

TRI COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

LENGTHEN YOUR CORDS **STRENGTHEN YOUR STAKES**

ISAIAH 54:2

50TH
ANNIVERSARY

2025
BOOK OF REPORTS



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Isaiah 54:2

in six different translations

Do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes.

English Standard Version

Spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen they stakes.

King James Version

Spread out your home, and spare no expense!

New Living Translation

Do not hold back; lengthen your ropes, and drive your pegs deep.

Holman Christian Standard Bible

Spare not; lengthen your cords and strengthen your pegs.

New American Standard Bible

Spread out! Think big! Use plenty of rope, drive the tent pegs deep.

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Minutes from Business Session of the Forty-Ninth Annual Meeting
of the Tri County Southern Baptist Association held on
October 6, 2024 at First Baptist Church, Kimberling City, MO
Dr. Phillip Shuford (Tri-County Baptist Association Director of Missions), Presiding

Minutes of the Business Meeting: Phillip Shuford (FBC Ozark, Director of Missions) welcomed the messengers, and the session was opened in prayer.

Seating the Messengers: A motion was made by Danny Hartwell (Selmore, Clerk) to seat the messengers. A second was received and the motion carried.

The Agenda: The Agenda was presented and approved by unanimous consent.

Resolution: A motion was made to present a Resolution of Appreciation to First Baptist Church, Kimberling City. A second was received and the motion carried.

Reports:

Financial Report: The Financial Report was given by Dave Bowden (Pleasant View, Treasurer).

Ministry Reports: The Ministry Reports are printed in the Book of Reports. Phillip Shuford (FBC Ozark, Director of Missions) gave the Director of Missions Report.

The Reports were approved by unanimous consent.

New Business:

Administrative Team Recommendations:

- A motion was made by the Administrative Team to approve the 2025 Tri-County Leadership as printed in the Book of Reports, no second required and the motion carried.
- A motion was made by Dave Bowden (Pleasant View, Treasurer) to approve the 2025 Spending Plan as printed in the Book of Reports, no second required and the motion carried.

Minutes by Danny Hartwell

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TRI-COUNTY SOUTHERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

AUGUST 2025

PREPARED BY:

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Financial Report

Management Responsibility

The organization's management is responsible for the information contained in these reports and for the development, implementation, and adherence of all financial policies and procedures. We recommend management carefully review all transactions contained in these reports to ensure accuracy and clarity.

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➤ Statement of Financial Position

The statement of financial position gives a financial picture of the organization as of the end of the reporting period. It reflects the assets, liabilities, and net assets of the organization.

Definition of Fund Accounting Terms

Net Assets – Total Assets minus Total Liabilities. Net Assets fall into one of two categories:

1. **With Donor Restriction** – funds that may be spent only as restricted by the donor.
2. **Without Donor Restrictions** – funds available for general operations. These may be further separated as follows:
 - a. **Net Investment in Fixed Assets** - total fixed assets minus accumulated depreciation minus any loans related to fixed assets.
 - b. **Board Designated** - although not donor restricted, these amounts have been segregated by the board (or finance committee, elders, etc.) for special purposes.
 - c. **Prior Years' Net Balance** - cumulative net activity (revenue minus expenses) from all prior years.
 - d. **Current Year Net Balance** - current year net activity (detailed on the Statement of Activities).

➤ Statement of Activities

The statement of activities reflects the revenues and expenses of the organization for the current period of time - typically the current month and year-to-date. It can also be used to compare actual revenues and expenses to those budgeted.

Financial Report

Tri-County Southern Baptist Association Statement of Financial Position As of August 31

		2025	2024
Assets			
Current Assets			
1010	Central Bank - Operating	\$ 164,421.34	\$ 162,441.57
1020	Central Bank - Designated	-	-
1090	PayPal	-	244.53
1110	MBF Investment (Wells Scholarship)	124,788.32	107,311.10
1120	MBF Investment (Oper Reserve)	38,158.12	36,550.51
1130	MBF Investment (Great Commission)	287,614.37	292,726.75
1140	MBF Investment (BSU Ministry Support)	136,079.03	119,559.74
1200	Prepaid Expense	-	-
Total Current Assets		<u>751,061.18</u>	<u>718,834.20</u>
Fixed Assets			
1510	Land & Building - 239 E Downing (Office)	515,000.00	515,000.00
1520	Trailer - 2007 Carr Chainsaw	5,250.00	5,250.00
1530	Trailer - 2014 Carr Block Party	7,000.00	7,000.00
1540	Trailer - 2015 Doolittle Mud	4,200.00	4,200.00
1550	Furniture & Equipment - Office	100,000.00	100,000.00
1560	Building Improvements 2021	27,204.27	27,204.27
1570	Building Improvements 2021 Roof/Gutters	30,155.92	30,155.92
1590	Accumulated Depreciation	(284,243.39)	(284,243.39)
Total Fixed Assets		<u>404,566.80</u>	<u>404,566.80</u>
Total Assets		<u><u>\$ 1,155,627.98</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,123,401.00</u></u>
Liabilities & Net Assets			
Current Liabilities			
2005	Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -
2010	Federal Withholding Payable	2,271.50	1,087.98
2015	State Withholding Payable	568.84	316.84
2030	H.S.A. Fund Payable	490.00	490.00
2040	Retirement Payable	(3,737.91)	(3,737.91)
Total Liabilities		<u>(407.57)</u>	<u>(1,843.09)</u>
Net Assets			
With Donor Restriction		586,238.24	569,371.12
Without Donor Restriction			
	Board Designated Funds	57,115.74	41,550.51
2990	Prior Years' Fund Balance	503,073.89	477,349.94
	Current Year Net Balance	9,607.68	36,972.52
Total Without Donor Restriction		<u>569,797.31</u>	<u>555,872.97</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>1,156,035.55</u>	<u>1,125,244.09</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets		<u><u>\$ 1,155,627.98</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,123,401.00</u></u>

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Tri-County Southern Baptist Association Statement of Financial Position As of August 31

	2025	2024
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 751,061.18	\$ 718,834.20
Less:		
Current Liabilities	(407.57)	(1,843.09)
With Donor Restriction	586,238.24	569,371.12
Board Designated	57,115.74	41,550.51
Total Unavailable	642,946.41	609,078.54
Cash Available for All General Operations	\$ 108,114.77	\$ 109,755.66

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Tri-County Southern Baptist Association Statement of Net Assets With Donor Restriction / Board Designation For the 8 Months Ended August 31, 2025

Current Month				Year-to-Date				
	Revenues	Expenses	Transfers In/(Out)	Beginning Balance	Revenues	Expenses	Transfers In/(Out)	Ending Balance
Mountain County Ministries								
2601 Mountain Country Ministries	-	-	-	-	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
2609 MCM: Summer camps	-	-	-	-	421.00	421.00	-	-
2610 MCM: New Hispanic work	-	-	-	500.00	-	-	-	500.00
2612 MCM: Mexico Mission Partnership	-	-	-	635.11	-	-	-	635.11
2615 MCM: Disaster Assistance	-	-	-	3,847.64	6,150.00	8,697.64	-	1,300.00
Total Mountain County Ministries	-	-	-	4,982.75	6,571.00	11,118.64	2,000.00	2,435.11
Other								
2700 Restricted Fund	27,361.50	-	(27,361.50)	175.50	27,361.50	-	(27,361.50)	175.50
2710 VBS Assistance Fund	1,042.57	-	-	1,038.76	1,042.57	1,038.76	-	1,042.57
Total Other	28,404.07	-	(27,361.50)	1,214.26	28,404.07	1,038.76	(27,361.50)	1,218.07
Total With Donor Restriction								
	29,626.61	23,273.06	-	567,848.46	97,812.47	68,422.69	(11,000.00)	586,238.24
Board Designated								
2810 Operating Reserve (MBF)	-	-	-	37,406.14	751.98	-	-	38,158.12
2820 TCBA Office-Operating Reserves	-	-	-	3,652.86	-	270.40	-	3,382.46
2830 Philip Shuford Medical Expenses	-	2,889.12	-	-	-	9,424.84	25,000.00	15,575.16
Total Board Designated	-	2,889.12	-	41,059.00	751.98	9,695.24	25,000.00	57,115.74
Total Restricted / Designated								
	\$ 29,626.61	\$ 26,162.18	\$ -	\$ 608,907.46	\$ 98,564.45	\$ 78,117.93	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 643,353.98

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Financial Report

Tri-County Southern Baptist Association Summary Statement of Activities For the 8 Months Ended August 31, 2025

	Current Month		Year-to-Date		Annual Budget	Budget Remaining	Prior YTD Actual
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget			
Revenue							
Church Receipts	\$ 21,893.56	\$ 25,962.17	\$ 209,324.28	\$ 207,697.36	\$ 311,546.00	\$ 102,221.72	\$ 224,112.53
Individual Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lift Him Up Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ministry Appreciation Dinner	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tri County Bible Institute: Fees Re	230.99	-	945.94	-	-	(945.94)	1,061.46
Mission Trips Fees Received	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Summer Camps: Fees Received	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Life Outreach Receipts -Inactive	-	-	26,760.00	-	-	(26,760.00)	27,400.00
Total Revenue	22,124.55	25,962.17	237,030.22	207,697.36	311,546.00	74,515.78	252,973.99
Expense							
Church Strengthening	-	1,247.08	1,962.87	9,976.64	8,013.77	13,002.13	367.36
Church Leadership	-	2,166.67	6,741.46	17,333.36	10,591.90	19,258.54	7,752.28
Church Outreach	(17,317.27)	2,750.00	47,945.30	22,000.00	(25,945.30)	(14,945.30)	58,555.32
Administration	1,286.50	1,583.34	11,089.45	12,666.72	1,577.27	7,910.55	10,492.63
Office Expenses	3,373.60	791.66	9,234.72	6,333.28	(2,901.44)	265.28	4,875.39
Building and Grounds	2,410.71	1,833.34	19,144.67	14,666.72	(4,477.95)	2,855.33	17,515.06
Salary & Housing	9,932.93	11,552.83	81,184.10	92,422.64	11,238.54	57,449.90	84,223.50
Benefits	3,142.26	3,787.25	25,119.97	30,298.00	5,178.03	20,327.03	33,519.58
Convention/Conferences -Inactive	-	250.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	-
Total Expenses	2,828.73	25,962.17	202,422.54	207,697.36	5,274.82	109,123.46	217,301.12
Net Balance from Operations	\$ 19,295.82	\$ -	\$ 34,607.68	\$ -	\$ 34,607.68	\$ (34,607.68)	\$ 35,672.87
Other Income (Expense)							
Release of Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,299.65
Transfer to Board Designated	-	-	(25,000.00)	-	(25,000.00)	25,000.00	-
Investment Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gain on Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Income (Expense)	19,295.82	-	9,607.68	-	9,607.68	(9,607.68)	36,972.52

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Financial Report

Tri-County Southern Baptist Association Statement of Activities For the 8 Months Ended August 31, 2025

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Actual	Year-to-Date Budget	Variance	Annual Budget	Budget Remaining	Prior YTD Actual
Revenue								
3010 Church Receipts	\$ 21,893.56	\$ 25,962.17	\$ 209,324.28	\$ 207,697.36	\$ 1,626.92	\$ 311,546.00	\$ 102,221.72	\$ 224,112.53
3020 Individual Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3090 Other Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3210 Lift Him Up Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3310 Ministry Appreciation Dinner	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3320 Tri County Bible Institute: Fees Received	230.99	-	945.94	-	945.94	-	(945.94)	1,061.46
3410 Mission Trips Fees Received	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3420 Summer Camps: Fees Received	-	-	26,760.00	-	26,760.00	-	(26,760.00)	27,400.00
3430 Life Outreach Receipts -Inactive	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	400.00
Total Revenue	22,124.55	25,962.17	237,030.22	207,697.36	29,332.86	311,546.00	74,515.78	252,973.99
Church Strengthening								
4020 Church Strengthening Projects	-	1,247.08	1,962.87	9,976.64	8,013.77	14,965.00	13,002.13	367.36
Total Church Strengthening	-	1,247.08	1,962.87	9,976.64	8,013.77	14,965.00	13,002.13	367.36
Church Leadership								
4520 Church Leadership Projects	-	1,250.00	3,037.32	10,000.00	6,962.68	15,000.00	11,962.68	1,630.80
4530 Pastor/Staff care	-	666.67	834.09	5,333.36	4,499.27	8,000.00	7,165.91	3,074.22
4531 Ministry Appreciation Dinner Expenses	-	-	997.77	-	(997.77)	-	(997.77)	914.25
4550 Tri County Bible Institute	-	250.00	18.22	2,000.00	1,981.78	3,000.00	2,981.78	-
4551 Tri County Bible Institute: Curriculum	-	-	1,364.06	-	(1,364.06)	-	(1,364.06)	2,133.01
4552 Tri County Bible Institute: Honorarium	-	-	500.00	-	(500.00)	-	(500.00)	-
Total Church Leadership	-	2,166.67	6,741.46	17,333.36	10,591.90	26,000.00	19,258.54	7,752.28

