

Sullivan Baptist Association
Executive Team Quarterly Business Meeting Minutes
CrossLife Church
Tuesday, May 28, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

The Executive Team of the Sullivan Baptist Association met on Tuesday, May 28, 2015 at CrossLife Church. Those in attendance were:

Executive Committee: Tiger Brooks, Moderator, Campus Pastor, *ISBC Glenwood*; David Fields, Worship Pastor, Lay Rep; *CrossLife*; Rick Meade, Pastor, *Lynn Garden*; Gawain Pearman, Lay Rep, *Lynn Garden*; David Anglin, Pastor, *CrossLife*; Ron Bradshaw, Pastor, *Summersville*; **Directors:** Elmo Owens, Prison & Jail Ministry, *West View*; **SBA Staff:** Chris Alford, *Associational Missionary*; Christy Brister, *Ministry Assistant*; **Guests:** Brian Hensley

David Fields, Worship Pastor, CrossLife; led in a time of worship.

Tiger Brooks, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 6:51 p.m.

The minutes from the December 4, 2014 meeting and the March 5, 2015 meetings were presented and approved as written.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Disaster Relief: Tiger Brooks pointed out the report in the packet.

See Attachment A

Prison & Jail Ministry: Elmo Owens presented his report.

See Attachment B

Vacation Bible School: Tiger Brooks pointed out the report in the packet.

See Attachment C

TEAM REPORTS: There was no team reports submitted.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY'S REPORT: Chris Alford presented his report.

Chris noted that the Retreat Center property was still in the closing process.

See Attachment D

MISCELLANEOUS: No miscellaneous business was submitted for the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Following adjournment, David Anglin, Pastor, CrossLife; read scripture and led in a time of prayer.

Submitted by Christy Brister, Ministry Assistant

Date Approved: _____

Attachment A

DISASTER RELIEF REPORT

Submitted to the Executive Team of the SBA

May 28, 2015

In March, your Disaster Relief Team attended Disaster Relief Training in Oneida, Tenn. We had an Intro to Disaster Relief session on Friday and Specialty Training sessions on Saturday.

We spent much of April and May performing some necessary updating to the cooking equipment. We also had to get some work done on the orange & white truck. It had electrical problem that was draining. We believe it is operational again.

April 29th – May 3rd, we assisted at the RAM (Rural Area Medical) Clinic at the Bristol Motor Speedway. We had 40 volunteers serve 5,000 meals to 1,100 patients.

June 20th – 27th, we will be taking a group to New York City to assist in the continued recovery efforts from Hurricane Sandy.

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

Submitted by:

Jim Ramey

Disaster Relief Coordinator

Attachment B

PRISON AND JAIL MINISTRY REPORT

Submitted to the Executive Team of the SBA

May 28, 2015

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May 25, 2015

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

These last few months have been blessed by the Lord. We have had several saved and rededications at the Jail and Prison; as well as, good attendance in all services. We have had a number request Bibles and Bible Studies that we were able to fill these past months. We provided the men and women at Sullivan Co. jail with Mothers Day Cards and a stamp to mail them and the men at Morgan County prison in units 21, 22, and 23 with Mothers Day cards. All the inmates were very appreciative. As always, we were able to provide paper, pencils, cards, envelopes, and Christian reading material at the jail. These things give us an opportunity to see the inmates and talk to them about the Lord and invite them to the church services. It is made possible by your faithful support. Thank you for caring so much for the inmates.

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

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

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

Chaplain Elmo

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

Attachment C

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT
Submitted to the Executive Team of the SBA
May 28, 2015

The VBS Associational Clinic for the SBA 2015 was held at Indian Springs Baptist Church, Hill Road on April 13, 2015.

A total of 33 people attended the clinic. I had 20 staff from our church that helped. Six churches were represented from our association.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeralyn Collins

Attachment D

Report of the Associational Missionary

Submitted to the Executive Team of the SBA

May 28, 2015

It's hard to believe that a year has gone by since I was asked to serve as the Associational Missionary of the SBA. It has been challenging yet rewarding at the same time.

Stability: For over 4 years we have been operating out of our budget reserves. I'm pleased to report that if the trend continues, we **are no longer** operating out of our reserves. It is exciting to see churches uniting and collaborating around the vision and investing time and resources to give Every Man, Woman, and Child a repeated opportunity to accept or reject the Gospel of Jesus.

Portland/NAMB: Several of our pastors have been invited to travel with NAMB to Portland to see the need there and discover how they might have an opportunity to impact the Northwest of our great country, the region that is home to some of our most unreached cities.

Local Missions: One of my goals for the next 12 months is to establish partnerships with local missions. The SBA has some opportunities in the Tri-Cities, Southwest Virginia, and in Avery County, NC. Please pray for our missions teams as they seek God's will in these areas.

Revitalization Clinics: Currently I am working through a revitalization process with two of our association's churches. Please pray as we prayerfully seek God's wisdom and a move of the Spirit in these churches.

Church Planting: One of our local churches is in the process of exploring the idea of planting a daughter church in a neighboring county. Pray as they "GO" and fulfill the mission God has placed on their hearts.

This past year I've spent a lot of time and effort rebuilding bridges and I am deeply encouraged by what I've seen and learned. Our churches and their leaders are each unique with varying interests, but we unite around one common cause...Go and Make Disciples

I'm looking forward to a very productive 2nd half of 2015 and to a continued advance of the Gospel in my 2nd year of ministry at the SBA.

Chris Alford
Associational Missionary