

**Sullivan Baptist Association**  
**Executive Team Quarterly Business Meeting Minutes**  
CrossLife Church  
Thursday, March 5, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

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The Executive Team of the Sullivan Baptist Association was scheduled to meet on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at CrossLife Church. Those in attendance were:

**Executive Team:**

Due to inclement weather conditions the Executive Team meeting of the Sullivan Baptist Association decided to cancel this meeting. The submitted reports were emailed to the churches. The submitted reports are attached.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Disaster Relief:**

**See Attachment A**

**Prison & Jail Ministry:**

**See Attachment B**

**MINISTRY REPORTS:**

**ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY'S REPORT:**

**See Attachment C**

Submitted by Christy Brister, Ministry Assistant

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

**Attachment A**

**DISASTER RELIEF REPORT**

Submitted to the Executive Team of the SBA

March 5, 2015

Currently, I am still serving on the Search Team for David Acres' replacement as the TBC Disaster Relief Coordinator. Mike Overcash is serving as the Interim Disaster Relief Coordinator while we are searching.

I attended the National Roundtable in Portland, OR; January 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>.

I will be heading up Disaster Relief training in Oneida, TN; March 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. We will follow that by taking a chainsaw crew to FBC, Jamestown, TN.

We will also take a weeklong trip to New York to help with the continuing Sandy recovery efforts in June.

If anyone knows a truck electrician, please call me at 423-579-2435. We have an electrical short in the orange and white truck that is draining the battery.

Thanks and we ask your continued prayers for your Disaster Relief Ministry.

Submitted by:

Jim Ramey

Disaster Relief Coordinator

**Attachment B**

**PRISON AND JAIL MINISTRY REPORT**

Submitted to the Executive Team of the SBA

March 5, 2015

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

These last months have been very rewarding in the service of the Lord. We have seen the Lord move in marvelous ways. There have been several saved at the Jail and prison and many rededications. The Christmas Cards and stamps for the jail and prison all went well and the men were so thankful that they were not forgotten. By your support, we were able to provide Valentine's Day cards at the jail. We have had many requested for Bible Studies and Bibles and Bible based reading material and planners that we mailed out. We have also been able to provide personal care items for those indigent in T Com at Morgan Co. By your support, we have been able to continue to provide paper, pencils cards and envelopes at the jail which is a real blessing to the men. We are preparing for the Mother's Day cards; so, if anyone would like to help with stamps it would greatly be appreciated.

I have been having antibody infusions to help my immune system so please keep me in prayer.

If I can be of any help, please let me know. 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 County Jail - PM. Maple Oaks  
Third Sunday – Morgan County Prison  
Fourth Sunday- NECC Prison

## Attachment C

# **Report of the Associational Missionary** Submitted to the Executive Team of the SBA **March 5, 2015**

It's hard to believe that we are already facing the Spring time change and that Easter Sunday is just 30 days away. Let's be in prayer for our church's Easter guests who may not yet know Jesus as their Savior.

It excites me to say that the State of our Association is good. Allow me to share just a few of the reasons I believe that our association is moving in a good direction.

- Financially, we have stabilized and are moving upward.
- Some strained relationships have been improved or repaired.
- Several of our churches are experiencing seasons of renewal and growth.
- We recently partnered in hosting a successful "NAMB Churches Planting Churches training.
- Several of our local leaders have been trained and approved to do TBC Church Planting assessments.
- We've seen new collaboration amongst our churches in church planting, church revitalization, missions, youth events, outreach events, and leadership training.
- There has been some new interest from some churches to partner with Disaster Relief.

Of course, just like any organization some things still could be better, but overall I believe that our association is in a good place and headed towards even better things.

Please pray for four of our churches that are seeking new leadership. Walker's Fork, Higher Ground, New Fellowship, and New Journey at Bethel are prayerfully seeking new pastors. I hope that we will join them in praying that God will cross their paths with the right leader for the next season of their churches mission.

I do want to encourage you to participate in the RoundTables. They are becoming a great source of encouragement, fellowship, and often times give birth to new opportunities for ministry collaboration.

If you get a chance, take a moment to glance at our new (still under construction) website at [www.sullivanba.org](http://www.sullivanba.org).

It is an honor and a privilege to serve Jesus with each of you.

Chris Alford  
Associational Missionary