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For the 8 Months Ended August 31, 2025



Financial Report

Tri-County Southern Baptist Association Statement of Activities For the 8 Months Ended August 31, 2025

	Current Month		Year-to-Date		Annual Budget	Budget Remaining	Prior YTD Actual
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget			
Repairs and Maintenance	250.00	500.00	2,687.96	4,000.00	6,000.00	3,312.04	2,544.23
Repairs and Maintenance: Nixa Office	-	-	11.94	-	-	(11.94)	-
Repairs and Maintenance: Reeds Spring Property	1,200.00	-	1,708.00	-	-	(1,708.00)	1,652.00
Total Building and Grounds	2,410.71	1,833.34	19,144.67	14,666.72	22,000.00	2,855.33	17,515.06
Salary & Housing							
DOM Salary	4,602.50	4,602.50	36,820.00	36,820.00	55,230.00	18,410.00	35,515.36
DOM Housing	2,083.34	2,083.34	16,686.72	16,686.72	25,000.00	8,333.28	18,484.41
ADOM Housing	-	532.33	-	4,258.64	6,388.00	6,388.00	2,337.03
Employer FICA Tax	226.59	283.33	2,169.69	2,266.64	3,400.00	1,230.31	1,716.66
DOM Professional Expense	58.58	651.83	1,832.33	5,214.64	7,822.00	5,989.67	3,730.04
Ministry Assistant Salary	2,961.92	2,945.25	23,685.36	23,562.00	35,343.00	11,647.64	22,440.00
Staff Christmas Gift	-	454.25	-	3,634.00	5,451.00	5,451.00	-
Total Salary & Housing	9,932.93	11,552.83	81,184.10	92,422.64	138,634.00	57,449.90	84,223.50
Benefits							
ADOM Retirement	-	509.25	-	4,074.00	6,111.00	6,111.00	7,686.00
DOM Health	795.82	795.83	5,899.10	6,366.64	9,550.00	3,650.90	5,120.00
DOM Life	475.87	450.00	3,806.96	3,600.00	5,400.00	1,593.04	3,585.36
DOM Retirement	1,550.17	1,550.17	12,642.11	12,401.36	18,602.00	5,959.89	14,327.36
ADOM Mileage & Expenses	-	125.00	-	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	281.40
Ministry Assistant Mileage & Expenses	25.90	62.50	415.80	500.00	750.00	334.20	319.46
Ministry Assistant Retirement	294.50	294.50	2,356.00	2,356.00	3,534.00	1,178.00	2,200.00
Total Benefits	3,142.26	3,787.25	25,119.97	30,298.00	45,447.00	20,327.03	33,519.58
Convention/Conferences -Inactive							
Convention/Conferences - DOM	-	250.00	-	2,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	-
Total Convention/Conferences -Inactive	-	250.00	-	2,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	-
Total Expenses	2,828.73	25,962.17	202,422.54	207,697.36	311,546.00	109,123.46	217,301.12
Net Balance from Operations	\$ 19,295.82	\$ -	\$ 34,607.68	\$ -	\$ 34,607.68	\$ (34,607.68)	\$ 35,672.87
Other Income (Expense)							
Release of Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,299.65
Transfer to Board Designated	-	-	(25,000.00)	-	-	25,000.00	-
Investment Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gain on Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Income (Expense)	-	-	(25,000.00)	-	(25,000.00)	25,000.00	1,299.65
Net Balance	19,295.82	-	9,607.68	-	9,607.68	(9,607.68)	36,972.52

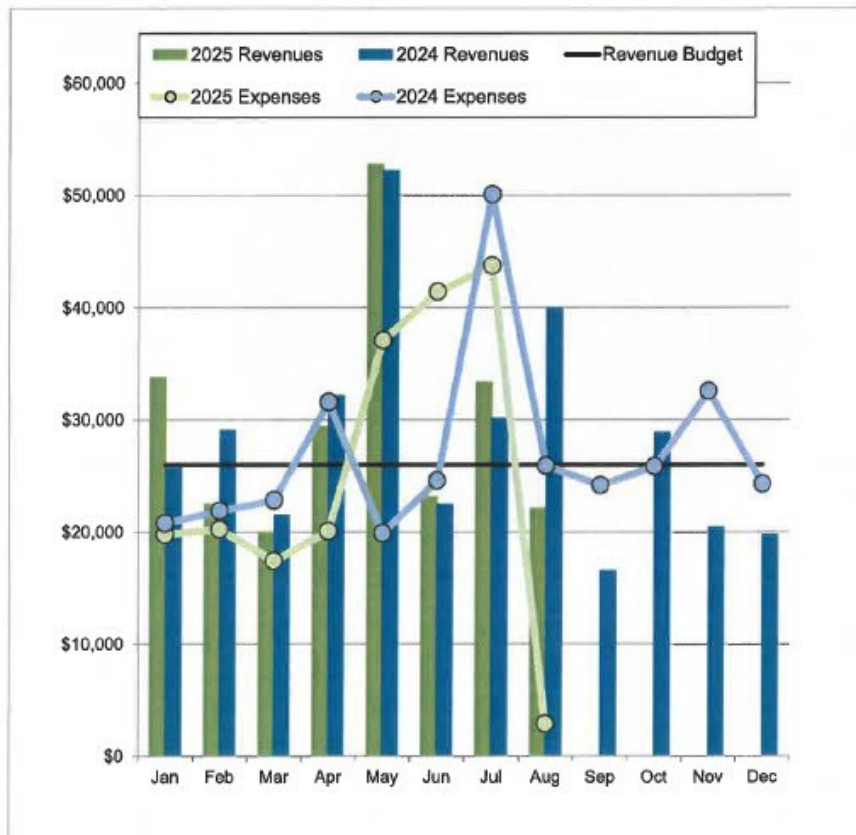
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Financial Report

Tri-County Southern Baptist Association Operating Revenues & Expenses Comparison For the 8 Months Ended August 31, 2025

Month	# of Weeks		Revenue		Expense	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
January	4	4	\$ 25,647	\$ 33,773	\$ 20,786	\$ 19,762
February	4	4	29,084	22,430	21,866	20,228
March	5	5	21,527	20,035	22,794	17,404
April	4	4	32,124	29,398	31,542	20,049
May	4	4	52,173	52,777	19,859	37,054
June	5	5	22,428	23,128	24,530	41,378
July	4	4	30,099	33,364	50,051	43,720
August	4	5	39,892	22,125	25,873	2,829
September	5	4	16,529		24,133	
October	4	4	28,832		25,823	
November	4	5	20,393		32,529	
December	5	4	19,735		24,253	
YTD Totals	34	35	\$ 252,974	\$ 237,030	\$ 217,301	\$ 202,423
Totals	52	52	\$ 338,463	\$ 237,030	\$ 324,038	\$ 202,423

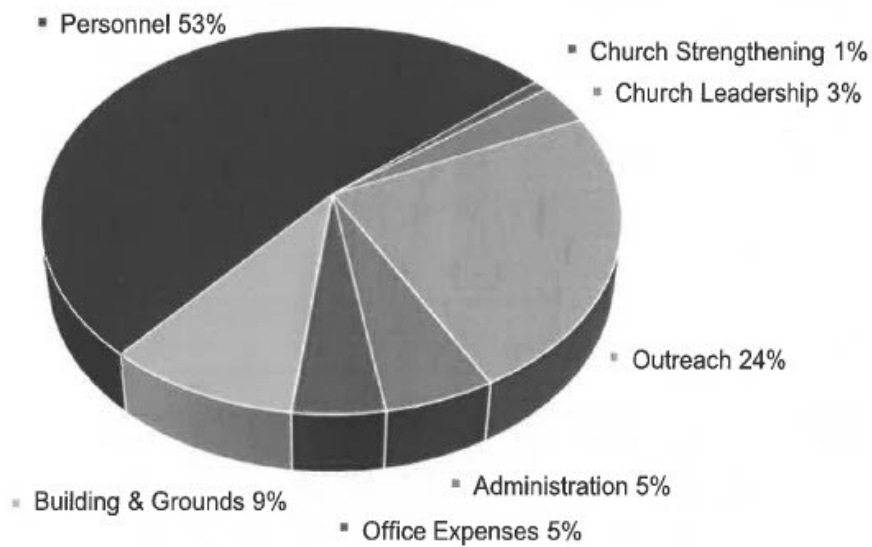
Weekly Average	\$ 7,440	\$ 6,772	\$ 6,391	\$ 5,784
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Tri-County Southern Baptist Association Summary of Operations Expense For the 8 Months Ended August 31, 2025

	Year-to-Date Actual
Church Strengthening	\$ 1,962.87
Church Leadership	6,741.46
Outreach	47,945.30
Administration	11,089.45
Office Expenses	9,234.72
Building & Grounds	19,144.67
Personnel	106,304.07
Total Expenses	\$ 202,422.54



Financial Report

Tri-County Southern Baptist Association Church Receipts Summary August 31, 2025

	Current Month	2024 Average	2025 Average	% Difference	2025 Total
Beacon of Hope	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
FBC Billings	384.35	208.26	427.12	105.1%	3,416.93
FBC Branson	1,250.00	2,103.13	1,093.75	-48.0%	8,750.00
Bridge of Faith Community	100.00	108.33	100.00	-7.7%	800.00
The Bridge	-	54.25	-	-100.0%	-
Calvary Baptist	235.00	127.92	233.56	82.6%	1,868.50
Cedar Ridge Baptist	-	501.27	332.19	-33.7%	2,657.48
FBC Chadwick	741.93	349.48	601.92	72.2%	4,815.33
Chestnutridge Baptist	-	79.59	99.88	25.5%	799.00
FBC Clever	2,219.27	1,972.58	2,646.36	34.2%	21,170.87
FBC Crane	1,585.00	1,380.67	1,678.88	21.6%	13,431.00
FBC Elsy	90.64	114.90	94.68	-17.6%	757.40
Fairview Baptist	-	75.00	25.00	-66.7%	200.00
First Central Baptist	-	97.58	-	-100.0%	-
FBC Forsyth	1,000.00	1,204.17	1,137.50	-5.5%	9,100.00
Fremont Hills Baptist	-	462.93	-	-100.0%	-
Friendly Baptist	1,288.38	350.34	1,420.88	305.6%	11,367.04
FBC Galena	-	5.83	-	-100.0%	-
Garrison Baptist	-	-	-		-
FBC Highlandville	-	594.98	250.89	-57.8%	2,007.10
Real Life Church Hollister	1,050.00	532.13	1,055.38	98.3%	8,443.00
Hopedale Baptist	2,430.00	1,596.25	1,956.88	22.6%	15,655.00
FBC Hurley	-	-	-		-
Jamesville Baptist	-	110.94	73.42	-33.8%	587.39
Keystone Baptist	-	99.75	148.75	49.1%	1,189.96
FBC Kimberling City	434.05	1,006.46	576.34	-42.7%	4,610.75
FBC Lampe	-	366.04	410.77	12.2%	3,286.17
LifePoint	1,250.00	416.67	468.75	12.5%	3,750.00
FBC McCord Bend	-	1.22	-	-100.0%	-
Morning Star Baptist	-	115.92	55.35	-52.3%	442.77
FBC of Nixa	-	131.06	130.59	-0.4%	1,044.74
North Nixa Baptist	1,775.00	1,841.67	2,171.88	17.9%	17,375.00
Oakwood Baptist	-	8.33	-	-100.0%	-
FBC of Ozark	2,178.80	2,910.39	2,541.76	-12.7%	20,334.09
Ozark Highlands	-	320.05	281.25	-12.1%	2,250.00
Ozark Mountain Community	250.00	156.25	250.00	60.0%	2,000.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist	100.00	100.00	125.00	25.0%	1,000.00
Pleasant View Baptist	-	100.00	62.50	-37.5%	500.00
Ponce De Leon Baptist	-	-	-		-
Prospect Baptist	-	318.35	345.23	8.4%	2,761.81
Riverdale Baptist	700.00	416.67	87.50	-79.0%	700.00
Rocky Ledge Baptist	-	193.08	314.62	62.9%	2,516.92
Selmore Baptist	675.00	789.17	770.68	-2.3%	6,165.42
Mt. Sinai Baptist	-	76.04	105.56	38.8%	844.50
Mt. Zion Baptist	-	96.41	51.52	-46.6%	412.13
New Beginnings Fellowship	-	9.65	-	-100.0%	-
Shady Grove Baptist	403.08	312.08	394.29	26.3%	3,154.33
Shiloh Baptist	55.00	59.17	55.00	-7.0%	440.00
Smyrna Baptist	-	-	-		-
Sojourn Church Nixa	207.64	-	248.77		1,990.14
Sparta First Baptist	-	-	1,464.60		11,716.79
Spokane First Baptist	720.05	606.51	896.41	47.8%	7,171.27
The Way Baptist	-	307.85	-	-100.0%	-
Union Ridge Baptist	392.00	458.26	529.65	15.6%	4,237.20
Victor Baptist	178.37	223.55	250.53	12.1%	2,004.25
Victory Baptist	200.00	200.00	200.00	0.0%	1,600.00
Total	\$ 21,893.56	\$ 25,101.43	\$ 26,165.54		\$ 209,324.28
Average	390.96	456.39	467.24	4.2%	



