

GADSDEN COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 10:30 AM

Gretna Baptist Church

Twelve members were present: Rev. Curtis Alston, Rev. Bill Barber, AMS Rev. Jerry R. Chumley, Rev. Warren Fox, Rev. Jeff Jackson, Sandra A. Johnson, Rev. Mark Moore, Kimble Mulford, David Parish, Lavinia Radel, Jackie Sharpton, Virginia Whigham.

Seven churches were represented: Calvary Baptist Church, Chattahoochee First Baptist Church, Concordia Baptist Church, Greensboro First Baptist Church, Gretna Baptist Church, Quincy First Baptist Church, Riverside Baptist Church.

Moderator Rev. Jeff Jackson called the meeting to order. He gave a devotional from Daniel 5:18 with the focus on the following statements: “even though you knew all this” and “God’s Word is intentional and informational.” He closed the devotion with prayer.

The agenda for the meeting was presented and approved.

The minutes for the Annual Meeting on October 4, 2022 were presented and approved.

The Treasurer’s Reports for September and October 2022 were presented and approved.

TEAM REPORTS:

Administration and Leadership – Facilitator Rev. Warren Fox:

Made a motion to relocate the associational office to Quincy First Baptist Church. After some comments from AMS Rev. Jerry R. Chumley including the rent (\$350 per month) being the same amount and a deadline of March 1, 2023 to complete the move (Santa Clara Baptist Church was informed of the possible move by that date and will be paid rent through the end of February), the motion carried.

Made a motion to allocate \$3,000 (non-budgeted) to fund the office transition. The motion carried.

Made a motion to approve the 2023 calendar. After AMS Rev. Jerry R. Chumley reviewed each month’s events, the motion carried.

Evangelism and Missions – No report

Christian Education – Facilitator Rev. Curtis Alston:

Announced that there will be a conference on “Heaven” on Thursday, March 23, 2023. There will be three sessions led by AMS Rev. Jerry R. Chumley, Dr. Eric Erskine, and Rev. Jeff Jackson. Another conference is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19, 2023. Tentatively, this conference will be an event for men at one location and ladies at another location on the same evening.

Church Support – Facilitator Rev. Bill Barber:

Stated that the Pastors’ Appreciation Banquet on Thursday, December 1, was a great success and thanked Bradfordville First Baptist Church for hosting this event. He added that he looked forward to working with his team to continue to lend support to all the churches in our association.

WMU/Women’s Ministries – No report**Disaster Relief – Coordinator Rev. Mark Moore:**

Asked for prayer for volunteers. He noted that he has men who will take care of the trailers and equipment but some younger people who are able to do physical labor are needed. It was pointed out that there are other areas of service than the physical part.

AMS Report – Rev. Jerry R. Chumley:

Reported that all 20 churches have pastors for the time being. However, Rev. Cephus Phillips is retiring and will be leaving Providence Baptist Church (PBC) at the end of December. He requested prayer for PBC as decisions are made about the future of the church. He also expressed appreciation for Bradfordville First Baptist Church hosting the Pastors’ Appreciation Banquet. They furnished the food, entertainment, and a gift for each pastor. He noted that 14 of our 20 pastors (70%) were present.

Miscellaneous Business:

When the Moderator asked if there was any other business, Rev. Warren Fox stated that the A&L Team had one more recommendation. AMS Rev. Jerry R. Chumley and Ministry Assistant Virginia Whigham were asked to leave the room. A motion was presented from the A&L Team to approve Christmas gifts for GCBA staff: \$500 for the AMS and \$250 for the Ministry Assistant. The motion carried. The AMS and Ministry Assistant were invited back into the room.

The Moderator asked for prayer requests:

Rev. Mark Moore for Calvary Baptist Church to move forward now that they have received a building permit; Rev. Jeff Jackson for his Ministry Assistant Donna Lemieux in the loss of her husband; Sandra Johnson for “more people for all of our churches.” The Moderator called on Rev. Bill Barber to close with prayer. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion carried.