



2022

# ANNUAL MEETING

& Church Family Worship

ONE  
THING  
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PHIL 3:13-14

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2022  
REPORT



## Around Tri-County...

**PERSPECTIVE** Tri-County sponsored the SWMO Pastors Retreat in March 2022 at Baptist Hill Assembly in Mt. Vernon. The purpose of the retreat was to provide an "off-ramp" from the constant "go-go-go-gotta get there" of ministry--to get off the "interstate" and take a rest stop and listen for the still small voice that's so often hard to hear from all the "highway noise."



It was a special time--our Bible study leader Terry Rials did a great job leading us through 1 Kings 18-19, singing and worship was real, discussion with these deep Bible students and expositors was transparent and helpful. The schedule was intentionally laid back and the food was amazing. The size of the group made it less of a content/big group/bullet points/"how-to" oriented and more "here's what the Bible says/what happened to Elijah, how do you apply it to your life and ministry right now?"

On Friday morning we took a prayer walk--time alone with the Lord to answer the question: What would your ministry look like if God's hand was on you, like it was with Elijah? Then we had a time of sharing, and I wrote down what some of the guys said was in their hearts: "God reveal to me those strongholds in me that I need to let go." "I'm task oriented—I plan and I organize; but faith is not my friend, faith does not come easy to me. It's an ongoing battle—God, I just want to relax in You." "My goal is that I finish well." Blessed!



### "BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US"

ABOVE: a group of Tri-County pastors pray for Pastor Tony Robbins who accepted the call to pastor Rocky Ledge Baptist in Protem.

RIGHT: Rev. Michael O'Sullivan was ordained to the Gospel ministry by Keystone Baptist in Reeds Spring.



### FAITHFUL

This is Rick and Eda Washam. Rick officially retired from Jamesville Baptist (northern Stone County) this year after serving there for almost 13 years. Rick surrendered to the ministry at age 46—when he was working as a salesman for a siding company. His last Sunday at Jamesville was bittersweet, but joyous--a young boy and a teenager received Christ as Savior! Thank you Rick (and Eda!) for your service to King Jesus in Tri-County.

### "BAPTIZE THEM"



Tri-County churches are fulfilling Jesus's command to "Go into all the world and make disciples... baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit"... and we baptize in **baptistries**, in **creeks**, and in galvanized **watering troughs** sitting on flatbed trailers! LEFT: Pastor Wayne Ferry (Mt. Zion Baptist). MIDDLE: Pastor Josh Hall (Selmore Baptist). RIGHT: Pastor Brad Wells (Shiloh Baptist).



## Around Tri-County...



### MAKING DISCIPLES

Tri-County's Summer Camps are made possible by a "volunteer army" —from our gifted directors to our hard-working kitchen staff and cabin leaders and many others, these folks are the heroes that make camp—and Gospel sharing—possible. **We come to make disciples and are made better disciples ourselves!**

LEFT: top to bottom—Spark Kids Camp (grades 3-6); Ignite Youth Camp (grades 7-9); our hard-working kitchen team (led by Pastor Dennis Reynolds, second from left); RIGHT: top to bottom—Spark Kids worship led by Daniel and Alissa Mayfield (FBC Ozark); Ignite worship led by Misael Gonzales and the North Nixa praise band; retired teacher Sarah Patterson leads fun and interactive Bible study.

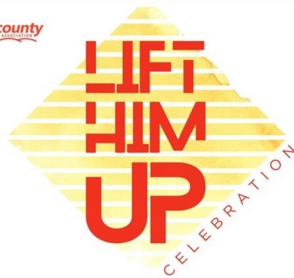
### PRAISE REPORT

In April 2022 Tri-County sponsored the "Lift Him Up! Celebration", hosting 5 different speakers in 5 different churches over 5 days—a different speaker in each church every night. The whole point of the celebration was to have a special time of lifting the Lord up and worshipping him and hearing a word from Him prior to Easter week.

A praise report from the pastor of a participating church:

"Hey brother, I want to share a praise report from last night, we had another salvation decision! Brother we have been praying for this young woman for a long time now, she is one of our deacons' daughters, and has gone from a professing atheist less than 2 years ago to coming to place her faith in Jesus last night! God is good!!!"

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When I am lifted up from the earth,  
I will draw everyone to myself.  
[ JOHN 12:32 ]

## APRIL 3-6

**5 churches—5 speakers—5 days**

- Cedar Ridge Baptist Church (Galena)
- Keystone Baptist Church (Reeds Spring)
- Ozark Highlands Church (Ozark)
- Shiloh Baptist Church (Marionville)
- Smyrna Baptist Church (Rogersville)



**HOST PASTOR: Rev. Mark Arnold**

Mark began serving as Hopedale Baptist's Senior Pastor in 2020. Pastor Mark received his B.A. from OBU in Shawnee, OK and his M.Div. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Tx. Mark has been in ministry for over 42 years having served as a Senior Pastor, NAMB Church Planter, Minister of Education and various other staff positions in Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Missouri. He has ministered as a Transitional Pastor and consultant at several MBC churches including First Baptist Sedalia, Riverview Baptist Osage Beach, First Baptist Ozark, North Nixa Baptist and Hopedale before becoming our Senior Pastor. Mark has been married to his college sweetheart, Jackie, for 41 years. They have four adult children, three granddaughters and a grandson!



**SPEAKER: Dr. Rick Melson**

Richard J. Melson, Ph.D., began his service as President of Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Missouri in September 2021. Dr. Melson has served in senior leadership positions in business, healthcare, higher education and ministry, including serving on the pastoral staff with John Piper at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Minneapolis, Minn. He earned his doctoral degree in leadership studies from Dallas Baptist University. Dr. Melson holds a master's degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a bachelor of arts degree from Murray State University. He also has completed post-doctoral studies at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education in educational management and advancement leadership.

Dr. Melson is happily married to his high school sweetheart, Tammy, of 33 years. They have three children. Dr. and Mrs. Melson enjoy opening their home, mentoring students, and attending athletics, theater and other events on campus. They also enjoy spending time with their family, traveling, working out, reading, and outdoor recreation. They are passionate about equipping the next generation of servant leaders to impact the world for Christ and are called to serve in a Christ-centered, caring academic community.

**THEME VERSE:**

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Philippians 3:13-14



## Schedule

4:00 pm	Business and Information Session (Worship Center)
5:00 pm	Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall—downstairs)
6:00 pm	Church Family Worship Service (Worship Center)

## Business and Information Session

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

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# **Minutes from Business Session of the Forty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Tri County Southern Baptist Association held on September 26, 2021 at the First Baptist Church, Kimberling City, MO**

Dr. Phillip Shuford (FBC Ozark) TCBA Director of Missions, called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. Rev. Danny Hartwell (Pleasant Grove Baptist) led in prayer. Mrs. Iva Hodson (Crane, FBC) Retiring TCBA Clerk made a motion to seat the registered messengers. Second by Danny Hartwell (Pleasant Grove Baptist). Carried. A motion was made by Richard Eakins (FBC Chadwick) to approve the agenda as printed. Second by Jimmy Harriss (FBC Galena). Carried.

## **Resolutions:**

Resolution of Appreciation to First Baptist Church, Kimberling City: A motion was made by Doug Rapp (Shiloh Baptist) to approve the Resolution of Appreciation to FBC Kimberling City as printed in the Book of Reports. Second received Carried. Resolution of Appreciation to Mrs. Iva Hodson: A motion was made by Peggy Anderson (Union Ridge Baptist) to approve the Resolution of Appreciation to Mrs. Iva Hodson (FBC Crane) as printed in the Book of Reports. Second by Dave Bowden (Pleasant View). Carried.

**Financial Reports:** A motion was made by Dennis Reynolds (FBC Lampe) to accept the Financial Reports as printed in the Book of Reports. Second by Katrina Green (Victory Baptist). Carried.

**Ministry Reports:** A motion was made by Mac McCully (Else Baptist) to receive the Ministry Reports as printed in the Book of Reports. Second by Ann Burton (Selmore Baptist). Carried.

**New Business:** A motion was made by Ann Burton (Selmore Baptist) to approve the 2022 TCBA Leadership as printed in the Book of Reports. Second by Katrina (Victory Baptist). Carried. A motion was made by Peggy Anderson (Union Ridge Baptist) to approve the 2022 TCBA Financial Plan as printed in the Book of Reports. Second by Richard Eakins (FBC Chadwick). Carried.

**Old Business:** A motion was made by Dave Bowden (Pleasant View) to approve the Proposed Amendment to the TCBA Constitution as printed in the Book of Reports and as approved at the 2020 TCBA Annual Meeting. Second by Dennis Reynolds (FBC Lampe). Carried

**DOM Report:** Dr. Phillip remarked on his report as presented in the Book of Reports. Kyle Rapinchuk reported on the BSU ministry under Covid conditions and his family. Dave Bowden led in prayer for the BSU ministry, Kyle and his family.

*Minutes submitted by Danny Hartwell. Typed by Meleta Getman*

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## **Resolution of Appreciation to the Hopedale 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 Hopedale Baptist Church Ozark, Missouri has agreed to serve as host church for the 47th annual gathering of the churches of the Tri-County Southern Baptist Association on September 25, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mark Arnold, Hopedale Baptist Church, senior pastor, and the church's 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 Hopedale 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 Hopedale Baptist Church, Ozark for their demonstrations of Christian love as they host us in our 2022 annual gathering.

"Let brotherly love continue." Hebrews 13:1





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# **MINISTRY REPORTS**

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# Financial Report

## 2022 TCBA FINANCIAL MID-YEAR REPORT

January – June 30, 2022

### MINISTRY INCOME

General budget	Actual Jan-June 30	Anticipated 2022	Designated accounts	Received	Balance
Churches gifts	155,424.89	274,007.00	Missouri Missions Offering	3,903.95	3,809.18
			Mountain Country Ministries*	3,667.84	8,063.72
			Disaster Relief	3,462.00	19,587.62
			BSU Fund	16,646.35	13,443.37
			Block Party Trailer	239.06	1,294.80
*includes \$2,250 gift from FBC Forsyth's Global Impact Conference					

### MINISTRY EXPENSES

	Actual Jan-June 30	Budget 2022		Actual Jan-June 30	Budget 2022
<b>Church Outreach</b>			<b>Administration</b>		
Church outreach projects	3,800.00	4,500.00	Accounting Services		2,350.00
Omaha Mission trip	-250.00	2,000.00	Administrative concerns	255.95	1,000.00
New Church Assistance	0	4,000.00	Exec Board/Annual Meeting	276.34	2,000.00
TCBA Camps	19,834.33	9,000.00	Mileage for assoc. business	367.55	900.00
VBS training/assistance	2,661.40	1,500.00	New equipment/repairs	826.89	1,500.00
			Office operations/inventory	3,339.76	9,800.00
<b>Church Strengthening</b>			<b>Building and Grounds</b>		
Church Strengthening projects	1,341.13	4,500.00	FBC Reeds Spring		
<b>Church Leadership</b>			Office Utilities	4,591.10	9,000.00
BSU ministry support	1,500.00	3,000.00	Property insurance	4,903.45	5,200.00
Church leadership projects	0	2,000.00	Repairs/maintenance	4,116.26	5,600.00
Pastor/staff care	3,032.36	7,895.00			
Tri County Bible Institute	815.52	3,000.00	Payroll expenses	-19.00	
Personnel				149,472.30	274,007.00
DOM Gift	0	500.00			
ADOM mileage	449.03	1,500.00			
Conventions/conferences	3,559.08	2,000.00			
DOM Professional Expense	5,060.78	7,830.00	<b>MBF Investment Funds</b>		
<b>Insurance and retirement</b>			Wells Scholarship Fund	103,599.30	
ADOM Retirement	5,625.08	11,529.00	Operating Reserves	38,164.34	
DOM Health	4,276.02	8,552.00	Great Commission	246,223.33	
DOM Life	1,815.00	3,500.00	BSU Ministry Support	115,770.17	
DOM Retirement	10,747.18	21,491.00			
Ministry Assistant Benefits	6,862.51	13,580.00			
<b>Salary and housing</b>					
DOM housing	12,871.44	25,743.00			
DOM salary	24,264.48	48,529.00			
Employer FICA Tax	1,295.56	2,500.00			
Employer Medicare Tax	302.99	560.00			
Ministry assistant salary	20,896.12	41,948.00			
Staff Christmas Bonus	0	7,000.00			