Financial Report

Tri-County Southern Baptist Association Church Receipts Summary August 31, 2025

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Beacon of Hope	\$ 541	\$ 390	\$ 333	\$ 486	\$ 406	\$ 361	\$ 516	\$ 384	-	-	-	\$ -	-
FBC Billings	-	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	-	-	-	-	3,417
FBC Branson	100	-	200	100	100	-	200	100	-	-	-	-	8,750
Bridge of Faith Community	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	800
The Bridge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calvary Baptist	261	165	299	215	211	211	272	235	-	-	-	-	1,869
Cedar Ridge Baptist	657	-	-	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,657
FBC Chadwick	901	451	616	498	490	651	467	742	-	-	-	-	4,815
Chestnutridge Baptist	229	-	124	-	277	-	169	-	-	-	-	-	799
FBC Clever	3,223	2,463	2,292	3,317	2,184	2,572	2,901	2,219	-	-	-	-	21,171
FBC Crane	1,874	1,323	1,281	2,209	1,196	1,359	2,604	1,585	-	-	-	-	13,431
FBC Elsy	95	193	-	120	88	74	98	91	-	-	-	-	757
Fairview Baptist	-	-	-	-	100	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	200
First Central Baptist	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FBC Forsyth	1,000	1,100	1,000	1,000	3,000	-	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	-	9,100
Fremont Hills Baptist	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Friendly Baptist	1,296	1,425	1,691	1,394	1,365	1,497	1,411	1,288	-	-	-	-	11,367
FBC Galena	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garrison Baptist	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FBC Highlandville	-	1,063	-	-	944	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,007
Real Life Church Hollister	1,140	919	1,280	1,039	998	979	1,038	1,050	-	-	-	-	8,443
Hopedale Baptist	2,192	954	1,756	2,185	2,207	1,299	2,632	2,430	-	-	-	-	15,655
FBC Hurley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jamesville Baptist	146	95	94	83	98	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	587
Keystone Baptist	391	-	-	-	434	-	365	-	-	-	-	-	1,190
FBC Kimberling City	1,386	-	467	643	504	292	886	434	-	-	-	-	4,611
FBC Lampe	1,075	-	-	-	1,209	-	1,002	-	-	-	-	-	3,286
LifePoint	-	1,250	-	-	1,250	-	-	1,250	-	-	-	-	3,750
FBC McCord Bend	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morning Star Baptist	443	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	443
FBC of Nixa	146	128	128	128	128	128	257	-	-	-	-	-	1,045
North Nixa Baptist	3,910	2,500	1,600	2,425	1,740	1,475	1,950	1,775	-	-	-	-	17,375
Oakwood Baptist	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FBC of Ozark	3,490	2,088	1,978	2,705	2,884	2,135	2,876	2,179	-	-	-	-	20,334
Ozark Highlands	-	-	-	-	-	2,250	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,250
Ozark Mountain Community	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	-	-	-	-	2,000
Pleasant Grove Baptist	100	100	100	100	100	100	300	100	-	-	-	-	1,000
Pleasant View Baptist	-	100	100	100	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500
Ponce De Leon Baptist	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prospect Baptist	968	-	-	888	-	-	906	-	-	-	-	-	2,762
Riverdale Baptist	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	700	-	-	-	-	700
Rocky Ledge Baptist	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,517	-	-	-	-	-	2,517
Selmore Baptist	1,440	675	675	675	675	675	675	675	-	-	-	-	6,165
Mt. Sinai Baptist	228	-	-	-	200	-	417	-	-	-	-	-	845
Mt. Zion Baptist	99	-	55	63	93	-	102	-	-	-	-	-	412

WELLEN MANAGEMENT

Financial Report

Tri-County Southern Baptist Association Church Receipts Summary August 31, 2025

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
New Beginnings Fellowship	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shady Grove Baptist	604	-	239	601	420	-	888	403	-	-	-	-	3,154
Shiloh Baptist	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	-	-	-	-	440
Smyrna Baptist	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sojourn Church Nixa	669	-	178	163	199	165	409	208	-	-	-	-	1,990
Sparta First Baptist	2,841	1,458	-	1,803	1,285	1,435	2,895	-	-	-	-	-	11,717
Spokane First Baptist	669	948	1,025	1,592	561	732	924	720	-	-	-	-	7,171
The Way Baptist	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Union Ridge Baptist	447	293	550	822	536	634	564	392	-	-	-	-	4,237
Victor Baptist	421	166	222	290	280	178	269	178	-	-	-	-	2,004
Victory Baptist	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	-	-	-	-	1,600
Total	\$ 33,487	\$ 22,001	\$ 20,035	\$ 29,398	\$ 28,117	\$ 21,028	\$ 33,364	\$ 21,894	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 209,324

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BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Director of Mission's Report

Phillip Shuford, Director of Missions

Fifty years ago, a group of Southern Baptists decided that, in spite of whatever differences they had with each other, what bound them together far outweighed their differences—and the Tri-County Southern Baptist Association was born.

For five decades Baptist churches in Christian, Stone and Taney Counties have supported each other, prayed for each other, ministered together and pooled their resources to “encourage, assist, and resource our churches to fulfill the Great Commission.”

And friends, as long as the Lord tarries, **God's not done with us!**

That's why the theme of Tri-County's Annual Meeting this year is taken from Isaiah 54:2:

***Enlarge the place of your tent,
And let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings;
Do not spare;
Lengthen your cords, And strengthen your stakes.***

In the next year, with God's and your help, Tri-County Baptist Association will do just that: we'll dream, we'll plan, and we'll set a course for our family of churches for the next five years. We'll enlarge the place of our tent; we'll not spare; we'll lengthen our tent cords and strengthen our stakes. We'll position ourselves to be prepared for God to abundantly bless us with opportunities to serve Him.

I would be remiss if I did not include in my report to our beloved Association, mine and Elsy's deep, deep gratitude to this Association, her churches and her people, as we have navigated the turbulent waters of my pancreatic cancer. Dear friends, YOU have made a profound difference in our lives these last few months. I honestly don't know what we would do without your prayerful support. It seems that, when dark days come, God ALWAYS sends a brother or sister in Christ to encourage us with a phone call, card, text message or email. I'm convinced that isn't coincidence, but the intercessions of God's people praying on our behalf. THANK YOU.

And in the meantime, the work of the Association continues. Our Tri-County camps this year were among the best we've ever had. We continue to train men and women for Christian service through our Tri-County Bible Institute (Seminary Extension). We continue to come alongside our church members who feel called to serve in Disaster Relief ministry by reimbursing their expenses. We continue to provide scholarships for those in our churches who feel a call to study for the ministry. We've re-initiated our campus ministry at College of the Ozarks, a ministry our Association led almost since the founding our Tri-County but was cut short by the COVID shutdowns. We continue to resource our churches in a myriad of ways, answering questions and serving as an “information broker” for our churches, pastors and lay people.

There's much more that Tri-County is doing to “encourage, assist and resource our churches to fulfill the Great Commission.” This book gives a pretty good summary of what your Association's been up to. And let me say, THANK YOU Tri-County churches for entrusting your local missions dollars so that together, we can make a difference for Christ in our communities.

This is Tri-County's fiftieth anniversary. We have a God-soaked past. We're moving into a God-led future. We're not 50 years old—we're 50 years young. The world and our communities are not what they were in 1975 and 1976. Much has changed. But much has NOT changed.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. The word of God is still the double-edged sword and lamp unto our path. The promises of our Lord are true and faithful.

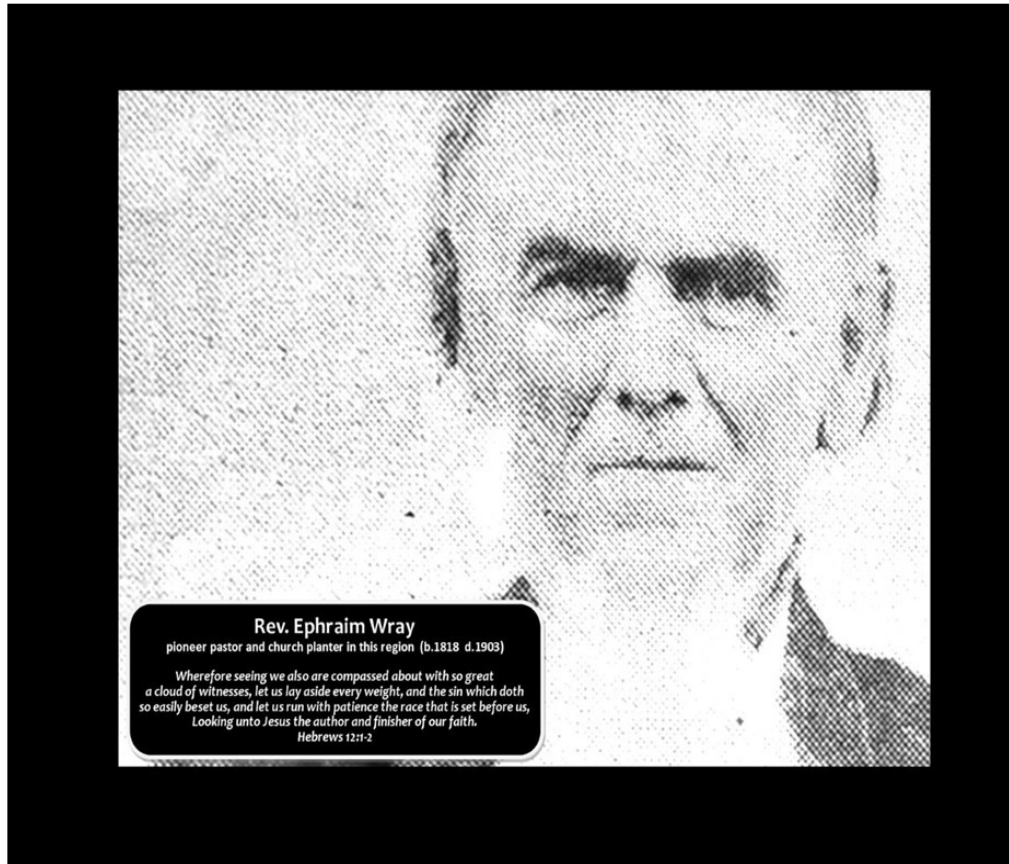
The task before us is the same today as 50 years ago: take the Gospel to every person living in our communities. The Tri-County family of churches of "then" said "yes." May the Tri-County family of churches of "now" and "the future" give the same response, with a resounding "yes, absolutely." With Christ as our Guide and Great Shepherd and Sustainer, we cannot fail.

