

# **Morgan Baptist Association**

## **Book of Reports**

Monday, October 25, 2021  
Westmeade Baptist Church  
Decatur, AL



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**Morgan Baptist Association  
2021 Annual Meeting  
October 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.  
Westmeade Baptist Church**

Registration ..... 5:30 p.m.  
Video Presentation of Reports ..... 5:30 p.m.  
Convene.....Randy Ashley 6:00 p.m.  
Welcome.....Justin McAlpin  
Special Music ..... Westmeade Singers & Band  
New Name Written Down In Glory

Prayer .....Spencer Bell  
Call to Order and Seating of Messengers.....Randy Ashley  
Approve Order of Business .....Justin McAlpin

**MBA COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance Report ..... Walter Blackman  
Personnel Committee Report ..... Book of Reports  
Time, Place, Preacher Report .....Greg Compton

**MINISTRY REPORTS**

The following teams have a ministry report in the Book of Reports.

Pastors Conference	Service Team	Raceway Ministries
English and More	Baptist Campus Ministries	Disaster Relief
WMU	Trustees	Moderator's Report
Caring Place	Sycamore Bargain Center	

**Alabama Entities/State Reports**

Alabama Baptist Children's Home .....Book of Reports  
The Alabama Baptist.....Book of Reports  
ALCAP/American Character Builders.....Book of Reports  
Video Presentation..... Rick Lance  
Alabama State Board of Missions Church Planter .....Annel Robayna  
Congregation Hymn ..... Gospel Medley  
Are You Washed in the Blood ....I'll Fly Away....I Saw The Light

**Morgan Baptist Association Business**

New Business.....Randy Ashley  
Resolutions.....Walter Blackman  
Budget Committee.....Walter Blackman  
Nominating Committee.....Joe Bailey  
Credentials Committee.....Tom Campbell

Director of Missions Report .....Ken Blackwood  
New Pastors.....Ken Blackwood  
Special Music.....Unto The Lamb  
Evening Message.....Dr. Scotty Hogan  
Closing Congregation Hymn .....How Great Thou Art  
Adjourn/Closing Prayer .....A. Ray Lee

# Association Church List

## Morgan Baptist Association

Congregation	Pastor	Phone	Email / Website	Address
Austinville First Baptist Church	Randy Berry	(256) 355-8501	churchoffice@fbcaustinville.org	521 Austinville Rd SW , Decatur, AL 35601-5813
Bell Springs		256-734-9248	jerryfreeman@bellsouth.net	91 Bell Springs Rd , Falkville, AL 35622
Bellview Baptist Church	Dr Alan Queen	(256) 350-7547	bcdccatur@gmail.com www.bellviewdecat.org	5539 Old Moulton Rd , Decatur, AL 35603-3847
Bethlehem Baptist	Rev Greg Barbee	(256) 773-5042	glbarbee@gmail.com	635 Highway 36 E , Hartselle, AL 35640-4739
Blue Springs Baptist Church	Rev Richard Richie	(256) 778-1020	richie@hotmail.com	385 Blue Springs Rd , Somerville, AL 35670
Cave Spring Baptist Church	Brandon Lewis	(256) 350-5410	secretary@thebsbc.com thebsbc.com	187 E. Cave Spring Road , Decatur, AL 35603-6031
Cedar Ridge Baptist Church	Rev M. Chuck Bass	(256) 355-1155	chuckbass@bellsouth.net	2612 Modaus Rd SW , Decatur, AL 35603-4206
Central Baptist Church	Dr Rob Hatfield	(256) 353-5912	central@cbcdccatur.org www.cbcdccatur.org	2801 Highway 31 South , Decatur, AL 35603-1509
Central Park Baptist Church	Dr Matthew Haines	(256) 355-4628	ken@centralparkbaptist.org www.centralparkbaptist.org	2020 Westmead St SW , Decatur, AL 35601-4630
Chapel	Jerry Garrison	(256) 898-5389	jerrygarrison430@yahoo.com	1816 Chestnut St SE , Decatur, AL 35601
Danville	Rev Joe Bailey	(256) 773-5079	joe@danvillebaptist.org www.danvillebaptist.org	5944 Highway 36 W , Danville, AL 35619-6633
Decatur Baptist	Rev Joe McKaig	(256) 353-8579	dbchurch@decaturbaptist.org www.decaturbaptist.org	2527 Danville Road SW , Decatur, AL 35603
Decatur First	Rev Blake Kersey	(256) 353-0423	fbcdccatur@fbcdccatur.org www.fbcdccatur.org	123 Church St NE , Decatur, AL 35601-1731
Deer Springs Baptist Church	Rev Greg Alred	(256) 303-9696	jialred@charter.net	4961 US Highway 31 S , Decatur, AL 35603-5011
East Highland Baptist Church	Rev Walter Blackman	(256) 773-4157	wblackman@easthighlandbaptist.com www.ehbc.church	1030 Main St E , Hartselle, AL 35640-2030
First Baptist Church Falkville	Rev Stephen Cannon	(256) 784-5827	fbcfalk@gmail.com www.fbcdccatur.org	305 E Main St , Falkville, AL 35622-5247
Fellowship Baptist Church		(256) 355-8414	info@fellowshipdecat.org www.fellowshipdecat.org	2709 Setter Ave , Decatur, AL 35603-2401
Flint Baptist Church	Rev Wendell Bennett	(256) 353-7429	flintbaptistchurch@att.net www.flintbc.org	4119 US Highway 31 S , Decatur, AL 35603-1643
Forest Hill Baptist Church	Jon-Allen stanley	(256) 355-4900	www.foresthillbaptistchurchsomerville.org	1947 Bluff City Rd , Somerville, AL 35670
Grace Point	Rev Jack Bailey	(256) 778-0115	cedmonson30@charter.net www.gracepointbaptist.com	190 Eva Rd , Somerville, AL 35670
Oak Park Baptist Church	Rev Orville Collins	(256) 355-3790		
Gum Springs	Mr Spencer Bell		gumspingsbaptist@gmail.com	371 Gum Springs Rd , Hartselle, AL 35640-6825
Hartselle First	Dr Clayton Speed	(256) 773-5500	info@fbchart.org www.fbchart.org	210 Woodland St NW , Hartselle, AL 35640-2346
Highland Baptist Church	Rev Fred Childs	(256) 498-3084	contact@highland-baptist.net http://www.highland-baptist.net/	23 Highland Ave , Lacey's Spring, AL 35754
Hopewell	Rev Thomas Erb	(256) 773-8123		416 Hopewell Rd , Danville, AL 35619-6857



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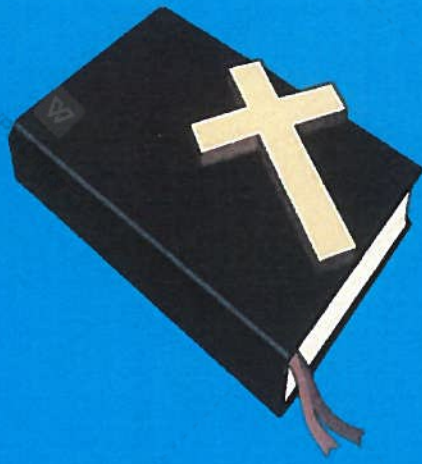
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La Casa Del Senior	Rev Miguel Martinez	(256) 489-7133		Laceys Spring,
Lebanon	Dr Randy Ashley	(256) 784-5841	rashley@centurylink.net www.lebanonbaptistfalkville.org	1255 Highway 55 W , Falkville, AL 35622-5812
Liberty Baptist	Rev Hershel Harvel	(256) 773-1620	LHarvel75@charter.net	1206 Lane Rd NW , Hartselle, AL 35640-8506
Lifepoint Baptist Church	Mr Gabe Ross	(256) 351-1646	info@lpdecat.com www.lpdecat.com	250 Johnston St SE , Decatur, AL 35601-2536
Light of Life	Rev Chuck Hill			
Mt Carmel	Mr Terry Nappier	(256) 339-5608	tanap49@gmail.com	287 Mt. Carmel Road , Falkville, AL 35622
Mt Nebo Baptist Church	Rev Greg Compton	(256) 462-3250	gregoryk.compton@att.net	860 Mt. Nebo Rd , Falkville, AL 35622
Mt View Missionary Baptist Church	Mr Eric Thomas	(256) 482-3855	erichthomas.prbc@gmail.com	283 Wilson Mountain Rd. , Falkville, AL 35622-9999
Mt Zion	Dr Jerome Ward	(256) 773-8997	http://mtzionhartselle.com/ churchoffice@mtzionhartselle.com	250 Mount Zion Rd , Hartselle, AL 35640-8406
New Beginnings Baptist church	Rev Clyde Ledlow	(256) 565-5504	churchoffice@mtzionhartselle.com	2248 Kookan Ave SW , Decatur, AL 35601
New Canaan	Mr Robert Cruise	(256) 498-2033	info.newcanaanbaptistchurch@gmail.com	2204 Union Hill Rd , Somerville, AL 35670-6617
New Center Baptist Church	Rev Benjamin Bates	(256) 773-8733	http://www.newcanaan.org	587 Church Rd , Hartselle, AL 35640-5504
New Friendship	Dr Fred Bueto	(256) 350-2858	www.newcenterbaptist.org	1145 Friendship Rd , Somerville, AL 35670-3734
New Salem	Mr Frankie Flack	(256) 586-2109		590 Center Grove Rd , Somerville, AL 35670-6573
Oak Forest				Upper River Rd. , Somerville, AL 35670
Oak Ridge	Rev Jimmy Chenault	(256) 654-1299		151 Hardy Rd , Hartselle, AL 35640
Parkview Baptist Church	Rev Jimmy Meek	(256) 353-7124	jimmy.meek@parkviewdecat.com www.parkviewdecat.com	305 Beltline Pl SW , Decatur, AL 35603-1713
Pine Ridge	Rev Kenneth Smith	(256) 506-5947	agken@otelco.net	1408 Pine Ridge Rd , Union Grove, AL 35175-5022
Pines	Rev Travis Grayson	(256) 550-2423	https://www.facebook.com/PinesBaptistSomerville/	911 Pines Church Rd , Somerville, AL 35670-6288
Pleasant Hill	Rev Chris Martin	(256) 351-0078	brochris62@gmail.com www.phbdcdecat.com	772 Pleasant Hill Rd , Decatur, AL 35603-3524
Pleasant Valley Baptist Church	Rev James Evans	(256) 355-7770		550 Bird Spring Rd SW , Hartselle, AL 35640
Point Mallard Pkwy.	Rev JD Thorne	(256) 355-4057	info@pmpbc.com pmpbc.com	3518 Indian Hills Rd SE , Decatur, AL 35603-5114
River City Baptist Church	Rev Royce Teague	(256) 306-4440		3223 Old River Road SE , Decatur, AL 35603
Rock Creek	Rev Randy Sellers	(256) 482-3537		3036 Lawrence Cove Road , Eva, AL 35621-9999
Rock Springs	Rev Greg Begemann	(256) 339-0698	www.rockcreeksbc.org rockspringshartselle@gmail.com www.rschurch.com	525 Rock Springs Road , Hartselle, AL 35640-1292

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Ryan Baptist Church	Mr Terry Hudson	(256) 586-6711	www.ryanbaptistchurch.com	11136 Highway 67 South , Joppa, AL 35087
Serenity	Rev Earl Holt	(256) 353-0227	www.serenitybaptist.org	1062 Perkinwood Rd , Hartselle, AL 35640
Shady Grove	Rev Thomas Campbell	(256) 773-5648	sgbc@shadygrovebc.net	2156 Iron Man Rd , Danville, AL 35619-6313
Shiloh	Dr Charles Owens	(256) 778-8627	info@shilohchurch.info www.shilohchurch.info	3941 Hwy 36 E , Somerville, AL 35670
Shoal Creek Baptist Church	Rev Mahlon LeCroix	(256) 353-7956	Lynn@shoalcreekbaptist.org shoalcreekbaptist.org	1077 Shoal Creek Rd , Decatur, AL 35603-6505
Sixteenth Avenue Baptist Church				
South Chapel Hill Baptist Church	Billy Hayes	(256) 353-8277		
Southside Baptist Church	Christopher Campbell	(256) 353-8814	info@southsidebaptist.net www.southsidebaptist.net	709 9th St. SE , Decatur, AL 35601-4219
Southwest Baptist Church	Greg Burcham	(256) 773-5994	jdbutterfly1990@gmail.com	1705 Ridgedale Dr SW , Hartselle, AL 35640-3726
Stoney Acres	Rev Dewey Morgan			
Trinity Baptist Church	Rev Jamin Grubbs	(256) 355-4801	www.tbctrinity.org	1281 Old Highway 24 , Trinity, AL 35673
Tunsel Road Baptist Church	Rev Tim McCormick	(256) 595-3420	50timmccormick@gmail.com	1405 Tunsel Rd SW , Hartselle, AL 35640
Unity Baptist Church	Rev Joel Snyder	(256) 340-2491	sjohnson305@charter.net	4506 Norris Mill Rd SW , Decatur, AL 35603-4738
Valhermoso Springs Baptist Church	Rev Craye Hall	(256) 778-0033		7312 Highway 36 E , Laceys Spring, AL 35754
Vestavia Hills	Dr Joe Holmes	(256) 350-9244	www.valhermosobaptist.org	3301 Spring Ave SW , Decatur, AL 35603-1226
Walden Chapel Baptist Church	Rev Barry Cater	(256) 773-6399	http://WaldenChapel.com	1325 Liberty Rd , Danville, AL 35619-6077
Walnut Grove	Rev John Bain	(256) 654-1160	johnnbain@charter.net WalnutGroveBaptistChurch.net	622 South Bethel Rd , Decatur, AL 35603-5808
West Hartselle Baptist Church	Rev Greg Lee	(256) 773-6086	office@westhartselle.com	1640 Main St W , Hartselle, AL 35640-8547
West Point	Rev Harry Saint			901 West Point Rd , Somerville, AL 35670
Westmeade Baptist Church	Rev Justin McAlpin	(256) 353-8239	office@westmeadebaptist.org www.westmeadebaptist.org	2030 Beltline Rd SW , Decatur, AL 35601-5516



