

Sullivan Baptist Association
Executive Team Quarterly Business Meeting Minutes
West Colonial Hills Baptist Church
Thursday, May 5, 2016, 10 am.

The Executive Team of the Sullivan Baptist Association met on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at West Colonial Hills Baptist Church. Those in attendance were:

Executive Team: David Anglin, Moderator, Pastor, *CrossLife*; Keith Snodgrass, Pastor, *New Fellowship*; David Fields, Lay Rep, *CrossLife*; Matt Pollock, Lay Rep, *Crosspoint*; Greg Doeblor, Pastor, *Crosspoint*; Donnie Brannen, Pastor, *Calvary*; Wes Rankin, Pastor, *West Colonial Hills*; Ancel Presnell, Pastor, *Strong Tower*; John Cottle, Lay Rep, *West View*; Mike Stout, Pastor, *West View*; David Smith, Pastor, *Orebank*; Jerry Headrick, Lay Rep, *Litz Manor*; **Officers:** Rick Hill, Parliamentarian, *Calvary*; **SBA Teams:** Jeff Palmeter, Constitution & Credentials Team Chairmen, *Tri-Cities*; **SBA Staff:** Chris Alford, *Associational Missionary*; Christy Brister, *Ministry Assistant*; **Guests:** Brian Hensley, Pastor, *1 Church*;

David Anglin, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

The minutes from the March 3, 2016 meeting presented and approved as written.

Christy Brister, Ministry Assistant, presented the financial report. It was approved as written.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Disaster Relief:

David Anglin pointed out the report in the packet. **See Attachment A**

PARTNER MINISTRIES:

Prison & Jail Ministry:

David Anglin pointed out the report in the packet. **See Attachment B**

TEAM REPORTS:

CONSTITUTION & CREDENTIALS TEAM REPORT:

Jeff Palmeter presented the recommendation from the Constitution & Credentials Team to accept 1Church into watchcare. The motion was seconded and approved. **See Attachment C**

MINISTRY REPORTS:

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY'S REPORT:

Chris Alford presented his report. **See Attachment D**

MISCELLANEOUS: No miscellaneous business was submitted for the meeting. The next scheduled Executive Team meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 6:30 pm. Location to be announced as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Submitted by Christy Brister, Ministry Assistant

Date Approved: _____

Attachment A

DISASTER RELIEF REPORT

Submitted to the Executive Team of the SBA

May 5, 2016

During this quarter, several of your Disaster Relief Team members served in Arnold, MO due to the recent flooding.

We continued working on completion of the dental trailer. It has been named Appalachian Miles for Smiles. It is a joint campaign with RAM and the United Way, with the labor being provided by the DR Team.

We have already started using the dental trailer. Our first stop was April 13th in Wise, VA. We saw 21 patients. Then on April 15th, we assisted at Helping Hands and saw 27 veterans. On April 28th – 30th, we assisted with a 3-day RAM Clinic in Marian, VA.

Thank you for prayers and continued support of the SBA Disaster Relief Team.

Submitted by,
Jim Ramey
SBA Disaster Relief Coordinator

Attachment B

PRISON AND JAIL MINISTRY REPORT

Submitted to the Executive Team of the SBA

May 5, 2016

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Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

We had good services at the jail and prisons. We have had many rededicate their life back to the Lord and have had several professions of faith. We were able to provide Mother's Day cards, and stamps; as well as, many other cards to the jail and prison. We were able to provide paper, pencils, and Bibles to the Jail. We have been able to provide personal care items at Morgan County for those that are indigent. We have sent out many Bibles and Bible Studies to those who write requesting them.

Thank you for your support allowing me to be used by the Lord to help inmates. Thank You for your many prayers for my health. Thank you all for all you do to help further the preaching of the Gospel to the men behind bars.

If I can be a help, please let me know. Please keep me in your prayers.

Your Servant in Christ,

Chaplain Elmo Owens

Where's Elmo

Wednesday – Hope Haven Mission
Thursday – Sullivan Co. Jail
First Saturday – North East Work Camp
First Sunday- AM Sullivan Co. Jail / PM Maple Oaks
Third Sunday – Morgan County Prison
Fourth Sunday – North East Prison

Attachment C

Constitution & Credentials Team
Submitted to the Executive Team of the SBA
May 5, 2016

It is recommended that 1Church be placed on Watchcare. The Constitution and Credentials team has met with leaders, and have reviewed some of its documents and have concluded that their assembly is sound in its doctrine and functional in its structure.

They are conservative in their theology and effectively progressive in their methodology. Their alignment is within Southern Baptist expectations because of their agreement with the Baptist Faith & Message.

They are attracted to the vision of the Sullivan Baptist Association and will be supporting us financially, have already been attending pastor roundtables, and have been receiving coaching from several SBA churches. They desire to partner with the association churches to exchange ideas and work together in the mission of reaching Every Man, Woman, and child. Their leadership appears to be solid with a Biblical foundation. Their membership process has a strong New Testament premise. The leadership orally conveys the necessary practice of proactive church discipline.

1Church is an intentional plant of Ridge View Baptist Church in our neighboring association. Their core team is composed of sent members from Ridge View, their worship leader was sent by Litz Manor, and their target is the unchurched.

1Church's leadership has been receiving coaching from the SBA and the TBC. Their funding is through their mother church, the TBC, and a handful of other supporting churches. At all meetings with the church planter, they have been openly transparent about the church, its vision, and mission.

Submitted by,
Jeff Palmeter
Constitution & Credentials Member

Attachment D

Report of the Associational Missionary

To the Executive Committee of the Sullivan Baptist Association

May 5th, 2016

Personal Report

Last month I had the privilege of meeting with 75 Associational Missionaries from around the country in Atlanta at NAMB headquarters. NAMB is striving to improve its communication with associations and churches.

A few highlights:

- 900 SBC churches will close this year, but we are predicting 1200 new church plants. This is the first year that we are adding more than we are closing in sometime.
- NAMB predicts that 15% of our churches are on life support and are likely to close in the next 5-10 years. (that's approx. 6000+ churches)
- Every Assoc. Missionary I spoke with had more than 1 church they expected to close its doors this year.
- NAMB is working hard to (they will be releasing some information at the convention) update our Relief strategies and engage a new generation in Disaster Relief. Leveraging our Relief Strategies for Gospel Saturation.
- Church Planting and Church Revitalization is at the forefront of their mission and strategy.

After 18-20 months, we finally closed on the Retreat Center. We received the initial payment and will be receiving 4 annual payments starting next year.

This summer we will be working with our teams and churches to establish a clear missional focus for the fall and 2017.

Submitted
by Chris Alford

Connect 1: A Great Fall Evangelistic Campaign based on Sunday School and/or Small Groups.



May 24th at 6:30pm, location Litz Manor.
rsvp by May 15th