The Story: Coming Together for the Kingdom of God

Tri County Southern Baptist Association

Director of Missions: Dr. Phillip Shuford

Report submitted by: Rev. Danny Hartwell



So, when did Tri County begin? This was the question as we began planning for the 2025 Annual Meeting. To be “historically accurate” this is the 50th Annual Meeting, the first being in 1976, 49 years ago, but we are Baptists and that changes—The Story.

The story of an association is a story about the churches, with that our story begins in a community in, what was then, northern Taney County in August of 1846. The community is Prospect and the church was Prospect Baptist under the leadership of Ephram Wray. Elder Wray, as he was known, was missionary minded, and he would lead this church to be involved in the birth of many of her sister churches including FBC Ozark and Selmore. Their missionary spirit would lead them to join the Spring River Association in 1851. In 1853, six churches would be dismissed to form the Bethel Association (later changed to Southwest Bethel Association in 1869). At the 1860 meeting of the Bethel Association, it was noted that most of the missionary work was done by “the ministers”. Six ministers worked 185 days in “destitute places, and were paid \$26.55”—to keep The Story going. Then in 1869 Southwest Bethel would become Christian County Association.

The story of an association is a story about the churches

At the 1860 meeting of the Bethel Association, it was noted that six ministers worked 185 days in “destitute places, and were paid \$26.55”—to keep The Story going.

I have been unable to find The Story of how the Taney County Association began. We have three Annual books dating back to 1896 which was the report of the 11th meeting making the first meeting to be in 1885, but no record of how it came to be. None of the churches listed in those Annual books are in existence today. The Stone County Association held their first meeting in 1923 (the earliest Annual book we have for Stone County is 1928 their sixth Annual meeting). At some time, the Taney County Association ceased to be, and in 1961 there was an Amendment to the Stone County Baptist Association Constitution: "This Association shall be known as the Stone-Taney County Baptist Association." At that time the association included churches from both counties.

At this point there are two associations, Christian County and Stone-Taney County and The Story turns to the merger that would become Tri County Southern Baptist Association (some events precede the Stone-Taney County name change).

While Stone County voted to pay their missionary full time in 1928, by the early 30's finances did not allow them to pay a missionary. Discussions were started with Christian County to jointly hire a missionary, and R.R. Cook was the first missionary jointly hired to serve both associations. In 1958 Ivan Coyle was listed as "Superintendent of Missions" for both associations, and the topic of a merger began to surface.

We need to keep in mind that items discussed and items listed as action in associational minutes of public gatherings may not be the same. Also, items recorded in handwritten documents at a particular meeting and the printed document may not be totally identical.

At times it was evident that there was opposition to the merger. This reminds me that as Baptists, we are free down to the level of individuals, to express our minds. This, in my opinion, is to our advantage, even if the process is slowed to the speed of cold molasses.

In 1966, the idea of a merger took the form of a joint committee formed to investigate such a merge. In March of 1967 a letter was sent to the churches discussing the advantages and disadvantages. In August of that year this committee asked for a vote and "urged the churches to come to a decision and *instruct their messengers of their vote—vote to be from the church, not individual messengers*" (emphasis mine). The vote in Stone-Taney County was 21-9 against, and the vote in Christian County was 40-26 against. So, the committee was continued for another year. In 1973 at a Stone-Taney County meeting the following was reported: "Old Business—About moving along with the merger at this time, 4 for, 4 against, 1 not matter." (At that meeting eight churches, represented by 25 messengers were present, and only nine voted.)

The event that put the merger on the path again was Ivan Coyle announcing his retirement in September of 1975 to take place at the end of the year and the committee formed to find a replacement. The "Search and Find Committee" acted quickly and in January 1976 A.D. Corder was presented to a joint session of the two executive boards. He was approved unanimously and was to begin his work February 1. Within three days of Corder coming on the field, the office was moved from the court house in Ozark to Highlandville, and a full-time secretary was hired.

On March 8, 1976 the executive boards of both associations met and voted to recommend in their annual meetings that "Christian and Stone-Taney Associations be combined into one association to be known as the Tri County Southern Baptist Association, effective October 1, 1976". Also, it was reported in that meeting that, "to go from this time to the Annual Association Meetings together on a trial basis to see how well it will work." They didn't stop there, the secretary became the treasurer, both associations instructed their

treasurers to transfer all funds into the hands of the new associational treasurer, and several thousand dollars' worth of new equipment was bought for the new office. This equipment was to help the churches have printed material they were never able to have before, and paper and office supplies were purchased wholesale to sell to the churches at cost.

At A.D. Corder's lead, with the help of the Search and Find Committee, and the executive boards, the new trial association began to take form. Committees were formed, information was made available to the churches, and a constitution was formed. When the Annual Meetings of the two associations came in the fall the first item on the agenda of each meeting was a vote on the merger.

Those meetings took place on September 16, 1976. The Stone-Taney County Baptist Association voted unanimously at the Elsey Baptist Church for the merger, and the Christian County Baptist Association at the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, also gave approval (there were 2 votes against the merge, and it was later reported that they were not messengers voted to serve any church).

The two associations closed out their organizations on Friday morning September 17, and reconvened that afternoon in the first meeting of the new Tri-County Baptist Association at FBC Nixa with A.D. Corder as the Director of Missions.

September 17, was the "official" birth of the Tri County Southern Baptist Association. The Story was in the making for over a year. The members of the Search and Find Committee were so committed to bringing these churches together that they placed their ministries and their standings with the churches on the line to make this happen. If I had heard this story, not knowing what it was about, I would have concluded that this was a group of "hill folk" like I grew up with—or it was Baptists, everyone with their opinion (with conviction!), yet in the end they would come together to make it work.

The Story continues—not just in our records, but in our obedience. What we now have will change as the years go by, if the Lord tarries, because it involves churches which are in constant change. Let us not lose sight of the mission we have to reach the lost and make disciples. I challenge each Church now part of Tri County to develop the mission heart of Eld. E. Wray to see people reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**The Story continues—
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but in our obedience...
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took place.

This report would not be complete without the mention of two notable people. First, Iva Hodson (First Baptist Crane) who was listed as the Associate Clerk in 1976 Annual book, she became clerk in 1978 and would serve until she called for the seating of the messengers in the 2021 Annual Meeting. Second, Kenny Robinette, was called to pastor Victor Baptist Church in Branson on January 7, 1976 which makes him the only Tri-County pastor to serve one church continually since before the merger

On March 8, 1976 the executive boards of both associations met and voted to recommend in their annual meetings that "Christian and Stone-Taney Associations be combined into one association to be known as the Tri-County Southern Baptist Association, effective October 1, 1976".

Baptist Collegiate Ministry at College of the Ozarks

Nathan Sharon, Baptist Collegiate Director



Go for Launch

BCM is back for another semester, and we are excited to see what the Lord has planned for our time of ministry on campus.

A New Rhythm

Last spring was a great trial and error semester for us. As we sought to refamiliarize ourselves with the CofO context AND get our feet wet in college ministry, one of the big takeaways was that we need to change up our weekly meeting time. So, we will be gathering on Thursday evenings at 9:00 in an attempt to not compete with other campus events. Many other ministries in the past used this time for weekly gatherings, so we feel it is a tried, true, and tested time. We are hopeful that the Lord will use this new time for His purposes.

Building a Leadership Team

Our main goal for this semester is to build a core student leadership team. We had a great time over the summer going through the book of Proverbs with a small group of students. We are excited that these students are beginning to form the core of our leadership team. They will serve in the ministry by leading worship and setting up for the weekly gathering. Also, we will meet prior to every BCM gathering for a book study through *Holiness* by J.C. Ryle, and pray over the ministry as we seek the Lord's guidance and direction.

Sermon on the Mount

This semester we will be studying the Sermon on the Mount. After our deep dive into the Beatitudes last semester, it's time to zoom out and get the big picture of the Kingdom Life Christ intends for His followers. The theme of this semester, then, is Kingdom Life for Kingdom Advancement. We hope this becomes the overarching purpose of BCM, that as we seek to participate in the life Christ intends of His followers, that His Kingdom will be advanced, that others will see our good deeds and glorify the Father (Matt. 5:16).

Prayer Requests

Please continue to pray for faithfulness, that we would have fruitful conversations with the students who come to our weekly gatherings. Even with a few, we know God brings who He intends to hear His Word proclaimed every week. Also, please pray for multiplication. We've already had some wonderful opportunities to spread the word about this new ministry on campus. We pray that students would come for discipleship, and that we can reach those who don't know Christ with the gospel, seeing some come to faith this semester.

Stay in Touch

Lastly, if you would like to keep up with the BCM for updates and to learn what is going on throughout the semester, feel free to check out our new website at bcmcofo.com or follow us on instagram @bcmcofo or our facebook page at Baptist Collegiate Ministry CofO. We are so thankful for your prayers and support! May Christ be all.



For the Church,

Nathan & Betty Sharon

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.



Tri-County's Disaster Relief ministry is making it possible for people from our churches to be a blessing to those in crisis due to disasters that strike their homes and communities. The Association owns two well-equipped trailers for Disaster Relief work—one for flood recovery and one where chain saws are needed.

We are still in a rebuilding phase for our volunteer teams. We encourage you to consider participating in one of four trainings that will be held in 2026 across Missouri, and when the opportunity arises, to let the Lord use you to be a blessing to others!

Facebook:

- Tri County Southern Baptist Disaster Relief

on the Web:

- tcsba.com/ministries/disaster-relief
- modr.org



Wells Ministry Scholarship

Wells Ministry Scholarship awards for the 2025-2026 academic year:



BRYCE HUGHES (Student Minister, Ozark First Baptist Church) attending Mission University



JEFFREY STRUICK (Student leader, Real Life Hollister Church) attending Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

JIM & JUDY WELLS *Ministry Scholarship*



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

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

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

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

Eligibility

This scholarship is available to persons who:

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

Scholarship Amount

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

More information and to apply

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

SCHOLARSHIP FAST FACTS:

Since its launch in 2021, through the Jim and Judy Wells Ministry Scholarship Tri-County has assisted 12 individuals from Tri-County churches pursue their ministry calling with \$22,922.15 in funds being awarded.

The funds are disbursed directly to the students' accounts at their respective theological institutions.

The scholarship is professionally managed by the Missouri Baptist Foundation.

The decision on scholarship awards is made by Tri-County's Wells Scholarship Committee.

We welcome donations to the scholarship fund! Contact Tri-County for more information.

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Partnership Ministry Grants to Our Churches

October 2024-September 2025

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 2024-September 2025, TCBA has been able to assist churches in all three counties in the amount of \$40,720.

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

- Provide funds to assist a Tri-County church with Fall Festival outreach events (Tshirts to promote VBS, Bibles, gospel tracts)
- Provide funds to a Tri-County church working to bless fire victims by temporarily housing them in a hotel
- Provide funds to assist a Tri-County church with a community-wide "Back-to-School Bash" with gospel presentation event and give-aways
- Provide funds to help a Tri-County church clean out, repair, and make safe an older church building
- Provide funds to assist a Tri-County church on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic where they conducted VBS, repaired homes, and shared the Gospel

From October 2024-September 2025, TCBA has been able to assist our churches do Great Commission work through Partnership Ministry Grants in the amount of **\$40,720.**

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

TRI-COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PARTNERSHIP MINISTRY GRANTS

One way in which Tri-County Baptist Association encourages, assists and resources our churches to fulfill the Great Commission is through **Partnership Ministry Grants**, which are funds TCBA makes available to our member churches for ministry events and projects.