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### **Committee/Ministry Reports**





The Morgan Baptist Personnel Committee recommends a 2% Cost of Living increase for Personnel for the 2022 MBA Budget, as well as commends Ken Blackwood for 5 years of faithful service as Director of Missions & Ministries.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>MBA DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS</b>		
-Salary <i>(Including Salary, Housing Allowance &amp; Social Security offset. Minister would have discretion as to dividing up salary/housing allowance.)</i>	\$73,658	\$75,131
-Protection & Benefits		
<i>Medical Insurance</i>	12,000	12,000
<i>Guidestone or Other Annuity/Retirement (10%)</i>	7,365	7,513
-Christmas Bonus	600	600
-3 Weeks Paid Vacation		
<b>TOTAL SALARY, PROTECTION, BENEFITS</b>	<b>93,623</b>	<b>\$95,244</b>
<b>MBA MINISTRY ASSISTANT/OFFICE COORDINATOR</b>		
-Salary	21,767	\$22,202
-Christmas Bonus	200	200
-2 Weeks Paid Vacation		
<b>PROJECT CARE - VIRGINIA ALEXANDER</b>		
-Salary	33,747	\$34,422
-Christmas Bonus	600	600
-3 Weeks Paid Vacation		
<b>PROJECT CARE - MIKE ALEXANDER</b>		
-Salary	9,234	\$9,419
-Christmas Bonus	200	200
-3 Weeks Paid Vacation		
<b>TOTAL ALL SALARIES</b>	<b>159,371</b>	<b>\$162,287</b> <i>(\$2,916 Increase)</i>
<b>For Budget Committee</b>		
Other expenses associated with Director of Missions to be included on page 1 of budget under General Expenses.		
Reimbursable Ministry Expenses		8,000
Reimbursable Convention/Conference Expenses		2,000

**MBA Personnel Committee:**

Justin McAlpin (ch)  
Geno Shirey  
Greg Lee

Joe David Bailey  
Stephen Cannon  
Matt Haines



**Time – Place and Preacher recommendation**

**For the 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Morgan Baptist Association Meeting**

**Date----- October 17, 2022**

**Location-----East Highland Baptist Church**

**Speaker -----Dr. Todd Lafferty**  
**Executive Vice President**  
**International Mission Board**  
**Southern Baptist**

September 16, 2021

During the past year we have had two churches apply for membership in our association: Soul Harber Sommerville and Emmanuel church of Falkville. By unanimous vote the committee recommends that we receive Emmanuel church.

As regards to Soul Harbor the committee recommends their being received. However, because of unanswered questions of moral misconduct, the committee was not able to recommend their acceptance by unanimous vote.

Credentials Committee  
Tom Campbell  
Michael Mason  
Alan Queen

**The Caring Place  
Annual Report  
October 2020 – September 2021  
Submitted by Virginia Alexander**

Active volunteers	43
Families served	531
Individuals served	1036
Evangelistic	592
Easter baskets	21
Children sponsored for Christmas	38
(Caring Place gave each family a children's book about salvation)	
School supplies	32

Caring Place Bible study did not meet due to COVID-19  
**(Caring Place needs 2 childcare workers for the Bible Study)**  
Virginia attended quarterly VOID meetings during the year

**Mission Projects:**

- The Caring Place along with MBA provided a Chick-fil-A lunch to the road crew paving Hwy 31 in front of MBA building. Also, gave Christian material in the lunch bags.
- Fall/winter: The Caring Place, MBA and Liberty Baptist Church sent care packages to the WY pastor's wives.
- Summer: The Caring Place, MBA and Bethlehem Baptist church's pastor's wife, Mrs. Barbee sent care packages to the WY pastor's wives.
- Hartselle Chamber's non-profit organization had its annual "Serve Day". The Caring Place along with the Disaster Relief served a hot dog meal to the volunteers.

**In Appreciation:**

- Volunteers
- Churches and individuals' donations
- Hartselle Schools for a wonderful and much needed food drive
- Those who sponsored a family for Christmas
- School supplies donations
- Donation of food items, clothes, hygiene, etc.

**Thank you for your continue support and prayers of this ministry.**



**Sycamore Bargain Center  
Annual Report  
October 2020-September 2021  
Submitted by Virginia Alexander**

As Luke 19 states, Zacchaeus was seeking to see Christ as He passed by. Therefore, he climbed a sycamore tree in hopes to see the Lord. We at Sycamore hope customers can see Christ through us as we wait on them.

**Syc-a-more (Seek-A-More)**

Luke 19:10 "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Sycamore is more than a bargain store. It is a place where one may seek-a-more for your money. But most of all one may Seek-a-more than earthy goods. Not only can a person shop in a relaxed Christian atmosphere, but also, enjoy the fellowship of volunteers greeting them.

Sycamore Bargain Center is a ministry to folks that wish to buy but need a little help. Therefore, Sycamore's prices are low enough for folks to be able to buy instead of receiving items free through The Caring Place.

Sycamore has held up to its name and others have found more than earthy goods. To God all glory and honor given.

Thank you for all the donations that make this ministry possible.

**AL Raceway Ministries  
Annual Report  
October 2020 – September 2021  
Submitted by Virginia Alexander**

NASCAR, Talladega Speedway has eight AL Baptist Convention sites. Each site conducts a 9:00am worship service on Sunday of the race. Along with children and adult activities and hand out tracts for the weekend to campers. **Thank you for your prayers and supports!**

**Fall race, 2020**

Due to COVID-19 AL Raceway Ministries were unable to attend.

**Spring race, 2021**

Due to COVID -19 AL Raceway Ministries were unable to attend.

However, AL Raceway Ministries teams are going to be able to go back in and serve their area for the fall race of 2021. Pray for these teams as they share Christ.

**September 10 & 11, 2021**

The Morgan County Sheriff's Posse Grounds hosted a Truck and Tractor Pull to benefit Sgt. Chris Dillard who is battling ALS. At this event the Raceway team gave out goodie bags with Christian material.

## English and More 2020-2021

Our ESL students were impacted by COVID-19. We spent a lot more time on the "MORE" instead of formal

English or Bible lessons. We made several attempts to meet, but it was always stop and go... complete with masks and social distancing. This sums up the things that the students struggled with this past year.

- Difficulty in understanding folks with masks
- Loss of work or having to work from home
- School at home on the computer which was very difficult
- Travel plans cancelled, delayed, or altered
- Covid cases in their families
- Hospital stays / surgeries /therapy
- Miscarriages /funerals
- Broken bones / car accidents
- Quarantines / depression
- Vaccines (some with reactions)
- Unable to find workers for their businesses
- Anxiety issues because of the anti-Asian atmosphere

I am proud of how some of the ESL folks reached out to help others during COVID. One went daily to a senior adult center to help make meals to be delivered to the elderly. One volunteered to work at two different vaccination sites to help register folks. Several filled shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. One student was asked to serve on a committee to help a school make decisions concerning COVID issues. I was able to do a one-on-one Bible study online with a student.

I thank God for being able to remain in contact with the students through social media, calls, texts, e-mail, and snail mail. I was able to reconnect with some former students as well. We finally had the pleasure of meeting together for a meal at a restaurant or a home visit when the students felt comfortable doing that.

Submitted by

Debbie Pirkle

## Calhoun-Decatur BCM

We are finally able to meet more like a "normal" semester with masks being mandatory inside. We were able to hand out hotdogs on campus during the first week of class. On Thursday August 19<sup>th</sup>, we served the students a quick lunch and handed out flyers about our Bible Study taking place on campus. We had several good conversations with two students who started attending the Bible Study the very next week.

Every Thursday we have Bible Studies that start at 11 am and 12:15 pm in Room 140 of the MSA building. This allows us to reach more students as they have different breaks during the day. We have been having half a dozen to a dozen students at each Bible Study. We hope and pray to see that number grow as more and more students find out about the study. We are going over "Your Time is Now" by Jonathan Evans. We can supply the students, for free, access to Right Now Media through our BCM. This allows the students to keep up with our current study and be able to access many more online through Right Now Media.

Our group did attend a Registered Student Organization meeting on campus where we were able to meet the new Calhoun Community College president, Dr. Jimmy Hodges. Our relationship to the administration is going very well and they include us in as much as possible. We hope to get our BCM students involved with intramural activities as they take place throughout the semester.

For our ministry projects this semester, our goal is to have our BCM fill three backpacks with our students. We also are hoping to get Chick-fil-A help us to fill a couple more as two of our students work at Chick-fil-A. We are also teaming up with Students for Life to gather diapers and other supplies for first time parents to be given away through Sav-A-Life of Decatur.

Thanks for your prayers and financial support of the ministry of BCM at Calhoun-Decatur. We could not be on campus and be effective without your backing and prayer support. We would especially pray for one of our students who has been attending Bible Study because he wants to "check out the Christian point of view" as he is looking into different religions. We are praying for God to open his eyes so that he can see Jesus for who He is.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin Hocutt, State Missionary, Campus Minister at Calhoun Community College and

Will Faulkenberry, Volunteer Campus Minister at Calhoun Community College



# Morgan Baptist Disaster Relief Summary

## (October, 2020 – September, 2021)

Submitted by: Geno Shirey

We had an active year for the Disaster Relief Team. We worked on 40 different activities, involving 166 volunteers. Highlights for the year are:

- October – Chainsaw team to Robertsdale, AL (Hurricane Sally)
- November – Chainsaw team to Thomasville, AL (Hurricane Zeta)
- March – Feeding team to Jackson, KY (Eastern KY flooding)
- May – Chainsaw team to Priceville, AL (storm damage)
- July – Feeding team to Hartselle, AL (lunches for Serve Day)
- September – Assessment and Admin teams to Louisiana (Hurricane Ida)

Preparation and training are ongoing efforts to be ready to respond in various disaster areas, such as chaplains, cooks, chainsaw, cleanup, administration, HAM radio communications, or shower/laundry. The Disaster Relief team appreciates the support received from a number of churches in the association.

## Associational WMU/Women's Ministry 2021 Annual Report

An Associational WMU/Women Ministry meeting was held on April 29, 2021, to discuss our goals to support the ministry of the Morgan Baptist Association and the growth of mission groups and organizations for women and children in our county. We discussed plans for the upcoming year and specifically the first event scheduled for June 2021, which was the Swamp John's Dinner event to raise funds for MBA maintenance and repair expenses. The Swamp John's dinner was held on June 18, 2021, at the associational office and with the help of numerous volunteers from the Disaster Relief team and churches through the association were able to raise approximately \$2,000.

A WMU Ladies Missions Night was held on September 20, 2021, at West Hartselle Baptist Church with approximately 30 in attendance. Our speaker, Ms. Robin Janney, shared about her mission work and led the group in making gifts for the pastors' wives in Wyoming as part of our association's partnership with the Wyoming Baptist Association. As a ministry to provide support and encouragement, cards and small care packages will be sent to the pastors' wives over the next several months.

## MORGAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PASTOR'S CONFERENCE ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Time has quickly passed since our previous Morgan Baptist Association Annual Meeting! I am thankful for the abundant work our Lord has done, how He has blessed, and how His Spirit has moved through Morgan County churches during this previous year.

May I express what a wondrous privilege it is to serve as the President of our Morgan Baptist Association Pastor's Conference. It is with sincere gratitude that I extend my appreciation to all our MBA pastors for allowing me to fulfill this role.

The global pandemic we have dealt with over the past couple of years has left most pastors discouraged, doubtful, and downtrodden as they reflect on what church previously looked like in comparison to the present. Declining attendance and lack of involvement leaves churches scrambling for assistance, attempting to fulfill roles of individuals who were once faithful but are currently "missing in action", and presently pastors are standing without any inclination as to what the next step may be. My dear brother, you are not alone. Friends of mine from congregations of 15 to 7,000+ are struggling with the same difficulties. In Morgan County, I want you to know that all these brothers are in your corner to support, encourage, and stand with you during this unprecedented season.

This very reason is why our format has transitioned in our pastor's conference. As a pastor, you probably remember receiving an invitation from myself or our Director of Missions to come and preach to our association pastor's conference. Although hearing a speaker can educate and encourage us as ministers of the Gospel, the need became evident that this was insufficient. All adversity can work for good, Paul informed us of that, and you have witnessed this also during the pandemic as it assisted you in making numerous difficult yet necessary transitions.

Collectively, we came to a conclusion which spawned a greater idea. We are now striving to foster an environment of encouragement, education, and enthusiasm, accomplishing this through the removal of an itinerant speaker calendar and implementing a time which we glean from one another, pray for one another, and encouraging one another. We pushed our tables together, brewed some extra coffee, and decided that we could learn from and encourage one another sufficiently by discussing the joys and perils of ministry. Our numbers have increased, new men have joined our fellowship from other counties, missionaries have been visiting with us on a frequent basis, and a spirit has revived itself within our meetings which is unexplainable. I must add, for a young man in ministry, this time of fellowship on Monday mornings has proven to be necessary as I seek to make the correct steps in ministry.

