Nixa	\$705.23	0
FBC Branson	\$13,488.06	\$6,000.00	North Nixa	\$7,820.00	0
Bridge of Faith	\$700.00	0	Oakwood	0	0
Calvary	\$853.85	0	FBC Ozark	\$17,271.42	0
Cedar Ridge	\$2,632.22	0	Ozark Highlands	\$956.92	0
FBC Chadwick	\$1,858.62	0	Ozark Mountain	\$1,154.13	0
Chestnutridge	\$222.00	0	Pleasant Grove	\$600.00	\$658.29
FBC Clever	\$9,311.64	0	Pleasant View	\$600.00	0
FBC Crane	\$8,919.00	0	Ponce De Leon	\$120.00	0
FBC Elsey	\$739.76	0	Prospect	\$1,159.11	0
Fairview	\$400.00	0	Riverdale	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00
First Central	\$1,401.00	0	Rocky Ledge	\$947.27	\$141.50
FBC Forsyth	\$7,000.00	\$4,550.00	Selmore	\$3,375.00	0
Fremont Hills	0	0	Shady Grove	\$2,255.78	0
Friendly	\$2,073.37	0	Shiloh	\$330.00	\$300.00
FBC Galena	\$50.00	0	Skyline	\$1,943.68	0
Garrison	0	0	Smyrna	0	0
Grace Bible	0	0	FBC Sparta	\$6,339.12	0
FBC Highlandville	\$1,434.52	0	FBC Spokane	\$2,889.89	\$1,200.00
FBC Hollister	\$2,328.92	0	The Bridge	\$1,032.56	0
Hopedale	\$8,876.00	0	Union Ridge	\$2,402.60	\$779.73
Hurley	\$75.00	0	Victor	\$554.70	0
Jamesville	\$626.19	0	Victory	\$1,200.00	0
Keystone	\$424.50	0			
FBC Kimberling City	\$8,374.55	0	TOTAL JANUARY-JUNE 2020	\$133,489.94	\$16,853.99
FBC Lampe	\$2,030.07	0			
LifePoint	\$1,800.00	0			
McCord Bend	\$72.63	0			
Morning Star	\$395.02	0			
Mt Sinai	\$452.00	0			
Mt Zion	\$724.47	\$724.47			

2020 TCBA FINANCIAL MID-YEAR REPORT

January – June 2020

MINISTRY INCOME

General budget	Anticipated 2020	Actual Jan- June	Designated accounts	Received	Balance
Churches gifts	261,500.00	133,489.94	Missouri Missions Offering	4,798.05	3,163.44
			Mountain Country Ministries*	6,869.90	3,872.71
			Disaster Relief	1,650.00	14,401.38
			BSU Fund	12,536.25	6,482.84
			Block Party Trailer	250.00	1026.91
			Operating Reserves	10,000.00	10,000.00
			Great Commission Fund	29,500.00	10,750.00

*includes \$2,750 gift from FBC Forsyth's Global Impact Conference

MINISTRY EXPENSES

	Budget 2020	Actual Jan-June		Budget 2020	Actual Jan-June
Church Outreach			Special Services		
Church outreach projects	4,000.00	3,164.57	Accounting Services	2,300.00	500.00
Mission trips	1,907.00	33.46	Administrative concerns	1,000.00	284.63
New Church Assistance	4,000.00	0	Exec Board/Annual Meeting	2,000.00	0
Summer Camps	9,000.00	139.71			
VBS training/assistance	1,500.00	1,686.72	Office & Related Expenses		
			Mileage for assoc. business	900.00	531.31
Church Strengthening			New equipment/repairs	1,500.00	214.02
Church Strengthening projects	4,000.00	861.32	Office operations/inventory	9,800.00	2,790.68
Church Leadership			Building and Grounds		
BSU ministry support	3,000.00	1,750.00	Office utilities	9,000.00	4,427.27
Church leadership projects	1,500.00	67.60	Property insurance	4,000.00	3,784.03
Pastor/Staff care	7,500.00	1,942.85	Repairs/maintenance	5,600.00	2,025.97
Tri County Bible Institute	3,000.00	1,799.42			
			Payroll expense		24.97
Personnel Services				261,500.00	111,209.89
ADOM mileage & expenses	1,500.00	206.30			
Conventions/conferences	2,000.00	108.77			
DOM Professional Expense	9,000.00	2,159.56			
Insurance and retirement					
ADOM Retirement	9,474.00	3,947.50			
DOM Health	8,552.00	3,949.81			
DOM Life	2,310.00	1,738.20			
DOM Retirement	21,511.00	10,663.15			
Ministry assistant health	13,580.00	7,456.06			
Salary and housing					
DOM housing	24,240.00	12,120.00			
DOM salary	44,800.00	22,400.04			
Employer FICA Tax	2,500.00	1,176.76			
Employer Medicare Tax	560.00	275.21			
Ministry assistant salary	37,966.00	18,980.00			
Personnel—other					
Staff Christmas Bonus	7,000.00	0			
Temporary Personnel	1,000.00	0			

Director of Mission's Report to the Tri-County Baptist Association of Churches October 2019-September 2020

Something's Happening

Director of Mission's Report to the Tri-County Baptist Association of Churches

*Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
Isaiah 43:19*

No one would have predicted the tremendous changes and challenges the COVID-19 pandemic has brought to the world, our nation... and our churches.

Consider it: in the Spring of 2020,
ceased holding public worship services
Something completely unexpected and



My understanding of the Bible leads
what happens, God is in control. And
conclusion that, with the coronavirus
God has given His churches “a shaking.”

almost every church in our fellowship
and activities. Incredible. Unheard of.
for which we were totally unprepared.

me to the conviction that, no matter
that conviction in turn leads me to the
crisis,

Something's happening.