IMPORTANT! Partnership Ministry Grants General Guidelines:

1. Are made available to TCBA churches, church plants, TCBA ministry teams or Associational personnel for ministry events and projects that are focused on winning the lost and making disciples.
2. Are made possible through the missions offerings received by our member churches. Funds are available either through TCBA's General Budget or the Great Commission Fund (established with the proceeds of the sale of TCBA's property to College of the Ozarks).
3. Are for church projects/events related to the following ministry areas: outreach/evangelism; equipping leaders; church planting; church revitalization; church ministries targeting winning the lost and making disciples; and assisting community transformation.
4. Are intended to be "come alongside" funds. In most cases, TCBA provides funding for no more than 50% of the total projected cost of the project/event.
5. Grant applications shall be made to the Director of Missions in care of the associational office for further review by the Administrative Team or appropriate ministry team. The Director of Missions, Administrative Team or appropriate ministry team may require additional information at their discretion.
6. Determination on disbursing Partnership Ministry Grant funds will be made by TCBA's Administrative Team or appropriate ministry team and approved by the Director of Missions.
7. Are appropriated based on a) available funds; b) the degree to which the ministry project/event is consistent with the goal of encouraging, assisting and resourcing TCBA churches to fulfill the Great Commission; c) the desire to allocate funds broadly among the churches and church plants within TCBA; and d) other criteria the Director of Missions and Administrative Team/appropriate ministry team deem appropriate.
8. Ministry grants to churches will be limited to TCBA churches that have made a financial contribution to the Tri-County Baptist Association in the previous 12 months.
9. It is expected that the church receiving funds must send a report to TCBA about the results of the ministry grant fund's use within one month of its use, and no future grants will be awarded until this report is received at TCBA's office.
10. No church, church plant, TCBA ministry team can receive grant funds more than twice per year.
11. The Director of Missions is authorized to grant up to \$2,000 for emergencies with pastors or churches, in consultation with the Association's President. He will report these disbursements to the Administrative Team.
12. In extreme circumstances, the TCBA's Administrative Team can modify the above criteria.



PARTNERSHIP MINISTRY GRANT REQUEST

TCBA exists to partner with our churches to fulfill the Great Commission! Please complete and return to Tri County Baptist Association's office via: (1) Mail: P.O. Box 370, Nixa, MO 65714 or (2) Email: tricity@tcsba.com or (3) by hand to our office at 239 Downing St. Nixa, MO 65714. Call us with any questions at (417) 725-8825.

REQUESTING CHURCH INFORMATION:

Church/ministry team requesting funds: _____
Church address: _____
Contact person/person requesting: _____ Phone(s): _____
E-Mail address: _____
Senior Pastor (or TCBA ministry team leader) signature (required): _____

MINISTRY/ACTIVITY/EVENT/RESOURCE INFORMATION:

Ministry/Activity/Event/Resource Category(ies) for which you are requesting funds (check all that apply):

- outreach/evangelism · equipping leaders · church planting · church revitalization
- church ministries · assisting community transformation

Date of the ministry/activity/event/resource (mm/dd/yy) NOTE: if an ongoing ministry, give anticipated start date and write "ongoing;" if a resource, list date needed: _____

Ministry/activity/event/resource name: _____

Purpose (use separate sheet if needed): _____

Desired results: _____

FUNDING SOURCES FOR MINISTRY/ACTIVITY/EVENT/RESOURCE

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM TCBA

\$ _____

Other funding sources and anticipated amounts

\$ _____

\$ _____

\$ _____

\$ _____

Total anticipated cost of ministry/activity/event/resource

\$ _____

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS (REQUIRED)

- When was the last time your church/ministry team received Partnership Ministry Grant funds from TCBA?
(MM/YY) _____
- Do you understand that the church/ministry team must send a report to TCBA about the results of the ministry grant fund's use within one month of its use, and that no future grants will be awarded until this report is received at TCBA's office? ☐yes
- FOR CHURCHES:** Has your church cooperated financially (in any amount) with TCBA ministries in the past 12 months? ☐yes ☐no

OFFICE USE ONLY:

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

OTHER ACTION: ☐returned for more information ☐tabled ☐denied: Reason(s) for denial: _____

Date email sent with action notification: _____ Date check sent: _____

Acct(s): CO: \$ _____ CS: \$ _____ CL: \$ _____ other: \$ _____ GCF: \$ _____

Follow-up report received? ☐yes DOM Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

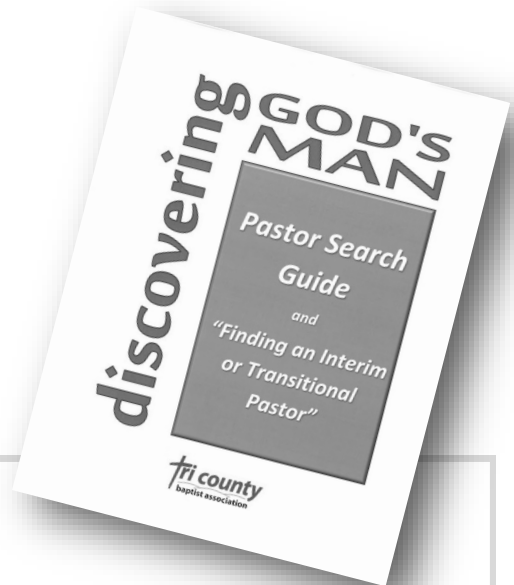
Tri-County has developed a guidebook with information compiled from many different sources for pastor search teams’ use, including:

- *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.

Resources Available to Tri-County Churches

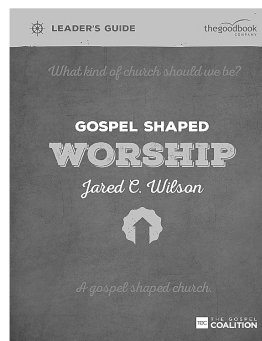
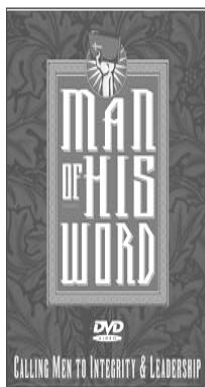


TCBA's Evangelistic Block Party Trailer received a facelift this year. The Block Party Trailer is an amazing resource available to all Tri-County churches! For a modest usage fee of \$50, TCBA churches have use of a large bounce house, small bounce house, snow-cone machine, popcorn machine, carnival games, portable sound system, pop-up tents, tables, chairs and a portable generator. Email Debbie@tcba.com to check on availability or call 417-725-8825.

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.

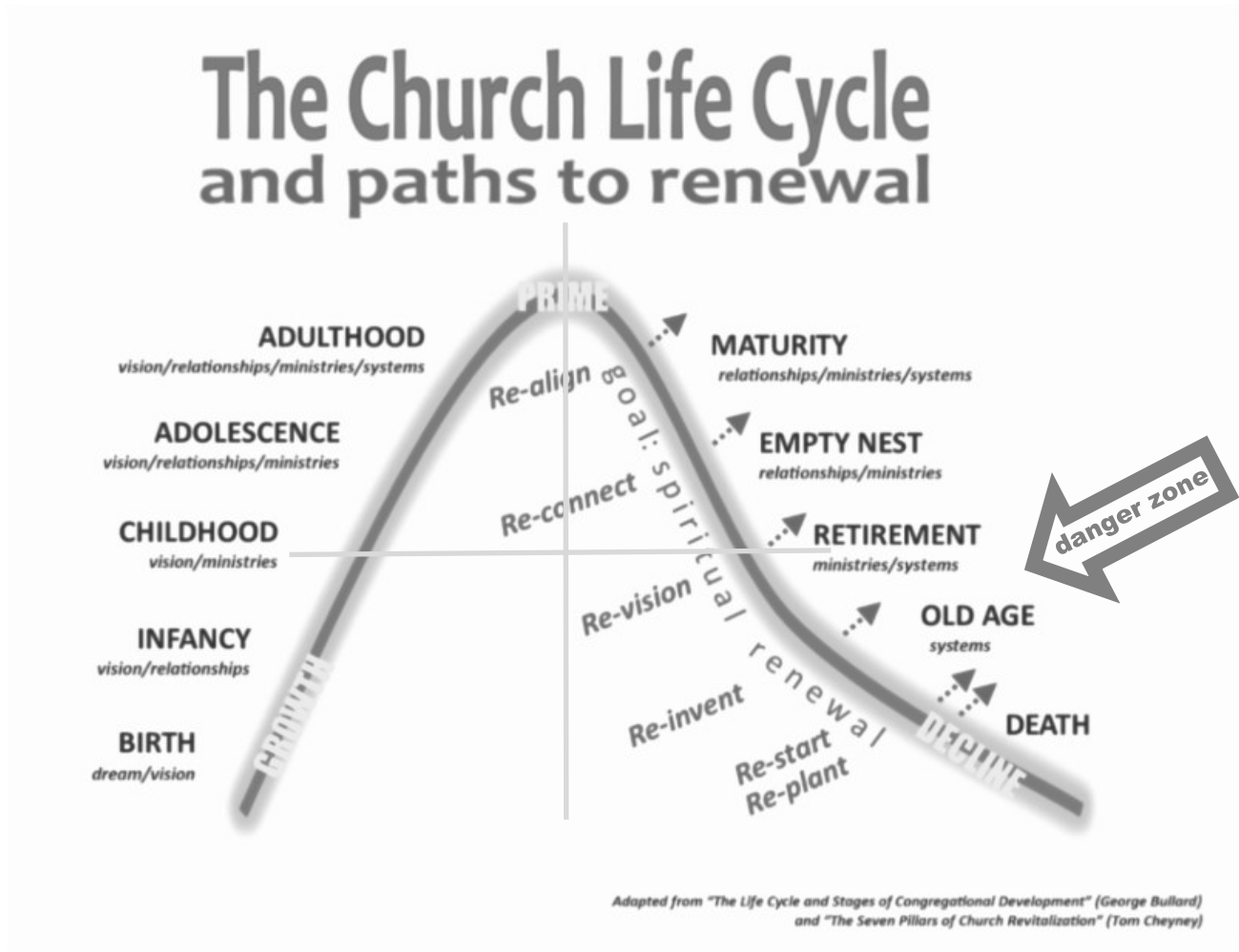


Tri-County's Media Resource Center has DVD studies available for TCBA churches to check out and use with men's and women's groups, to train people to share their faith, and more. Call or stop by Tri-County's office for a complete list.



Revitalizing Churches

Where is your church on the Church Life Cycle?



5 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?

the most important question!

Want to talk about it? Contact Phillip at Tri-County.

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.

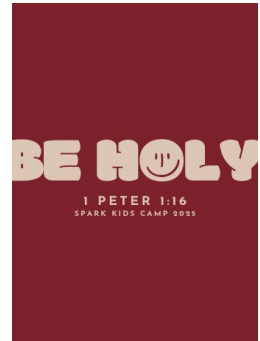
10. Reporting: An analysis/report will be given to the church no more than two (2) months following the ministry renewal leave completion.

TCBA's Summer Camps 2025

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

Wow! What a summer at Tri County Spark Kids Camp! We had another very successful summer not only by numbers attending but lives changed. We are back to basically using every bed available at the Hill! What an honor to serve as Spark Kids Camp director for Tri County Summer Camps again the summer of 2025!

This year's theme for Spark Kids Camp was "Be Holy" and our theme verse was 1 Peter 1:16. "For it is written, Be Holy because I am Holy." What a blessing it is each summer to come to camp and work with the most amazing people! Our amazing Uber Director, Phillip Shuford, may not have been able to be as involved in camp as he wanted to be or has been in years past, but the impact he has on our camp remains consistent. Without his Godly leadership we would be lost. Our camp pastor for the third year was Pastor Stedman Valentine from Southwest Baptist University. Pastor Stedman has a genuine approach when speaking to the kids at camp and finds ways to connect with the kids outside of worship. We were so blessed to have his leadership.



The theme was also the focus during our Bible teaching time with our camp Bible study leader, Mrs. Sarah Patterson of First Baptist Ozark. What a blessing she has been leading our bible time for the last several years. We also had a missions class led by Nolan and Janay LeTourneau, missionaries to Kenya. The kids were in awe hearing of their journeys and gaining knowledge on how to share the Gospel. Archery was led yet again by Mr. Rick Jones of First Baptist Sparta and a big hit. We also enjoyed craft time, Bible drills and Bible trivia with Mrs. Becki Shadel of First Baptist Ozark.

