

**Sullivan Baptist Association**  
**Executive Team Quarterly Business Meeting Minutes**  
Lynn Garden Baptist Church  
Thursday, September 3, 2015, 10:00 a.m.

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The Executive Team of the Sullivan Baptist Association met on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at Lynn Garden Baptist Church. Those in attendance were:

**Executive Committee:** Tiger Brooks, Moderator, *Indian Springs*; Donnie Brannen, Pastor, *Calvary*; Wes Rankin, Pastor, *West Colonial Hills*; Rick Meade, Pastor, *Lynn Garden*; Gawain Pearman, Lay Rep, *Lynn Garden*; Greg Doebler, Pastor, *Crosspoint*; Matt Pollock, Lay Rep, *Crosspoint*; Keith Snodgrass, Pastor, *New Fellowship*; Kristina Alford, Lay Rep, *Agua de Vida*; **Department Directors:** Elmo Owens, Prison & Jail Ministry, *West View*; **SBA Staff:** Chris Alford, *Associational Missionary*; Christy Brister, *Ministry Assistant*; **Guests:** Brian Hensley, Pastor, *1 Church*

Rev. Tiger Brooks, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. He recognized Rick Meade, Pastor, Lynn Garden to begin the meeting with a brief devotion and welcome. He then led in prayer.

The minutes from the previous meetings were presented and approved as written.

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

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Disaster Relief:** Tiger Brooks pointed out the report in Jim Ramey's absence. He noted that Jim Ramey had been dealing with health issues and asked the members to pray for him.

**See Attachment A**

**Prison & Jail Ministry:** Elmo Owens presented his report.

**See Attachment B**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Nominating Team:** Wes Rankin pointed out the nominating team report in the packet. He stated that the team was working to fill the two vacant positions before the Annual Meeting.

**See Attachment C**

**Personnel Team:** Tiger Brooks pointed out the report.

**See Attachment D**

**Program Team:** Tiger Brooks pointed out the report in the packet.

**See Attachment E**

**Stewardship & Finance Team:** Tiger Brooks presented the proposed budget for 2015-2016. Chris Alford discussed the addition of three new expenses lines (6019, 6021, and 6305) that focus on ministry opportunities.

**See Attachment F**

**Team on Teams:** Tiger Brooks presented the report. He noted that the team hopes to have the vacant positions filled before the annual meeting. Chris noted that Jeff Palmeter, Tri-Cities, had just agreed to fill the position for the Constitution & Credentials Team. Donnie Brannen, Calvary, noted that his name was misspelled on the report.

**See Attachment G**

## **MINISTRY REPORTS:**

### **ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY'S REPORT:**

Chris Alford presented his report to the Executive Team. Donnie Brannen questioned if the Kingsport Roundtables were scheduled for Tuesdays. Chris stated that that was a typographical error and that the Roundtables are scheduled for Thursdays.

**See Attachment H**

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

Greg Doebler, Crosspoint, stated the church had moved Matt Pollock to a full-time pastoral position. Chris Alford welcomed Keith Snodgrass as the new pastor of New Fellowship Ministries. He also recognized Brian Hensley, who is planting a church in the Bloomingdale area.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m. The meeting was dismissed after Chris Alford led in a time of prayer, at the altar, for every man, woman, and child.

Submitted by Christy Brister, Ministry Assistant

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**DISASTER RELIEF REPORT**

Submitted to the Executive Team of the SBA

September 3, 2015

June 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, twelve of your SBA Disaster Relief team members travelled to New York to help with the closing stages of the Hurricane Sandy re-build efforts. The DR team members assisted by cooking and several of the members were assigned as crew chiefs overseeing teams from Alabama and South Carolina. After the coordinators closed the re-build efforts in New York, they moved their operation to Warren, MI to help with the continued efforts in that area.

I have continued to work with TBC Disaster Relief Council and will be meeting with the new Disaster Relief Coordinator, Wes Jones.

Please continue to pray for your Disaster Relief Team and please pray for me. I have been having some recent problems with kidney stones.

Submitted by,  
Jim Ramey  
SBA Disaster Relief Coordinator

Attachment B

**PRISON AND JAIL MINISTRY REPORT**  
Submitted to the Executive Team of the SBA  
September 3, 2015

The Starting Point, Inc.

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August 31, 2015

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

These last few months have been blessed by the Lord, we have had several saved and rededications at the Jail and Prison. We also had good attendance in all services. We have had a number requested for Bibles and Bible Studies that we were able to fill these past months. We purchased 5 cases of Bibles for the Jail and as always we were able to provide paper, pencils, Cards and envelopes and Christian reading material at the jail. As always these things give us an opportunity to see the inmates, talk to them about the Lord, and invite them to the Church Services. It is all made possible by your faithful support. Thank you for caring so much for the inmates.

Only God knows all that has been accomplished by His Grace.

If I can be of help to anyone, please feel free to call.

Thank you for all your prayers and support. Keep us in your prayers.

Chaplain Elmo

Where's Elmo

Wednesday – Hope Haven Mission  
Thursday – Sullivan Co. Jail  
First Saturday – NECC Annex – (Carter County Work Camp)  
First Sunday- AM Sullivan Co. Jail / PM Maple Oaks  
Third Sunday – Morgan County Prison  
Fourth Sunday – NECC Prison

**NOMINATING TEAM**  
Submitted to the Executive Team of the SBA  
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The Nominating Team would like to present the following slate of officers and department directors for the Sullivan Baptist Association 2015 - 2016 year. The officers and department directors will be formally nominated and presented for vote at the SBA Annual Meeting on October 22, 2015.