I am no prophet, nor do I claim to be one, but until a bump arises in your ministry, you will never understand the importance of men of God who gather to pray over you and your ministry. Learning from those who have been where you are going, are enduring what you are currently enduring, or are hoping to experience what you have experienced, pastors become your ministry's greatest tool. I have yet to see a lifeway publication or ministry resource provided from any board or organization that provides as much information, encouragement, and guidance as these men of God do. I understand the importance of your staff meetings, ministry tasks, and necessary correspondence, but fellowshiping with other men of God is irreplaceable.

I am extending the invitation to you as a pastor to join us on Monday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in Hacker Hall of the associational office as we each strive to minister together. At the conclusion of our

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meeting, some of our ministers enjoy fellowship over lunch, and we make this a time to further our discussion.

Come. Be a part of what is taking place here in Morgan County and see how our churches might partner together to fulfill the Great Commission because of the Great Commandment.

Pastor, know that I pray for you, your family, and your ministry as you all seek to serve Him.

Because He lives is why we serve,

Spencer Bell  
President, Morgan Baptist Association Pastor's Conference



## **Morgan Baptist Association Trustee Quarterly Report**

In early Spring of 2021, the MBA trustees decided to formulate a plan that would address the maintenance and upgrade needs in and around the facility.

It was agreed that many of the maintenance needs could no longer be put off. The trustees began to seek ideas from its own members as well as from individuals from member churches for the best way to raise the necessary funds to meet those needs.

The WMU planned and coordinated a Swamp Johns fund raising event. We would like to recognize Beth Woodard and Alison Blackwood and others, who headed up the event, as well as the many volunteers from our member churches who participated and made the event a success.

The Swamp Johns fund raiser, individual donations, and the generosity of member churches have made it possible for the trustees to move forward with several projects over the last several months.

The fence that runs along the East side of the property has been repaired. The shrub beds have been upgraded. The roof leak has been worked on and is being evaluated. The lighting in the facility is currently being replaced with better and more efficient LED lighting. This project is about 1/3 completed. We would like to give a special thanks to Barry Pearson and his team from First Hartselle Baptist Church for donating an entire day's labor toward this project.

The Trustees are grateful for the generosity of the member Churches who has supported the MBA in our maintenance needs. We also would like to thank the individuals who have given several thousand dollars toward the MBA maintenance fund and look forward to the work that we have been charged with.

Keith Blackwood

Jesus demonstrated for His disciples a life of service when He humbled Himself to wash their feet. He then said, "I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you." Those who are part of the service team have demonstrated their obedience to Jesus' commands. We are all blessed to have the Caring Place, Baptist Campus Ministries, ESL, and Disaster Relief as just a few of the ways in which we serve Jesus by serving others. Thank you to those who serve in our associations office helping people, sorting donations, greeting visitors, and doing all the things that are needed at our office location. Senior Adult ministries are a wonderful part of the service team as well. Thank you to all of our churches for supporting these ministries that shine the light of Jesus!

Ben Bates

Morgan Baptist Association Moderator Report October 25, 2021

God is working through the Morgan Baptist Association and her 70 member churches. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside Ken, Belinda, Virginia and Mike in the mission and ministry of Morgan Baptist Association.

I am grateful for the enormous amount of volunteers who keep the ministry flowing. A special thanks goes to those who serve on various committees, Project Care, the Caring Place, Sycamore Bargain Center, Disaster Relief, Literacy-ESL, Alabama Raceway, Baptist Campus Ministry and other mission/ministry points. Your labor of love resonates the love of the Lord Jesus Christ and the gospel.

The PEN Network for bi-vocational pastors, the Samford Ministry Training Institute and the weekly Pastors Conference provide an avenue of spiritual growth and encouragement. I am grateful for those who serve in these areas.

Thank you to our 70 member churches of Morgan County for your financial support and your cooperation in doing missions and ministry.

Please continue to pray for the MBA Leadership, Missions committee and all committees as we seek to know and do God's Will, for wisdom, guidance and obedience. Please continue to pray for all the churches of Morgan Baptist Association, her pastors, staff, deacons, teachers and members.

If ever there was a time when the Gospel is needed, the time is now.  
Let your light shine for Jesus everyday, everywhere and in every situation.  
Churches working together can accomplish much more than alone.

Because of Jesus,

Bro. Randy Ashley  
Pastor Lebanon Baptist Church  
Moderator, Morgan Baptist Association  
1 Corinthians 6:19-20

## Director of Missions and Ministries Report to Annual Meeting 2021

Welcome to the 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Morgan Baptist Association! It is hard to believe that another year has already passed. After a difficult 2020, we were excited to begin this year of ministry and partnership. Although the effects of COVID19 have continued this year, our churches have been able to respond and adapt in many ways.

Just like our churches, we have been aiming at a moving target in trying to continue our ministry activities in the midst of the ongoing medical situation. Thankfully, we have been able to keep our doors open and most of our ongoing ministries intact. Things have been slow this year, and sometimes alarmingly so. Our on-site ministries at the Caring Place and Sycamore Bargain Center have seen steady opportunities to minister to our community thanks to our wonderful volunteers! The front office has had limited foot traffic but we have continued to use the facility as a gathering place for the Gideons, our pastors and ministers, MTI (Ministry Training Institute) students, Sunday School classes, PEN (Pastor Enrichment Network), Disaster Relief and various other MBA committees and teams.

Due to the uncertainty that was characteristic of 2020, we had postponed some needed repairs on our facility. This year our Trustees have begun a program of repairs and improvements for issues that had turned into urgent needs. We are grateful for the positive and generous response of our churches, individual members, and even friends of the association who have donated money and/or labor toward getting some of these things taken care of. Together, we have been able to refresh our outside shrubbery areas, repair a broken fence, begin replacing our indoor lighting that has been a constant problem, and several other relatively minor repairs needed to keep us operating. Much more needs to be done.

We have had a continuing challenge getting our mission plans back on track. The uncertainty of overseas visas and travel requirements have made it difficult to get commitments for organizing these kinds of trips. We do have some who have shown interest, and we are hoping that more will be willing to make commitments in the near future. We have also been blessed to host several missionary families at our associational ministers meetings and our monthly PEN meetings. It is great to get to know our missionaries and to support them with our encouragement and our prayers. Our MBA WMU recently hosted an event that featured a missionary wife from Mexico as the speaker. We have also met and fellowshiped with missionaries serving in India, Germany, Uganda, Zambia, Indonesia, and China. We have also supported local outreach ministries by being involved in various Bible studies, community activities, and training opportunities. We are hoping to be able to put together volunteer teams to serve here in the US and perhaps in some of these places overseas in the upcoming months.

Another area we would like to focus on is church planting among our Hispanic community here in Morgan County. We are told that there is great need for solid, Bible-believing churches among this growing community. We continue to pray and look for opportunities in this ministry area.



One thing that has not changed is our commitment to pray for our pastors and encourage them however we can. Our pastors are learning how to minister in a culture that is now post-Christian, even here in the so-called "Bible Belt". The church, though comparatively strong where we live, is sadly compromised, often divided, and under attack by practically every other institution in our society. That means that pastors are trying to lead, serve, preach, and minister in a more hostile environment than before. They meet skepticism, cynicism, and criticism at every turn. Except from their church family when that family is biblically grounded, righteously motivated, and prayerfully committed! Your pastor needs your encouragement, respect, love, and especially your prayers! Our association is committed to encouraging our pastors and to praying for them. Our office staff sponsored a Pastor Appreciation Brunch in September as a way to recognize those who minister in our association.

Unfortunately, Pathways Christian Counseling has not replaced Neill Hunter who retired this past year. We remain hopeful that another on-site counselor will be assigned to us, but there are no immediate plans to do so. Meanwhile, our office can still help your church connect with counselors in Decatur, Athens, or Cullman. Thankfully, one of our other ministries has finally been able to resume after almost two years. Raceway Ministries missed three races at Talladega during the pandemic, but finally was able to minister to race fans at Talladega this Fall. Also, our Disaster Relief Team, WMU, and VBS Team have been able to do as much or more this year than last. We are hoping 2022 will be even more open and that we can resume and improve some of these and other ministry activities and plans.

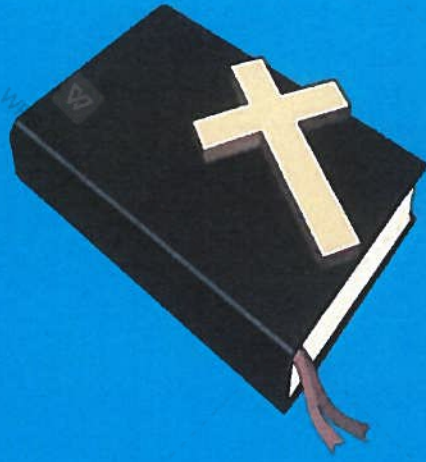
I want to thank you very much for your continued prayer and financial support for these critical partnership ministries through your association! Our association's success in ministry and our service to the Lord Jesus through its ministries are limited only by our vision for partnership, our financial support for that vision, and our participation in carrying out that vision together. I trust that you and your church will continue to partner with your association as we seek the vision together, provide the necessary resources, and participate together toward its fulfillment in this coming year!

Partnership Begins Here!



Ken Blackwood  
Director of Missions and Ministries  
Philippians 1:3-5





# **Morgan Baptist Association**

## **Book of Reports**

### **Meeting Minutes & Notes**



The Morgan Baptist Association Annual Meeting convened in a scheduled meeting on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at New Center Baptist Church, 187 Church Street, Hartselle, AL.

Pastor Ben Bates, New Center Baptist Church gave the welcome followed by special music by Geoff Halbrooks and Tammy Whitten and instrumentalists.

Moderator, Chris Martin called to order the 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Morgan Baptist Association on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020. Moderator, Chris Martin moved to seat 18 registered messengers representing 14 churches and to accept messengers that would arrive later. No discussion. Motion approved.

The following were present:

Brandon Lewis, Scotty Hogan, Roy J. Cofield, Michael Halbrooks, Randy Ashley, Josh Boyd, Fran Edmondson, Joe Edmondson, Jim Lanier, Anna Dove, Anthony Lindsey, Christina Lindsey, Dana Woodall, Linda Woodall, Walter Blackman, Christopher Campbell, Chris Martin, Tammy Whitten, Kevin Beal, Zac Ferrell, Geoff Halbrooks, Beth Compton, Greg Compton, Justin McAlpin, Virginia Alexander, Mike Alexander, Spencer Bell, Alison Blackwood, Ken Blackwood, Randy Whitten, Belinda Ealey, Anne Kellett, Collie Kellett, Marilyn Radford, Candie Thompson, Stephen Cannon, Richard Richie, Michael Mason, Dawn Mason, Clayton Speed

Pastor Ben Bates, New Center Baptist Church moved that the printed agenda be adopted as our official order of business.

Walter Blackman advised the congregation to review the booklet containing the Finance Reports, which was reviewed and discussed. September 2020 Receipts totaled \$17,649.18 and January - September totaled \$154,598.80. September 2020 Expenses totaled \$16,138.43 and January - September expenses totaled \$150,063.69. Leaving a net income of \$4,535.11 to date.

Project Care Receipts for September 2020 totaled \$8,794.23 and January - September receipts totaled \$75,903.95. September 2020 Expenses totaled \$4,594.69 and January - September totaled \$55,202.94. Leaving a net income of \$20,701.01.

The report came with its own second and was approved with no opposition.

Chris Martin, Moderator, led the group in prayer.

Chris Martin, Moderator, announced that the MBA Committee Reports, Ministry Reports and State Entity Reports would be found in the Annual Book of Reports.

Walter Blackman, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the printed budget for 2021. The budget was the same as 2020 with the exception of a 1.6% Cost of Living Allowance for all employees. The report came with its own second and was approved with no opposition.



A video presentation by Dr. Rick Lance was shown.

Walter Blackman, presented the printed Resolution which was Appreciation of the Host Church. The report came with its own second and was approved with no opposition.

Moderator, Chris Martin, announced an offering would be taken at the end of the service and is to be equally divided between the Alabama Baptist Children's Home and ALCAP.

Geoff Halbrooks, Chairman of Nominating Committee, presented the printed copy contained in the Book of Reports and recommendation from the Nominating Committee. It was noted that we had vacancies in the Trustees and the Senior Adult Ministry Leader Positions. The report came with its own second and was approved with no opposition.

Director of Missions, Ken Blackwood, spoke and advised his annual report was in the Book of Reports. He announced our new pastors for this year:

Brandon Lewis, Cave Springs  
Wendell Bennett, Flint  
Eric Thomas, Mt. View  
Lucky Teague, Oak Forest  
Jimmy Meek, Parkview  
Mahlon LeCroix, Shoal Creek  
Chuck Bass, Cedar Ridge  
Tommy Smothers, Sixteenth Avenue.

Director of Missions, Ken Blackwood asked everyone to pray for their pastors. He thanked the volunteers at the MBA Office and the Caring Place, New Center Baptist Church, Chris Martin and Greg Compton, all volunteers filling the committees and all pastors and churches in the Association. Randy Ashley was recognized as the new moderaor for the upcoming year.

Special Music was led by Geoff Halbrooks and Tammy Whitten and instrumentalists.

Reverend Phil Waldrep presented the evening message.

Greg Compton, Pastor at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, led the congregation in a Responsive Reading entitled Thankfulness.

The meeting was adjourned and closed in prayer by Greg Compton.