The leadership we have in Spark Kid's camp is phenomenal! Every year it seems to be better and that is a testament to the leaders we have at our camp. You can tell every person that is on the Hill wants to be there to see young people come to know Jesus. They give all they have into what they do and make my job as director easy. I'm so thankful for not only the camp staff but all the leaders that come from the churches that attend. You all are AMAZING and a HUGE BLESSING! We were blessed with very hardworking and dedicated camp leaders and Jr. leaders...we could not do camp without their enthusiasm and dedication to camp. We had a new camp kitchen lead this year and they were fantastic. We welcome the White family to our camp family. Nick, Moranda and daughter Harley led with joy and enthusiasm and the food was yummy! Our Camp Medic, Adam VanBecelaere, did a phenomenal job keeping us all healthy and safe. We had many others who served as floaters, general help, and set up/tear down crew. A special thank you to our camp prayer warrior and encourager, Patti Vehmann of First Baptist Ozark. Your prayers over campers and leaders were noticed and we love you. night of camp. What an amazing experience. God is so good!



Our Worship time this year was once again led by Easton Beezley and the Happy Campers. Thank you, Easton, for putting together the best team with Kevin Tisdell, Albert Bryant, Josie Kinser, Cassandra Bradbury, David Rader and Andrea & Andrew Shuford. This year the kids were able to help write a camp song by submitting what they thought about when they thought of God. Easton and Kevin took their words and wrote a song that was performed the last night of camp. What an amazing experience. God is so good!



We always have a great time learning at camp, but also A LOT of fun! Once again, my husband Jimmy led the outdoor recreation games each day along with Mr. JD Shadel. We had Decades & USA theme nights this year! We also did things like Dive-in Movie at the pool and an old-fashioned pie eating contest! We had rain this year, but we didn't let it steal our joy. The kids had fun adjusting to activities if they had to change and truly made the most of each minute they were there. I'm thankful for leaders and kids who "rolled with it" when we needed to. Adding scripture memorization each day to camp activities has been a great way for kids to keep God's word in their



hearts and minds. We love seeing the kids learn and grow through God's word. The kids love enjoying time outside with their friends during trail walks, Ga Ga ball, 9 square, snack shack time, field day and of course SWIMMING! I love seeing our leaders interact with the kids at camp. The bonds created make an impact some will never know but they are showing God's love and making a lasting impact. When our leaders can be fully invested in their kids' lives, hearts can be open to the Gospel and that's what we are there for. Just showing some kindness, creating these bonds and then sharing Jesus...what an impact you are making! To everyone that took the time to come to camp and

invest in the lives of these children...you are helping them in their walk with Christ. 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!

Southwest Baptist University students and staff returned this year to serve not only as cabin leaders but also general staff. What a blessing it has been to have them join us the last few years. Thank you to Colleen and Henry Shuler and team for joining us this year! This year was our largest group we've had join us from SBU and their service to our camp is invaluable.

Every year I say the same thing...this was the BEST CAMP EVER! I'm just so blessed to be a part of this amazing ministry and to serve alongside so many wonderful people who want to see more kids come to know Jesus and in hopes make the best decision of their lives by accepting Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Thank you Jesus for an amazing Camp! Camp is my favorite and I'm blessed to do this not only with MY family but the wonderful Tri County Camp leadership: Phillip Shuford, Melissa and Travis Edwards and Debbie Hartwell. Planning for Camp 2026 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! You will be blessed!

Cindy Kinser
Spark Kid's Camp Director



TCBA's Summer Camps 2025

Ignite Youth (Grades 7-10 Camp): Melissa Edwards (North Nixa), Director

Ignite youth camp summer 2025 was amazing! The theme was Mountains, with Psalms 121:1-2 as our theme verse. We talked about how when we have trouble in this life we should look to the Lord for help.



Camp was FULL this year! It was a blessing to have so many campers and helpers. Our evening worship speakers this year were Luke Harding, Joel Ridenour, David Stone and Travis Edwards. Bryan Ridenour served as our Bible study leader. They all did a great job of pouring into and encouraging our youth.

Music was led by college and high school students from the North Nixa Baptist Church worship team. They are so talented and did an amazing job leading worship all week.



The youth were able to participate in many fun activities throughout the week such as swimming, hiking to the Spring and hanging out, laser tag, archery and tournaments. We also enjoyed many great snacks that were made available by the generous donations made by several different Tri-County churches and their members. Thank you!

This year was FULL— full of people, full of worship and full of fun! I already can't wait for next year. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

Melissa Edwards, Ignite Camp Director



TRI COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

2026 Summer Camps

JUNE 1-4, 2026

SPARK
kids

IGNITE
YOUTH

for kids who completed
3rd – 6th Grade

for youth who completed
7th – 10th Grade

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Baptist Hill Assembly (Mt. Vernon, MO)

Jim Lovercamp, Camp Manager

Greetings from your Baptist Hill. It is with great joy and excitement that we can share how God has been working and using The Hill to touch many lives of all ages. Since January, close to 2700 people have entered the gates for an experience and time with God. It is a true blessing to be able to observe the transformations as God works in the lives of these individuals. God is definitely in the life-changing business and it is exciting to watch Him work. This excitement is scheduled to continue as we have 15 events on the calendar between August and the end of the year. Praise the Lord for the fact that your campground is being used throughout the year to spread the gospel and bring people closer to their Savior.

We would also like to share with you some information related to inner workings of the camp. The worship center has had a facelift. This includes better lighting, updated audio visual equipment, drop ceiling removed and sprayed insulation installed, sound booth and stage redone and a complete paint job. This truly enhances the worship experience. Our thanks to the group from Crossway Baptist Church who did the lion's share of the work on this project. The Hampton Inn donated items that allowed us to replace and upgrade the motel units. New mattresses, night stands, clocks, trash cans and other items allowed us to improve those units. We also received several donations of hamburger from multiple individuals.

The next project on the agenda is the construction of a 20' x 40' storage building next to the dining hall. Our thanks to Cut Above Construction for getting the concrete slab poured. Hopefully by the time you see this, the building itself will be completed. Richey Baptist Church had a group that came and moved dirt to fill holes and runoff spots before planting grass seed. They also worked on the flower beds and helped to enhance the appearance of the camp. We have also had volunteers who have assisted with the task of mowing and weed eating. We also had several individuals who removed dead trees and burned the brush.

We have a long list of future projects which will require a wide range of skill sets in order to complete them. The following items are in the planning stages:

- ◆ Removal of trees that are causing issues at the pool and replacing them with a 40' x 70' pavilion that will serve multiple purposes.
- ◆ The addition of lights to the basketball court, gaga pits and sand volleyball court. The electric lines will be placed underground between the poles to eliminate future problems.
- ◆ The electric line in front of the dining hall needs to be placed underground as well.
- ◆ Replace the tile in the dining hall. This will require the removal of the old tile and floor prep. The new tile has already been purchased and is on site. This will be a lengthy project that will be undertaken in December and early January.
- ◆ Remove brush overgrowth along the road to the spring.
- ◆ Remove dead trees.
- ◆ Painting in different locations around the camp.
- ◆ Replace the poles and repair the sign at the front entrance.

This list is always changing so if you desire to assist, please check with us so we can best use your skills to enhance the camp. We are truly grateful for all of our volunteers and there are many opportunities for individuals and groups to volunteer.

The staff would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation and gratitude for the support we receive. We are truly blessed to be a part of this ministry and we will continue to strive to provide the best possible experience for all who enter the gates of Baptist Hill Assembly.

Tri County Bible Institute (Seminary Extension)

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.

Highlights from 2024-2025

Course offerings:

Fall 2024—New Testament Survey 1 (The Gospels & Acts)

Spring 2025—Old Testament Survey 2 (The Prophets & the Writings)

Fall 2025— Pastoral Ministry

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.**

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
- 1 Corinthians
- Pastoral Care
- New Testament Survey, Part 1
- Pastoral Ministry

A NOTE FROM OUR INSTRUCTOR:

The Tri-County Baptist Seminary Extension classes finished a fantastic spring semester. We had five enrolled. This Fall semester we have four enrolled. This semester we are focusing on the role of the pastor, where the class has much discussion. I want to encourage anyone who might be interested to come and sit in on a class and if interested, enroll next semester! We have room for you!

Dr. Jeff Hardy
Seminary Extension Instructor
Tri-County Baptist Association



Fall 2025 Seminary Extension class

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 Counties.

We hope your church had a great VBS this year with many seeds planted among the children who attended and that you were able to make contacts with families that may not have previously been part of your church family. Several of our Tri-County churches shared VBS decorations and some used the state VBS decorations. If your church is interested in helping make VBS decorations to share within our own TCBA churches for 2026, please let us know. If there is enough interest, we would love to help each other and lessen the work for churches to create VBS decorations.

Tri-County provided funds this year and offered churches the opportunity to send their own VBS team to the state training at Ozark First Baptist Church. We plan to offer the same training opportunity in 2026 for anyone interested in attending on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at Ozark First Baptist Church.

As a result of several of our churches ordering their Lifeway VBS curriculum and materials through the Tri-County office this year, the Association received an incentive of a little over \$1,000 to assist TCBA churches purchase VBS curriculum. The more churches who order through Tri-County, the more we can help.

We look forward to seeing our Tri-County pastors and VBS directors at our preview event to be held on Monday, January 26, 2026, at the Tri-County office. We will be previewing Illumination Station—Lifeway's 2026 VBS.

Vicky Perkins
VBS Director



UPCOMING DATES

**1/26/26 VBS Directors' Preview
6:00 pm @ TCBA Office**

**3/7/26: SW Mo Training @ FBC
Ozark**

TCBA VBS 2025 enrollment reported through August 2025

FBC Branson	385
Bridge of Faith	65
Calvary	21
FBC Clever	275
FBC Chadwick	47
FBC Crane	165
First Central	10
Forsyth	159
Fremont Hills	41
Garrison	40
Hopedale	273
Kimberling City	189
LifePoint	266
Mt. Zion	62
New Beginnings	50
FBC Nixa	210
North Nixa	67
FBC Ozark	420
Ozark Highlands	54
Ozark Mtn Comm.	8
Ponce	21
Real Life Church	125
Riverdale	115
Selmore	43
Shiloh	34
Smyrna	43
FBC Sparta	171
FBC Spokane	150
Victor	64
TOTAL	3,573

MISSOURI BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME



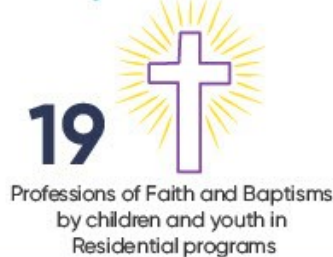
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Lives Changed in 2024

through MBCH Children & Family Ministries and The LIGHT House



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support in 2024!**



2024 Statistical Report

54 Counseling Center
Agency-Based Clients



32 Counseling Center
Community-Based Clients



451

Foster/Adoptive/Relative/
Kinship Homes Maintained



12

Youth served in
Therapeutic Group Homes



37

Clients served through
Transitional Living



159

New Families Licensed
24 Foster Families &
135 Relative Families



347

Mothers and Babies
served through
Pregnancy Services

834 Youth/Family served
in Family Foster Care



168

Youth served in
Treatment Family Care



12

Clients served through
Anti-Trafficking Services



31

Clients/Families served
through Intellectually
& Developmentally
Disabled Services



223

"Forever Families"
identified
for children.