## Financial Report

## Church giving to TCBA: January 1 – June 30, 2022

CHURCH	UNDESIGNATED	DESIGNATED	CHURCH	UNDESIGNATED	DESIGNATED
Beacon of Hope			Oakwood	\$100.00	
FBC Billings	\$1,249.56		FBC Ozark	\$19,738.21	
FBC Branson	\$13,347.26	\$5,000.00	Ozark Highlands	\$1,239.00	
Bridge of Faith	\$700.00		Ozark Mountain	\$937.50	
Calvary	\$673.00		Pleasant Grove	\$600.00	
Cedar Ridge	\$3,470.25		Pleasant View	\$500.00	
FBC Chadwick	\$2,014.58		Ponce De Leon	0	
Chestnutridge	\$479.24		Prospect	\$1,322.45	
FBC Clever	\$12,090.09		Real Life Hollister	\$3,808.52	
FBC Crane	\$8,475.00		Riverdale	\$5,000.00	
FBC Elsey	\$875.14		Rocky Ledge	\$1,173.00	\$167.84
Fairview	\$600.00		Selmore	\$5,240.00	
First Central	\$1,171.00		Shady Grove	\$2,107.27	
FBC Forsyth	\$7,250.00	\$7,700.00	Shiloh	\$330.00	\$300.00
Fremont Hills	0		Smyrna	0	
Friendly	\$513.51		FBC Sparta	\$9,750.08	
FBC Galena	\$10.00		FBC Spokane	\$3,517.70	\$1,200.00
Garrison	0		The Bridge	\$650.94	
FBC Highlandville	\$4,828.01		The Way	\$2,542.02	
Hopedale	\$9,632.00		Union Ridge	\$2,224.45	\$308.14
Hurley	0		Victor	\$1,356.85	
Jamesville	\$648.06		Victory	\$1,200.00	
Keystone	\$544.43				
FBC Kimberling City	\$5,805.55				
FBC Lampe	\$1,684.28				
LifePoint	\$2,500.00		TOTAL JANUARY-June 30, 2022	\$155,489.89	\$15,449.06
McCord Bend	0				
Morning Star	\$678.80				
Mt Sinai	\$493.00				
Mt Zion	\$773.08	\$773.08			
New Beginnings	0				
FBC Nixa	\$716.06				
North Nixa	\$10,865.00				

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**Independent Accountant's Review Report**

To the Executive Committee and Members of Tri County Baptist Association  
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I have reviewed the accompanying statement of assets, liabilities, and association equity-modified cash basis of Tri County Baptist Association as of December 31, 2021 & 2020, and the related statement of revenues and expenses-modified cash basis for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting (as referenced in Note 1); this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

**Accountant's Responsibility**

My responsibility is to conduct the review in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require me to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether I am aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting. I believe that the results of my procedures provide a reasonable basis for my conclusion.

**Accountant's Conclusion**

Based on my review, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting, as described in Note 1.

**Basis of Accounting**

I draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. My conclusion is not modified with respect to this matter.



William P Brandt  
Certified Public Accountant

August 16, 2022

See independent accountant's review report and accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**Financial Report**  
**Accountant's Review: William Brandt, CPA**

**Tri County Baptist Association**  
**Statement Of Assets, Liabilities, and Association Equity-Modified Cash Basis**  
**December 31, 2021**

		2021		2020	
ASSETS					
Current Assets					
Petty Cash	Note 5	\$	00	\$	00
Cash-General			35,226.51		42,777.48
Cash-Designated			52,538.90		50,492.21
MBF-Wells Scholarship Fund			110,580.87		102,451.66
MBF-Operating Reserve			38,025.65		82,869.44
MBF-Great Commission			274,278.76		265,744.98
MBF-BSU Ministry Support			120,986.38		114,066.46
Total Current Assets			631,637.07		658,402.23
Property and Equipment					
Office Building-239 E Downing	Note 6		515,000.00		515,000.00
Accum Dep-Office Building			(224,487.18)		(211,282.05)
Office Building-2021 Roof			30,155.92		00
Accum Dep-Off. Bldg.-2021 Roof			(773.23)		00
Office Build-Leasehold Improve			27,204.27		00
Accum Dep-Off. Bldg.-Leasehold			(1,813.62)		00
Furn & Equip-Office Contents			100,000.00		100,000.00
Accum Dep-Office Contents			(100,000.00)		(100,000.00)
Furn & Equip-Utility Trailer			5,250.00		5,250.00
Accum Dep-Utility Trailer			(5,250.00)		(5,250.00)
Furn & Equip-Block Party Trail			7,000.00		7,000.00
Accum Dep-Block Party Trail			(7,000.00)		(7,000.00)
Furn & Equip-Mud Out Trail			4,200.00		4,200.00
Accum Dep-Mud Out Trail			(4,200.00)		(3,600.00)
Total Property and Equipment			345,286.16		304,317.95
Total Assets		\$	976,923.23	\$	962,720.18



**Tri County Baptist Association**  
**Statement Of Assets, Liabilities, and Association Equity-Modified Cash Basis**  
**December 31, 2021**

**LIABILITIES AND ASSOCIATION EQUITY**

**Current Liabilities**

Accounts Payable	\$	00	\$	00
Designated Funds-MBF		543,871.66		565,132.54
Credit Cards Payable		2,048.60		2,544.20
Fica Payable		2,836.78		3,414.14
SIT Payable		833.00		890.00
Payroll Liabilities-Retirement		100.00		100.00
Res Acct Block Party Trailer		1,105.74		763.98
Res Acct BP Trailer-Contr		(1,105.74)		(763.98)
Res Acct TCBA Great Commission				5,750.00
Res Acct TCBA Great Com-Contr				(5,750.00)
Res Acct BSU Fund		9,372.48		7,221.84
Res Acct BSU Fund-Contr		(9,372.48)		(7,221.84)
Res Acct Disaster Relief		18,822.84		15,927.00
Res Acct Disaster Rel-Contr		(18,822.84)		(15,927.00)
Res Acct MBC Missions		6,073.16		5,413.44
Res Acct MBC Missions-Contr		(6,073.16)		(5,413.44)
Res Acct Mount Country Min		4,386.58		5,047.75
Res Acct Mt Country Min-Contr		(4,386.58)		(5,047.75)
Res Acct MCM VBS Church Assist		334.95		00
Res Acct MCM VBS Assist-Contr		(334.95)		00
Res Acct MCM Amphitheatre		(989.16)		00
Res Acct MCM Amphith-Contr		989.16		00
Res Acct MCM Summer Camps		480.80		9,000.00
Res Acct MCM Summer Cam-Contr		(480.80)		(9,000.00)
Res Acct MCM Hispanic Work		500.00		500.00
Res Acct MCM Hisp Work-Contr		(500.00)		(500.00)
Res Acct Operating Reserves		12,345.96		858.21
Res Acct Operating Res-Contr		(12,345.96)		(858.21)
Total Current Liabilities		549,690.04		572,080.88

**Long-Term Liabilities**

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**Total Liabilities**

		549,690.04		572,080.88
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**Association Equity**

Association Equity		390,639.30		297,488.46
Net Income (Loss)		36,593.89		93,150.84
Total Association Equity		427,233.19		390,639.30

**Total Liabilities And**

**Association Equity**

	\$	976,923.23	\$	962,720.18
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**Tri County Baptist Association**  
**Statement of Revenues and Expenses-Modified Cash Basis**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020**

		One Year Ended December 31, 2021	One Year Ended December 31, 2020
<b>Revenues</b>			
Association Church Revenues	\$	277,380.98	\$ 288,445.93
BSU Fund Revenues		24,546.94	26,131.93
Church Outreach-Camp Revenues		21,809.20	.00
Mountain Country Min Revenues		22,305.98	16,842.54
MCM Summer Camps Revenues		.00	9,000.00
Block Party Trailer Revenues		644.20	550.00
Disaster Relief Revenues		6,877.00	3,300.00
Operating Reserve Revenues		45,000.00	20,000.00
MBC Missouri Missions Revenues		2,409.72	4,798.05
TCBA Great Commission Revenues		.00	32,920.78
Insurance Refunds	Note 8	13,847.94	.00
Other Revenues		300.00	27,667.00
Invest -Designated Gain/(Loss)		26,977.40	39,353.53
Total Sales		442,099.36	449,009.76
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
J&J Wells Scholarship Expense		5,758.55	.00
Block Party Trailer Exp		302.44	562.93
BSU Fund Exp		25,396.30	30,680.45
Church Outreach		42,513.49	18,544.97
Church Strengthening		2,184.24	2,135.18
Disaster Relief Exp		3,981.16	124.38
Depreciation	Note 6	16,391.98	14,805.13
Director's Benefits		33,693.00	33,109.64
Staff Benefits	Note 9 & 10	23,239.62	22,264.48
Director's Gifts		500.00	500.00
Director's Housing & Utilities		24,240.00	24,240.00
Flowers & Gifts		300.00	2,042.18
Insurance		6,466.68	5,123.01
Leadership/Vision		9,784.99	14,718.83
MBC Missions Exp		1,750.00	.00
Mountain Country Ministries Ex		32,140.56	12,044.79
Office Expense		14,305.84	6,568.31
Operating Reserve Expense		3,218.85	19,141.85
Outside Services		2,115.00	500.00
Professional Exp-DOM		4,849.78	3,176.12
Payroll-DOM		49,803.10	49,887.24
Payroll-Assistant		39,841.02	38,288.50
Payroll-Bonus		7,000.00	7,000.00
Payroll Taxes		3,151.83	3,082.07
Payroll-Other		.00	3.97
Reeds Spring Church		2,910.00	.00
Repairs & Maintenance		8,885.71	7,046.33
Staff Reimbursements & Housing		2,837.43	2,571.25
TCBA Great Commission Expenses		23,750.00	27,170.78
Training & Meetings		5,743.81	1,130.56
Utilities		8,450.09	9,396.03
Union Chapel Church		.00	.00
Total Operating Expenses		405,505.47	355,858.92
Net Income from Operations		36,593.89	93,150.84
Net Income (Loss)	\$	36,593.89	\$ 93,150.84

See independent accountant's review report and accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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**TRI COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
December 31, 2021

1. Modified Cash Basis of Accounting: The Association's policy is to prepare its financial statements on the Modified Cash Basis of Accounting. Consequently, assets are stated with accompanying accumulated depreciation values based on federal taxation schedules and limited accrual is utilized. In addition, revenues are generally recorded when received and expenditures are generally recorded when paid.

2. The Association operates as an *exempt* organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code beneath the Missouri Baptist Convention's certificate. Covered organizations are not required to file Form 990 unless they receive unrelated business income during the year, in which cases they must file Form 990T. The Association operates under Federal EIN 43-1073320. Tri County Baptist Association is an organization made up of Southern Baptist Churches from Christian, Stone and Taney Counties in southern Missouri. The Association acts as a supporting agency on behalf of its members for various ministerial and financial needs. Revenues collected by the Association from the body of Churches in Tri County Baptist Association are generally designated at the Church level for either the Association's financial benefit or other ministerial missions related to Christian and Southern Baptist efforts.

3. Management has considered subsequent events through August 16, 2022.

4. Risks & Uncertainties: Due to the Association's major property and equipment items being free of any debt, no significant Risks & Uncertainties exist.

5. Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments: The Association considers deposits that can be redeemed on demand and investments that have original maturities of less than three months, when purchased, to be cash equivalents. As of December 31, 2021, the Company's cash and cash equivalents were deposited in one financial institution. Cash-Designated is restricted for various missions and activities that Association members contribute with the intent for the Association to pass through to the intended causes. The Cash-Designated balance also includes amounts that the Association's Executive Board has set back for future Association financial needs. Four investment accounts have been established with the Missouri Baptist Foundation. These investment accounts are designated for future discretionary functions that also pertain to Association activities.

6. Property and equipment are recorded at costs estimated by association leaders. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful lives of the related assets using the straight-line method for financial statement purposes based on federal tax schedules. Accumulated Depreciation for the period ending December 31, 2021 & 2020 was \$343,524.03 and \$327,132.05. In addition, Depreciation Expense was \$16,391.98 and \$14,805.08 for the years ending 2021 & 2020. Major asset classes and accumulated depreciation are listed as follows:

	Property and Equipment	
	Stated Balance	Accumulated Depreciation
Buildings & Contents	672,360.19	(327,074.03)
Furniture & Equipment	16,450.00	(16,450.00)

7. Changes in Association Equity for the year ended 2021 and 2020 is as follows:

	2021	2020
Change in Association Equity	\$ 36,593.89	\$ 93,150.84
Beginning Association Equity	390,639.30	297,488.46
Ending Association Equity	\$ 427,233.19	\$ 390,639.30

8. Insurance proceeds were received due to water damage and applied to the repair/replacement of the roof in 2021.

9. As a part of the Director's benefit package, contributions to an annuity are made on a monthly basis. Total contributions to the annuity for 2021 and 2020 were \$21,510.96 and \$21,418.63, respectively. The Association also provides certain medical, dental, and life insurance benefits for the director. These benefits are provided at the Missouri Baptist Convention level. As such, monthly payments are made to the Missouri Baptist Convention and other associated third-party administrators to fund these benefits.

10. Related Party Transactions: The Association maintains a policy that allows its staff to purchase items on behalf of the Association and then present receipts for reimbursement.

These notes are an integral part of the accompanying financial statements.

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# 10-Year Statistical Profile for Tri-County Baptist Association 2013-2022

## Association Trend Profile, 2013 - 2022 Membership & Program

Association: Tri-County

SBC ID: 28176

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Net Change	Percent Change
<b>Membership</b>												
Total Members	15,967	14,478	16,912	16,781	15,999	17,630	17,715	17,085	16,358	14,751	(1,216)	-7.6%
Resident Members	10,343	8,362	10,509	170	9,782	10,837	10,818	10,426	9,954	8,797	(1,546)	-14.9%
<b>Evangelism/Additions</b>												
Baptisms	454	248	432	333	303	350	334	285	234	370	(84)	-18.5%
Res Members per Baptism	23	34	24	1	32	31	32	37	43	24		
Other Additions	466	313	534	531	442	458	407	319	381	368	(98)	-21.0%
<b>Worship/Music</b>												
Worship Attendance	7,553	6,361	8,003	7,217	7,013	8,306	8,257	7,739	6,024	6,600	(953)	-12.6%
Music Enrollment												
<b>Bible Study/Discipleship</b>												
as pct. of Res. Mem	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
Avg. S.S. Attendance	5,091	3,710	4,599	4,828	4,545	4,987	4,648	4,585	3,122	3,018	(2,073)	-40.7%
as pct. of S.S. Enroll	#Error	#Error	#Error	#Error	#Error	#Error	#Error	#Error	#Error	#Error		
Discipleship												
as pct. of Res. Mem	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
<b>Mission Participation</b>												
WMU Enrollment												
as pct. of Res. Mem	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
as pct. of Res. Mem	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
Mission Proj. Participants	3,183	2,233	5,231	5,926	3,300	68,994					65,811	2067.6%
as pct. of Res. Mem	30.8%	26.7%	49.8%	3485.9%	33.7%	636.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
<b>Financial</b>												
Total Receipts	\$14,915,753	\$12,707,886	\$14,733,253	\$14,887,861	\$14,182,723	\$15,466,492	\$17,693,673	\$17,218,680	\$17,764,482	\$18,490,673	\$3,574,919	24.0%
Undesignated Receipts	\$9,102,838	\$9,330,981	\$11,253,494	\$11,497,887	\$11,239,965	\$11,950,775	\$13,315,752	\$13,587,783	\$14,315,994	\$14,662,641	\$5,559,803	61.1%
Cooperative Program Gifts	\$628,495	\$539,032	\$566,397	\$627,294	\$598,181	\$642,201	\$768,659	\$722,638	\$743,048	\$38,243	(\$590,252)	-93.9%
as pct. of Undesig.	6.9%	5.8%	5.0%	5.5%	5.3%	5.4%	5.8%	5.3%	5.2%	0.3%		
as pct. of Undesig.	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		
Total Mission Expenditures	\$1,571,227	\$1,084,395	\$1,410,332	\$1,967,830	\$1,506,158	\$1,896,756	\$1,937,624	\$1,910,592	\$2,008,506	\$2,206,445	\$635,218	40.4%
as pct. of Tot. Receipts	10.5%	8.5%	9.6%	13.2%	10.6%	12.3%	11.0%	11.1%	11.3%	11.9%		
Annie Armstrong	\$56,198	\$54,674	\$80,719	\$90,037	\$95,400	\$100,832	\$107,190	\$61,170	\$91,951		\$35,763	63.6%
Lottie Moon	\$104,872	\$94,891	\$127,841	\$191,861	\$170,266	\$177,433	\$190,822	\$156,906	\$133,675	\$26,110	(\$78,762)	-75.1%
State Missions									\$29,443		\$0	0.0%

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.



**Philippians 3:13-14**  
**in five different translations**

Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

English Standard Version

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

King James Version

No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

New Living Translation

No, dear brothers, I am still not all I should be, but I am bringing all my energies to bear on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God is calling us up to heaven because of what Christ Jesus did for us.

The Living Bible Paraphrase

I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back.

The Message Paraphrase

## Director of Mission's Report

### Phillip Shuford, Director of Missions

Sitting in a cold, damp jail cell, chained to a soldier, the great apostle's heart was full. Although this Roman prison would most probably be the place where he would lose his life, the stone walls that imprisoned him could not keep Paul's mind from turning to his dear friends and fellow-believers in the Macedonian city of Philippi, that beautiful city by the sea. It was in Philippi that the Gospel first took root in the continent of Europe. It was there that dear Lydia of Thyatira insisted that he stay in her home. It was in Philippi (in another jail cell!), a soon-to-be brother in Christ pleaded with him "What must I do to be saved?" Yes, Philippi was special.

And there in that dark cell, Paul dictated for his friends in Philippi words of encouragement and exhortation—words that in written form we know as Paul's Epistle to the Philippians. He didn't know if he'd see them again. But if he didn't, he wanted them to know what was truly important in the Christian life. Deep into his very personal letter to this beloved congregation, Paul the imprisoned apostle describes how he, in spite of setbacks and unexpected and unwelcome turns, was able to keep moving forward in his faith: *Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.* (Philippians 3:13-14)

Paul's exhortation to the Philippians can be summed up in three words: focus, forget, forward.

Focus: Everything about my life can be summed up with one word: Jesus, and Jesus only. Forget: I will not let setbacks (or successes) of the past distract me from that one thing that is most important to me. Forward: Jesus has extended me a call, a special call, an upward call—and I will do everything in my power, every last drop of energy and effort, to fulfill the call granted me, by He Who loved me and gave Himself for me. Nothing will hold me back.

Good words for the Philippian church. And good words for the congregations that make up the family of churches that carries the name Tri-County.

Folks, the last two or three years have been, to say the least, interesting. No one would have suspected in the early days of March 2020 that the world was about to be turned upside down by the Covid pandemic. It hit our churches like a proverbial "ton of bricks." And now, two and a half years after the Covid shutdowns, most Tri-County churches report a decrease in worship attendance as compared to pre-Covid days. Sunday morning Bible study (Sunday School) attendance has suffered even more. (You can see a ten-year profile of Tri-County statistics on page 13. If you're curious about your own church's stats, Tri-County can provide you with that information too, with descriptive graphs). To be sure, some Tri-County churches are, as one pastor told me, "busting out the seams." But that seems to be the exception.

I remember when Covid hit, we were all asking "When will we be able to get back to normal in our church?" But very few were asking this question: "God, do you want us to go back to normal?" A particularly interesting question, since the "normal" for many churches in the United States, even before the shut-down, was a slow decline.

Which is why, dear brothers, the words of Paul to his Philippians friends is as relevant to us in 2022 as it was for the Philippians 2,000 years ago.

Paul proclaimed, "I have a high calling." And so we do.

Paul explained, "Even with all that's going on, I'm not going to get distracted. I am focused on the main thing—what God's called me to do." And so must we—focus on the main thing, which is what Jesus told us in Matthew 28—"make disciples."

Paul made clear his radical way of thinking: "I'm forgetting all that—I'm not looking back—I'm not living my life looking in the rear view mirror. I won't get stuck in the past, and let nostalgia for what used to be become a stumbling block for me." That must be our attitude too. Not "back to normal." Not even a "new normal." We're not letting the way things used to be define how God wants things to be now.

And then Paul gave them, and us, the key: "I press on until His higher calling for me, is mine." And that's what we must do as well. We can't quit. We can't let up. We can't "coast." Because our calling isn't a low calling. It isn't a mediocre calling. The calling the Savior has placed on our lives, and on our churches, is a high calling. A worthy calling. A calling to love and serve and sacrifice and spend ourselves in this worthy cause for this worthy reason: Jesus Christ came to save sinners, to seek and to save that which was lost, to make those who are God's enemies, God's friends. Friends, it's a high calling. We must press on!

And Tri-County Baptist Association, this family of 55 Southern Baptist congregations in Christian, Stone and Taney Counties, must keep those three words before us as well: focus, forget, and forward.

Our focus is, and must always be, the Great Commission Jesus left us. So Tri-County must encourage our churches, to fulfill the Great Commission. Tri-County must be prepared to assist our churches, as they fulfill the Great Commission. And Tri-County must be able to provide resources for our churches, as they work out their high calling to fulfill the Great Commission.

This is the tenth year I have had the privilege of making a report to this family of churches at its annual meeting. I believe that we, as an Association, have made good progress in some areas of how we are assisting and partnering with our churches.

- We're helping churches shine the light of Jesus into the lives of children and young people through our summer camps.
- We're supporting disciple-making among university students at the College of the Ozarks in Hollister.
- We're helping our church members serve and minister in areas hard hit by natural and man-made disasters.
- We're training church leaders to train other church leaders to serve effectively in Vacation Bible Schools across our three counties.
- We're giving people from our churches who have been called by God for Kingdom service, theological and practical ministry training.
- We're providing a scholarship to assist our people called into vocational ministry, with their ministerial education expenses.
- We're helping our churches who find themselves between pastors to discern God's will for them as they search for their next pastor.
- We're providing equipment and resources that allow our churches do special outreach events.
- We're providing Bible study materials for our women's and other groups in our churches.
- We're providing ministry funds that allow our churches share the light of Christ in incredibly creative ways, that otherwise might not be possible.
- We're giving our pastors opportunities to meet together and pray with and for each other.
- We're assisting churches understand what steps they may need to take in order to adjust their ministries to meet today's challenges—and providing resources to help them accomplish God's vision for their church.

I'm thankful that I'm part of an Association that is doing such things and more.

But other areas of ministry, ways to encourage/assist/resource our churches, I know are lacking. I feel that pull that Paul felt. We're not "there" yet. I believe that we've got all the elements, all the pieces, to do what God has called, is calling, and will call us to do. All we have to do is tell Him, "Here am I—send me."

Not too many months ago I had been in deep prayer and reflection about Tri-County Association. My question to God was "Well, Covid's over. Here we are. Tri-County belongs to You. Now what do You want us to do? And how do You want us to do it?" And during that season of prayer, while flying back to Missouri from a trip to visit family, I felt like God sent me a clarifying word about who we are as an Association, and a big-picture idea of what He wants us to do in the coming years.