Submitted by:

Belinda Ealey

The Morgan Baptist Association Executive Committee convened in a scheduled meeting on Monday, January 28th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in Hacker Hall of the Morgan Baptist Association, Hartselle, Alabama. The following were present: Spencer Bell, Walter Blackman, Alison Blackwood, Ken Blackwood, Randy Ashley, Keith Blackwood, Ed Hocutt, Will Faulkenberry, Stephen Cannon, Roy Cofield, Greg Compton, and Micheal Coche.

Moderator, Randy Ashley, called the meeting to order.

Moderator, Randy Ashley, proceeded by presenting a devotional and concluded by leading us in prayer.

The moderator noted a copy of the minutes and stated that no quorum was present (12 messengers). Approved the minutes as printed, but no official motion was carried.

The finance committee's report was presented by the chairman, Walter Blackman. He briefly noted the financial information attached within the packet of reports. The Statement of financial income was presented: Statement of Financial Income for December 2020 was \$12,959.57, Income for the year 2020 was \$201,368.99. Noted expenses for December 2020 was -\$16,333.35, net income -\$3,373.78, January-December 2020 +\$533.30. The Morgan Baptist Association Project Care receipts for December 2020 total income \$12,628.93, January-December 2020 Total Income \$110,781.02. Total expense for December 2020 was \$11,311.38, up +\$1,317.55. January-December 2020 \$28,064.18.

Chairman Walter Blackman entertained questions, but none were presented.

Moderator moved to accept the financial report as presented, but no official motion or vote was carried.

There was no report for missions.

Ed Hocutt, Baptist Campus Ministries, expressed gratitude to the Morgan Baptist Association for their generosity of loaning the Association van to deliver 200 backpacks to Drew, Mississippi.

A brief report from the Nominating Committee was presented. Acting chairman Joe David Bailey recommended that the following individuals be instated as trustees: Keith Blackwood and David Wood. Those in attendance at the Executive Committee Meeting were 100% in favor of the recommendation.

Stephen Cannon, chairman of the Missions Team of the Morgan Baptist Association shared briefly of partnerships of mission teams in the Middle East.

Moderator, Randy Ashley, noted that there were no remaining committee reports to present, and that any other reports were located within the information packet.

Director of Missions, Ken Blackwood, presented the Director of Missions report. He noted that the Association's churches Cooperative Program and Lottie Moon Christmas offerings were only down 5% for the year 2020 compared to 2019. He also noted that former Director of Missions, Jere Patterson, had passed away from COVID-19 since the last Morgan Baptist Association Executive Committee Meeting. MTI classes are still meeting, and this semester's session was moved to East Highland Baptist Church where Walter Blackman will teach a study on Revelation. Ken Blackwood closed the presentation of the Director of Missions report by expressing his appreciation to the Morgan Baptist Association for his Christmas bonus this year, and encouraged that it be recorded within the official minutes.

January 25, 2021

Morgan Baptist Association Executive Committee Meeting

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Moderator, Randy Ashley, stated that, due to lack of quorum, no new or old business would be conducted.

The Executive Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. and closed in prayer by Spencer Bell.

Respectfully submitted,

*Spencer B. Bell*

*Clerk, Morgan Baptist Association*

The Morgan Baptist Association Executive Committee convened in a scheduled meeting on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in Hacker Hall of the Morgan Baptist Association, Hartselle, Alabama. The following were present: Walter Blackman, Alison Blackwood, Judy Blackwood, Keith Blackwood, Ken Blackwood, Ozella Stewart, Spencer Bell, Lynn Harvel, Randy Berry, Randy Ashley, Virginia Alexander, Tim McCormick, Jellethia McCormick, Collie Kellett, Anne Kellett, RE Tapscott, Joe Edmondson, Fran Edmondson, A. Ray Lee, Ben Bates, Roger Lawrence, Johnnie Frazer, and Christopher Campbell.

Moderator, Randy Ashley, informed the Executive Committee that a quorum was present (23 members present).

Moderator, Randy Ashley, called the meeting to order and began in prayer.

Moderator recognized Keith Blackwood, local Gideon and MBA Trustee.

Keith Blackwood proceeded by presenting a devotional and concluded by leading us in prayer.

The Moderator noted a copy of the minutes. No questions, comments, or additions were given to the minutes. The moderator noted to accept them as provided, but no official motion was presented.

Moderator recognized Walter Blackman, chairman of the Morgan Baptist Association Finance Committee.

The finance committee's report was presented by the chairman, Walter Blackman. He briefly noted the financial information attached within the packet of reports. The statement of financial income was presented: Total Receipts for March \$15,349.48. Total Income for 2021 (Jan-Mar) was \$55,273.73. Expenses for March \$17,807.43. The month of March was down -2,457.95. Expenses for the entire 2021 (Jan-Mar) \$50,565.29, being up +4,708.44.

Chairman Blackman made notice of the church contribution sheet attached within the packet.

Chairman Blackman proceeded by providing a financial overview of Morgan Baptist Project Care: For the month of March: Total Income was \$7,272.55. Total Expenses was 8,168.29 which was down -\$895.74. Yearly income for 2021 (Jan-Mar) was \$27,128.99, with total expenses for 2021 being \$17,786.80, which was up +\$9,342.19.

Chairman Blackman entertained questions, but none were presented.

Chairman Blackman moved to adopt the financial report as stated.

Moderator noted that the motion comes from the financial committee and does not need second. Moderator requested all of those in favor of the adoption of the financial report say I. There was no opposition, and vote was unanimous.

Trustee Keith Blackwood presented the Trustee report. Recognized David Wood as an additional trustee.

Keith Blackwood informed the Executive Committee on various projects being carried out by the board.

Moderator called attention to the written reports presented in the packet, but no official business was presented regarding the committee reports.

Moderator recognized Virginia Alexander, director of Morgan Baptist Association Project Care.

Virginia Alexander provided the committee with a report of the various ministries being carried out by the MBA Project Care/Caring Place.

She also presented the report for Baptist Campus Ministries, noting that Edwin Hocutt would be unable to be present this evening. She informed the committee of the various works taking place in BCM.

Virginia Alexander presented her gratitude for the prayer for the various ministries taking place.

Moderator recognized Director of Missions Ken Blackwood, who presented the committee with the DOM report.

Ken recognized that the WMU will be hosting a Swamp John's fundraiser to raise funds for the association.

The senior adult ministry of the MBA is currently not meeting and have been unable to for the past several months, but would be reshaping this ministry in the near future.

The DOM expressed his gratitude for the prayer of the association's members.

Randy Berry, on behalf of all MBA pastors, expressed his gratitude for Ken's considerate prayers and text messages to all pastors.

Ken Blackwood presented a time for questions, but none were presented. Yielded the floor to Moderator.

Moderator noted old business of adding Danville Baptist Church Members David Wood and Keith Blackwood, to the board of trustees.

Moderator entertained a motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Alison Blackwood informed the committee of a new chairman of WMU, Beth Woodruff.

Moderator entertained any new business, but none was presented.

Moderator entertained a motion to adjourn, and vote was unanimous.

Meeting concluded at 7:10 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Spencer B. Bell*

*Clerk, Morgan Baptist Association*



The Morgan Baptist Association Executive Committee convened in a scheduled meeting on Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in Hacker Hall of the Morgan Baptist Association, Hartselle, Alabama. The following were present: Alison Blackwood, Virginia Alexander, Randy Ashley, Kevin Beal, Edwin Hocutt, Walter Blackman, A. Ray Lee, Joe Holmes, Beth Woodruff, Jack Bailey, Keith Blackwood, Tom Campbell, RE Tapscott, Greg Compton, Roger Lawrence, and Johnnie Frazier.

Moderator, Randy Ashley, called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led in an opening prayer.

Greg Compton, pastor of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, was recognized by the moderator and presented a devotional on Mark 6:1-13.

The moderator noted a copy of the minutes, and the minutes were accepted as printed.

The moderator recognized Walter Blackman, chairman of the finance committee, to present the financial report. Information for the finance committee's report can be found within the financial report packet.

Keith Blackwood spoke to the designated funds in total income.

Chairman Walter Blackman noted a plus balance in undesignated funds. Reported gain in income from last year.

Chairman Walter Blackman entertained questions, but none were presented.

No official adoption of the report was carried due to lack of quorum.

Moderator noted that any questions may be directed to the association regarding the reports, assuring members of the association that all records are open and transparent.

Keith Blackwood, Morgan Baptist Association Trustee, presented the trustee report.

- Fence was being repaired.
- Landscaping has taken place around the building.
- Future plans to change lights in the associational office.

Keith Blackwood also noted that \$1984.00 had been collected from the Swamp John's fundraised. The money collected would be allocated to building and grounds maintenance.

Moderator recognized Tom Campbell, Chairman of the credentials committee, to present the credentials committee report.

- 2 churches had applied for membership: Soul Harbor Baptist Church, Somerville, ALA and Immanuel Baptist Church, Falkville, ALA
- Both churches were to be recommended for membership.

- WPS Office
- The committee was unanimous on the recommendation for Immanuel Church, but not unanimous on Soul Harbor.

Moderator recognized Beth Woodruff, director of the Morgan Baptist Association's WMU program.

Her report noted on a few ventures that WMU had or are pursuing. Swamp John's, backpacks, and Shocco Springs....

Moderator recognized Virginia Alexander, Director of Project Care Inc. to present the Project Care report.

The information for the Project Care report is located within the Project Care Inc. report packet.

Caring Place – see printed report.

Packages were being sent to pastor's wives in Wyoming.

Race Way ministries is on hold.

ESL is not active due to COVID-19, but Debbie is still personally in touch with some participants.

Moderator then recognized Edwin Hocutt and Will Faulkenberry with Baptist Campus Ministries.

Edwin noted that Will is now overseeing the campus of Calhoun Community College in Decatur, ALA as a volunteer campus minister.

Moderator recognized Ken Blackwood, Director of Missions for the Morgan Baptist Association, to present the Director of Missions report.

Moderator, Randy Ashley, stated that, due to lack of quorum, no new or old business would be conducted.

Moderator did note that the Pastor Supply List had been updated.

The Executive Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. and concluded in prayer.

Minutes by A. Ray Lee in the absence of Spencer Bell, Clerk for Morgan Baptist Association.

Respectfully submitted,

*Spencer B. Bell*

*Clerk, Morgan Baptist Association*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MORGAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
QUARTELY SCHEDULED MEETING, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The Morgan Baptist Association Executive Committee convened in a scheduled meeting on Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in Hacker Hall of the Morgan Baptist Association, Hartselle, Alabama. The following were present: Spencer Bell, Virginia Alexander, Walter Blackman, Earl Haygood, Edwin Hocutt, Alison Blackwood, Randy Ashley, Tom Campbell, Patrick Tilley, Randy Berry, Anne Kellett, Stephen Cannon, Chris Martin, RE Tapscott, A. Ray Lee, Charles Lott, Ben Bates, Judy Blackwood, Keith Blackwood, Greg Compton, Christopher Campbell, and Joe Holmes. 19 official messengers were present.

Moderator, Randy Ashley, called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led in an opening prayer.

Ben Bates, Pastor of New Center Baptist Church, was recognized by the moderator and presented a devotional on 2 Corinthians 3:7 and concluded in prayer.

Moderator stated that the Clerk, Spencer Bell, informed of a lack of quorum, being one messenger below.

The moderator recognized Walter Blackman, chairman of the finance committee, to present the financial report. Information for the finance committee's report can be found within the financial report packet.

Chairman Walter Blackman noted that the Net Income of \$35,148.24 for January through August was reflective of the additional funds donated to the association for building and grounds.

Keith Blackwood noted that approximately \$12,000.00 had been donated by various individuals and churches specifically for maintenance.

Financial Income and Expenses for incorporated ministries can be found within the MBA information packet.

Chairman Walter Blackman entertained questions, but none were presented.

No official adoption of the report was carried due to lack of quorum.

Keith Blackwood, Morgan Baptist Association Trustee, presented the trustee report.

- One third of all lights had been changed in the associational building.
- Trustees noted issues around the associational office which needed to be addressed, but unable to address all needs due to lack of funds.
- Need to paint inside and outside of building, replace carpet, and tend to other physical aspects of the building.
- Trustees will present a financial plan to churches requesting churches assist in the cost of maintenance costs.

Moderator recognized the reports listing in the Book of Reports for the Morgan Baptist Association.

Moderator recognized Virginia Alexander, Director of Morgan Baptist Project Care Inc. to present the Project Care report.

The information for the Project Care report is located within the Project Care Inc. report packet.

- Caring Place – see printed report.
- Packages had been sent to pastor's wives in Wyoming.
- Race Way ministries is preparing to depart this week.
- ESL is still active, and Debbie is still personally in touch with some participants.
- Disaster relief is currently in Louisiana ministering to the needs of those down south after the recent hurricane.

Virginia Alexander requested permission from Moderator Randy Ashley for Edwin Hocutt with Baptist Campus Ministries to present his report.

Edwin Hocutt noted that a Bible Study had been initiated at Calhoun Decatur and were receiving good response.

Will Faulkenberry is assisting with Calhoun Decatur.

Moderator recognized Ken Blackwood, Director of Missions for the Morgan Baptist Association, to present the Director of Missions report.

Moderator Randy Ashley opened the floor for Old Business to be presented, but none was noted at the present time.

Moderator Randy Ashley opened the floor for New Business.

Chairman of Finance, Walter Blackman, presented the budget for 2022.

Questions were entertained but none were presented.

No official adoption of the budget was carried due to lack of quorum.

Moderator Randy Ashley noted that a supply list was located in the book of reports.

Moderator Randy Ashley also noted the removal of two churches from the Morgan Association due to their lack of existence as a result of disbanding. Those two churches were Light of Life and La Casa.

A time for questions and comments was presented.