Church Engagement



1,666

Youth and families
served



215

Churches served
by Church Engagement

245

Trained in
Stewards of Children



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25 Churches Added

88 Requests Met

258 Children Served

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17
Maternity Home
Clients
8 Mothers,
7 Toddlers & 2 Infants



Items Distributed
27 Carseats & Pack n Plays
1,018 Packages of Diapers
3,980 Other Items



146
Outreach
Participants



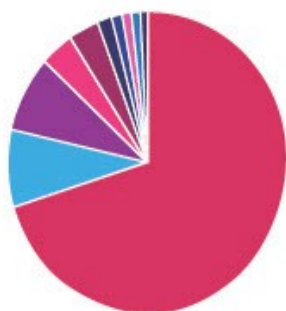
363.7
Volunteer Hours



311
Classes Offered



109
Home Based
Services



2024 Total Revenue/Support
\$22,578,872

- Program Services: \$13,574,030
- Contributions: \$4,062,566
- Endowment/Investments: \$2,521,515
- Cooperative Program: \$693,058
- Gifts from Churches: \$654,651
- Other Revenue: \$379,159
- Birthday Offering: \$226,984
- Bequests/Wills: \$194,731
- Special Events: \$139,995
- Missouri Missions Offering: \$132,183

MBCH Family of Corporations 2024 Financial Report

2024 Expenses



Total Expenses: **\$19,642,425**

"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."
2 Corinthians 9:8

Through God's gracious provision we have been blessed to be able to invest our excess revenue in order to ensure that funding is available for future kingdom work, to the glory and praise of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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Since 1913, Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries has provided Christlike care for the aging. When restored to the Missouri Baptist Convention in 2019, the ministry faced significant declines in people served and cash reserves at unsustainable levels.

In response, a season of prayer, fasting and wise counsel brought decisive action. Through faithful stewardship and deep austerity measures, Baptist Homes began a strong path toward recovery. At the heart of this renewal is our unwavering commitment to biblical stewardship and care for the aging along with an unwavering commitment to the sanctity of human life and Missouri Baptists.

Significant progress has been made in expanding our reach and services. New this year are the **Baptist Homes of Shelbyna** – A skilled nursing and memory care facility located 40 minutes west of Hannibal, Missouri, and the completion of the **Baptist Homes of Ashland**, our newest campus, offering a full continuum of care of Independent Living, Assisted Living, and Skilled Nursing Care.

Affordable, Faith-Based Senior Living

While the costs of senior care continue to rise, Baptist Homes remains committed to offering affordable options—especially in Independent Living—while providing the security and fellowship of a Christian community.

Campus Services & Locations:

- **Adrian:** ILF, SNF, RS. Phone 816-297-8901
- **Arcadia Valley:** ILF, ALF, NF, ADC. Phone 573-546-7429
- **Ashland:** ILF, ALF, SNF, RS. Phone 573-657-0506
- **Ozark:** ILF, ALF, NF, RS. Phone 417-581-2101
- **Shelbina:** MC, SNF, RS. Phone 573-588-4175
- **Vandalia (Tri-County):** ALF, SNF, RS. Phone 573-594-6467
- **Coming Soon:** Smithville Veteran focused ALF, MC

ILF--Independent Living; ALF—Assisted Living; MC—Memory Care/Alzheimer's; NF/SNF—Nursing Facility; RS—Restoration and Rehab Services; ADC--Adult Day Care

Equipping the Local Church

Baptist Homes partners with local churches by offering free one-hour workshops, including:

Navigating Medicare and Medicaid
When Staying at Home Is Not Possible
Planning for a God-Honoring Retirement

Additionally, Baptist Homes leadership is available for pulpit supply at no cost to Missouri Baptist Convention churches. **For more information, contact us at info@bhbm.org or (866) 454-2709.**



NEW BUSINESS

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Administrative Team Recommendations

The TCBA Administrative Team recommends the approval of:

- 2026 Associational Leadership (pg. 49)
- 2026 Spending Plan (pg. 50)

2026 Tri-County Baptist Association Leadership

Ministry Staff:

Director of Missions:	Dr. Phillip Shuford (FBC Ozark)
Associate Director of Missions:	Vacant
Ministry Assistant:	Mrs. Debbie Hartwell (North Nixa)
Baptist Collegiate Ministry Director:	Rev. Nathan Sharon (Pleasant Grove)

Administrative Team

President Emeritus:	Rev. Bob Long (Calvary)
President:	Rev. Jody Kilburn (Real Life Hollister)
Vice President:	Dr. Richard Eakins (North Nixa)
Clerk:	Rev. Danny Hartwell (Selmore)
Treasurer:	Rev. Dave Bowden (Pleasant View)
Church Outreach Coordinator:	Dr. Jim Cross (FBC Ozark)
Church Strengthening Coordinator:	Rev. Jody Kilburn (Real Life Church Hollister)
Church Leadership Coordinator:	Rev. David Pearson (Sojourn Church Nixa)
At-large Member:	Rev. Dennis Reynolds (FBC Lampe)
At-large Member:	Rev. Jason Moore (Ozark Mountain Community Church)
At-large Member:	Rev. Travis Edwards (North Nixa)

Ministry Leaders:

VBS Director:	Mrs. Vicky Perkins (FBC Nixa)
Tri County Bible Institute Instructor:	Dr. Jeff Hardy (FBC Kimberling City)
Disaster Relief Director:	Vacant
Summer Camp Directors:	Spark Kids (grades 3-6): Mrs. Cindy Kinser (FBC Ozark)
	Ignite Youth (grades 7-10): Mrs. Melissa Edwards (North Nixa)

Tri-County Representatives for the Executive Board of Baptist Hill Assembly

Dr. Phillip Shuford (DOM)
Mrs. Cindy Kinser (First Baptist Ozark)
Rev. Danny Hartwell (Selmore)
Mr. Clay Calhoun (Selmore)
Mr. Daniel Hartwell (North Nixa)

Jim & Judy Wells Scholarship Team

Representatives from:

Christian County:	Rev. Don Currence (FBC Ozark)
Taney County:	Rev. Monty Dunn (Friendly Baptist)
Stone County:	Rev. Sean Gasper (FBC Kimberling City) - Stone County Representative

2025 TCBA Spending Plan

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

DID YOU KNOW?
Tri-County's finances are professionally managed by Miller Management/Good Faith Accounting Partners, with offices in Kansas City and Springfield.

	2025	2026
Church Strengthening	\$14,965	\$14,675
Church Strengthening Projects	14,965	14,675
Church Leadership	\$26,000	\$26,000
Church Leadership Projects	15,000	15,000
Pastor/Staff Care	8,000	8,000
Tri-County Bible Institute	3,000	3,000
Church Outreach	\$33,000	\$38,000
Church Outreach Projects	10,000	10,000
Missions Partnerships	2,000	2,000
New Church Assistance	6,000	6,000
VBS Training and Support	2,000	2,000
Summer Camps	13,000	18,000
Administration	\$50,500	\$50,050
Includes office operation expenses, office building utilities and maintenance, property insurance, new equipment, accounting services, Executive Board meeting and Annual meeting expenses		
Ministry Staff and Support Staff	\$187,081	\$190,346
Includes salaries, housing allowance, retirement, insurance, mileage reimbursement and convention expense		
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$311,546	\$319,361

represents 2.7% cost-of-living adjustment

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Total church receipts 2024	\$309,000.31
Monthly average 2024	\$ 25,750.03
Monthly average 2025 thru August	\$ 26,165.54

2026 Spending Plan Detail

Church Strengthening	\$14,965
<i>Ch strengthening projects</i>	<i>14,965</i>
Church Leadership	\$26,000
<i>Ch leadership projects</i>	<i>15,000</i>
<i>Pastor/staff care</i>	<i>8,000</i>
<i>Tri-County Bible Institute</i>	<i>3,000</i>
Church Outreach	\$38,000
<i>Ch outreach projects</i>	<i>10,000</i>
<i>Missions partnerships</i>	<i>2,000</i>
<i>New church assistance</i>	<i>6,000</i>
<i>VBS training and support</i>	<i>2,000</i>
<i>Summer camps</i>	<i>18,000</i>
Administration	\$19,250
<i>Administrative Concerns</i>	<i>500</i>
<i>Accounting services</i>	<i>15,750</i>
<i>Exec Board and Annual Meeting</i>	<i>3,000</i>
Office Expenses	\$9,500
<i>New equipment/repairs</i>	<i>2,500</i>
<i>Office operations/inventory</i>	<i>7,000</i>
Building and Grounds	\$21,300
<i>Office utilities/trash</i>	<i>8,300</i>
<i>Property insurance</i>	<i>7,000</i>
<i>Repairs/maintenance</i>	<i>6,000</i>
Salary & Housing	\$141,803
<i>DOM salary</i>	<i>57,396</i>
<i>DOM housing</i>	<i>25,000</i>
<i>ADOM housing</i>	<i>6,388 (Associate DOM, currently vacant)</i>
<i>FICA</i>	<i>3,400</i>
<i>DOM professional expenses</i>	<i>7,822</i>
<i>Ministry Assistant salary</i>	<i>36,297</i>
<i>Staff Christmas gift</i>	<i>5,500</i>
Benefits	\$48,543
<i>ADOM retirement</i>	<i>6,111 (Associate DOM, currently vacant)</i>
<i>DOM health</i>	<i>9,550</i>
<i>DOM life</i>	<i>5,400</i>
<i>DOM retirement</i>	<i>18,602</i>
<i>ADOM mileage/expenses</i>	<i>1,500</i>
<i>Min Assistant mileage/expenses</i>	<i>750</i>
<i>Min Assistant retirement</i>	<i>3,630</i>
<i>DOM Conventions/Conferences</i>	<i>3,000</i>
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$319,361
<i>Monthly income requirement</i>	<i>26,613</i>

APPENDIX

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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.

Elsey Baptist Church: Carey "David" Berryhill

Clever First Baptist Church: Terry Dorr

Chestnutridge Baptist Church: Charlene Rand

Union Ridge Baptist Church: Stanley Gold, Aline Teal

Shiloh Baptist Church: Jeremy Wallace

North Nixa Baptist Church: Jackie Cash, Gloria Phanton, Barry Scott, Helen Robinson, Angela Phaton, Robin Shaver, Pam Homeister, Jim Bryant

Ozark First Baptist Church: Darlyne Chaffin, Marlene Ferguson, Dale Gann, Marj Schupbach, Leon Bischoff, Juanita Lanham, Alyce Hughes, Richard Clark, Patty McDaniel, Doris Buck, Don Kisse, Pauline Coffey, Betty Clark

TRENDS: 10-Year Statistical Profile for Tri-County Baptist Association 2015-2024

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Net Change	Percent Change
Membership												
Total Members	16,646	16,579	15,803	17,604	17,613	16,998	16,264	15,563	14,594	14,356	(2,290)	-13.8%
Resident Members	10,345	170	9,586	10,811	10,731	10,354	9,878	8,837	8,291	11,011	666	6.4%
Evangelism/Additions												
Total Baptisms	429	330	299	350	328	285	234	370	302	280	(149)	-34.7%
Res Members per Baptisms	24	1	32	31	33	36	42	24	27	39		
Other Additions	528	513	429	457	407	316	371	368	453	311	(217)	-41.1%
Worship												
Sunday AM Worship Att	7,931	7,111	6,929	8,291	8,205	7,689	5,955	6,668	7,097	7,378	(553)	-7.0%
Bible Study												
SS Average Attendance	4,543	4,770	4,535	4,978	4,618	4,542	3,095	3,037	3,363	3,920	(623)	-13.7%
Financial												
Total Recpts	\$14,542,037	\$14,676,260	\$14,177,923	\$15,464,892	\$17,574,759	\$17,098,085	\$17,603,871	\$18,875,730	\$19,475,559	\$21,042,164	\$6,500,127	44.7%
Undesignated Gifts	\$11,085,108	\$11,309,991	\$11,235,965	\$11,949,775	\$13,306,671	\$13,469,191	\$14,156,639	\$14,919,796	\$14,488,506	\$15,613,035	\$4,527,927	40.8%
Cooperative Program	\$555,746	\$616,306	\$598,181	\$642,201	\$672,804	\$715,029	\$740,507	\$754,006	\$694,237		(\$555,746)	-100.0%
as % of Undesignated	5.0%	5.4%	5.3%	5.4%	5.1%	5.3%	5.2%	5.1%	4.8%			
Associational Giving	\$242,419	\$270,365	\$257,198	\$279,468	\$287,828	\$301,690	\$308,811	\$319,871	\$289,251	\$318,121	\$75,702	31.2%
as % of Undesignated	2.2%	2.4%	2.3%	2.3%	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%	2.1%	2.0%	2.0%		
Tot Msn Exp	\$1,389,958	\$1,947,138	\$1,506,158	\$1,896,756	\$1,922,577	\$1,896,291	\$1,997,285	\$2,231,387	\$2,210,293	\$2,356,815	\$966,857	69.6%
as % of Total Receipts	9.6%	13.3%	10.6%	12.3%	10.9%	11.1%	11.3%	11.8%	11.3%	11.2%		
Annie Armstrong	\$79,029	\$88,246	\$95,400	\$100,832	\$112,455	\$60,624	\$91,961	\$98,885	\$78,303		(\$79,029)	-100.0%
Lottie Moon	\$125,997	\$190,084	\$167,915	\$177,433	\$187,128	\$156,365	\$133,050	\$127,923	\$138,778		(\$125,997)	-100.0%
Missouri Missions Offering	\$14,353	\$19,212	\$20,691	\$25,654	\$25,481	\$24,097	\$29,443	\$29,742	\$30,617		(\$14,353)	-100.0%