I want to report to you that I have been amazed and encouraged by how
the churches of Tri-County Baptist Association have confronted the trials
of the past few months. You've found ways to worship—either on-line or
in smaller gatherings. You'd found ways to connect with each other.
You've been faithful in your giving to Kingdom causes.

And somehow in all this, God is working. More than one pastor has told
me that in these days of global crisis, because the whole coronavirus
thing forced them to go on-line with their worship services, their church
now has a wider impact and reaches more people than ever before.

**We've always
said: “The church
is the people, not
the building.” In
2020 we learned
to live that out.**

Something's happening.

Our gatherings have taken place in church front yards and in parking lots. Our pastors' sermons have boomed into busy intersections, been transmitted across FM radio frequencies and echoed across hills and hollows. We've gathered around TV screens and computer monitors to hear the familiar and comforting voices of our shepherds who, in spite of all the changes, continued to faithfully proclaim God's word. Maybe it wasn't our plan to do so (and maybe we didn't have a chance to vote on it!), but we've taken “the Church” outside the four walls of the church.

Something's happening.

As I write this, at the close of the ninth month of 2020, some Tri-County churches are back to their normal schedule, but others still meet outside for worship or on-line. But even for those churches that are mostly "back to normal" I suspect that the old adage "We've never done it that way before" has forever been thrown out the window (and good riddance!)

True, it's not been easy, and many ways it's still not easy. There are a number of COVID-19 challenges facing our churches. But something's happening.

Through the prophet Isaiah, God spoke these words: **"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"** (Isaiah 43:19)

Churches, **let's let God do a new thing**—and not be so quick to rush back to "the way it used to be."
Let's never forget the prime lesson of the coronavirus age:

that our Lord's Church has never been a building,

"church" is not a place,

"church" isn't the time a group of people get together to hold a worship service, but that

the Church is God's people, taking the Good News of hope and new life in Jesus to our neighbors and our communities that are soaked in discord and despair.

In my view, **it's not your association's job to make disciples. Your association exists to come alongside our member churches to help them make disciples.**

And I want you to know how the Lord has been working in our association during the COVID-19 crisis.

As many of you know, in October of last year Tri-County sold to the College of the Ozarks our property located just off the college's campus, for \$600,000. Last November Tri-County's Executive Board voted to allocate the proceeds of the property sale in ways that will enhance the association's ability to fulfill our mission of "encouraging, assisting and resourcing our churches to fulfill the Great Commission." Accordingly, here's how the funds received from the sale are being used:

We sent a tithe of the proceeds of the sale (representing \$60,000) to four missions and ministry efforts: \$15,000 each to the International Mission Board, the North American Mission Board, the Missouri Missions Offering, and Baptist Hill Assembly.

We've invested the remainder of the proceeds in interest-bearing funds held by the Missouri Baptist Foundation.

- We established a Great Commission account (\$240,000) that is being used to help our churches do ministry above and beyond what they may be able to do on their own.
- We set up a Baptist Student Union account (\$100,000), to ensure that the BSU's ministry at the College of the Ozarks will be viable and vital for years to come.
- We set up an operating reserve/building maintenance account (\$100,000) that will help us be good stewards of Tri-County's office building and other assets.
- We invested \$100,000 in the Jim and Judy Wells Ministry Scholarship Endowment, that will provide tuition assistance for Tri-County church members who are studying for the ministry, starting in 2021.

When the COVID-19 crisis hit, it became clear that Tri-County's "what" (encourage, assist and resource churches to fulfill the Great Commission) had not changed. But the "how" Tri-County does that changed drastically. Many of the things Tri-County is known for (summer camps and Vacation Bible School training, to name a couple) became impossible to do.

So, when churches stopped meeting for public worship, rather than just sit on our hands, your association's staff actively sought out ways to assist our churches and pastors deal with the sudden changes thrust upon them. We did this in three ways:

- **Prayer and encouragement.** We prayed with kept in contact with pastors and church leaders, reminding them that they were not alone and that God was in control;
- **Information.** We provided up-to-date information so that churches would know what to do and what to expect as the crisis developed;
- **Practical assistance, such as:** In partnership with the Missouri Baptist Convention, we provided funds to each Tri-County church to use during the crisis in any way they needed; we helped churches develop an on-line presence; we provided resources for churches to adapt and do Vacation Bible School and other outreach-oriented activities.

Dear friends, make no mistake—something is happening, and God is at work. And He Who declares "Behold, I make all things new!" (Revelation 21:5) is doing things beyond our capacity to comprehend. We don't have to understand what He's doing. We just have to trust and go forward, following Him Who knows how to walk on the stormy sea.

In 1773, the English hymn writer William Cowper penned these lines, very appropriate for 2020:

*God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea, And rides upon the storm.*

Friends, let's ride the storm with Him, and He will see us to the other side!

Thank you for the privilege of serving the churches of Tri-County Baptist Association.