I asked the Lord, "Tri-County exists to strengthen and support churches. But what does that mean? And how should we do it? What does it look like?" And then He led me to consider a fundamental fact: Tri-County is not me. It's not an office, and it's not a denominational entity. At the core, Tri-County Baptist Association is churches. And churches, are people. People, who are saved, set apart, gifted, entrusted, and unique. People with strengths, people with Kingdom potential.

And for Tri-County to be effective in encouraging, assisting and resourcing our churches, we must know and understand our churches and their people—their uniqueness, strengths, and potential—and apply their uniqueness and strengths to grow their Kingdom potential, and so through mutual support we grow the Body of Christ—like it says in Ephesians 4.

Friends, I believe that Tri-County is a good Association. But I want to be part of an exceptional Association. And I believe King Jesus wants us to be an exceptional Association of churches, a true family of churches, a family of churches that says "this one thing we do." A family of churches that sees value in investing in the Kingdom potential of our sister churches and their people. A family of churches that prays together, serves together, evangelizes together, makes disciples together.



Thank you for allowing me to walk with you this far. Again, I think we're a good Association. I want to be in an exceptional Association, one what says that this is what we aspire to be:

**We will proclaim the Good News of Jesus  
and extend His Kingdom in our communities and beyond,  
by pooling and making the most of our combined resources  
to turn sitters into servants and servants into leaders,  
and networking our servants and leaders  
for mutual support, encouragement, and sharpening  
as we proclaim His salvation, His glory and goodness  
and serve our Savior together in this place.**

That's what I believe would please our Savior. With His help, may we be so.

Amen.

## Disaster Relief Ministry

*TCBA's Disaster Relief ministry's goal is to mobilize our church members to bring help, hope and healing in Jesus' name to people who have experienced natural or man-made disasters.*

**NOTE: The following was written by Charles Lasky, member at FBC Kimberling City, who traveled to eastern Europe with Missouri Baptist's Disaster Relief to assist refugees from the war in Ukraine. Tri-County Baptist Association provided funds that helped Charles go.**



My thank you and a little about the Disaster Relief trip.

When this war started, I prayed. I prayed for the Ukrainians and the soldiers from both sides. I didn't want soldiers from either side to be maimed or to die. It didn't seem real that a world leader in this day and age would order his military to attack its neighbor. I prayed asking what I could do to help. I did send some funds to help feed the refugees, but wished I could do more.

I never thought I would get an email from MO Baptist Disaster Relief asking if I might be willing to go help refugees. I have helped with hurricanes, tornados, and other high wind events with MO Disaster Relief. I said yes right then and sent in my passport info. I probably didn't do this in the right order, but again began to pray asking God if this is what he wanted me to do. If the funds it would cost would be more beneficial going or donated to organizations already there.

I continued with the process of applying. Back ground checks, lengthy personal survey, training course about sexual [CL1] abuse with testing, listing all skills I have that might be useful and 3 references from my pastor and other ministry people I have worked with. Again, praying during this process that it would be God's will not mine to determine if I went or not.

I was selected by Gaylon Moss, director of MO Baptist Disaster Relief, to be on team 6. Team 6 consisted of 4 people from MO and 2 from Texas Baptist Disaster Relief. Disaster relief has us train in at least 2 areas. Areas of training our team had were: Chaplain training, chainsaw training, mass feeding training, disaster assessment training and child care training. During the 2 weeks May 14-28, selected for team six, I had nothing scheduled on my calendar. Which is quite unusual for me to have one week free let alone 2 weeks schedule free.

I flew from Springfield MO, along with one other team member, to Chicago and met up with the other two team 6 members from MO. We flew on to Vienna Austria, then to Bucharest Romania. The two team 6 members from Texas landed in Bucharest about an hour later. From there we met our Romanian driver and translator for a 6-hour van ride to Suceava. We stayed in Suceava and would drive to the border after breakfast and devotions each morning. It was about a 45-minute drive to the border. There we would set up canopy and tables for our stand. We would have water, coffee, tea, fruit, protein bars, cookies, candy, chips, phone chargers for all types of phones. A charging station for phones, Bibles in Romanian, Ukrainian and Russian languages and gospel tracts. A tent behind our stand held 6 cots for refugees needing rest after their long and dangerous journey to safety.

Police and border patrol dealt with traffic crossing the border in both directions. Firemen, who in Romania are a branch of the military, dealt with the refugees. Safety of the women and children entering Romania from Ukraine had become an issue. Sex traffickers had begun tricking and kidnapping women. So a crew of 20 firemen from different regions of Romania would rotate in each week to assist with safely getting refugees to the registration tent. They would be registered and given a place to go if they did not have any relatives in different countries they could go to.

They would then have time before a full load for the 20 passenger fire department vans would be ready to leave. Some vans would take refugees to the airport if they had a place to go in another country. Other vans would take refugees to other cities in Romania that had shelters and room for additional refugees.

While they waited for the buses to have a full load, they would come by the various stands set up by charitable organizations. Some things they could receive included a hot meal, clothing, diapers, baby food, hygiene products, medical care, Bibles, counseling and prayer. It was good to see the cooperation between the different charity organizations, making sure the refugees needs were met as best as possible.

Things team 6 did while in Romania:

Border area, hand out water, coffee, tea, fruit, protein bars, cookies, candy, chips, phone chargers for all types of phones. A charging station for phones, Bibles in Romanian, Ukrainian and Russian languages and gospel tracts. A tent behind our stand held 6 cots for refugees needing rest after their long and dangerous journey to safety. Prayed with and talked to refugees about spiritual things. Handed out Coke to firemen and women and had conversations about their religious beliefs. We prayed with those asking for prayer. Carried heavy bags of food when older women were headed to the border crossing, returning to Ukraine with food. The bags were so heavy they would leave creases in my fingers for 30 minutes after carrying them. Wish we could have carried them all the way to the bus station in Ukraine but we were not allowed to cross the border.

Churches housing refugees: we sent 2 women to purchase food and cook lunches in 3 of the churches. We purchased a stove for one church whose stove did not work properly. We evaluated a way to provide a shower for the refugees staying there. It was decided the best option was for a stand-alone shower with a tankless water heater and a generator to power the water heater, since church electrical system did not have the capacity for a water heater. We purchased the 3 items. We began to turn a stall in the women's bathroom into the shower room. We began this by removing the toilet and started removing tile from the walls. Team 7 will continue this project.

We loaded about \$4,000 worth of food from a church that had collected it, into a truck to be brought into Ukraine. The food would be delivered to two churches for distribution to families in need. Some of the food would also be sent from these churches further into Ukraine to areas of need. The 2nd to last day we went to the local warehouse type food store. The 6 team members and volunteer coordinator who was leaving when we were, all had money donated from their churches, friends and family meant for Ukraine. We loaded 6 very large 6'X4' carts with food, diapers, tooth paste, cooking oil, etc. At the cash register, we would each say what amount we had to spend. The cashier would stop when that amount was reached. That person would then pay that amount and the cashier would continue. We received a discount that increased the more we spent. We took the carts to the truck and began loading them. We had not spent all the money so while we loaded 4 went back for more. They loaded 6 more carts. As the were checking out the cashier stopped because they ran out of the \$10,000 Lei daily limit (Romanian dollars are Lei). A person in line behind them heard their situation and gave her membership card to use for the rest of the purchase. We loaded the rest on the truck and unloaded it at the church for another delivery into the Ukraine. Money was also donated to purchase drugs from a pharmacy at cost, to go with the food.



We prayed for the women and children at the border and at the church shelters knowing that husbands, fathers and brothers were back in Ukraine Fighting for their lives and their country. We prayed for Russian soldiers forced to attack their neighboring country by their evil President.

Please continue to pray for all involved in this horrible situation.

Thank you for your support to help supply food and medicine to Ukrainians who need it.

Charles Lasky



## In Memory

His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." Matthew 25:21

**NOTE:** This list is based on reports from our churches. We honor and are thankful for all those pastors and church leaders and members who have passed into Jesus' presence in the past year.

**Friendly Baptist Church:** Dr. Cardis Bryan (retired pastor )

**Friendly Baptist Church:** Mr. Bob Mabe (minister of music)

**Garrison:** Mr. Gordon Jones (treasurer)

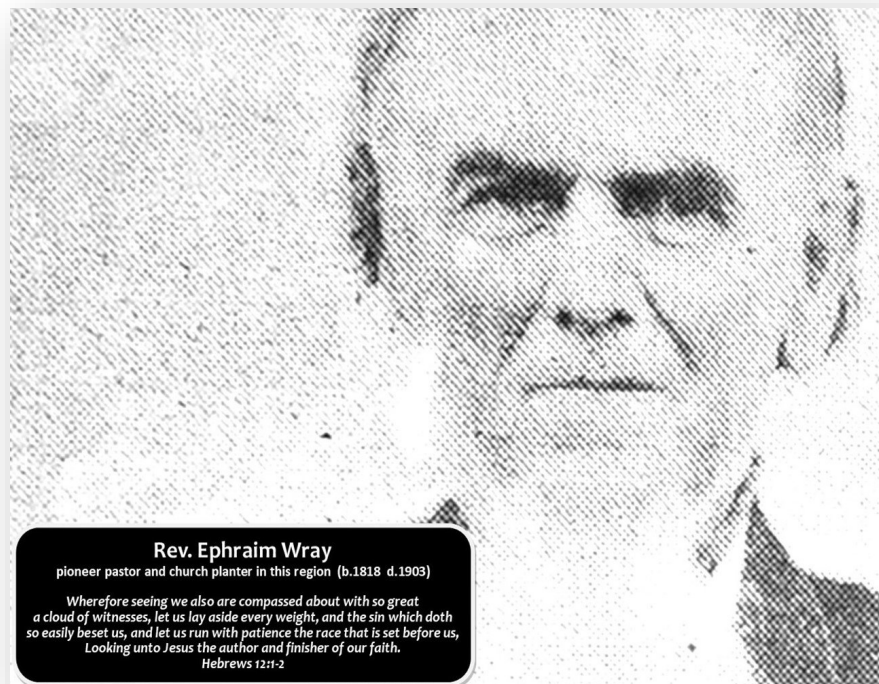
**Mt. Zion Baptist Church:** Rev. Gene Swofford (retired pastor)

**Oakwood:** Mr. Rex Bilyeu (deacon)

**Prospect Baptist Church:** Mrs. Carole Lassley (retired pastor's wife)

**Selmore Baptist Church:** Mrs. Cheryl Gray (church secretary)

**FOREFATHER:** Rev. Ephraim Wray planted Prospect Baptist Church in 1846—the oldest Southern Baptist church in our area. He went on to lead in starting other churches in what would become Tri-County Baptist Association.



**Rev. Ephraim Wray**

pioneer pastor and church planter in this region (b.1818 d.1903)

*Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.*  
Hebrews 12:1-2

**Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own.  
But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining  
forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal  
for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.**

**Philippians 3:13-14**

# 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.)

### 2022 Wells Ministry Scholarship awarded to

**Luke Mendenhall** (FBC Ozark), attending Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

**Rev. Michael O'Sullivan** (pastor at Keystone Baptist Church, Reeds Spring), attending Dallas Theological Seminary

**Isaac Qualls** (New Beginnings Fellowship, Hollister), attending Dallas Baptist University

**Linda Smolen** (FBC Kimberling City), attending Liberty University Rawlings School of Divinity

More information and application can be found at [www.tcsba.com](http://www.tcsba.com)

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## **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.*

### **Fall 2022 Ozarks BSU Update**

This past February we celebrated our tenth year leading the Ozarks BSU ministry. During those years, we cultivated a ministry based out of our home in which hospitality provided opportunities for discipleship.

Since having to move off campus two and a half years ago, we have been seeking to continue this home-based ministry, but COVID and campus restrictions in 2020-2021 made this difficult.

Nevertheless, during the 2021-2022 school year we saw two students come to faith in Christ, another baptized, and many students impacted through the BSU ministry.