A Ray Lee, messenger for Lebanon Baptist Church, presented an idea of changing the quorum from messengers to those who were present at the meeting, requesting stipulations, in order that the association could carry out ordinary business with adequate numbers present.

No other questions were presented.

Moderator Ashley entertained a motion to adjourn.

- Walter Blackman made a motion.
- Spencer Bell Seconded.
- All in favor said Amen.

The Executive Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Christopher Campbell, Pastor of Southside Baptist Church in Decatur, closed in prayer.

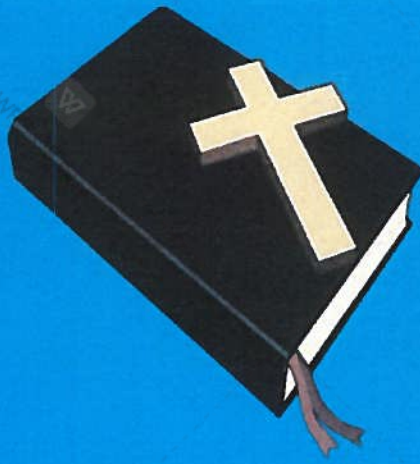
Respectfully submitted,

*Spencer B. Bell*

*Clerk, Morgan Baptist Association*







# **Morgan Baptist Association**

## **Book of Reports**

### **Budget/Finance Reports**



## Morgan Baptist Association - Proposed Budget

EXPENSES:	2021	2022
<b>ITAL ITEMS:</b>		
TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:	10000.00	10,000.00
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES:</b>		
TOTAL BUILDING/GROUNDS SERVICE	4000.00	4,000.00
FINANCIAL SERVICES	3200.00	3,200.00
OFFICE EXPENSES:		
CLEANING SUPPLIES	1000.00	1,000.00
ALABAMA BAPTIST	1250.00	1,250.00
PNC SAFE DEPOSIT BOX RENT	150.00	150.00
XEROX EXPENSE	4000.00	4,000.00
OFFICE MINISTRY, SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENTS	3000.00	3,000.00
HOSPITALITY	1600.00	1,600.00
TOTAL OFFICE EXPENSE:	11000.00	11,000.00
TOTAL POSTAGE	400.00	400.00
TOTAL UTILITIES	17200.00	17,200.00
MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS & INSURANCE	13000.00	13,000.00
REIMBURSE MINISTRY EXPENSES		
MINISTRY EXPENSES	8000.00	8,000.00
CONVENTION/CONFERENCE EXPENSES	2000.00	2,000.00
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT EXPENSES	10000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES:	68800.00	68,800.00
<b>MISSION TEAM:</b>	5000.00	6000.00
LOCAL MISSIONS- MORGAN COUNTY		
PROJECT CARE BIBLE STUDY		
ANNUAL MEETING		1000.00
STATE MISSIONS - ALABAMA		
CAMPUS MINISTRIES		
RACEWAY MINISTRIES		
NATIONAL MISSIONS - UNITED STATES		
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS - WORLD		
EVANGELISM ENGAGEMENT		
<b>EQUIPPING TEAM:</b>	7000.00	7000.00
SUNDAY SCHOOL- DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING		

## Morgan Baptist Association - Proposed Budget

CHURCH GROWTH/PLANNING/REVITALIZATION		
MENS MINISTRY TRAINING		
WMU		
STUDENT MINISTRY		
DEACON MINISTRY		
MUSIC		
BI-VOCATIONAL - PEN MEETING		
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL		
MINISTERS CONFERENCE		
OTHER		
PROJECT CARE:		
GRANT REQUEST	57349.00	58024.00
TOTAL MINISTRY EXPENSE:	69349.00	71024.00
	2021	2022
PERSONNEL:		
MBA - DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS		
SALARY	73658.00	75,131.00
CHRISTMAS BONUS	600.00	600.00
ESTIMATED HOUSING ALLOWANCE (\$34,000) **		
SS REIMBURSEMENT		
PROTECTION AND BENEFITS		
MEDICAL INSURANCE	12000.00	12,000.00
RETIREMENT	7249.00	7,249.00
MINISTRY ASSISTANT:		
SALARY	21767.00	22,202.00
CHRISTMAS BONUS	200.00	200.00
TOTAL MINISTRY ASSISTANT	21967.00	22,402.00
STAFF MEDICAL EXPENSE		
STAFF/MEDICARE & S.S.	1700.00	1,700.00
TOTAL STAFF MEDICAL EXPENSE	1700.00	1700.00
TOTAL PERSONNEL:	117174.00	119082.00
GENERAL EXPENSES	68800.00	68,800.00
MINISTRY EXPENSES	69349.00	71024.00
PERSONNEL	117174.00	119,082.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	255323.00	258,906.00

**Morgan Baptist Association**  
**Statement of Net Position-Modified Cash Balance**  
**As of September 30, 2021**

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<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	
PNC Bank	62,283.01
PNC-Savings	21,053.03
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	83,336.04
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	83,336.04
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>83,336.04</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Other Current Liabilities	
403 WITHHELD	723.76
<b>PAYROLL LIABILITIES</b>	
2202 FICA Withholding	233.56
2203 Medicare Withholding	26.26
2207 Federal Withholding	556.00
2209 State Withholding	457.49
<b>Total PAYROLL LIABILITIES</b>	1,273.31
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	1,997.07
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	1,997.07
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	1,997.07
<b>Equity</b>	
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	31,977.27
<b>Net Income</b>	49,361.70
<b>Total Equity</b>	81,338.97
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>83,336.04</b>



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**Morgan Baptist Association**  
**Statement of Financial Income and Expenses**  
**January through September 2021**

	Jan - Sep 21	Jan - Sep 20	\$ Change
<b>Income</b>			
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
State Board-Medical Insurance	1,318.50	1,386.00	-67.50
Salary Supplement-State Board	2,405.00	3,420.00	-1,015.00
CCM Salary Supplement	1,548.00	1,548.00	0.00
4010 Churches In Association	92,182.11	88,100.23	4,081.88
4011 PROJECT CARE RENT	800.00	910.00	-110.00
4012 St. Board of Missions	68,812.59	57,649.75	11,162.84
4015 Special Emphasis Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00
4016 Interest Earned	1.57	9.82	-8.25
4017 PPP loan proceeds	21,800.00	0.00	21,800.00
4020 Miscellaneous Receipts	-0.50	2,071.14	-2,071.64
<b>Total RECEIPTS</b>	<b>188,877.27</b>	<b>155,094.94</b>	<b>33,782.33</b>
<b>DESIGNATED RECEIPTS</b>			
Maintenance	19,894.00	0.00	19,894.00
0800 Building Fund	300.00	0.00	300.00
0802 Disaster Relief	150.00	0.00	150.00
<b>Total DESIGNATED RECEIPTS</b>	<b>20,344.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>20,344.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>209,221.27</b>	<b>155,094.94</b>	<b>54,126.33</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
5217 Convention/ Conference Exp	168.56	0.00	168.56
Bank Charges	0.00	13.00	-13.00
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>			
Hospitality	160.00	0.00	160.00
Building and Grounds Service			
Pest Control	495.00	440.00	55.00
Mowing Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Building and Grounds Service</b>	<b>495.00</b>	<b>440.00</b>	<b>55.00</b>
Financial Services	2,590.00	2,615.00	-25.00
Office Expenses			
Alabama Baptist	99.10	507.20	-408.10
Copier Rental	1,993.51	2,732.00	-738.49
Office Supplies/Equip	498.61	607.37	-108.76
Office Expenses - Other	337.15	31.50	305.65
<b>Total Office Expenses</b>	<b>2,928.37</b>	<b>3,878.07</b>	<b>-949.70</b>
Postage	111.85	110.00	1.85
Office Equipment	17.18	558.75	-541.57
Utilities			
Hartselle Utilities	2,577.53	2,393.95	183.58
Joe Wheeler	11,068.69	9,034.16	2,034.53
Telephone			
Bellsouth	2,640.38	2,549.80	90.58
<b>Total Telephone</b>	<b>2,640.38</b>	<b>2,549.80</b>	<b>90.58</b>
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>16,286.80</b>	<b>13,977.91</b>	<b>2,308.69</b>
Maint/ Repairs and Insurance	3,266.92	6,670.58	-3,403.66
5318 Maintenance & Repairs	0.00	39.24	-39.24
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>7,135.25</b>	<b>5,558.93</b>	<b>1,576.32</b>
<b>Total GENERAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>32,991.17</b>	<b>33,848.48</b>	<b>-857.31</b>
<b>ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE</b>			
Evangelism Mission Ministry	0.00	30.00	-30.00
Bi-Vocational Mission Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>-30.00</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
5510 Miscellaneous	417.70	0.00	417.70
<b>Total MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>417.70</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>417.70</b>
<b>PERSONNEL</b>			
<b>DOM</b>			
5217 DOM Life Insurance	1,706.81	1,766.61	-59.80
5210 Salary-Regular	29,743.56	28,873.44	870.12
5213 Housing	25,500.06	25,500.06	0.00
Medical Expenses			
5218A Medical Expenses	287.02	1,066.52	-779.50
5218 Medical Insurance	2,211.43	2,463.36	-251.93
<b>Total Medical Expenses</b>	<b>2,498.45</b>	<b>3,529.88</b>	<b>-1,031.43</b>
5219 Retirement	5,523.84	5,383.44	140.40
Reimbursement Ministry Expenses	952.56	1,152.43	-199.87
<b>Total DOM</b>	<b>65,925.28</b>	<b>66,205.86</b>	<b>-280.58</b>
<b>MINISTRY ASST/OFFICE COORDINATE</b>			
5244 Salary			



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**Morgan Baptist Association**  
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	Jan - Sep 21	Jan - Sep 20	\$ Change
Covid 19 Self	0.00	669.50	-669.50
5244 Salary - Other	16,325.40	15,501.50	823.90
<b>Total 5244 Salary</b>	<b>16,325.40</b>	<b>16,171.00</b>	<b>154.40</b>
<b>Total MINISTRY ASST/OFFICE COORDINATE</b>	<b>16,325.40</b>	<b>16,171.00</b>	<b>154.40</b>
<b>STAFF PAYROLL TAXES</b>			
5254 Staff/Medicare & S.S.	1,242.37	837.54	404.83
<b>Total STAFF PAYROLL TAXES</b>	<b>1,242.37</b>	<b>837.54</b>	<b>404.83</b>
<b>Total PERSONNEL</b>	<b>83,493.05</b>	<b>83,214.40</b>	<b>278.65</b>
<b>EQUIPPING INITIATIVE</b>			
WMU Mission Ministry	100.00	0.00	100.00
Vacation Bible School	787.54	798.14	-10.60
<b>Total EQUIPPING INITIATIVE</b>	<b>887.54</b>	<b>798.14</b>	<b>89.40</b>
<b>5061 PROJECT CARE INC.</b>	<b>31,686.75</b>	<b>30,741.00</b>	<b>945.75</b>
<b>MINISTRY EXPENSES</b>			
Ministry Expenses	2,487.21	1,645.91	841.30
Conferences/Convention	152.44	0.00	152.44
5040 Lg/Sm Church Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00
5063 Church Planting	-100.00	0.00	-100.00
<b>Total MINISTRY EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,539.65</b>	<b>1,645.91</b>	<b>893.74</b>
<b>MISSIONS MINISTRY TEAMS</b>			
5048 Annual Meeting	0.00	138.99	-138.99
5051 Pastoral Ministries	758.95	129.91	629.04
<b>Total MISSIONS MINISTRY TEAMS</b>	<b>758.95</b>	<b>268.90</b>	<b>490.05</b>
<b>DESIGNATED DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
Maintenance	6,766.20	0.00	6,766.20
0802 Disaster Relief	150.00	0.00	150.00
<b>Total DESIGNATED DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>6,916.20</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6,916.20</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>159,859.57</b>	<b>150,559.83</b>	<b>9,299.74</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>49,381.70</b>	<b>4,535.11</b>	<b>44,826.59</b>

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**Morgan Baptist Association**  
**Statement of Financial Income and Expenses**  
**September 2021**

	Sep 21	Jan - Sep 21
Income		
RECEIPTS		
State Board-Medical Insurance	146.50	1,318.50
Salary Supplement-State Board	235.00	2,405.00
CCM Salary Supplement	172.00	1,548.00
4010 Churches in Association	11,242.76	92,192.11
4011 PROJECT CARE RENT	0.00	800.00
4012 St. Board of Missions	6,115.31	68,812.59
4016 Interest Earned	0.17	1.57
4017 PPP loan proceeds	0.00	21,800.00
4020 Miscellaneous Receipts	0.00	-0.50
Total RECEIPTS	17,911.74	188,877.27
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS		
Maintenance	2,000.00	19,894.00
0800 Building Fund	0.00	300.00
0802 Disaster Relief	0.00	150.00
Total DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	2,000.00	20,344.00
Total Income	19,911.74	209,221.27
Expense		
5217 Convention/ Conference Exp	0.00	168.56
GENERAL EXPENSES		
Hospitality	0.00	160.00
Building and Grounds Service		
Pest Control	55.00	495.00
Total Building and Grounds Service	55.00	495.00
Financial Services	370.00	2,590.00
Office Expenses		
Alabama Baptist	25.00	99.10
Copier Rental	193.61	1,993.51
Office Supplies/Equip	0.00	498.61
Office Expenses - Other	69.98	337.15
Total Office Expenses	288.59	2,928.37
Postage	0.00	111.85
Office Equipment	0.00	17.18
Utilities		
Hartselle Utilities	51.94	2,577.53
Joe Wheeler	1,317.94	11,068.69
Telephone		
Bellsouth	295.84	2,640.38
Total Telephone	295.84	2,640.38
Total Utilities	1,665.72	16,286.60
Maint/ Repairs and Insurance		
Insurance	615.00	3,266.92
Insurance	660.25	7,135.25
Total GENERAL EXPENSES	3,654.56	32,991.17
ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE		
Bi-Vocational Mission Ministry	0.00	0.00
Total ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE	0.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS		
5510 Miscellaneous	0.00	417.70
Total MISCELLANEOUS	0.00	417.70
PERSONNEL		