In His and your service,

Phillip Shuford
Director of Missions, Tri-County Baptist Association

Tri-County Baptist Association 10-Year Profile 2011-2020

Tri-County Baptist Association Statistics/2011 - 2020

Membership	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Net Change	Percent Change
Total Members	17,113	16,137	15,967	14,478	16,912	16,781	15,999	17,630	17,715	17,085	(28)	-0.2%
Resident Members	12,133	11,008	10,343	8,362	10,509	170	9,782	10,837	10,818	10,426	(1,707)	-14.1%
Evangelism/Addition												
Baptisms	561	461	454	248	432	333	303	350	334	285	(276)	-49.2%
Res Members per Baptism	22	24	23	34	24	1	32	31	32	37		
Other Additions	568	535	466	313	534	531	442	458	407	319	(249)	-43.8%
Worship Attendance												
Worship Attendance	7,438	7,292	7,553	6,361	8,003	7,217	7,013	8,306	8,257	7,739	301	4.0%
Bible Study												
Avg. S.S. Attendance	5,728	5,225	5,091	3,710	4,599	4,828	4,545	4,987	4,648	4,585	(1,143)	-20.0%
Financial												
Total Receipts	\$14,510,308	\$15,188,246	\$14,915,753	\$12,707,886	\$14,733,253	\$14,887,861	\$14,182,723	\$15,466,492	\$17,679,343	\$17,205,538	\$2,695,230	18.6%
Undesignated Receipts	\$10,466,147	\$10,646,049	\$9,102,838	\$9,330,981	\$11,253,494	\$11,497,887	\$11,239,965	\$11,950,775	\$13,301,422	\$13,574,642	\$3,108,495	29.7%
Cooperative Program Gifts	\$594,867	\$623,083	\$628,495	\$539,032	\$566,397	\$627,294	\$598,181	\$642,201	\$768,659	\$173,792	\$173,792	29.2%
Annie Armstrong	\$48,888	\$54,231	\$56,198	\$54,674	\$80,719	\$90,037	\$95,400	\$100,832	\$107,190	\$58,302	\$58,302	119.3%
Lottie Moon	\$83,495	\$96,755	\$104,872	\$94,891	\$127,841	\$191,861	\$170,266	\$177,433	\$190,822	\$107,327	\$107,327	128.5%

This report is made possible by generous gifts from churches and individuals to the Cooperative Program. Notes: Percentage Change is a five year total of the change percentage for each year. This percent is only calculated when data is available for the earliest year. If data is missing or inaccurate, please report additions/changes to: Technology Services.

Ministry to Pastors and Church Staff

TCBA ministry to pastors' goal is to encourage pastors and train them for greater service in their ministry.

**"And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you
with knowledge and understanding."
Jeremiah 3:15**

Tri-County Baptist Association ministers to pastors because healthy pastors are necessary to lead healthy churches. Pastors have a high calling and shoulder tremendous spiritual responsibility in our churches. It is sometimes difficult for pastors to find other like-minded men with whom they can share and just "be themselves."

For this reason, TCBA places high emphasis on creating opportunities for pastors to fellowship and pray together.

In 2019-2020, TCBA

- Prayed with and for our churches' pastors on countless occasions.
- Ministered to and strengthened pastors and staff members from our churches by providing for them opportunities for fellowship and mutual prayer.

Pastor Search Assistance

TCBA assists churches that are "between pastors" find the man God has called to lead them, by

- Helping churches find supply preachers and interim pastors
- Training and coaching pastor search teams
- Receiving resumes from potential pastors and distributing them to churches
- Performing background checks on potential pastors, on behalf of seeking churches

Tri-County has developed a guidebook with information compiled from many different sources for pastor search teams' use, including

- *Common mistakes Search Committees make (see below)*
- *Steps in the pastoral search process*
- *How to organize a pastor search team*
- *Questions to ask a pastoral candidate*
- *Questions the pastoral candidate may ask the church*
- *Compensation worksheet*
- *How to check references*
- *Listening guide to evaluate sermons*
- *and much more*



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"Basically, we're looking for an innovative pastor with a fresh vision who will inspire our church to remain exactly the same."

TCBA's Summer Camps

Cindy Kinser (FBC Ozark), Children's Camp Director

Bryan Ridenour (North Nixa), Junior High Camp Director

TCBA's Summer Camp ministry assists our churches with their evangelistic and discipleship efforts with children and young people.

Tri-County's Summer Camps in 2020 became a casualty of the COVID-19 pandemic, which beginning in March forced shut-downs and lock downs all across the nation. Because our camps were scheduled for the first week of June, and the "ramp up" for camp normally takes place in April and May, we had to make a decision by mid-April whether or not to modify or cancel camp. In light of the safety and health of our churches' children, youth and adult volunteers and given the uncertain future of the shut-down, we made the very painful and very disappointing decision that canceling camp was the best thing to do. It is little consolation to know that many Baptist association camps across Missouri did the same.

Immediately upon deciding to cancel camp we began planning an alternative one-day event for August 8, "Soul on Fire" to be held at First Baptist Church of Ozark. Our assumption at that time (in mid-April) that churches and communities would be re-opened by then. As the summer progressed and many churches either remained closed or greatly reduced their schedules, it seemed best to not proceed with that event either.

So, now we're looking forward to next year, and using ideas from both our camp plans and Soul on Fire to make Tri-County's 2021 Summer Camps the most amazing ever!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: June 6-10, 2021 at Baptist Hill Assembly!

Vacation Bible School

Vicky Perkins (FBC Nixa), Director

Tri-County's VBS Ministry trains leaders and provides resources for our churches to hold evangelistic Vacation Bible Schools.

Tri-County's VBS ministry emphasizes training new and existing church leaders, and providing resources that help our churches do VBS. We primarily work with LifeWay VBS materials but are able to support any of our churches' choice of curriculum.

The 2020 LifeWay VBS theme was "Concrete and Cranes: Building on the Love of Jesus."

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic took a wrecking ball to most Tri-County churches VBS plans. The concern for not spreading the virus led many of our churches to cancel their VBS altogether. But 13 Tri-County churches reported having VBS this year—with a total attendance of 1,502! Some churches adjusted their VBS plans to fit the "new normal." It's amazing to see how our churches used their God-given creativity to reach children and youth through VBS in spite of the COVID-19 crisis, whether through virtual VBS, one-day or weekend VBS, or using the VBS materials for children's church or Wednesday night children's activities.