We preached through the Book of Psalms and offered discipleship studies on the Gospel of John and the Epistle to the Hebrews. I officiated a wedding in December and another in May after months of pre-marital counseling. Sadly, the young man was killed in a car accident two months and one day after the wedding, and Kristin and I were asked to officiate his funeral. We housed 9-12 family and friends of the widow for a week and hosted meals for 40 people on the day before and of the funeral.

**During the 2021-2022 school year we saw two students come to faith in Christ, another baptized, and many students impacted through the BSU ministry.**

Although a terrible tragedy, we had the opportunity to comfort, encourage, and grieve alongside countless current and former students as well as many others during this time.

College ministry, we know from experience, rarely happens on a convenient schedule, but in trusting the Lord in being hospitable and available, our ministry, through the work of the Holy Spirit, provides rich soil for good fruit to grow in the lives of students. Thank you for your partnership which allows this ministry to continue and flourish.

Learn more at [www.ozarksbsu.com](http://www.ozarksbsu.com)



In Christ,  
Kyle and Kristin Rapinchuk  
Ozarks BSU

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**Philippians 3:13-14**



## Partnership Ministry Grants to Our Churches

October 2021-September 2022

**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 2021-September 2022, TCBA has been able to assist churches in all three counties in the amount of \$21,893.66.**

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

- a summer program at Rockaway Beach;
- helping a church put on a Back to School Bash that drew thousands;
- helping a church replant
- Bibles for Baptist Hill
- Purchased new women's Bible studies for a church
- Southwest Missouri Resound Summit
- Lift Him Up Celebration—5 evangelistic services in 5 Tri-County churches
- Family conference and ministry in Stone County

**from October 2021-September 2022, TCBA has been able to assist our churches do Great Commission work through Partnership Ministry Grants in the amount of \$21,893.66**

Tri-County joins churches together to do what God has called them to do. **Together we are doing more!**

Tri-County provided funds to assist FBC Branson with their Back to School Bash in August 2022 where thousands of people were served. Through Tri-County, all our churches were there!



# 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.*

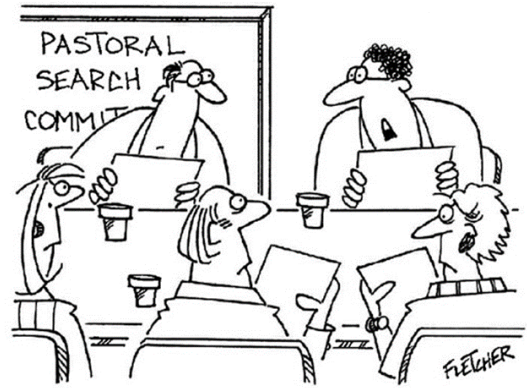
## Pastor Search Assistance

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

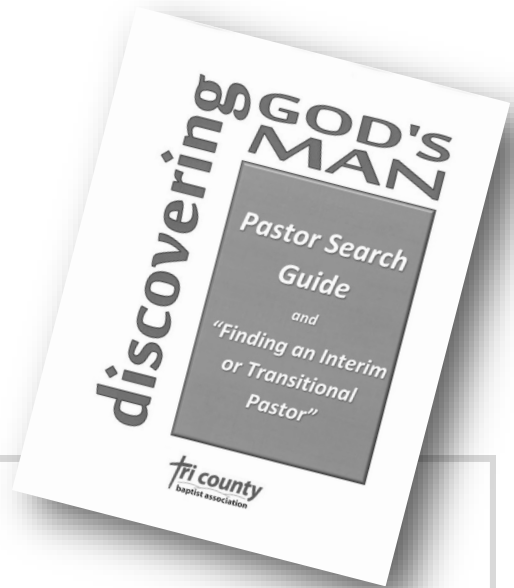
Tri-County has developed a guidebook with information compiled from many different sources for pastor search teams’ use, including

- *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.”



### Is your Pastor Search Committee in the danger zone?

***Common mistakes churches and search committees have made.***

- Not praying enough.
- Forming a search committee that does not represent all the church.
- Having too many or too few members on the committee.
- Not using the readily available denominational resources.
- Not training the committee to identify and develop a search process appropriate for the church.
- Not keeping confidences within the committee.
- Not doing a congregational self-study.
- Allowing an interim pastor to become an applicant (in most cases)
- Having more than one committee member contact the prospect.
- Not being honest with the candidate about your church situation.
- Considering only the pulpit skills of the prospect.
- Not preparing well for the interviews.
- Not doing in-depth background checks and thorough reference checks.
- Not allowing enough time for the candidate and the church to interact and get to know each other.
- Moving the process too quickly, being impatient.
- Conducting the search process in human power alone, not actively seeking God’s direction constantly.



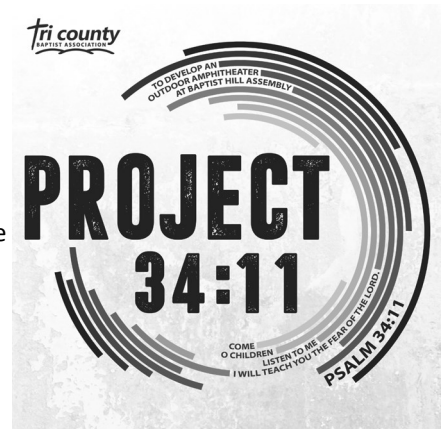
## Project 34:11

### Building a Worship Amphitheater at Baptist Hill Assembly

Tri-County exists to spread the Gospel in our 3 counties--and beyond! In February 2021, Tri-County Baptist Association's Executive Board approved a project for Tri-County to build an outdoor worship amphitheater at Baptist Hill Assembly outside of Mt. Vernon, Missouri. The project was called "Project 34:11" from Psalm 34:11: *Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.*

God moved hearts, and Project 34:11 drew many people and churches beyond the Tri-County Baptist Association. In May 2022, we held a dedication service (in the rain!) and in June, Tri-County's camp "broke it in", holding the first worship service at the new worship amphitheater (pictured below).

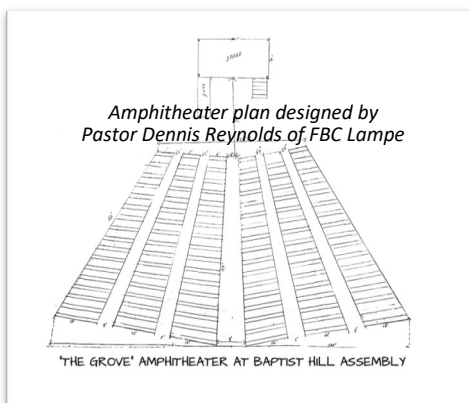
**Together, we did it!** Now, hundreds and thousands for decades to come will hear the Gospel preached in a beautiful outdoor setting! To God be the glory!



*Volunteers from North Nixa Baptist Church setting the benches for the worship amphitheater*



*The first service at the worship amphitheater was held during Tri-County's camp in June*



*Completed worship amphitheater—May 2022*

## Resources Available to Tri-County Churches

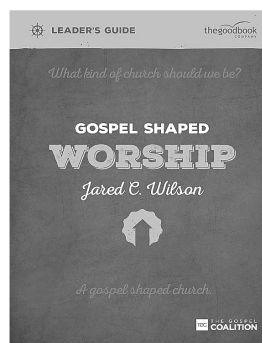
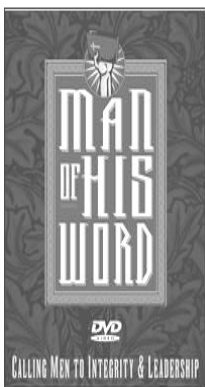


TCBA's Evangelistic Block Party Trailer is an amazing resource available to all Tri-County churches! For a modest usage fee of \$50, TCBA churches have use of a large bounce house, small bounce house, snow-cone machine, popcorn machine, carnival games, portable sound system, pop-up tents, tables, chairs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

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.



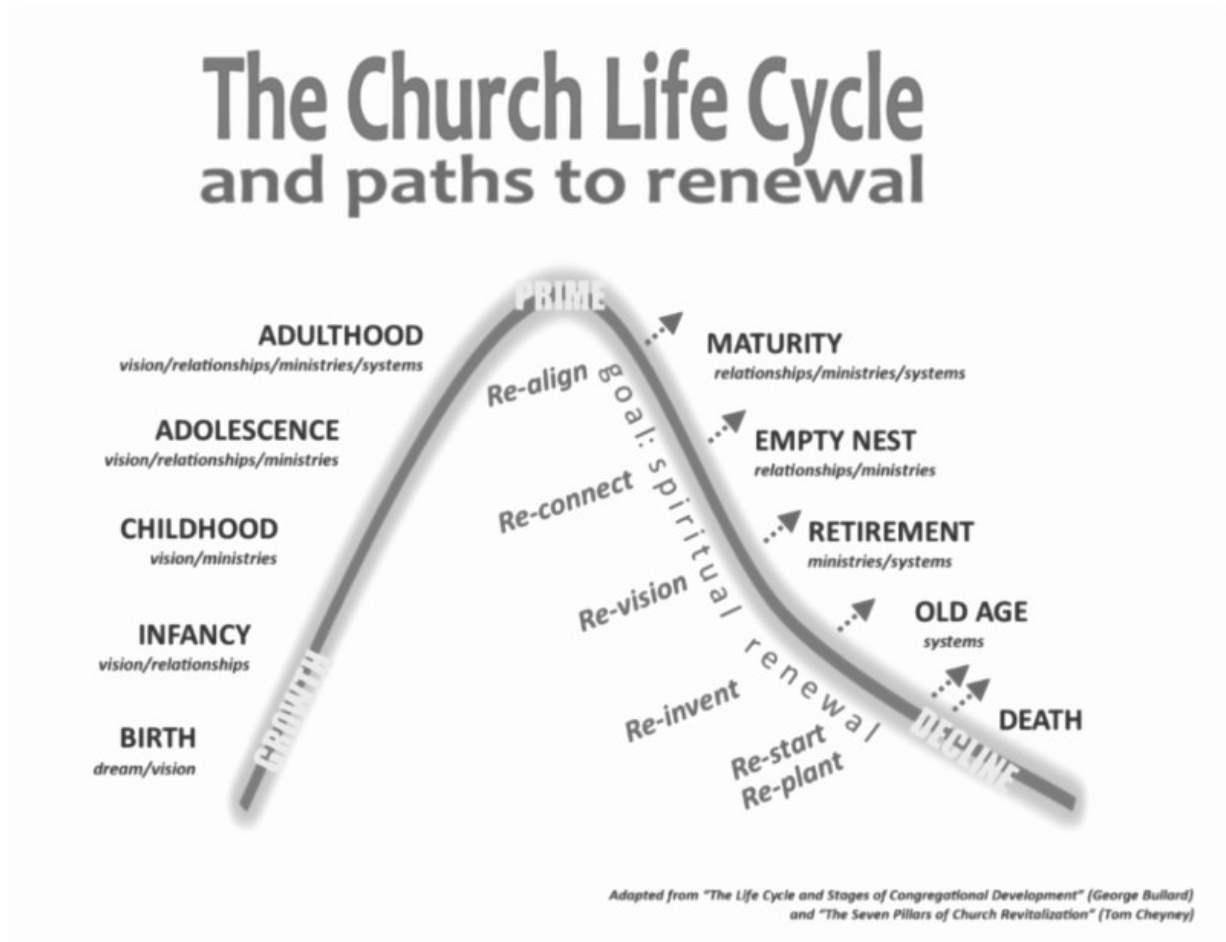
Tri-County's Media Resource Center has DVD studies available for TCBA churches to check out and use with men's and women's groups, to train people to share their faith, and more. Call or stop by Tri-County's office for a complete list.