2026 TCBA Calendar

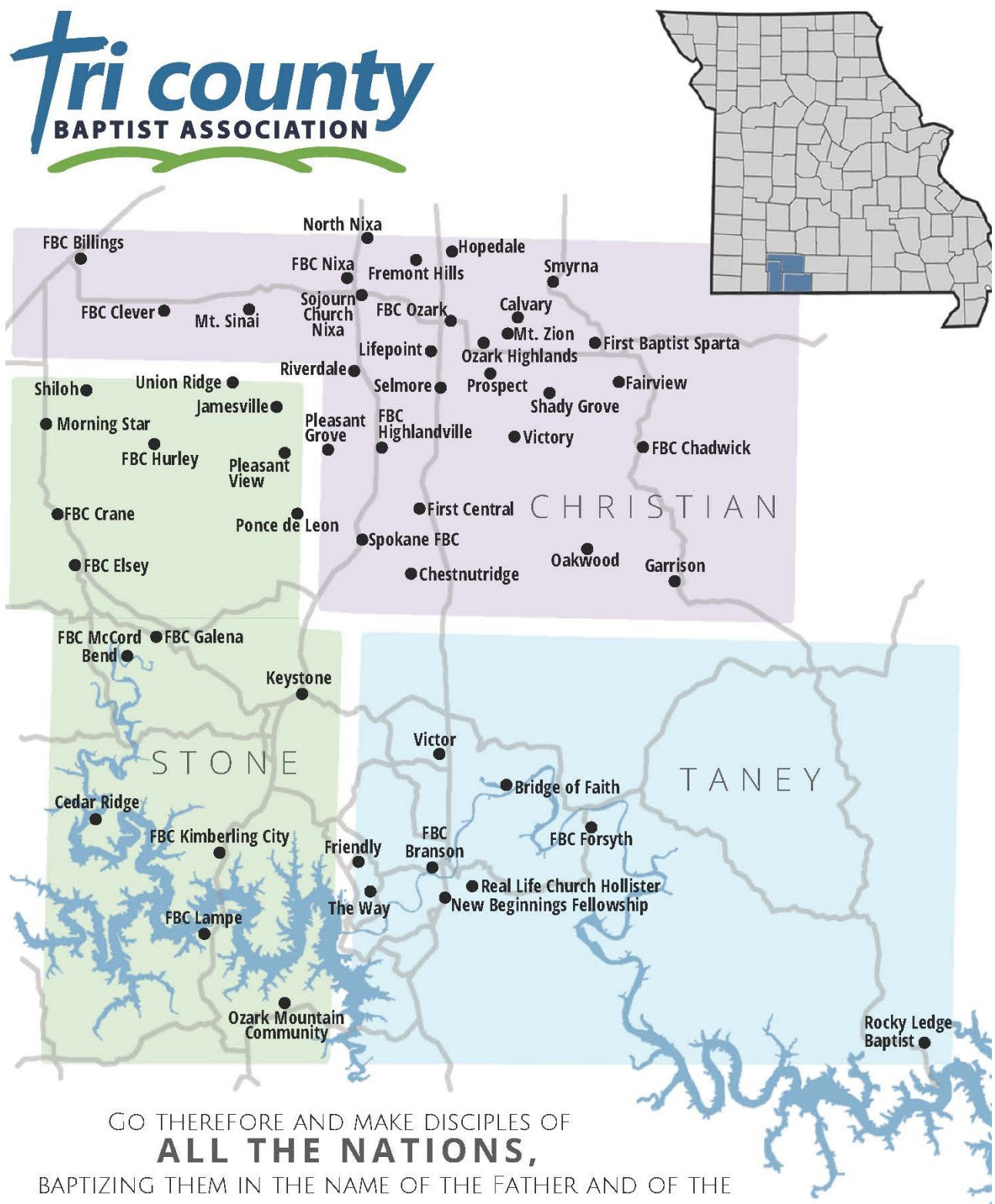
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January		July	
1-2	TCBA Office Closed (New Year's)	6	Independence Day observance Office Closed)
18	Sanctity of Human Life Sunday		
26 6:00p	VBS Pastor/Directors Preview, TCBA Office		
February		September	Missouri Missions Offering
12 11:00a	Administrative Team Mtg, TCBA Office	7	Labor Day (Office Closed)
16 6:00p	Ministry Appreciation Valentine Dinner, Ozark FBC	10 11:00a	Administrative Team Mtg, TCBA office
23 11:00a	Executive Board Meeting, TCBA Office	October	Pastor/Staff Appreciation Month
March		4	Annual Meeting and Church Family and Worship Service, Friendly Baptist, Branson
7	Southwest MO VBS training, FBC Ozark	26-27	MBC Annual Meeting, St. Charles, MO
8	Daylight Saving Time starts	November	
April		1	Daylight Saving Time ends
5	Easter Sunday (HE IS RISEN!)	12 11:00a	Administrative Team Mtg, TCBA office
6	Easter Monday (Office Closed)	23 11:00a	Executive Board Meeting, TCBA office
May		25-27	Thanksgiving Holiday (Office Closed)
7	National Day of Prayer	December	
7	Tri-County Camper Registration Deadline	7 6:00p	Ministry Appreciation Christmas Dinner Ozark FBC
10	Mother's Day	23-Jan 1, 2027	Christmas/New Year (Office closed)
14 11:00a	Administrative Team mtg, TCBA office		
25	Memorial Day (Office Closed)		
June			
1-4	Tri-County Summer Camps		
7-10	SBC Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL		
21	Father's Day		

Churches of Tri-County Southern Baptist Association

GENERAL CHURCH INFO	Physical Address	City	Pastor (Wife)
Billings First Baptist Church	407 NE Pine St	Billings	Rick Washam (Eda)
Branson First Baptist Church	400 S Sunshine St	Branson	Jeremy Thomas (Mandy)
Bridge of Faith Community Church	296 Lake St	Rockaway Beach	Jonathan McGuire (Amy)
Calvary Baptist Church	4195 E McCracken Rd	Ozark	Terry Kendrick (Janice)
Cedar Ridge Baptist Church	742 Buttermilk Spring Rd	Galena	Rich Bitterman (Joy)
Chadwick First Baptist Church	123 S Rose Ave	Chadwick	Bryan Farris (Stacey)
Chestnutridge Baptist Church	State Hwy 176	Chestnutridge	Ron Adrian (Barbara)
Clever First Baptist Church	105 Kennedy Ave	Clever	Luke Harding (Hannah)
Crane First Baptist Church	30 N Hallelujah Dr	Crane	Aragon Wyatt (Niki)
Elsey First Baptist Church	36534 State Hwy 413	Crane	Mac McCully (Nancy)
Fairview Baptist Church	2072 State Highway PP	Sparta	Between Pastors
First Central Baptist Church	794 Hopkins Rd	Highlandville	Wade Bridges (Ferrell)
Forsyth First Baptist Church	10000 State Hwy 76	Forsyth	Jay Todd (Christina)
Fremont Hills Baptist Church	4375 N Fremont Rd	Nixa	Art Hicklin (Ronna)
Friendly Baptist Church	2751 Kirkland Dr	Branson	Monty Dunn (Marilyn)
Galena First Baptist Church	104 W 5th St	Galena	Replanted
Garrison Baptist Church	14583 State Highway 125 S	Garrison	Bally Johnson (Patty)
Highlandville First Baptist Church	3744 State Highway EE	Highlandville	Les Day (LeeAnn)
Hopedale Baptist Church	5370 N State Hwy NN	Ozark	John Henry (Leslie)
Hurley First Baptist Church	5995 State Hwy A	Crane	Larry Winfree (Phyllis)
Jamesville Baptist Church	213 Riverview Rd	Clever	Joe Sisneros (Barbara)
Keystone Baptist Church	150 Keystone Rd	Reeds Spring	Michael O'Sullivan (Heather)
Kimberling City First Baptist Church	161 Heavens Way	Kimberling City	Jeff Hardy (Kim)
Lampe First Baptist Church	67 Highway H	Lampe	Dennis Reynolds (Annell)
LifePoint Church	51 Riverdale Rd	Ozark	Lane Harrison (Christin)
McCord Bend Baptist Church	Caldwell and Gibson	Galena	John Dinger (Mary)
Morning Star Baptist Church	69 Butterfield Trail Rd	Marionville	Lee Parsons
Mt Sinai Baptist Church	156 Mount Sinai Rd	Clever	Matthew Brown (Kailey)
Mt Zion Baptist Church	877 State Hwy JJ	Sparta	Joshua Hall (Angie)
New Beginnings Fellowship	151 Elm St	Hollister	Jonathan Salomon (Tiffany)
Nixa First Baptist Church	601 W Wasson Dr	Nixa	Timothy Haupt (Ashley)
North Nixa Baptist Church	1730 N Hwy CC	Nixa	Travis Edwards (Melissa)
Oakwood Baptist Church	5409 State Highway H	Forsyth	Jonathan Mitchell (Mary)
Ozark First Baptist Church	1400 W Jackson St	Ozark	Phillip Burden (Natalie)
Ozark Highlands Church	1606 S 12th Ave	Ozark	Chris Thixton (Libby)/Rob Epler (Jamie)
Ozark Mountain Community Church	8043 St Hwy 86	Blue Eye	Jason Moore (Ann)
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	121 Tory Creek Rd #67	Highlandville	Nathan Sharon (Betty)
Pleasant View Baptist Church	242 Pleasant View Rd	Highlandville	David Bowden (Reba)
Ponce De Leon Baptist Church	2818 Medical Springs Rd	Ponce de Leon	Between Pastors
Prospect Baptist Church	2932 Old Prospect Rd	Ozark	Jeff Updegraff (Liz)
Real Life Church Hollister	136 Hill Billy Lane	Hollister	Jody Kilburn (Parri)
Riverdale Baptist Church	549 W. Riverdale Rd.	Nixa	Jamie Bilyeu (Stacy)
Rocky Ledge Baptist Church	173 Clarkson Rd	Protom	Tony Robbins (Dorothy)
Selmore Baptist Church	4768 Selmore Rd	Ozark	Jacob Collins (Shyla)
Shady Grove Baptist Church	1592 Hodges Rd	Sparta	Zach Hartgraves (Michelle)
Shiloh Baptist Church	1094 Shiloh Church Rd	Marionville	Brad Wells (Amanda)
Smyrna Baptist Church	3401 Smyrna Rd	Rogersville	Between Pastors
Sojourn Church	204 S Smalley St	Nixa	David Pearson (Kelly)
Sparta First Baptist Church	330 Millbrooke Drive	Sparta	Duane Smith (Denise)
Spokane First Baptist Church	773 Spokane Rd	Spokane	Randall Harwood (Cheryle)
The Way Baptist Church	949 State Hwy 165	Branson	Michael Head (Jan)
Union Ridge Baptist Church	6047 State Hwy M	Clever	Mearl Laswell (Beverly)
Victor Baptist Church	1115 Victor Church Rd	Branson	Kenny Robinette (Carol)
Victory Baptist Church	5058 State Hwy W	Ozark	Danny Decker (Sarah)

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



GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF
ALL THE NATIONS,
 BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE
 SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL
 THINGS THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU; AND LO, I AM WITH YOU
 ALWAYS, EVEN TO THE END OF THE AGE.

[MATTHEW 28:19-20]



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