As our churches adjusted and adapted, so did we! Here's how your association assisted our churches to make this year's VBS a total (if unusual!) success:

- **Training and Information:** VBS Pre-Clinic and Leaders' Overview on February 10 with 14 churches represented. Our main training workshop, scheduled for April 27, was cancelled due to the COVID-19 shut-down. We were active in working with our churches providing ideas for alternative ways they could do VBS. One Tri-County church we helped train had not had VBS in 10 years, and they faced the coronavirus challenge with wonderful creativity.
- **Resourcing churches:** Tri-County provided VBS materials and decorations several churches used. We provided ministry funds to one rural church to assist them with their VBS—and 2 children got saved!

That's what VBS is about—kids coming to Christ, and our churches growing in Christ-likeness.

Tri County Bible Institute (Seminary Extension)

Dr. Richard Eakins (FBC Chadwick), Lead Instructor

TCBA's Tri-County Bible Institute's provides accredited and academically challenging theological and ministry training to prepare the called to serve in TCBA churches and beyond.

God is calling people out of our Tri-County churches to serve Him, and the Tri-County Bible Institute has been helping train them for ministry for over a decade.

The COVID-19 crisis interrupted our Spring classes, but our students and instructors came back together and successfully completed their coursework. Normally we teach only one class per semester, but this year we have been able to teach two.

<u>SEMESTER</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>	<u>ENROLLED</u>
Spring 2020	How to Understand the Bible	Richard Eakins	4
	Dynamics of Teaching	Phillip Shuford	5
Fall 2020	Old Testament Survey Part 1	Richard Eakins	4
	Pastoral Leadership in the Small Church	Phillip Shuford	3
TOTAL CLASSES TAUGHT:	4	TOTAL PERSONS ENROLLED:	16

We're thankful for the opportunity to lead both men and women to prepare for various ministries in our churches. Thanks to our churches' generous gifts, the association provides a scholarship that covers 50% of the cost of registration and textbooks for members of Tri-County churches. That's an investment in our churches' present, and in our churches' future!

TCBA-sponsored Mission Partnership

TCBA organizes mission trips for our churches because of Jesus' command to take the Gospel to all the world.

UPDATE

CAMINO A LA CRUZ (Way to the Cross) CHURCH (Omaha, NE)

Angel and Rachel Morales, Church Planters

Summer was a little bit slower due to COVID, but we did host a small soccer camp in July. We ran about 25 kids during 3 days and we had a great time! Sunday school for kids starts back up Sept 6th, it will be good to have a place for kids to attend while their parents are in service. The first weekend in October we are planning on launching Sunday school for the Hispanic adults. Over the past few months we have seen tremendous spiritual growth within the members attending church! They are sharing the gospel with ones around them and inviting friends to attend church. On Friday's once a month, we have started meeting up with another ministry to hand out food in different neighborhoods around Omaha. This is an amazing outreach opportunity for us as there are quite a few Hispanic families in these neighborhoods. With COVID we have had to change how we do some things, and these events are all outside, which makes it better for all involved.

Disaster Relief

Tom and Peggy Anderson (Union Ridge), Directors

TCBA has had a relatively quiet year. That's something to be thankful for. Personally, it's been a bit of a rough year with the loss of my father. Shortly after, my mother had a stroke, along with Tom developing some health issues. Then COVID-19 came along and brought even disaster relief responses to a screeching halt. Local teams have mostly been able to deal with what has come up until recently. We were able to assemble a small team (adhering to social distancing guidelines) to clean up a tree that was brought down by a storm in the spring at the Association office.

We NEED more volunteers, especially those from Tri County. With the limited response ability the past few months, the need for those who can work, then go home at night, is great. Maybe this is you, or you know someone that would fit into this ministry well. Encourage them to look into the opportunity to serve with Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief. Serving with disaster relief is as much a blessing to our volunteers as for those who need assistance in times of disaster. Four times a year, training is available and the dates can be found at mobaptist.org/dr/dr-training/ along with all the other information needed. Recently, things have begun to open up a little more and requests for teams to respond to other locations are beginning to come in. As with everything else, we currently have new guidelines in place when response is necessary during this pandemic.

There are many different areas of opportunity to serve with Disaster Relief.

- Mass Care/Feeding
- Chainsaw
- Flood Recovery, Communications
- Shower/Laundry, Child Care,
- Blue Hat*
- Assessment*
- Chaplaincy*
- Incident Management*

*Previous Call Outs Required

We are so very thankful to those churches who donate to TCBA disaster relief on a regular basis. If you, or your church, would like to contribute, just a reminder that donations need to be marked specifically for TCBA disaster relief. Even though it's been a slow year, that doesn't mean the next year will be! Please continue to pray for this very important ministry and specifically that people will respond to the call to train and serve.

Ozarks BSU—College of the Ozarks

Kyle and Kristin Rapinchuk (FBC Branson), Campus Missionaries

The Ozarks BSU goal is to disciple believers at the College of the Ozarks through experiences in worship, leadership development and service.

Ozarks BSU—Fall 2020 Update

This past year has been marked by change and unexpected circumstances. At last year's TCBA Annual Meeting we voted to sell the property on which the BSU stood to the college. Soon after, the Rapinchuk family moved off campus and purchased our first home. One month after moving into our home, the college (and most of the nation) shut down due to COVID-19, and we finished the semester online. In August, due to a combination of personal factors and restrictions at the college, Landon asked to pause his role as assistant director for the fall semester and revisit a calling to that position in January.

Despite these changes and challenges, however, the Lord is good. We were able to directly minister to over 300 different students last year, train over 25 in our Leadership in Training Program, preach through a topical series on the Foundations of the Church and an expositional series through the Book of Colossians. We successfully transitioned our worship gathering online in March and finished the semester on Facebook Premiere and Zoom. We then continued online during the summer with a three week series by Kyle Rapinchuk, "Lessons on the Road with Jesus", and an eleven week series on the Book of Philippians from Rusty Osborne, our BSU Faculty Sponsor and a member of the BSU Ministry Board. We also continued weekly discipleship both online and in-person on our porch.