## Revitalizing Churches

Tri-County hosted a discussion with our church leaders on the topic "Is My Church Healthy?" on February 10. Dr. Brandon Moore, Resound Network Director, MBC walked us through the question "Do we need to revitalize? and if so, how?" We explored what it means to be a healthy church--especially in the wake of the Covid pandemic. The format wasn't a conference, or a "presentation", but a conversation around the table about what "being healthy" looks like and how to come closer to God's best for our churches.



### Five crucial questions for a church:

Where are we?

How did we get here?

What would God want us to change to be the kind of church He wants us to be?

How do we get there?

Are we willing to do whatever it takes to fulfill God's vision for this church?

# Sample Pastor Sabbatical Policy

## SAMPLE SABBATICAL (MINISTRY RENEWAL LEAVE) POLICY FOR \_\_\_\_\_ BAPTIST CHURCH

### DESCRIPTION:

#### What is a ministry renewal leave (sabbatical)?

A ministry renewal leave is an extended time of unplugging from ministry responsibilities that allows a pastor to recharge his spiritual batteries and get new energy and focus for the next years of a church's ministry.

#### What does the Bible say?

The Scriptures teach God's plan for His people to take time for rest and renewal:

1. God stopped His work on the seventh day after creation and blessed the day of rest (Genesis 2:2).
2. God passed on the principle of stopping work when He established "Sabbath rest" (Exodus 20:8-11, Leviticus 23:3)
3. Jesus took time to get away from His daily ministry for spiritual refreshment: "But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray." (Luke 5:16)
4. Jesus invited His disciples to "Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while." (Mark 6:31).
5. The Apostle Paul encouraged the New Testament churches to be a blessing to their pastors: "Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching." (1 Timothy 5:17).

#### Why is a "ministry renewal leave" important?

1. The Gospel ministry is spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and physically demanding like few other occupations.
2. Without a rest and renewal, physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual fatigue occurs.
3. Satan loves attacking weary and wounded shepherds.
4. What a ministry renewal leave is not:
  - A. It is not vacation: Unlike vacations, ministry renewal leaves involve a plan, a goal and accountability. Ministry renewal leaves should be taken in addition to vacation time.
  - B. It is not time away to pursue additional study: Theological education does not allow for spiritual, mental, and emotional renewal.
  - C. It is not an escape: A ministry renewal leave is not a way for a pastor to escape a troubled ministry, nor is it a time to search for a new place of ministry.

### PROCEDURE.

- 1. Qualification:** Full-time ministerial staff will be eligible for ministry renewal leave for every seven (7) years of service, after completing a minimum of seven (7) years in their position. A ministry renewal leave is not a right but a privilege. It is not automatic as a condition of employment unless agreed upon at the time of hiring. Only one ministerial staff member may be on a ministry renewal leave during any 12-month period.
- 2. Term:** The duration of the ministry renewal leave is flexible depending on needs and objectives, with a minimum of one month, up to a maximum of three months. The ministry renewal leave will not affect vacation time.
- 3. Activities:** The activities, during ministry renewal leave, will be for the improvement of the physical, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing of the ministerial staff member as well as the church.
- 4. Status after ministry renewal leave:** It will be understood that the ministerial staff member is expected to continue in their position up to one year after his ministry renewal leave is completed, otherwise, the ministerial staff member may be expected to repay the church, part or all costs incurred for, and during, their ministry renewal leave.

**5. Request:** The ministerial staff member may request a ministry renewal leave, giving ample time for needed planning and education of the congregation. The request for ministry renewal leave and a written plan must be submitted to the church leadership no less than four (4) months before it is to begin.

**6. Plan:** Proposals for ministry renewal leaves shall be presented by the ministerial staff member to the church leadership and should include the following:

A. Proposed date

B. Plans/goals

C. Activities/learning that will take place

D. Outline of benefits for the ministerial staff member

E. Outline of benefits for the church

F. Detailed explanation of how the ministerial staff member's work will be carried out during their absence

G. Cost to the church (if any)

**7. Finances:** Normal compensation will continue during the ministry renewal leave (salary, housing, medical insurance, staff development, expenses and books). If additional expenses are to be incurred during the ministry renewal leave these must be approved by the church.

**8. Approval:** The ministry renewal leave will be approved by the church. They will consider these factors:

A. Needs of the individual and/or church;

B. Relevance of the staff member's plans to the ministry of the church;

C. Prior job performance;

D. Satisfactory provisions for carrying out the staff member's responsibilities during their absence.

**9. Education / Communication:** It is the responsibility of both the ministerial staff member and the church leadership to educate the church about the ministry renewal leave and why it is being considered. This should include, at minimum, the rationale for a ministry renewal leave, the plan for the ministry renewal leave, and the proper response of the church's members to the ministerial staff member during ministry renewal leave.

**10. Reporting:** An analysis/report will be given to the church no more than two (2) months following the ministry renewal leave completion.

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**Philippians 3:13-14**

## **TCBA's Summer Camps 2022**

### **Spark Kids (Children's Camp): Cindy Kinser (FBC Ozark), Director**

What a joy and honor it was to serve as SPARK Children's Camp director for Tri County Summer Camps again the summer of 2022!

This year's theme verse came from Psalm 119 "How happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk according to the Lord's instruction!"

If you were at camp or know someone who was at camp you know that our camp shirts had a big smiley face on them, because we wanted our campers and leader alike to know that we have JOY in the LORD!

We were blessed yet again with an amazing camp staff led by our Super Uber Director, **Phillip Shuford**. Our camp pastor this year was, Pastor **Tyler Runcon** from FBC Clever, this was his first year serving in Tri County Camps and he did an amazing job. The theme was also the focus during our Bible teaching time with our camp Bible study leader, Mrs. **Sarah Patterson** of FBC Ozark. We also included Missions classes led by Miss **Brittany Matthews** of FBC Ozark and Archery was led yet again by Mr. **Rick Jones** of FBC Sparta. The children also were able to enjoy craft time with Mrs. **Becki Shadel** of FBC Ozark.

We were again blessed with many hardworking and dedicated camp leaders and Jr. leaders...we could not do camp without their enthusiasm and dedication to camp. **Dennis Reynolds joined us again this year at camp to lead our kitchen staff. Thank you Dennis and team!** Our camp nurse this year was Mrs. **Katie Clancy** from FBC Sparta. We had lots of great times of learning at camp, but also A LOT of fun! My husband **Jimmy** led the outdoor recreation games each day along with Mr. **JD Shadel**.

Theme nights for Camp are always so much fun...and GLOW NIGHT was definitely a hit! We also added Scripture memorization to each day for camp activities. The kids love time outside with their friends during trail walks, Ga Ga ball games, snack shack time, field day and of course SWIMMING! We added a Ga Ga Ball tournament and Corn Hole tournament this year as well. The times when we get to just "hang" with the kids are so important. There are so many names of leaders I wish I could thank individually, but I'll just say THANK YOU to all our leaders...you are the best!

This year we were not only blessed by amazing leaders from our Tri County Churches but also a team from SBU that came to serve alongside our group in any way needed...what a blessing they were! Thank you **Colleen and Henry Shuler and team** for joining us this year! We look forward to continuing our connection with SBU and their students.

This year we were able to end camp with a group worship at the new outdoor amphitheater. We even had an awards time for the kids during the last worship, highlighting some things we did the week of camp. The message that was brought on the last night was very impactful for all who witnessed it, and it was a great way to celebrate a great week of camp. The best part of camp and the reason we do what we do is hearing the stories of lives changed.

I say this each year...but camp is one of my greatest joys! I think this was one of THE BEST CAMPS EVER! I have the BEST team to work with: **Phillip Shuford, Bryan Ridenour and Meleta Getman!** Planning for Camp 2023 is already underway. I'll say this again...if you have never served in camp, used to, or have thought about helping but just never have...COME and join us! Be blessed... be encouraged... and love on some kids. Camp dates are June 5-8, 2023.

Blessings to all of you!



## TCBA's Summer Camps 2022

### Ignite Youth (Junior High Camp): Bryan Ridenour (North Nixa), Director

Young people have been going through a lot in the past few years, from the Covid school lock-downs to enormous changes in culture and society. For this reason we decided that this year's theme for Tri-County's Ignite Youth Camp (for students that have completed grades 7 through 9) would be "Jesus is the Peace Giver", taken from 2 Thessalonians 3:16: "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way." Our camp director was Bryan Ridenour (North Nixa) and Assistant Director was Travis Edwards (North Nixa).



Unfortunately our camp director Bryan Ridenour was not able to participate in camp due to health issues. Although he couldn't be with us, brother Bryan had already planned great week. Brother Travis, the camp's assistant director (and lead pastor at North Nixa Baptist) and his wife Melissa jumped in, took the reins and guided the students in a fun and Spirit-led week that included

- bonfire and s'mores
- morning Bible study led by Joel Ridenour of New Site Baptist
- archery
- building and firing model rockets
- swimming
- hiking
- laser tag, video game trailer
- ga-ga ball
- cornhole
- 9 square in the air

Worship every evening was a blessing with amazing music from North Nixa's praise band led by Misael Gonzalez. Brent Longenecker from the Missouri Baptist Convention's Making Disciples Group and Kurt Osterloh (student pastor at FBC Nixa) brought biblical and challenging messages.

We were blessed with 49 campers 11 adult leaders. God did it! Jesus was exalted, and students were brought closer to Him. Thank you Tri-County churches for your support and prayers!

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## Tri County Bible Institute (Seminary Extension)

Dr. Richard Eakins (FBC Chadwick), Lead Instructor

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

**Tri-County is equipping local church leaders for ministry in their churches.** One way we do that is through the Tri-County Bible Institute, a ministry of the Southern Baptist Seminary Extension program. The mission of Seminary Extension is to provide theological education and ministry training of excellent quality to church leaders and members where they live. Seminary Extension is a biblical, affordable and effective means for equipping God's people in Tri-County churches. **Your gifts to Tri-County Baptist Association provide scholarships for those from our churches who are preparing for ministry.**

### Highlights from 2021-2022

#### Course offerings:

Fall 2021—New Testament Theology

Spring 2022—Formation for Christian Ministry

Fall 2022—Life and Message of Nehemiah

**Congratulations to Rev. Brad Wells**, Pastor at Shiloh Baptist Church in Stone County, who completed requirements for the Diploma in Ministries/Pastoral Education.

#### A NOTE FROM OUR INSTRUCTOR:

A part of sanctification is growing in the Lord. One way to do this, available in our association, is Seminary Extension. I am very pleased with those who have completed certification in Seminary Extension.

Pastors, if you have people who could benefit from this class, please recommend it to them. With your signature this tuition would be half price. Some churches take care of that expense to help their people grow in the Lord. Encouraging people to attend these classes will be a blessing to your church, greater support for their ministry, and the kingdom of God in general.

"Study to shew thy self approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15

Dr. Richard Eakins

Seminary Extension Instructor, Tri County Baptist Association

### Courses taught since 2013:

- Formation for Ministry
- Evangelism
- Principles of Church Administration
- 1 and 2 Timothy
- Contemporary World Religions
- New Testament Survey Part 1
- New Testament Survey Part 2
- The Bi-Vocational Pastor
- First Corinthians
- Genesis Part 1 (Chapters 1-11)
- Old Testament Survey Part 2
- History of Christianity
- Contemporary Christian Preaching
- How to Understand the Bible
- Dynamics of Teaching
- Old Testament Survey, Part 1
- Pastoral Leadership in the Small Church
- Hebrews
- New Testament Theology
- Nehemiah



# VBS 2022

**FIRST BAPTIST SPARTA**

**PLEASANT VIEW / PONCE**

**FBC NIXA**

**REAL LIFE CHURCH HOLLISTER**

**FREMONT HILLS**

**FBC FORSYTH**

**CEDAR RIDGE**

## 2022 VBS Material Sharing

**FBC SPOKANE**

**FBC CRANE**

**KEYSTONE**

# Vacation Bible School Training and Support

Vicky Perkins (FBC Nixa), Director

*TCBA's Vacation Bible School ministry's goal is to assist our churches with their evangelistic outreach by providing leader training, resource sharing and financial assistance to member churches in Christian, Stone and Taney County.*

For many churches, Vacation Bible School is their #1 evangelistic outreach effort of the year, and **TCBA assists our churches do VBS through**

- **Leader training**
- **Resource sharing** (*curriculum—decorations—popcorn, snow cone, cotton candy, inflatable screen & projector, bubble machines—block party trailer*)
- **Financial assistance**

**TCBA hosted two training events this year:**

- VBS Preview Conference (February 8th) Pastors and VBS Directors from 8 churches were equipped.
- VBS Clinic (May 16th at FBC Sparta) where 43 leaders 9 churches were equipped.