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# Morgan Baptist Association

## Statement of Financial Income and Expenses

### September 2021

	Sep 21	Jan - Sep 21
<b>DOM</b>		
5217 DOM Life Insurance	190.31	1,706.81
5210 Salary-Regular	3,304.84	29,743.56
5213 Housing	2,833.34	25,500.06
<b>Medical Expenses</b>		
5218A Medical Expenses	109.00	287.02
5218 Medical Insurance	186.27	2,211.43
<b>Total Medical Expenses</b>	295.27	2,498.45
5219 Retirement	613.76	5,523.84
Reimbursement Ministry Expenses	0.00	952.56
<b>Total DOM</b>	7,237.52	65,925.28
<b>MINISTRY ASST/OFFICE COORDINATE</b>		
5244 Salary	1,883.70	16,325.40
<b>Total MINISTRY ASST/OFFICE COORDINATE</b>	1,883.70	16,325.40
<b>STAFF PAYROLL TAXES</b>		
5254 Staff/Medicare & S.S.	144.10	1,242.37
<b>Total STAFF PAYROLL TAXES</b>	144.10	1,242.37
<b>Total PERSONNEL</b>	9,265.32	83,493.05
<b>EQUIPPING INITIATIVE</b>		
WMU Mission Ministry	0.00	100.00
Vacation Bible School	0.00	787.54
<b>Total EQUIPPING INITIATIVE</b>	0.00	887.54
5061 PROJECT CARE INC.	3,520.75	31,686.75
<b>MINISTRY EXPENSES</b>		
Ministry Expenses	299.69	2,487.21
Conferences/Convention	0.00	152.44
5063 Church Planting	0.00	-100.00
<b>Total MINISTRY EXPENSES</b>	299.69	2,539.65
<b>MISSIONS MINISTRY TEAMS</b>		
5048 Annual Meeting	0.00	0.00
5051 Pastoral Ministries	85.76	758.95
<b>Total MISSIONS MINISTRY TEAMS</b>	85.76	758.95
<b>DESIGNATED DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Maintenance	1,047.25	6,766.20
0802 Disaster Relief	0.00	150.00
<b>Total DESIGNATED DISBURSEMENTS</b>	1,047.25	6,916.20
<b>Total Expense</b>	17,873.33	159,859.57
<b>Net Income</b>	2,038.41	49,361.70

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Cash Basis

# Morgan Baptist Association Church Contributions/Donations September 2021

	Sep 21	Jan - Sep 21
Austinville	75.00	750.00
Bellview	0.00	2,032.13
Blue Springs	0.00	2,117.00
Cave Springs	0.00	742.00
Cedar Ridge	182.16	1,702.22
Central	1,166.67	10,500.03
Central Park	637.29	7,241.85
Danville	1,014.33	9,884.19
Decatur, First	2,250.00	6,750.00
East Highland	1,000.00	9,834.00
Falkville, First	450.80	5,530.98
Flint	472.15	7,089.35
Gracepoint	607.00	2,624.00
Gum Springs	0.00	1,500.00
Hartselle, First	0.00	3,129.33
Highland	536.21	3,116.95
Hopewell	137.50	550.00
Lebanon	413.00	4,167.00
Liberty, Hartselle	0.00	927.06
Mt. Carmel	180.57	455.08
Mt. View	25.00	250.00
Mt. Zion	1,378.00	8,934.00
New Beginnings Baptist	30.00	120.00
New Canaan	343.08	3,058.06
New Center	1,599.35	14,577.23
New Friendship	157.00	1,212.66
New Salem	0.00	1,525.96
Oak Forest	0.00	250.00
Oak Ridge	0.00	1,606.15
Parkview	621.94	6,091.41
Pine Ridge	0.00	500.00
Pines	0.00	500.00
Pleasant Hill	0.00	3,529.09
Pleasant Valley	240.00	240.00
Pt. Mallard Parkway	0.00	900.00
Ryan	178.00	1,496.00
Serenity	315.12	1,830.28
Shoal Creek	0.00	1,500.00
Sixteenth Avenue	25.00	225.00
Soul Harbor	0.00	700.00
South Chapel Hill	236.00	2,579.45
Southside	272.00	2,737.00
Southwest, Hartselle	47.60	674.13
Trinity	0.00	1,200.01
Tunsel Road	225.00	2,025.00
Unity	0.00	86.00
Valhermoso	100.00	1,000.00
Vestavia Hills	200.00	1,800.00
Walden Chapel	0.00	1,174.31
Walnut Grove	100.00	900.00
West Hartselle	895.76	7,884.26
Westmeade	1,246.54	9,255.53
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,358.07</b>	<b>161,004.70</b>

**Morgan Baptist Project Care, Inc.**  
**Statement of Net Position-Modified Cash Basis**  
**As of September 30, 2021**

Sep 30, 21

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

**Checking/Savings**

**Money Market**

20,024.45

**1100 · RBC Bank**

**1101 · General Fund**

1,414.73

**1105 · BCM Designated**

10,260.47

**1110 · Disaster Relief Designated**

43,130.76

**1115 · Caring Place Designated**

47,971.25

**1130 · English & More Designated**

4,423.76

**1135 · Literacy Team Designated**

3,274.17

**1145 · CW Job Corp Designated**

216.80

**1150 · Raceway Ministries Grant**

3,261.35

**1170 · Construction Net. MBA Grants**

300.00

**1195 · CCM MBA Grant**

1,154.75

**1197 · Sycamore Bargain Center**

49,483.29

**Total 1100 · RBC Bank**

164,891.33

**Total Checking/Savings**

184,915.78

**Total Current Assets**

184,915.78

**Fixed Assets**

9,658.89

**Trailer**

30,216.50

**Van**

-39,218.00

**Accumulated Deprecialon**

657.39

**Total Fixed Assets**

185,573.17

**TOTAL ASSETS**

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

**Liabilities**

**Current Liabilities**

**Other Current Liabilities**

1,116.37

**2100 · Payroll Liabilities**

1,116.37

**Total Other Current Liabilities**

1,116.37

**Total Current Liabilities**

1,116.37

**Total Liabilities**

**Equity**

418.00

**3000 · Opening Bal Equity**

156,842.44

**3900 · Retained Earnings**

27,196.36

**Net Income**

184,456.80

**Total Equity**

185,573.17

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

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**Morgan Baptist Project Care, Inc.**  
**Statement of Financial Income and Expense**  
**January through September 2021**

	Jan - Sep 21	Jan - Sep 20	\$ Change
<b>Income</b>			
4100 · MBA Grants	31,686.75	31,257.00	429.75
4200 · Individual Cash	11,602.44	11,065.42	537.02
4250 · Sycamore Receipts	19,706.24	7,000.48	12,705.76
4300 · Church Cash Contributions	19,443.02	21,652.48	-2,209.46
4400 · Other Grants	615.86	4,919.22	-4,303.36
4500 · Interest Income	1.50	9.35	-7.85
4600 · Misc. Income	8,710.00	0.00	8,710.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>91,765.81</b>	<b>75,903.95</b>	<b>15,861.86</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Rent	900.00	900.00	0.00
5120 · Rent & Utilities			
Utilities	1,125.00	1,300.00	-175.00
BFI			
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>1,125.00</b>	<b>1,300.00</b>	<b>-175.00</b>
<b>Total 5120 · Rent &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>1,125.00</b>	<b>1,300.00</b>	<b>-175.00</b>
5110 · Postage	0.00	74.00	-74.00
Office	0.00	43.60	-43.60
5100 · General Expenses			
Maintenance-Repairs	1,457.25	399.00	1,058.25
Other Expenses	2.00	0.00	2.00
5105 · Office Expenses	30.00	0.00	30.00
5100 · General Expenses - Other	31.00	40.00	-9.00
<b>Total 5100 · General Expenses</b>	<b>1,520.25</b>	<b>439.00</b>	<b>1,081.25</b>
5101 · Insurance-MBA Grant			
Insurance-Building	752.00	656.00	96.00
Insurance - Vehicle	-84.00	1,352.50	-1,436.50
Workman's Compensation Insurance	-136.38	-131.73	-4.65
<b>Total 5101 · Insurance-MBA Grant</b>	<b>531.62</b>	<b>1,876.77</b>	<b>-1,345.15</b>
5126 · Financial Services	2,725.00	2,550.00	175.00
5200 · Payroll Expenses			
Director Wages	25,310.34	24,912.54	397.80
Assistant Wages	6,799.36	6,665.12	134.24
5200 · Payroll Expenses - Other	2,519.39	2,478.69	40.70
<b>Total 5200 · Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>34,629.09</b>	<b>34,056.35</b>	<b>572.74</b>
5310 · Bapt. Campus Min. Team Exp.	318.41	507.39	-188.98
5325 · Disaster Relief Expenses	3,293.91	4,177.76	-883.85
5335 · English & More Expenses	0.00	42.81	-42.81
5345 · Caring Place Expenses	7,455.05	5,576.39	1,878.66
5441 · Raceway Ministries-Design. Exp	2,342.00	1,817.89	524.11
5446 After School Program Expen	134.29	29.90	104.39
5450-Sycamore Bargain Ctr	9,594.83	1,811.08	7,783.75
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>64,569.45</b>	<b>55,202.94</b>	<b>9,366.51</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>27,196.36</b>	<b>20,701.01</b>	<b>6,495.35</b>



**Morgan Baptist Project Care, Inc.**  
**Statement of Financial Income and Expense**  
**September 2021**

	Sep 21	Jan - Sep 21
<b>Income</b>		
4100 · MBA Grants	3,520.75	31,686.75
4200 · Individual Cash	405.36	11,602.44
4250 · Sycamore Receipts	2,457.72	19,706.24
4300 · Church Cash Contributions	2,235.60	19,443.02
4400 · Other Grants	0.00	615.86
4500 · Interest Income	0.16	1.50
4600 · Misc. Income	0.00	8,710.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>8,619.59</b>	<b>91,765.81</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Rent	100.00	900.00
5120 · Rent & Utilities		
Utilities	125.00	1,125.00
BFI		
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>125.00</b>	<b>1,125.00</b>
<b>Total 5120 · Rent &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>125.00</b>	<b>1,125.00</b>
5110 · Postage	0.00	0.00
5100 · General Expenses		
Maintenance-Repairs	799.82	1,457.25
Other Expenses	0.00	2.00
5105 · Office Expenses	0.00	30.00
5100 · General Expenses - Other	2.00	31.00
<b>Total 5100 · General Expenses</b>	<b>801.82</b>	<b>1,520.25</b>
5101 · Insurance-MBA Grant		
Insurance-Building	0.00	752.00
Insurance - Vehicle	0.00	-84.00
Workman's Compensation Insuranc	0.00	-136.38
<b>Total 5101 · Insurance-MBA Grant</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>531.62</b>
5126 · Financial Services	275.00	2,725.00
5200 · Payroll Expenses		
Director Wages	2,812.26	25,310.34
Assistant Wages	706.56	6,799.36
5200 · Payroll Expenses - Other	276.19	2,519.39
<b>Total 5200 · Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>3,795.01</b>	<b>34,629.09</b>
5310 · Bapt. Campus Min. Team Exp.	0.00	318.41
5325 · Disaster Relief Expenses	45.00	3,293.91
5345 · Caring Place Expenses	1,243.21	7,455.05
5441 · Raceway Ministries-Design. Exp	2,292.00	2,342.00
5446 After School Program Expen	0.00	134.29
5450-Sycamore Bargain Ctr	4,765.39	9,594.83
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>13,442.43</b>	<b>64,569.45</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-4,822.84</b>	<b>27,196.36</b>





# **Morgan Baptist Association**

## **Book of Reports**

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# Alabama Baptist CHILDREN'S HOMES & Family Ministries

## Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries (ABCH) 2021 Report

In our homes across the state, we are blessed to see God working and transforming the tender hearts of so many of our children and teenagers. We see Him at work in both small and big ways, and we know as Kingdom partners in this work with us, you too, will celebrate how God has been at work in these young lives this year:

Brothers, Nick\* & Andrew\*, adjusted well in school, performing above average in academics and stayed committed to the football team, despite a tumultuous family life.

We saw Deon\*, who had been with us for over three years, able to be reunited with his father. This is a miracle and praise, and also a prayer request. We ask that you pray for this family and other families like them, as they reunify and transition to life together again and that parents and relatives will maintain all they need to do to keep their families healthy and intact.

Wes\* followed the Lord in Believer's Baptism. He was saved several years ago but had never had the courage to be baptized because one of his closest family members is very hostile to the Christian faith. Our house parent shared this wonderful news of his baptism, saying, "Only God could've given him the courage to overcome those fears."

When teenager Maggie\* first came to us, she barely held her head up when she would speak to you. She had very few life skills. She did not know how to take care of herself in regard to simple hygiene habits that most of us learn as children, and she was failing in school. But after being in our care—being consistently loved, protected, and nurtured—things began to change in Maggie's life in the best ways.

First and most importantly, she accepted Christ as her Savior! Over time, we've seen her grow to be very health conscious and very well kept. She began to make A's, B's and C's in school and is well respected by her teachers and peers. Finally, this shy little girl who barely uttered a word, tried out and made Color Guard at her high school. She continues to grow in her faith and tells her friends at school about Jesus.