This fall, COVID-19 will continue to interrupt our normal plans. With restrictions on campus making it difficult to have large group gatherings, we are trying to modify our strategy to most effectively accomplish our mission of making disciples who make disciples, love God, and love others. We will host a modified large group gathering called "BSU Food for Thought" in which we deal with the theme of "Christ in Every Aspect of Life." Students will be encouraged to grab the to-go meal option in the cafeteria (hence, "Food" literally!) and join us as we dig into some "meaty" ("food" figuratively!) topics. Christ in our Relationships, Christ in our Politics, Christ in our Education, and Christ in our Identity are several of the topics we will tackle. We will also continue our successful M.O.G. (Man of God) study with the aid of Keno Ayebazibwe, the husband of a C of O Resident Director who is a native of Uganda and has helped (with the aid of Landon and Kyle) develop a five-week study on biblical manhood. His wife, Janalee, hopes to start a women's groups this fall as well. In addition, we hope to start a Tuesday Theology Club, offer a student on our identity in Christ, and continue meeting for one-one-one discipleship with many of our students.

Please pray that the challenges we face will provide opportunities for personal growth and the advancement of the gospel. Pray that our students will re-center their lives on Christ and see His influence in every aspect of our lives. Pray for wisdom and discernment in decision-making, for boldness in proclaiming the gospel, and for strength and endurance to press forward in difficult circumstances. Soli Deo Gloria!

In Christ,
Kyle and Kristin Rapinchuk
Ozarks BSU

JIM & JUDY WELLS

Ministry Scholarship



The Jim and Judy Wells Ministry Scholarship exists to extend God's Kingdom by providing tuition assistance for Tri County Baptist Association church members who are pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in Christian ministry.

The scholarship is named for Jim and Judy Wells, who served God together in marriage and ministry for five decades.

With Judy by his side, Jim served with distinction in Tri-County Baptist Association in southwest Missouri as Director of Missions from 2000 to 2012, and as interim pastor at three Tri-County churches. In addition to his associational service, Jim served the Southern Baptist Convention for fifteen years as Registration Secretary; the Missouri Baptist Convention for four years as Strategic Partners Catalyst; and served nine churches as pastor. Jim was a friend to pastors and Christian servants all across the United States and was known for his integrity, humble leadership style and Christlike spirit.

Judy Wells served alongside Jim as the consummate pastor's wife and humble Christian servant. Their love for pastors and churches and their legacy of dedicated service to the cause of Christ is perpetuated through the ministry of this scholarship.

Eligibility

This scholarship is available to persons who:

- Are pursuing an undergraduate or graduate ministry degree
- Are a member of a Tri-County Baptist Association church;
- Have not previously been a recipient of this scholarship more than two times.
(Priority is given to first time recipients.)

Scholarship Amount

The amount of individual scholarships and number of scholarships awarded each year is determined annually by the Scholarship Committee, and is dependent upon the number of applicants and the funds available to be disbursed.

More information and to apply

More information and the Ministry Scholarship application can be found at www.tcsba.com, or by calling Tri-County Baptist Association at (417) 725-8825.



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Jim and Judy Wells Ministry Scholarship Application

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Award procedure.

- The scholarship will be awarded annually.
- The Wells Scholarship Team will meet in April-May of each year, review applications, and make a determination as to award.
- The Scholarship Team makes the determination on which applicant (s) will receive each year's award, and for what amount.
- Recipients will be notified no later than June 1.
- TCBA will forward the awarded funds to the academic institution on the student's behalf.
- Recipients will be recognized at TCBA's Annual Meeting.

Application procedure:

- Fill out application and submit to Scholarship Team in care of the Director of Missions. Applications are available from TCBA or can be downloaded at www.tcsba.com.
- Applications and essays are due no later than March 31st of the academic year for which the applicant is requesting support.

Application Instructions:

1. Complete the application.
 - The application is a writable PDF. Applicant will be able to save and edit responses if using Adobe Acrobat, otherwise, must print the application after completion. Applicant may also print the application and fill it out by hand. Handwritten applications with illegible handwriting will not be considered.
2. Submit the essay.
 - The applicant must also submit an essay on the following question/topic: "My Call to Ministry—Past, Present and Future." Submissions may be either a "hard copy" via paper mailed to TCBA's Director of Missions, or submitted electronically to TCBA's Director of Missions with the subject line heading: scholarship essay.

The essay should be written in 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced, with one-inch margin. The essay body should be of no fewer than 750 words and no more than 1000 words and include the following on the title page:

- Essay Title: "My Call to Ministry—Past, Present and Future"
- Author's name, mailing address, phone number, email address
- College applied to or attending
- Church membership and Pastor's name
- Date Submitted

The applicant agrees to allow and gives Tri-County Baptist Association the right to copy, print, distribute, sell or otherwise use the essay in whatever form it deems appropriate without any compensation to the author. The author also certifies that the work is original and any copyrighted material is attributed. The author retains the right to copy, print, and sell the essay after the decision on the scholarship is announced.

The Wells Scholarship Committee will verify all information on this application and may conduct an interview with the applicant, before announcing the outcome and awarding the scholarship. All information submitted will be held in confidence and used solely for the purpose of scholarship administration.