**Special thanks** to Vicky Perkins of FBC Nixa, TCBA VBS Director and the VBS team (from 5 TCBA churches!) for all their hard work that has born fruit of new souls in the Kingdom!

**You are Appreciated!!**

**TCBA 2022 VBS TRAINERS:**

**VBS Director:** Vicky Perkins, FBC Nixa  
**Promotion, Decorations:** Kaycey LeMae, FBC Sparta  
**Prek-K:** Vicky Perkins, FBC Nixa  
**1st-4th:** Cheta Currence, FBC Ozark  
**VBX 5th-6th:** Becky Shadel, FBC Ozark  
**Student 7th-12th:** Nicole Humble, FBC Sparta  
**Missions:** Brittany Matthews, FBC Ozark  
**Adults and Pastors:** Gordon Dawley, FBC Nixa  
**Directors:** Autumn Radford, Pleasant View  
**Snacks:** Jenise Humble & Dina Johnson, FBC Sparta  
**Crafts:** Parri Kilburn & Tammy Jewell, Real Life Church Hollister  
**Music:** Cindy Kinser & Elsy Shuford, FBC Ozark  
**Worship Rally:** Cindy & Sammie Kinser & Elsy Shuford, FBC Ozark  
**Graphics:** Kristina Humble, FBC Sparta  
**Tech:** Amy Hart, FBC Sparta  
**Registration:** Crystal Jones & Sarah Sherman, FBC Sparta

## TCBA VBS 2022 enrollment reported through August 2022

FBC Branson	376
Cedar Ridge	19
FBC Clever	275
FBC Chadwick	46
FBC Crane	162
Forsyth	127
Fremont Hills	70
Hopedale	200
Hurley	41
Jamesville	35
Keystone	100
Kimberling City	213
LifePoint	302
FBC Nixa	198
North Nixa	139
FBC Ozark	325
Ozarks Highlands	88
Ozark Mountain	28
Pleasant View	56
Ponce	30
Real Life Church	79
Riverdale	114
Selmore	88
Smyrna	59
FBC Sparta	180
FBC Spokane	101
Victor	65
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,488</b>

## Missouri Baptist Children's Homes

*"Missouri Baptist Children's Home is committed to serving God by responding to the needs of children, youth and families to make a lasting difference in their lives."*

More than 90% of all ministries were provided in community – based programs rather than on residential campuses.

In 2021, MBCH and The LIGHT House touched the lives of 4,707 children and families.

Two hundred six children found loving, forever families.

Thirty six youth were served in therapeutic group homes.

Two hundred fifty-six mothers and babies were served through pregnancy services provided by MBCH and The LIGHT House.

One hundred thirty-five children were in treatment family care homes and 347 children and youth were in a family foster homes. MBCH maintained 356 foster/adoptive and/or relative/kinship homes.

Twenty-two young women were served through the human trafficking rescue ministry.

Transitional living programs in Bridgeton, Springfield and Mount Vernon served 57 young people as they prepared to leave foster care and become independent.

Sixteen adults with development disabilities received care at Country Haven or The Branches at Brookline.

The counseling center provided services to 96 clients. Six hundred ninety-five people were trained in Stewards of Children sexual abuse prevention.

There were five professions of faith by children served in residential programs of MBCH.

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## Baptist Hill Assembly

### Jim Lovercamp, Camp Manager

Greeting from your Baptist Hill. We are located 30 miles west of Springfield, MO outside the small community of Mount Vernon. Spring, Summer, Autumn, or Winter...there is no time of the year that you will not find Baptist Hill a peaceful and captivating place. A hidden treasure of simplicity and character, this camp has drawn many, near and far, to be embraced by its spiritual aura felt upon entering its gates. We invite you to come alone or with a few, or as a group to see all that awaits you at Baptist Hill.

2022 has proven to be a year with a great deal of activity and excitement. There is a group of 200 on The Hill as I prepare this report. We have had right at 3000 visitors through the gates in 2022 as of August 2, 2022. It is a true blessing to once again watch lives being changed and people being recharged by God's presence here.

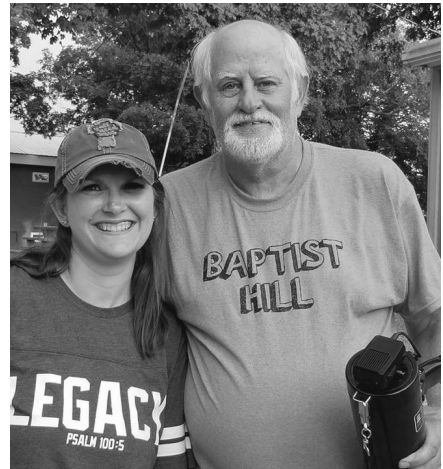
The amphitheater has been a great addition with several groups taking advantage of the opportunity to worship God in this beautiful outdoor setting. This is one of several improvements that have been completed in the last year. God has been graciously providing for the needs of the camp so that it may continue to be a beacon of light to a struggling world.

**The next major undertaking that the board has agreed to tackle is that of refurbishing the pool.** You may be aware that we have been working for some time now to procure funds for this project. Many churches and individuals have already made contributions for this project however, we still have a long road ahead of us as this project is expected to cost close to \$700,000.00. We are working to be good stewards and want to be able to pay for this without borrowing money and paying interest on a loan.

**We are asking that every individual, Sunday School Class, Church and other groups consider becoming a part of this effort and provide support. The plan is to move forward with this immediately after the September Board Meeting so that it can be completed in time for the 2023 camp season. We ask that you prayerfully consider what God would have you to do related to this major undertaking on your Baptist Hill.**

The schedule continues to be full through Thanksgiving weekend and several activities are looking to 2023 for booking dates. God is providing groups to use The Hill so that we can continue to be a beacon to those around us. We are also excited to have Campers on Missions with us again in September with several projects being considered.

God has been transforming lives and moving in a mighty way. We encourage you and your churches to become an active part in this mission project that is in your "backyard". If you are already on board we say Thank You and if you haven't joined us yet we encourage you to do so today. May God continue to bless all of your efforts as you serve Him.



*The man behind the scenes—Jim Lovercamp is camp manager at Baptist Hill Assembly. He works tirelessly before, during and after Tri-County's camps to make the Hill a place where people can have an encounter with God. With Cindy Kinser, Tri-County's Spark Kids Camp director.*



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The Living Bible Paraphrase

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2022  
**ANNUAL  
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## NEW BUSINESS

## **2023 Tri County Baptist Association Leadership**

### **Staff:**

Director of Missions:	Rev. Phillip Shuford (FBC Ozark)
Associate Director of Missions:	Rev. Bob Long (FBC Billings)
Ministry Assistant:	Mrs. Debbie Hartwell (North Nixa)
Baptist Student Union Campus Missionary:	Dr. Kyle Rapinchuk (FBC Branson)

### **Administrative Team**

President:	Rev. Bob Long (FBC Billings)
Vice President:	Dr. Richard Eakins (FBC Chadwick)
Clerk:	Rev. Danny Hartwell (Pleasant Grove)
Treasurer:	Rev. Dave Bowden (Pleasant View)
Church Outreach Coordinator:	Dr. Jim Cross (FBC Crane)
Church Strengthening Coordinator:	Rev. Jody Kilburn (Real Life Church Hollister)
Church Leadership Coordinator:	Rev. David Pearson (The Bridge Nixa)
At-large Member:	Rev. Mike Keeter (Cedar Ridge)
At-large Member:	Rev. Dennis Reynolds (FBC Lampe)
At-large Member:	vacant

At-large Member (term expires 2025)

### **Ministry Leaders:**

VBS Director:	Mrs. Vicky Perkins (FBC Nixa)
Tri County Bible Institute Instructor:	Dr. Richard Eakins (FBC Chadwick)
Disaster Relief Directors:	vacant
Summer Camp Directors:	Spark Kids: Mrs. Cindy Kinser (FBC Ozark)
	Ignite Youth: Rev. Bryan Ridenour (North Nixa)

### **BSU Ministry Team:**

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

### **Tri County Representatives for the Executive Board of Baptist Hill Assembly**

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

### **Jim & Judy Wells Scholarship Team**

Rev. Don Currence (FBC Ozark)  
Rev. Monty Dunn (Friendly)  
Rev. James Talley (FBC Kimberling City)

## 2023 TCBA FINANCIAL PLAN

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

	2022 BUDGET	2023	
<b>ANTICIPATED CHURCH RECEIPTS:</b>	\$275,007	\$ 272,577	\$22,715/monthly
<b>ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:</b>			
<b>CHURCH OUTREACH</b>			
Vacation Bible School training/support	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
Summer Camps	\$ 9,000	\$ 10,000	
Community impact projects	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,000	
Mission partnerships	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
New church assistance	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	
<b>CHURCH STRENGTHENING</b>			
Church strengthening/revitalization projects	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,000	
<b>CHURCH LEADERSHIP</b>			
Church leadership projects	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000	
Pastor/staff care	\$ 7,895	\$ 8,000	
Tri County Bible Institute (Seminary Ext.)	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
BSU ministry support	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
<b>PERSONNEL</b>			
DOM mileage/professional expense	\$ 7,830	\$ 7,830	
ADOM mileage	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
DOM salary	\$ 48,529	\$ 51,441	
Ministry assistant salary	\$ 41,948	\$ 33,000	
DOM housing	\$ 25,743	\$ 25,743	
ADOM retirement	\$ 11,529	\$ 12,221	
DOM retirement	\$ 21,491	\$ 21,491	
DOM Health	\$ 8,552	\$ 8,552	
Ministry assistant health ins	\$ 13,580	\$ -	
Mnistry assistant retirement	0	\$ 3,300	
DOM Life	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	
Staff Christmas gift	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	
Conventions/conferences	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500	
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>			
Property insurance	\$ 5,200	\$ 6,500	
Repairs/maintenance	\$ 5,600	\$ 6,000	
Office utilities	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,500	
Mileage for assoc. business	\$ 900	\$ 750	
New equipment/repairs	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000	
Office operations	\$ 9,800	\$ 6,000	
Administrative concerns	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
Exec Board/Annual Meeting	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
Accounting services	\$ 2,350	\$ 14,400	
Employer FICA	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,500	
Employer Medicare Tax	\$ 560	\$ 350	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 275,007</b>	<b>\$ 272,577</b>	

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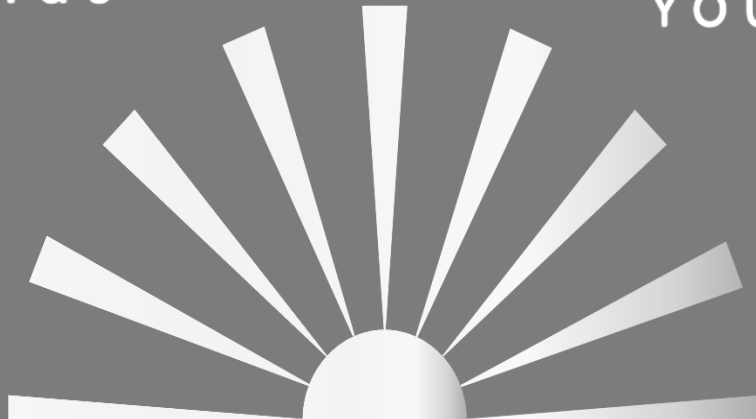
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# SUMMER *camps*