**Officers**

- Moderator.....David Anglin, CrossLife
- Assistant Moderator..... *(still awaiting a reply, will announce before annual meeting)*
- Clerk..... *(just resigned, will announce before annual meeting)*
- Treasurer.....Gene Mermilliod, Tri-Cities
- Assistant Treasurer.....Meta Headrick, Litz Manor
- Parliamentarian.....Rick Hill, Calvary

**Department Directors**

- Disaster Relief.....Jim Ramey, Sullivan
- Women’s Missionary Union.....Teresa Larkin, Sullivan

**Supported Ministries**

- Prison & Jail Ministry.....Elmo Owens, West View

Submitted by,  
Wes Rankin, Member

**PERSONNEL TEAM**

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**It is the review and recommendation of the Personal Committee:**

- We have proposed and approved giving Christy a 3% raise.
- We have also proposed and approved NOT raising Chris Alford's salary (per his request), but helping out with phone reimbursement (\$300) & an extra \$500 to the Convention/Missions/Conference budget line.

Those items alone were the only changes for the SBA personnel and they have been approved.

Submitted by,  
Dustin Allman, Chairman

**PROGRAM TEAM**

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Calvary Baptist Church  
October 22, 2015  
6:00 - 8:00 pm  
Rev. Tiger Brooks, Presiding

Worship.....

Welcome and Scripture.....

Call to Order.....Tiger Brooks

Seating of Messengers and Constituting of Body.....Tiger Brooks

Adoption of Program.....Tiger Brooks

Adoption of Calendar.....Christy Brister

Recognition of Department Leaders (Vote to accept reports on pages 12-14).....Tiger Brooks

Worship.....

Committee Reports

    Finance (p. ).....David Anglin

    Nominating (p. ).....Wes Rankin

    Team on Teams (p. ).....Jerry Headrick

Worship.....

Ministry Reports

    Disaster Relief.....Jim Ramey

    State Area Coordinator.....Joe Sorah

    State of the Association.....Chris Alford

Worship.....

    Annual Sermon.....Josh Carter

    Prayer.....Chris Alford

    Adjournment .....Tiger Brooks

*Many thanks to Calvary Baptist Church  
for hosting our meeting.*

David Fields, Member

**TEAM ON TEAMS REPORT**  
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Team on Teams (Moderator Appointed)

- Jerry Headrick, Litz Manor
- David Smith, Orebank
- Dan Peterson, Circle J

Constitution and Credentials Team

- Richard Kelly, New Journey at Bethel (2016)
- Kim Pratt, Walker's Fork (2017)
- (2018)

Personnel Team

- Ancel Presnell, Strong Tower (2016)
- Dustin Allman, Fort Robinson (2017)
- Tiger Brooks, Indian Springs (2018)

Missions Team

- Dave Odham, Cedar Grove (2016)
- Eddie Lane, Higher Ground (2017)
- (2018)

Stewardship & Finance Team

- (2016)
- Wes Rankin, West Colonial Hills (2017)
- Chad Nixon, Indian Springs Glenwood (2018)

Nominating Team

- Keith Snodgrass, New Fellowship (2016)
- Randy Perciful, Taylor (2017)
- Donnie Brannen, Calvary (2018)

Program Team

- Ron Bradshaw, Summersville (2016)
- David Fields, CrossLife (2017)
- Neal Hartley, West Colonial Hills (2018)

Jerry Headrick, Member



# Report of the Acting Associational Missionary

To the Executive Team of the Sullivan Baptist Association

September 3, 2015

## Personal Report

I was once told that summer months are the slower months for pastors. I'm pretty sure that whoever told me that didn't know what they were talking about or lied to me.

In July, Kristina and I had the privilege to visit with Josh Carter, our church planter in Portland and meet with some kingdom minded people in the Seattle area. The need out west is vast. I encourage each of our churches to look and see how they might be able to partner to penetrate the spiritual darkness out west.

Please feel free to call me at any time, 423-765-3232 or email at [chris@chrisalford.org](mailto:chris@chrisalford.org). If you call, please leave a message.

**Leadership Coaching** has been an area of need this summer as we have helped coach through conflict, staffing issues, pastoral searches, and personal growth.

**Our Roundtables** took a break over the summer but kicked back off this past month.

The Johnson City roundtable had 20ish pastors and leaders come together to connect, share, inspire, and equip one another.

The Kingsport Roundtable floundered some last spring. However, at a kickoff gathering in August, 7 pastors got together to pray and envision the future of this roundtable. I'm excited about the future direction in Kingsport and I believe that we have a great group of guys ready to lead it.

*Kingsport Roundtable - 10am, 2nd Tuesday @ The Bagel Exchange*

*Johnson City Roundtable - 10am, 3rd Thursday @ CrossLife Church in Sept.*

## Missions

Several SBA leaders are working toward a long-term partnership with churches in Nicaragua. I'm headed out along with Wes Rankin and New Vision this month to lead a Pastors Conference in Nicaragua. Please pray that we can be of encouragement to these Nicaraguan pastors. If you would like more information, contact Chris Alford

by Chris Alford