Jim and Judy Wells Ministry Scholarship Application

Personal Information

Name (first/MI/last) _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Date of Birth _____

Church Membership (church name/city/state) _____

Current Employment (place/position) _____ ☐ Full-time ☐ Part-time

Ministry Information

Ministry Objective _____

Current Ministry Responsibilities _____

Academic Institution Information

Academic Institution _____

Mailing Address _____

Student Status (check all that apply) ☐ New ☐ Continuing ☐ Full-time ☐ Part-time

Degree being sought _____ Major/Concentration _____

Current GPA ____ Anticipated Graduation Date (MM/YY) ____ For high school seniors: ACT or SAT score ____

References

Applicant's Pastor _____

How long acquainted _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Professor or teacher _____

How long acquainted _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Personal Reference (non-family) _____

How long acquainted _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Applicant's Certification

The information reported is true, correct and complete, to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

TCBA Ministry Partner Grants to Our Churches

October 2019-September 2020

One unique way TCBA partners with member churches is through ministry partner grants. Any Tri-County church can request funds to help make their vision for ministry possible. Mission gifts to TCBA's general budget and designated accounts are pooled and ministry grant funds are distributed as available.

It's a way all contributing Tri-County churches can be part of church-based, Kingdom-extending ministries all across our three counties.

For example, from October 2019-September 2020, TCBA has been able to assist churches in all three counties in the amount of \$31,565.80.

Through ministry partner grants, our churches helped each other make these ministries possible:

- a summer program at Rockaway Beach;
- helping a large church put on a Back to School Bash that drew thousands;
- assisting with a Youth event;
- Helping a small church with media connectivity
- Prayer signs for churches
- Bibles for jail ministry
- Women's bible study curriculum
- Sunday school curriculum
- Flickering lamps books for pastors
- Background check for local church prospective Pastor

Tri-County joins churches together to do what God has called them to do.

We're stronger together!

TRI COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MINISTRY GRANT REQUEST

Please complete and return to Tri County Baptist Association's office at least 2 months prior to the event/ministry, via: (1) Mail: P.O. Box 370, Nixa, MO 65714 or (2) Fax: 417-725-8835 (3) Email: meleta@tcsba.com or (4) by hand to our office at 239 E. Downing St. Nixa, Mo.

REQUESTING CHURCH INFORMATION:

Church requesting funds: _____
 Church address: _____
 Contact Person/Person Requesting: _____ Phone(s): _____
 E-Mail Address: _____
 Pastor's Signature (required): _____

ACTIVITY/EVENT/RESOURCE INFORMATION:

Activity/Event/Resource for which you are requesting funds: _____

Date of the Activity/Event: _____

ON A SEPARATE SHEET, please share (1) How this activity came about and (2) How it helps you achieve the vision God has given you for your church. Be as specific as possible. (3) What other activities need to be planned on either side of this event to ensure its success?

FUNDING SOURCES FOR EVENT/ACTIVITY

amount requested from TCBA	\$ _____
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other funding sources

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

Total anticipated cost of activity/event/resource: \$ _____

PLEASE REPORT! Upon completion of event, please send a follow-up letter/email (with photos, if possible), describing how the event went. Your feedback to the appropriate team is extremely important to them as they resource the mission of our churches.

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Request approved by team? ☐ yes ☐ no Amount Approved: \$ _____ Date approved: _____

Check if approved by fax/phone/email ☐ Team leader's signature: _____

DOM Signature: _____ Date: _____

Budget Acct: CO/ CS/CLV Date Check(s) Sent: _____ Check# _____

*Tri County Baptist Association exists to encourage, assist and resource churches
to fulfill the Great Commission.*

Evangelistic Block Party Trailer... and other fun stuff!

TCBA's Evangelistic Block Party Trailer's purpose is to enable TCBA churches to hold fun events that will attract people to Jesus.

TCBA's Evangelistic Block Party Trailer is an amazing resource available to all Tri-County churches! For a modest usage fee of \$50, TCBA churches have use of a large bounce house, small bounce house, air-dancer, snow-cone machine, popcorn machine, carnival games, giant 4-in-a-row, giant Jenga, portable sound system, pop-up tents, tables, chairs and a portable generator.

In 2020, the trailer has been or is scheduled to be used 6 times by 5 churches. With 108 volunteers! 492 people in attendance!!



The block party trailer is one more way that Tri-County partners with churches to help them to ministry and extend the Kingdom of God!

The block party trailer and inflatable movie screen in action at VBS at a Tri-County church.

In addition to the block party trailer, these resources are available to TCBA churches—free of charge—to use for church and outreach events: snow-cone machine, popcorn machine, cotton candy machine, bubble-making machine, and a giant inflatable movie screen & projector.



Media Resources

Media resources available to loan to TCBA churches (call for complete list)

Evangelism:

Share Jesus Without Fear

Acts 1:8 Challenge

Life on Mission Resource kit w/book and DVD

Do you believe DVD based study

A.D. 12 week study DVD and book

Tell someone (Greg Laurie)

Outreach Teams that will Grow (Jerry Tidwell)

Flickering Lamps DVD (Richard Blackaby)



Bible teaching:

Sunday School Done Right

Jumpstart your Sunday School (preschool, children, youth, adults), Gospel shaped

Worship, Gospel Shaped Living, Church Essentials

Discipleship:

MasterLife bookset

The Love Languages of God (Gary Chapman)

The Truth Project DVD

Believe, Randy Frazee

Kingdom Authority (Adrian Rogers)

I'm a Christian Now (Lifeway)

Women's studies:

The Power and the Glory (Anne Graham Lotz)

The Armor of God (Priscilla Shirer)

Seamless (Angie Smith)

Finding I Am (Lysa Terkuerst)

Counseling:

The Joy of Repentance-(Kerry Skinner)

Heart of the Problem (Henry Brandt and Kerry L. Skinner)

The Bible and Counseling (Henry Brandt and Kerry L. Skinner)

Family ministry:

I Want to Enjoy My Children (Henry Brandt and Kerry L. Skinner)

Marriage God's Way (Henry Brandt and Kerry L. Skinner)

Fireproof (DVD)

Deacon ministry:

The Deacon I want to Be (Johnny Hunt)

Deacons: Growing in Character and Commitment (Jim Henry)

Autopsy of a Deceased Church (Thom Rainer)

Baptist Hill Assembly

Baptist Hill Assembly is owned and operated by eight Baptist associations in SW Missouri—including Tri-County.