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# JUNE 5-8, 2023

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## 2023 TCBA Calendar

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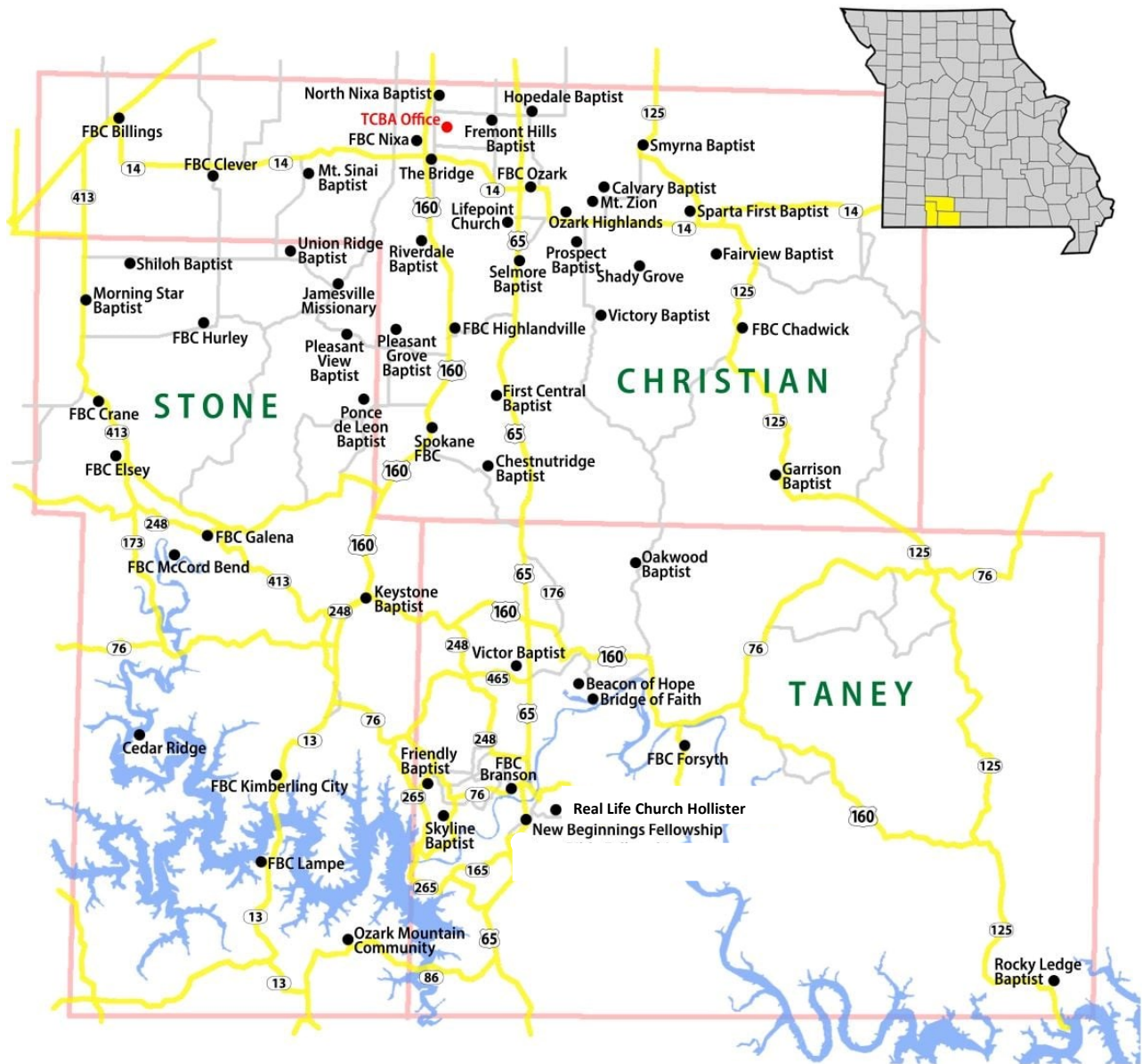
<b>January</b>				<b>June</b>	
9	6:30p	Seminary Extension class begins		5-8	Summer Camps
22		Sanctity of Human Life Sunday		13-14	SBC Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA
16		Martin Luther King Jr. Day, (Association Office closed)		18	Father's Day
19	11:30a	Camp Director's meeting, TCBA office			
19	8:00a	Pastors Breakfast		<b>July</b>	
26	8:00a	Pastors Breakfast		3-4	Independence Day, (Office Closed)
<b>February</b>				<b>August</b>	
7	6:30p	VBS Director's Pre-Clinic, Association Office		7	Seminary Extension class begins
16	8:00a	Pastors Breakfast		10	Camp Director's Evaluation Meeting, TCBA
20		Presidents Day, (Association Office closed)		17	Administrative Team Meeting, TCBA Office
23	8:00a	Pastors Breakfast		17	Pastors Breakfast
23	11:30a	Camp Director's meeting, TCBA office		24	Pastors Breakfast
<b>March</b>				<b>September</b>	
TBA		Southwest Missouri VBS training, FBC Ozark		5	<b>Missouri Missions Offering</b>
16	8:00a	Pastors Breakfast		14	Labor Day, (Association Office Closed)
16	11:30a	Camp Director's meeting, TCBA office		21	Camp Director's meeting, TCBA office
23	8:00a	Pastors Breakfast		28	Pastors Breakfast
<b>April</b>				<b>October</b>	
7		Good Friday, (Association Office Closed)		TBA	<b>Pastor/Staff Appreciation Month</b>
9		Easter Sunday		1	Cooperative Program Sunday
13	11:30a	Camp Director's meeting, TCBA office		19	Annual Meeting and Church Family and Worship Service, Real Life Church Hollister
20	8:00a	Pastors Breakfast		19	Pastors Breakfast
20	11:30a	Administrative Team Meeting, Association Office		23-24	Camp Director's meeting, TCBA office
24	10:00a	Executive Board Meeting, TCBA		26	MBC Annual Meeting, Crossway Baptist, Springfield
26		Administrative Professional Day			Pastors Breakfast
27	8:00a	Pastors Breakfast		<b>November</b>	
<b>May</b>				9	Administrative Team Meeting, TCBA
TBA	6:00p	TCBA VBS Clinic, TBA		13	Executive Board Meeting, TCBA
4		National Day of Prayer		21-24	Thanksgiving Holiday, (Association Office Closed)
4	11:30a	Camp Director's meeting, TCBA office		27	Ministers and Wives Christmas Dinne, place TBA
8	6:30p	Camp leaders training meeting, North Nixa			
18	8:00a	Pastors Breakfast		<b>December</b>	
25	8:00a	Pastors Breakfast		18-Jan 3, 2023	Association Closed for Christmas/New Year
29		Memorial Day (Association Office Closed)			

## Churches of Tri-County Southern Baptist Association

Church	Physical Address	City	Pastor (wife)
Beacon Of Hope	Highway 176 & Highway EE	Rockaway Beach	between pastors
Billings FBC	Pine & Madison	Billings	Bob Long (Tenah)
Branson FBC	400 S. Sunshine	Branson	Jeremy Thomas (Mandy)
Bridge of Faith Community	296 Lake St.	Rockaway Beach	Jonathan McGuire (Amy)
Calvary Baptist	4195 E. McCracken Rd.	Ozark	Terry Kendrick (Janice)
Cedar Ridge	742 Buttermilk Springs Rd.	Galena	Mike Keeter (Colleen)
Chadwick FBC	123 S. Rose Ave.	Chadwick	Richard Eakins (Mary)
Chestnutridge	11636 State Hwy 176	Chestnutridge	Ron Adrian (Barbara)
Clever FBC	105 Kennedy Ave.	Clever	Brian Jump (Jade)
Crane FBC	30 Hallelujah Ave.	Crane	Jim Cross (Shirley)
Elsey FBC	36534 State Hwy. 413	Crane	Mac McCully (Nancy)
Fairview	271 Mountainview Dr.	Sparta	Dale Brown (Teresa)
First Central	794 Hopkins Rd.	Highlandville	Wade Bridges (Ferrell)
Forsyth FBC	10000 State Hwy. 76	Forsyth	Juston Gates (Amanda)
Fremont Hills	4375 N. Fremont Rd.	Nixa	Art Hicklin (Ronna)
Friendly	2751 Kirkland Dr.	Branson	Monte Dunn (Marilyn)
Galena FBC	104 W 5th St.	Galena	Jimmy Harriss (Velda)
Garrison	14583 State Hwy. 125 S	Garrison	Bally Johnson (Patty)
Highlandville FBC	3744 State Highway EE	Highlandville	Les Day (LeeAnn)
Hopedale	5370 State Hwy. NN	Ozark	Mark Arnold (Jackie)
Hurley	5995 State Hwy. A	Hurley	Larry Winfree (Phyllis)
Jamesville	213 Riverview Rd.	Clever	Joe Sisneros —interim
Keystone	115 Keystone Rd.	Reeds Spring	Michael O'Sullivan (Heather)
Kimberling City FBC	161 Heavens Way/2 Lakeshore	Kimberling City	Jeff Hardy (Kim)
Lampe FBC	67 Highway H	Lampe	Dennis Reynolds (Annelle)
LifePoint	51 Riverdale Rd.	Ozark	Lane Harrison (Christin)
McCord Bend	30 Gibson St.	Galena	John Dinger (Mary)
Morning Star	69 Butterfield Trail Rd.	Marionville	Lee Parsons
Mt. Sinai	156 Mount Sinai Rd.	Clever	between pastors
Mt. Zion	877 State Hwy. JJ	Sparta	Joshua Hall
New Beginnings Fellowship	151 Elm St.	Hollister	Richard Marks (Heidi)
Nixa FBC	601 W. Wasson Dr.	Nixa	Timothy Haupt (Ashley)
North Nixa	1730 N. Hwy. CC	Nixa	Travis Edwards (Melissa)
Oakwood	5409 State Hwy. H	Forsyth	Jonathan Mitchell (Mary)
Ozark FBC	1400 W. Jackson St.	Ozark	Phillip Burden (Natalie)
Ozark Highlands	1606 S. 12th Ave.	Ozark	Jacob Finney (Dandy)
Ozark Mountain Community	8043 State Hwy. 86 E.	Blue Eye	Jason Moore (Ann)
Pleasant Grove	121 Tory Creek Rd. #67	Highlandville	Danny Hartwell (Janie)
Pleasant View	242 Pleasant View Rd.	Highlandville	David Bowden (Reba)
Ponce	2818 Medical Springs Rd.	Ponce de Leon	Roy McElwee (Delores)
Prospect	2932 Old Prospect Rd.	Ozark	Jeff Updegraff (Liz)
Real Life Church Hollister -	136 Hill Billy Lane	Hollister	Jody Kilburn (Parri)
Riverdale	549 West Riverdale Rd.	Nixa	Jaime Bilyeu (Stacey)
Rocky Ledge	173 Clarkson Road	Protem	Tony Robbins (Dorothy)
Selmore	4768 Selmore Rd.	Ozark	Josh Hall (Rachel)
Shady Grove	1595 Hodges Rd.	Sparta	Zach Hartgraves (Michelle)
Shiloh	1094 Shiloh Church Rd.	Marionville	Brad Wells (Amanda)
Smyrna	3401 Smyrna Rd	Rogersville	Dale Grubaugh (Dani)
Sparta FBC	330 Millbrooke Drive	Sparta	Duane Smith (Denise)
Spokane FBC	773 Spokane Rd.	Spokane	Randy Harwood (Cheryle)
The Bridge		Nixa	Dave Pearson (Kelly)
The Way	949 State Hwy. 165	Branson	Michael Head (Jan)
Union Ridge	6047 State Hwy. M	Clever	Mearl Laswell (Beverly)
Victor	1115 Victor Church Rd.	Branson	Kenny Robinette (Carol)
Victory	5058 State Hwy. W	Ozark	between pastors

A cord of three strands is not easily broken. Ecclesiastes 4:12

# Our Congregations



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