2020 was certainly a year like none other, but we praise God that He still faithfully worked in thousands of lives through your Children's Homes. Looking back at 2020, your support helped us care for 4,443 people across all areas of ministry, serving 382 in our Foster Care homes, 105 in our Campus and Shelter Care homes, 93 in our Family Care homes, and 3,758 through our counseling services! We are thankful to the Lord for 15 professions of faith in 2020, 42 new homes licensed for foster care, 35 adoptions, and 130 reunifications to family members!

**Your support of children from hard places is invaluable to the work God has called us to do. Thank you.** Every day in our ministry, lives are being influenced and impacted for the Kingdom. Thank you for praying, serving, and giving as we work together to protect, nurture, and restore children and families through Christ-centered services. We are so grateful for what God has done and look forward to all that He has in store!

*\*Names have been changed for privacy purposes*

**The Alabama Baptist  
(TAB Media Group)**

**2021 Report to Annual Associational Meetings**

Thank you for the continued and much appreciated support of The Alabama Baptist newspaper and media ministry, also known as TAB Media Group.

The staff of The Alabama Baptist works hard to be good stewards of all its resources and seeks to maintain an efficient and effective working environment as well as stay connected to the heartbeat of Alabama Baptists.

We strive to produce content and resources that help strengthen, inform and build up people of faith, specifically Christians who connect with each other through Alabama Baptist churches. The past two years have not been easy for our churches, and we've been proud to tell the stories of your perseverance, faith and resourcefulness during this trying time.

This season also has illuminated a need for a unifying communication tool in Baptist life that reaches across state lines. After much prayer and preparation, we stepped out on faith in May 2021 to expand our mission and ministry offering information, inspiration and connection for all Baptists through a new publication — The Baptist Paper.

Along with the now 178-year-old weekly print edition of The Alabama Baptist, TAB Media Group also offers a variety of ways for Alabama Baptists to receive content through email news updates, daily stories posted at [www.thealabamabaptist.org](http://www.thealabamabaptist.org) and an active social media presence. We also produce two weekly podcasts — Amplify: Conversations about Life + Faith and TAB News — as well as a seasonal podcast series, TAB Stories. Amplify also airs on Birmingham's WXJC 101.1 FM/850 AM. The podcasts can be found at [tabonline.org/podcasts](http://tabonline.org/podcasts).

Another important aspect of our ministry offers those who are visually impaired or have any situation in which they are unable to read the newspaper a complimentary audio cartridge featuring an abridged version of each issue of The Alabama Baptist and The Baptist Paper.

Your support and personal engagement with the various platforms available through TAB Media Group and *The Alabama Baptist* newspaper truly makes us a better team as we strive to serve our Lord and each of you with excellence.

**Jennifer Davis Rash**  
President and Editor-in-Chief  
*The Alabama Baptist*



## **2021 Woman's Missionary Union Annual Report**

Truly this past ministry year has been like none that any of us have encountered. Yet, during some of the most challenging and difficult circumstances Alabama Baptists rose to the occasion and persevered in staying true to making the name of Jesus known!

Members of Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) while working alongside their pastors persevered and when many of our churches had to shut down due to the pandemic, put into action their call to missions.

When mission discipleship groups were unable to meet in person, many began to find ways that they could love on their neighbors through prayer, provision of basic needs and encouraging notes. In addition, these groups found ways to gather via online programs such as Zoom, Microsoft Teams, and Facebook Messenger. Others prepared missions discipleship lessons for their preschoolers and children and delivered them to the homes of students. While the pandemic has been heartbreaking and challenging, it has also forced us to look beyond our normal and find new ways to engage our Alabama Baptist churches for the cause of missions.

Alabama Woman's Missionary Union was called upon to assist missionary families that found themselves reassigned to the United States for a time as the world determined the best way to handle the pandemic. During this time, they assisted in helping to find housing and met other needs. Capitalizing on this unique time in history, they began offering Zoom gatherings entitled "Great Commission Conversations" that allowed Alabama Baptists the opportunity to meet our mission personnel, get to know them personally and learn how to pray and support their work. To date 54 gatherings have been hosted.

In addition, to meet needs of our Ministers' Wives, Alabama WMU created a Zoom gathering for ministers' wives entitled "Ministers' Wives Connection". These gatherings meet monthly and offer a place of prayer and encouragement for these servants.

Encouragement was also offered for missions discipleship leaders and women's ministry leaders through Zoom gatherings and leadership training offered online. These touch points became important to our leaders as we all attempted to minister to one another and reach our communities during this unusual time in history.

Much concern was expressed about the continued support of our mission personnel through this time. Alabama Baptists stayed true to supporting our missionaries through their giving and praying. Support through giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering remained strong even in this time when many were without employment. Giving through the Cooperative Program during this time was also unprecedented.

Spring 2021 in-person gatherings resumed as did Alabama WMU's missions events. These events were hybrid events, meaning there was a small in-person group as well as a digital option.

WorldSong Missions Place, the camp owned and operated by Alabama WMU, was shut down during the year as well. However, this did not stop missions camping. The summer of 2020 missions camping was offered online, and the summer of 2021 missions camp was taken to the local church and associations.

Praise the Lord for His goodness, strength and wisdom which has guided us all to persevere during this challenging time and allows us to look to the future of missions with great hope!

# THE BAPTIST FOUNDATION OF ALABAMA

## 2021 Report to the Associations

The Board of Directors and staff of The Baptist Foundation of Alabama (The Foundation) are pleased to present this report to the associations of the Alabama Baptist State Convention. This year was a time of change for our ministry, as we celebrated the retirement of our President, Barry Bledsoe, after 20 years of excellent service. John Ashworth, our Chief Administrative Officer since 2014, became President on June 19, 2021. While our leadership has changed, our commitment to serve Alabama Baptists remains the same...in every service we offer, resource we provide, investment we make, our heart is to make Him known. It is The Foundation's privilege to *help churches mobilize resources for Kingdom purposes* through our various ministry services:

**Legacy Launch** – Every year, we equip dozens of churches, just like yours, to offer a Legacy Ministry to their members. Since 2010, 1,000+ families have completed Legacy Planning, resulting in approximately 300 million dollars in future Kingdom gifts. This past year, we created Legacy Launch – a framework to help new and existing Legacy church partners clarify their message, cast their vision to their people, and build a sustainable Legacy Ministry into the future!

**GiveThree65** – The Foundation moved quickly when the uncertainty of the pandemic arrived and partnered with The Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions to launch GiveThree65 – a digital giving platform. Created within days of Alabama's lockdowns, we helped over 70 churches put plans in place to move giving online. By offering multiple ways to give, you will empower your members to practice generosity anytime and anywhere.

**Kingdom Impact Investing** – Providing investment solutions, managed in a Biblically responsible manner, is yet another way we tailor our services to meet the unique needs of your ministry. We exclude investments that do not align with your faith, and include investments that further Kingdom work, while seeking to earn a compelling market return. We reacted to the volatility of the last year by striving to allocate assets prudently while aligning clients' investments with their objectives and their faith.

**Educational Scholarships** – As the pandemic disrupted campus life and classes moved from in-person to virtual, The Foundation continued supporting the educational goals of the next generation of Christian leaders. Almost \$500,000 was awarded directly to colleges and seminaries to support their missions. In addition, through over 100 scholarship funds, another \$575,000 was awarded to Alabama Baptist students. These generous scholarships propel today's students to become tomorrow's Christian leaders.

**Vision Campaigns** – In 2020, The Foundation began offering coaching for Vision Campaigns – a holistic stewardship and generosity ministry initiative. These campaigns allow your congregation to give beyond their regular tithe to additional expansion projects that help further your church's ministry. Capitalizing on our team's experience in coaching churches in stewardship and generosity, The Foundation's Vision Campaigns have already begun helping Alabama Baptist churches.

To see how we have helped Alabama Baptist churches just like those in your association, please visit <https://vimeo.com/tbfa/impact>.

You may also go to our website at [www.tbfa.org](http://www.tbfa.org) or contact our ministry engagement staff at (334) 394-2000 for assistance or more information.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you, your families, and your church! Our team stands ready to help you however we can.

**Alabama Baptist Historical Commission**  
**2021 Ministry Report to Associations**  
*Unveiling the past to enlighten the present and illumine the future.*

The Alabama Baptist Historical Commission is dedicated to preserving the record of God's faithfulness to His people called Alabama Baptists. Alabama Baptists' gifts through the Cooperative Program support ministries of the ABHC that challenge, encourage, and equip Alabama Baptists to collect, preserve, share, and promote our rich story and heritage.

Collection and preservation of original records are important ministries of the ABHC. The best way to preserve the information in historical records is by microfilming, which ensures that Alabama Baptist history will be maintained regardless of natural disasters or unexpected tragedies. The ABHC microfilm ministry is offered free of charge to all Alabama Baptist State Convention churches, associations, entities, and the convention. Pick up and return of records is also provided at no cost. Last year, more than 40,000 pages of Alabama Baptist materials were preserved through our microfilm ministry.

In addition to collecting and preserving our history, it is important to share the story of God's Alabama Baptist Great Commission people. One way to share our story is through the ABHC's ministry of planning, facilitating, and conducting tours of the Alabama Baptist Historical Collection and other resources of historical significance and interest. Due to Covid restrictions, we were unable to do tours for church or association groups in 2020.

Anniversaries are important times of celebration and remembrance in the lives of Alabama Baptists. The ABHC assists with celebration planning for and presents recognitions to churches, associations, and Alabama Baptist entities celebrating milestone anniversaries. Last year, the ABHC celebrated 39 milestone anniversaries through presentations of framed certificates or letters of commendation.

For the fourteenth consecutive year, the ABHC served in all 75 Alabama Baptist associations. The staff conducted 19 workshops and presentations for churches and associations on highlights of Alabama Baptist history, anniversary celebration planning, records collection, preservation, and management, writing of church and association history, setting up church archives, and oral history interviewing in 2020. The ABHC also presented and/or displayed at several state and association events either by video conference or in person.

In 2020, the ABHC made available several publications including: *Children of Light*, a historical coloring/puzzle book, *A Miracle of God*, the memoir of Dr. Troy Morrison, former Executive Secretary of the Alabama State Board of Missions, *Every Day with Jesus*, the memoir of Jane Ellen Gaines, a missionary to Nigeria, *My Day*, the memoir of Dr. H.O. Hester, a state missionary who served in the area of racial reconciliation, and an instructional brochure series. The ABHC delivered information packets throughout the state containing materials helpful to churches and associations in preserving their history. The ABHC website, [www.abhconline.com](http://www.abhconline.com) provided information regarding upcoming anniversary celebrations, tour groups, and ABHC presentations and ministries.

The ABHC added approximately one hundred church photographs to its survey of Alabama Baptist churches, which preserves the visual record of our Alabama Baptist places of ministry and worship in 2020.

For more information about the ministries of the ABHC, please call 1-205-726-2363, email us at [llberg@samford.edu](mailto:llberg@samford.edu), visit our website at [www.abhconline.com](http://www.abhconline.com), or write us at P.O. Box 293928, Birmingham, AL 35229.

## ALCAP & American Character Builders

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Joe Godfrey, Executive Director

**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:** Alabama has always been considered a very socially conservative state, but the 2021 Legislative Session was an embarrassment as legislators in both houses passed a number of socially liberal bills.

### ***Alcohol***

Since becoming a “super majority,” Republican lawmakers have demonstrated that they have never seen a beverage alcohol expansion bill they did not like. This year was no exception. A series of bills were passed and signed into law by the Governor that legalize direct shipment of alcoholic beverages to the homes of Alabama citizens. While the bills included requirements for delivery personnel to check IDs to make sure the person receiving the shipment is 21 years of age or older, ask yourself if you think FedEx or UPS delivery personnel will consistently do that. It is not likely.

### ***“Medical” Marijuana***

In spite of heroic efforts by several members of the Alabama Senate and the House of Representatives to stop its passage, the “medical” marijuana bill (SB46, sponsored by Sen. Tim Melson) passed both houses and was signed into law by Governor Ivey. We are disappointed, but we will do everything we can to keep marijuana legalization from continuing to expand. In many states where “medical” marijuana has been legalized, the legalization of recreational marijuana has often followed.

### ***Yoga***

Yoga is intrinsically tied to the Hindu religion and for that reason has been banned in Alabama public schools (K-12). But that is no longer the case. The Alabama Legislature has now voted to allow a Hindu religious practice to be taught in public schools.

### ***Vulnerable Child Compassion & Protection Act (VCAP)***

This bill passed the Senate, but leadership in the House refused to allow the bill to come to the floor of the House for a vote. This bill would have prohibited hormone blockers and surgical procedures to be used on children for the purpose of changing their birth sex, before being old enough to decide for themselves.

### ***“Born Alive” Bill***

One bright spot was the passage of the “Born Alive” Bill, sponsored by Rep. Ginny Shaver. This bill requires that medical staff do everything possible if, during an abortion, a child is born alive. This bill received bipartisan support in both the House and Senate. We applaud Rep. Shaver for her persistence in getting this bill passed into law.

### ***Gambling***

For ALCAP, the biggest issue during the 2021 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature was gambling. Several gambling bills were introduced, but all failed to pass due to “greedlock” (pro-gambling factions being unable to agree). The most comprehensive bill included a state-sponsored lottery, state-sanctioned casinos, a compact with the Poarch Creek Indians that would allow them to turn their current facilities into full-fledged casinos and build a new casino in Northeast Alabama, as well as legalizing online gambling and sports betting. The legislature may try again to pass a gambling bill in a special session or during the 2022 Regular Session, which begins January 11, 2022.

**RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT:** ALCAP & American Character Builders executive director, Joe Godfrey, announced his plan to retire on April 30, 2022. A search committee has been at work and may have a successor named by October 1, 2021. This person will “shadow” Godfrey during the 2022 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature and then take over as executive director upon Godfrey’s retirement. Please be in prayer for both important ministries during these days of transition.

Visit <https://alcap.com/the-forgotten-command/> to download the six-week video study series and discussion guides entitled, **THE FORGOTTEN COMMAND, for FREE!**

***Both ALCAP and American Character Builders are completely dependent upon the prayers and financial support of the churches of Alabama. Please consider adding these ministries to your on-going prayer lists and to your church and associational budgets so that we can continue this important work.***





## Samford University

Samford is a leading Christian university offering undergraduate programs grounded in the liberal arts with an array of nationally recognized graduate and professional programs through 10 academic schools: arts, arts and sciences, business, divinity, education, health professions, law, nursing, pharmacy and public health.

Samford is regularly recognized as one of the best Christian universities in the United States, receiving high marks for academic quality and value. Samford is the top-ranked university in Alabama in national rankings published by *The Wall Street Journal*. Additionally, the *Wall Street Journal/Times Higher*

*Education* ranks Samford 2nd in the nation for student engagement. Samford is ranked 86th nationally for best value by *U.S. News & World Report*, and is the only Alabama university included in the list.

### Samford University Highlights 2020-2021

- Samford achieved its 12th consecutive year of **record enrollment**, despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, with 5,729 students enrolled for the fall semester. Included in the totals are 2,153 graduate/professional students and 3,576 undergraduates representing 47 states, the District of Columbia, and 30 countries. The numbers reflect new individual records in terms of size and quality for both enrolled graduate students and the entering class of 971 freshman students.
- **Samford's Board of Trustees elected Beck A. Taylor as the university's 19th president**, effective July 1, 2021. Taylor succeeded Andrew Westmoreland, who retired after serving as president of Samford University since 2006. Taylor was recommended to the board by a 23-member presidential search committee following a six-month national search involving more than 80 nominations and applicants. Taylor comes to Samford from Whitworth University in Spokane, WA where he served as president since 2010. Taylor returns to Samford where he served as dean and professor of economics for Samford's Brock School of Business from 2005-2010. After earning his undergraduate degree from Baylor University with majors in economics and finance, Taylor was employed as an analyst for Andersen Consulting (now Accenture) in Houston, Texas. He went on to earn his M.S. and Ph.D. in economics from Purdue University. He and his wife of 28 years, Julie, have three children: Zachary, 25, Lauren, 22, and Chloe, 14.
- **Samford's Ministry Training Institute** afforded courses at 35 extension locations, adding new extension sites at Golden Springs Baptist Church in Anniston, Ruhama Baptist Church in Fort Payne, and continuing to reach other states with a new site at the Alpha Baptist Association in Tennessee. The MTI office processed about 1,600 enrollments through the extension network and online certificate programs, and awarded 84 Biblical Studies Diplomas and 40 certificates to students who finished our curriculum. Samford continues to offer our online Women's Leadership Certificate in partnership with the Women's Missionary Union.
- Samford Athletics, with 17 varsity sports in the NCAA Division I level in the Southern Conference, earned a 99% Graduation Success Rate by the NCAA, ranking No. 1 nationally. This year Samford won the prestigious Germann Cup, which goes to the top women's athletic program in the Southern Conference. This marks the third time Samford has won the award. **Overall, Samford teams won a school-record nine Southern Conference championships this year**, breaking the old record of eight set during the 2019-20 season.

# University of Mobile

## 2021 Report to Annual Associational Meetings

Over 60 years ago, Alabama Baptists saw the need for a Baptist college in South Alabama. The Book of Remembrance in the University of Mobile archives contains the names of 6,413 individuals and 186 businesses that pledged over \$2 million to the original “Building the Campus Beautiful in the Deep South” campaign for Mobile College. On December 12, 1961, Alabama Gov. John Patterson signed the official charter, creating a college founded on the belief in Proverbs 9:10 that “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” Today, the University of Mobile is a proud testament to the vision and commitment of Alabama Baptists who continue to support “Higher Education for a Higher Purpose.” Our year-long Diamond Anniversary celebration culminates on **December 12, 2021**, when we invite Alabama Baptists to recognize **University of Mobile Day** and the thousands of graduates serving in churches and communities across the state and throughout the world. Please visit [umobile.edu/celebrate60](http://umobile.edu/celebrate60) for more.

We are thankful for the Lord’s protection during the past year and celebrate the return to a full schedule of activities and events for the 2021-2022 academic year. Prospective students and families are invited to attend UM Days to visit campus, meet faculty and students, and learn about academic programs. Students who visit campus and enroll may earn a \$2,000 Visit Day Scholarship. RSVP for a UM Day or schedule a private tour at [umobile.edu/visit](http://umobile.edu/visit).

All are invited to the annual Scholarship Banquet on Oct. 26 featuring football legend Archie Manning. RSVP at [umobile.edu/banquet](http://umobile.edu/banquet). Homecoming will be held Oct. 1-3. The Alabama School of the Arts presents the annual Performing Arts Series, with Christmas Spectacular on Nov. 18-21 at Cottage Hill Baptist Church in Mobile. Over \$500,000 in grants and donations was raised for the new J.L. Bedsole Strength and Performance Center that opened in August, replacing the 35-year-old weight training room in Pharr Gym. The new University of Mobile Store begins its second year offering unique UM-branded attire and merchandise. Visit online at [universityofmobilestore.com](http://universityofmobilestore.com).

The university continues to expand academic programs. A significant addition is the Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice in the new School of Nurse Anesthesia. This program was fully accredited in June and enrolled its first class this August. Among other academic developments:

- The first doctoral degrees in the university’s history were awarded in May 2021 – the Doctor of Nursing Practice and the Doctor of Musical Arts in vocal performance. Graduation speaker was UM alumna Sarah Thomas, the first full-time female in NFL history and the first female to officiate a Super Bowl.
- The new Center for Christian Calling, formerly the School of Christian Studies, is preparing students for ministry with an emphasis on practical skills. Adjunct instructors include over a dozen pastors, missionaries, association directors and ministry leaders from Baptist life.
- University of Mobile Online Programs offers 3 fully online programs offered in a flexible 8-week format for college students of all ages. Visit [umobile.edu/online](http://umobile.edu/online) for more.
- The Master of Athletic Training program enrolled its first class in June 2021.
- The Master of Music in music education prepares graduates to continue toward doctoral programs in music education.

The university’s motto, “Know and Be Known,” describes an environment in which students are known by their professors, and professors know their calling goes beyond teaching subject matter in a particular discipline. Alabama Baptists can be proud of the faculty who teach at their university. You are invited to meet our faculty through Faculty Q&A stories on the website at [umobile.edu/stories](http://umobile.edu/stories), where you may also subscribe to a weekly update. Please follow UM social media to stay up-to-date on campus news and development. The University of Mobile is YOUR Alabama Baptist university, and we are thankful for the Alabama Baptists who continue to





## 2021 Report to Annual Associational Meetings

Shocco Springs has a long history of being a place where people come to find solitude and rest among God's creation, giving them a chance to unplug and escape the distractions of life while drawing closer to God. Located on almost 900 beautiful acres in Talladega, our camp and conference center provides lodging, food service, meeting space, and recreational opportunities for approximately 40,000 guests each year.

Summer of 2020 was definitely not "business as usual" for Shocco Springs. Campus was beautiful as always, but it was quiet. We missed the familiar sounds of constant multitudes of kids splashing in our Aqua Park on the lake and the cheers of students as they prepped for team activities. It was strange not to see groups of kids sprawled all over the grass in front of the chapel or on the rock walls near the stream, working on their daily Bible studies.

But this summer we have experienced a complete, 180-degree change! Campus has been overflowing with high energy and excited students, eager to return to the full camp experience of new friends, incredible recreational activities, and awesome worship time. In 2020, guest numbers dwindled to less than 25% of our normal numbers. However, guest attendance for 2021 is almost back to pre-Covid levels. We give God the glory as we rejoice over the consistent reports of how students and adults continue to be impacted in wonderful ways through the ministry of Shocco Springs.

Always looking for new ways to love and serve our community, we had a dream of sharing our part of God's magnificent nature with local children who might never have an opportunity to visit Shocco with a church or other group. So for the first time ever, this July Shocco held a week long Day Camp for children from 5 to 12 years old. When reservations opened, our camp spots filled very quickly and left a long waiting list of students. Camp was a success and we were able to minister to around 60 children from our local community, several who were able to attend due to scholarships. The children enjoyed exciting recreation, crafts, and fun activities while learning about the love of God through Bible study and worship time. Our desire is that this will begin a tradition that will expand and minister to hundreds of local kids each summer.

God has been faithful to Shocco and we are committed to faithfully serving Him as we continue to welcome the thousands of people who visit our campus. The Board of Trustees and Shocco staff are deeply appreciative to Alabama Baptists for using our facilities, praying for us, partnering financially, making contributions of time and talent, and especially with gifts through the Cooperative Program. May God be glorified and honored through lives He continues to change on the Shocco campus.

To find out more about how you can experience Shocco, visit our website at [www.shocco.org](http://www.shocco.org).

# THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

## How Does the Cooperative Program Work?

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### **It begins with you!**

You give yourself first to God (II Cor. 8:5). Next, out of gratitude and obedience to God for what He has done for you, you commit to give back to Him, through your church, a portion of what He provides. This is commonly called a tithe and represents ten percent of your income (Lev. 27:30, Mal. 3:10).

### **Your church decides the next step.**

Every year your church prayerfully decides how much of its undesignated gifts will be committed to reaching people in your state and around the world through The Cooperative Program. This amount is then forwarded to your State Board of Missions.

### **Messengers at the Alabama Baptist State Convention Annual Meeting...**

from your church and other churches across Alabama decide what percentage of Cooperative Program gifts contributed by local congregations is forwarded to the SBC for North American and international missions and ministries. Alabama sends 50%.

### **Messengers at the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting...**

from across the country decide how the gifts received from the states will be distributed among SBC entities. These gifts are used by SBC entities to send and support missionaries, train pastors and other ministry leaders; provide relief for retired ministers and widows; and address social, moral and ethical concerns relating to our faith and families.

### **In 2020...**

even with the challenges presented by the COVID pandemic, Alabama Baptists gave \$37,558,354.85 through the Cooperative Program to support missions and ministries around our state, nation and world. This exceeded the budget of \$37,500,00. We praise the Lord for the faithfulness of His people!

***The bottom line – through CP, people around the world hear the Gospel and receive Christ!***

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## **Great Commission Ministries of Communications & Cooperative Program**

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### **Cooperative Program Education**

1. AlabamaCP.org
2. CooperativeProgramResources.org
3. Customized resources for your church

1. Challenge to Build and other options

### **Stewardship**

1. Generosity
2. Church Budgeting
3. Internal Controls
4. Treasurer Training
5. Christian Money Management

### **Capital Fundraising**

## **Resolution of Appreciation**

**WHEREAS,** The messengers to the annual session of the Morgan Baptist Association have gathered and enjoyed a time of worship, encouragement, and fellowship; and

**WHEREAS,** We acknowledge God's handiwork for all these blessings; and

**WHEREAS,** We acknowledge the extraordinary commitment, extensive labor, and excellent leadership of Pastor Justin McAlpin, his church staff, the members of Westmeade Baptist Church, and their volunteers; and

**WHEREAS,** We acknowledge all the other churches and volunteers for their efforts in providing assistance and hospitality to the messengers; and

**WHEREAS,** We acknowledge the Lord's provisions to enable our Morgan Baptist Association leadership, staff, speakers, musicians, and other platform personnel to conduct our session with dignity and a Christ-like spirit; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** That the messengers to the Morgan Baptist Association Meeting in Decatur, Alabama, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021, express our profound gratitude to the Lord and to all He used to bring about an encouraging, evangelistic, and worshipful meeting.

Submitted by Resolution Committee

# Morgan Baptist Association

## Nominating Committee Report

### Associational Officers

	Name	Term Expires
Moderator	Randy Ashley	2022
Vice Moderator	Greg Compton	2022
Clerk	Spencer Bell	2022
Treasurer	Lynn Reeves	2022

### Committees

#### Finance

Ben Bates	2022
Clayton Speed	2022
Geoff Halbrooks	2023
Jack Bailey	2023
John Smyth	2024

#### Personnel

Greg Lee	2022
Geno Shirey	2022
Stephen Cannon	2023
Matt Haines	2023
Chris Martin	2024
Jerome Ward	2024

#### Credentials

Alan Queen	2022
Michael Mason	2023
Walter Blackman	2024

#### Nominating

Mike Winton	2022
Terry Hudson	2022
Joe David Bailey	2023
Christopher Campbell	2023
Ozella Stewart	2024
Spencer Bell	2024

#### Trustees

Allen Drinkard	2022
Robert Penney	2022
Keith Blackwood	2023
David Wood	2023
Stanley Linderman	2024
Noah Hogan	2024

#### Project Care

Christy Hoffman	2022
Geno Shirey	2022
Larry Ealey	2022
Ben Bates	2023
Betty Rubin	2023
Anna Williams	2024
Marcia Lee	2024

#### Women's Missionary Union

Beth Woodruff	2022
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#### Senior Adult Ministry

Ozella Stewart	2022
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#### Vacation Bible School

Tammy Winton	2022
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