Greeting to you from your Baptist Hill. We as human's always hope for 20-20 eyesight, however, I believe it is safe to say that we did not have a vision for what the year 2020 would bring. The question becomes "What do we report?". I am pleased to report that even though the camp season HAS NOT been normal God has been working in a mighty way here at The Hill. He has provided many opportunities to prepare for the future and the continued sharing of the gospel through the Baptist Hill ministry. I believe that it is important in today's culture and environment that we share positive news to help each of us to be more aware of what our loving God is doing in the world around us. The first positive I would like to share also comes with a huge Thank You to the Tri-County Association. The generous donation that you provided has allowed us to replace the dinosaur dishwasher with a new one and make some needed updates in the kitchen and dish room areas. It is with a humble heart and a prayer of thanksgiving we praise God for this provision that has greatly enhanced what can be done in the food service section of the camp. Thank you for being willing to make this investment in the Baptist Hill ministry.

The second positive that I would like to share has been critical to ministry on The Hill. The economy has definitely been an area of great concern and questions for our country since the COVID-19 virus reached the shores of our country. I am pleased to report that many individuals, churches and associations have been faithful in supporting Baptist Hill even through these tough and concerning economic times. The income from camper fees has taken a major hit but donations have stayed steady. We praise God for His leading in this area and want to share a heartfelt moment of gratitude with those who have continued to support this ministry.

What lies ahead for Baptist Hill? I believe that we must look in two directions to find the answer to this question. First and foremost we must look UP and seek God's guidance and directions as we move forward with this ministry. All of our actions and decisions need to be based on the guidance and directions provided by our Heavenly Father. The next direction must then be to the future and how are we going to accomplish what He has set before us. I want to share 3 major projects or areas of concern that we believe God has pointed us to: roof replacement for the Worship Center; roof replacement for the Dining Hall, and refurbishing of the swimming pool.

We are well aware that all 3 projects require a large amount of resources in order to complete but they are all areas that need immediate attention. Please prayerfully consider what God would have you do as we move forward with these projects. God will provide through each of us doing what we can as individuals, churches and associations.

Missouri Baptist Children's Home

"Serves God by assisting children, youth and families to make a lasting difference in their lives."

Approximately 93% of all ministries were provided in community-based programs rather than on a residential campus. In 2019, MBCH touched the lives of 4,729 children and families. Forty-eight youth were served in therapeutic group homes. One hundred and eighty-five children found loving, forever families. 330 mothers and babies were served through Pregnancy Services provided by MBCH and The LIGHT House. One hundred and forty-seven children were in treatment family care homes and 378 children and youth were in family foster homes. MBCH maintained 303 foster/adoptive and/or relative/kinship homes. Twenty-two young women were served through the "Freedom 43:19" human trafficking rescue ministry. Transitional living programs in Bridgeton, Springfield and Mt. Vernon served 50 young people as they prepared to leave foster care and become independent. Fourteen adults with developmental disabilities received care at Country Haven or The Branches at Brookline. 1,705 individuals were trained in Stewards of Children. There were 17 professions of faith and/or baptisms among the children served in residential programs of MBCH and The LIGHT House or in Treatment Family Homes.

In Memory

*For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed,
we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.
2 Corinthians 5:1*

Cedar Ridge

Jerry Brown
Maggie Young

Crane

Dick Mitchell
Gladys Reavis

Elsey

Lela Mae Andrus Bishop

North Nixa

Chuck Beezley
Betty Griffy
David Crowder
Royce Price
Jim Bowers
Don Walker
Ginny Wasson
Kristine Darr

Pleasant Grove

Norma Stutesmun

Pleasant View

Betty Maples

Selmore

Cindi Carey
Edith Burk
Carl Timpe
Emmo Jean Hughes

Smyrna

Harriet Hamilton

Sparta

Kathleen Johnson
David Church

Spokane

Bob Burns

Union Ridge

Janice Crouch
Jeremy Leonard

Victor

Rosella Mitchell
Harley Clements
Bill Blunk
Mynette Ulrich
Glen "Butch" Scott

Tri County Baptist Association Executive Board (2020-2021)

Beacon of Hope Church: Randy Depew
Billings First Baptist Church: Robert Long, Tenah Long
Branson First Baptist Church: Jeremy Thomas
Bridge of Faith Community Church: Jonathan McGuire
Calvary Baptist Church: Troy Hull
Cedar Ridge Baptist Church: Mike Keeter
Chadwick First Baptist Church: Richard Eakins, Bryan Farris
Chestnutridge Baptist Church: Ron Adrian, Doyne Johnson
Clever First Baptist Church: Brian Jump
Crane First Baptist Church: Jim Cross, Bob Hodson
Elsey Baptist Church: David Berryhill
Fairview Baptist Church: Dale Brown
First Central Baptist Church: Wade Bridges
Forsyth First Baptist Church: Juston Gates
Fremont Hills Baptist Church: Art Hicklin
Friendly Baptist Church: Monty Dunn, Marilyn Dunn
Galena First Baptist Church: Jimmy Harriss, Rick Osborne
Garrison Baptist Church: Bally Johnson
Grace Bible Fellowship: Dan Reed
Highlandville First Baptist Church: Les Day, David Hardy
Hollister First Baptist Church: Wil Griswold, Tom Arnold
Hopedale Baptist Church: Mark Arnold
Hurley Baptist Church: Larry Winfree
Jamesville Missionary Baptist Church: Rick Washam
Keystone Baptist Church: Mark Baker, Larry Scobee
Kimberling City First Baptist Church: Jeff Hardy
Lampe First Baptist Church: Dennis Reynolds
LifePoint Church: Lane Harrison
McCord Bend Baptist Church: John Dinger, John Dinger III, Nick Sczenski, Dennis Pendagraft
Morning Star Baptist Church: Lee Parsons
Mt. Sinai Baptist Church: Brandon Dodd
Mt. Zion Baptist Church: Wayne Ferry
New Beginnings Fellowship: Matthew Costner
Nixa First Baptist Church: Tim Haupt
North Nixa Baptist Church: Travis Edwards
Oakwood Baptist Church: Jonathan Mitchell
Ozark First Baptist Church: Phillip Burden
Ozark Highlands Church: Mark Zimmerman
Ozark Mountain Community Church: Jason Moore
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church: Danny Hartwell
Pleasant View Baptist Church: Dave Bowden, Reba Bowden
Ponce de Leon Baptist Church: Roy McElwee
Prospect Baptist Church: Jeff Updegraff, LeRoy Taylor

Riverdale Baptist Church: Jamie Bilyeu
Rocky Ledge Baptist Church: Steve Bearden
Selmore Baptist Church: Josh Hall
Shady Grove Baptist Church: Zach Hartgraves, Roy Meadows
Shiloh Baptist Church: Brad Wells, Robert Lawrence
Skyline Baptist Church: Michael Head
Smyrna Baptist Church: Dale Grubaugh
Sparta First Baptist Church: Duane Smith, Roger Hackard
Spokane First Baptist Church: Randy Harwood
The Bridge: Dave Pearson
Union Ridge Baptist Church: Mearl Laswell, Peggy Anderson
Victor Baptist Church: Kenny Robinette
Victory Baptist Church: Matt Howell

NOTE: TCBA's Executive Board is comprised of two representatives from each church: the pastor, and another person voted on by the church. Pastors are automatically members of TCBA's Executive Board. Some churches in the above list only have one person, because the church has not voted on that person other than the pastor.

2021 TCBA Calendar

January

11	6:30p	Seminary Extension class begins
14	11:30a	Camp Director's Meeting, TCBA
17		Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
18		Martin Luther King Jr. Day, (Association Office closed)
21	8:00a	Pastors Breakfast, Village Inn, Ozark
28	8:00a	Pastors Breakfast, Golden Corral, Branson

February

8	6:00p	VBS Director's Pre-Clinic, Association Office
15		Presidents Day, (Association Office closed)
18	8:00a	Pastors Breakfast, Village Inn, Ozark
18	11:30	Administrative Team Meeting , Association Office
25	11:30a	Camp Director's Meeting, TCBA
25	8:00a	Pastors Breakfast, Golden Corral, Branson

March

18	8:00a	Pastors Breakfast, Village Inn, Ozark
18	11:30a	Camp Director's Meeting, TCBA
25	8:00a	Pastors Breakfast, Golden Corral, Branson

April

2		Good Friday, (Association Office Closed)
4		Easter Sunday
15	8:00a	Pastors Breakfast, Village Inn, Ozark
15	11:30a	Camp Director's Meeting, TCBA
21		Administrative Professional Day
22	8:00a	Pastors Breakfast, Golden Corral, Branson
25		Cooperative Program Sunday
26	5:45p	TCBA VBS Clinic, TBA

May

3	6:30p	Camp leaders training meeting, North Nixa
6		National Day of Prayer
9		Mother's Day
13	11:30a	Camp Director's Meeting, TCBA
20	8:00a	Pastors Breakfast, Village Inn, Ozark
20	11:30a	Administrative Team Meeting , Association Office
24	11:00a	Executive Board Meeting, TCBA
27	8:00a	Pastors Breakfast, Golden Corral, Branson
May 30-June 3		Tri County Children's and Youth Camps, Mt. Vernon Grade 3rd-9th
31		Memorial Day (Association Office Closed)

June		NO Pastors Breakfasts in June
15-16		SBC Annual Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee
17	11:30a	Camp Director's Evaluation Meeting, TCBA
20		Father's Day
July		NO Pastors Breakfasts in July
2-5		Independence Day, (Association Office Closed)
August		
9	6:30p	Seminary Extension class begins
19	11:30a	Administrative Team Meeting , Association Office
19	8:00 a	Pastors Breakfast, Village Inn, Ozark
26	8:00 a	Pastors Breakfast, Golden Corral, Branson
September		Missouri Missions Offering
6		Labor Day, (Association Office Closed)
16	8:00a	Pastors Breakfast, Village Inn, Ozark
23	8:00a	Pastors Breakfast, Golden Corral, Branson
26	4:00p	TCBA Church Family Gathering and Worship Service, TBA
October		Pastor/Staff Appreciation Month
21	8:00a	Pastors Breakfast, Village Inn, Ozark
21	11:30a	Camp Director's planning meeting, TCBA office
28	8:00a	Pastors Breakfast, Golden Corral, Branson
25-26		MBC Annual Meeting, Hilton Conference Center, Branson, MO
November		NO Pastors Breakfasts in November
11	11:30a	Administrative Team Meeting, TCBA
15	11:00a	Executive Board Meeting, TCBA
19	5:00p	Staff Christmas Dinner
24-27		Thanksgiving Holiday, (Association Office Closed)
29	6:30p	Ministers and Wives Christmas Dinner w/childcare
December		NO Pastors Breakfasts in December
20-Jan 4, 2022		Association Closed for Christmas/New Year Holiday, (Association Office Closed)

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