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WHEN I AM AFRAID, I PUT MY
TRUST IN YOU – PSALMS 56:3

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF

March 31, 2020

Dear SBCDers and Friends,

The Board of Directors and Executive Committee of Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf (SBCD) regrets to inform everyone that SBCD 2020 at Campbellsville University in Campbellsville, Kentucky will be postponed to July 25-30, 2021.

In light of the COVID-19 global pandemic that is happening right now, it is in the best interest of SBCD to cancel our annual conference. This will be the first time in 72 years that we have had to cancel the annual conference. We decided that it would be the best for the health and safety of all those who plan to attend SBCD. We need to follow the requirements of the Center of Disease Control during this difficult time in our nation.

As the President of SBCD, I strongly encourage all of us to pray for an end to this severe global pandemic and that God will bring His people together at this time to focus on Him. I am proud of all the churches that are still running via Live Streaming or Facebook Live sharing God's glory throughout this crisis that we are all facing. I do pray that each and every one of you stay healthy and safe.

As for those who already submitted registration forms and money, our Treasurer, Tom Linares will be in touch with you in regard to your registration. Thanks for your understanding during this difficult time. Please continue to check our Facebook group (Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf group) for updates and important information.

In closing, remember this verse –1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 –“Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.”

In His Unfailing Love,

Anna Austin

President of Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf



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May 9, 2020

Hello all! My family and I are doing well, and I hope all of yours are as well. God is good, always! Tomorrow is Mother's Day, I wanted to take a time to say "Happy Mother's Day" to all you mothers! Motherhood is one of the most important jobs that God can give us to raise his children the way he wants as Christian women to lead them in His path. John 19:26-27 When Jesus saw his mother there, and with the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her "Woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. Jesus truly loved his mother and wanted someone who he trusted, John, to take care of her when he departs from earth. I grew up in a small mountain town in Tennessee near the Kentucky line. My father was in the army and we moved around a lot. We used to live in Germany, that's when I lost my hearing and so we moved back to TN. My paternal aunt was a strong Southern Baptist Christian woman who took me to church, I was baptized at age 8, but I did not understand what it meant. My husband and I went to T.S.D. (Tennessee School of the Deaf) together but we didn't date until He went to Gallaudet, and then on his break from Gally, we started dating. 4 years later, we got married. Even though he came from a strong Christian home, we didn't go to church. When our oldest child decided he wanted to go to church, he went with a friend. Soon after, he started asking us many questions about God that we couldn't answer so we decided to start finding a church to go to as a family. We attended First Baptist Church of Knoxville and for about 6 months, during one of the Wednesday's bible study led by Rev. Greg Johannsen. He was teaching us about John 14:6, that Jesus is the way and the truth, and that no one can go to the Father except through Jesus. I was blown away! So I was baptized again at the age of 37. I am forever grateful that God is in our lives. Now that we are living in an uncertain time, everything has changed. The last few months, in which I believe is now our new "normal", everyone's lives have been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. I have a verse I would love to share with you all. Philippians 4:6-7, Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer, petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

In His Undying Love

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President of Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf



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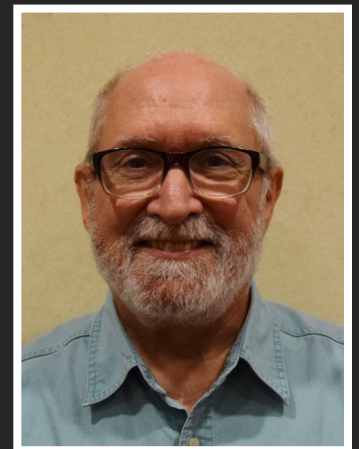
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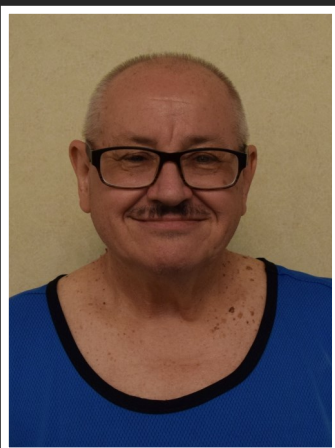
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OUR HISTORY

SBCD was first met at First Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee in December of 1948. It was called "Baptist Workers Conference for the Deaf". Messengers traveled by train from Texas, Georgia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Tennessee. In 1951, it was printed for the program, "Southwide Conference of Baptist Deaf". In the same year, it was "Southwide Baptist Conference for the Deaf". In early 1952, some people said "Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf". It was clearly that the name was officially changed to "Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf" on June 12, 1954 and it has carried the name of our organization ever since.

WHO WE ARE

Every year, there is a great opportunity to fellowship with many deaf and hearing Christians of all ages from across the world. SBCD provides many wonderful workshops, amazing spiritual worships, and great fellowship with others. SBCD always will be held once a year in the summer time. We would love to have you join with us!

ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST INTERPRETERS OF THE DEAF



INA FAYE PRICE

Chairperson

Association of Southern Baptist Interpreters of the Deaf (ASBID) welcomes interpreters each year to our annual training workshops. These workshops are available to interpreters, both deaf and hearing, as well as visitors who do not necessarily fit into SBCD or other workshops. Interpreters look forward to the ASBID meeting as an opportunity to learn new skills, ideas, and hear alternative ways to perform their ministries. An added blessing comes from the opportunity to fellowship with old friends and meet new friends. We invite and encourage interpreters and other interested people to join with us at SBCD. For more information about ASBID, contact: p_inafay@bellsouth.net



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MISSIONS



RUSTY LOWER
Chairperson

Are you planning to share the Gospel in United States or in other countries? If your church is planning a mission trip, your mission team is eligible to apply for a grant of offering funds to help with your mission trip expense. North America Missions Committee (NAMC) can help your mission trip in statewide includes Alaska, Hawaii, Canada and Puerto Rico as well. International Missions Committee (IMC) provides money for a mission team to every nation around the world. To send mission teams to help SBCD churches identify, develop, and strengthen deaf ministries and churches. We can help you to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every person in every town, every city, every state, and every nation. For more information about the missions committee, contact: rustylower@gmail.com

FELLOWSHIP OF

MISSIONARIES AND PASTORS TO THE DEAF



DIRK HILL
Chairperson

Fellowship of Missionaries and Pastors to the Deaf (FMPD) welcomes all Southern Baptists deaf and hearing missionaries, pastors, assistant pastors, associate pastors, deacons, evangelists, lay pastors, bi-vocational pastors, worship pastors, and youth pastors to the annual conference. We want to keep in touch with every SBC employed and retired pastors and missionaries. Every year, we look forward to the FMPD meeting as an opportunity to fellowship with everyone at the annual meeting. We want to invite and encourage each missionaries and pastors to join with us at SBCD. For more information about FMPD, contact: hill@fbcrichmond.org



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STATE CONFERENCES OF THE DEAF

Many conferences are currently facing difficult decisions in light of COVID-19. All conferences will be postponed to next year. Some possibly will be on live stream.

To update information, contact Ethan Elder: gunsmoke_253@yahoo.com

ALABAMA BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (ABCD)	MARCH 2020
ARKANSAS BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (ABCD)	MAY 2020 CANCELLED
FLORIDA BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (FBCD)	JUNE 2020 CANCELLED
GEORGIA BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (GBCD)	MARCH 2020 CANCELLED
KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (KBCD)	TBA
LOUISIANA BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (LBCD)	TBA
MARYLAND/DELAWARE BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (MDBCDC)	TBA
MICHIGAN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (MBCD)	TBA
MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (MBCD)	TBA
MISSOURI BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (MOBCD)	TBA
NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (NCBCD)	TBA
OHIO BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (OBCD)	TBA
OKLAHOMA BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (OBCD)	OCTOBER 2020
SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (SCBCD)	JULY 2020 CANCELLED
TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (TBCD)	MAY 2020 CANCELLED
TEXAS BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (TBCD)	JUNE 2020
VIRGINIA BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (VBCD)	TBA
DEAF MEN'S CONFERENCE (DMC)	NOVEMBER 2020
DEAF MEN'S GATHERING (DMG)	SEPTEMBER 2020
DEAF WOMEN'S GATHERING (DWG)	APRIL 2020 CANCELLED

DID YOU KNOW?

Dean Pritchard was the first deaf woman elected as president of Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf (SBCD) in Ridgecrest in North Carolina in 1975. Pritchard led a conference in Richmond, Virginia in 1976 and then led a conference in Glorieta, New Mexico in 1977. She served as president, secretary, treasurer, and Board of Trustees (now Board of Directors). Dean Pritchard also served in Education Committee, Time and Place Committee, and led workshops for SBCD as well. Pritchard was elected as secretary at the first annual meeting of Florida Baptist Conference of the Deaf (FBCD) at First Baptist Church of Tallahassee in 1959. She also was the first deaf woman elected as president of FBCD at Delaney Street Baptist Church in Orlando in 1967. She was elected as president of FBCD 5 times and SBCD 2 times.



Pritchard served as president, 1st vice president, 2nd vice president, secretary, treasurer, advisor, and served in By-Laws Committee for FBCD. She served for SBCD and FBCD for many years until her death. She was the strongest Christian leader that SBCD and FBCD ever know. In 1969, Pritchard suggested that FBCD send a delegate to SBCD since FBCD have never done that before and with \$1,000.00 given by Florida Baptist Convention (FBC). "We should pay at least part of the expense of a delegate". Motion was made that the matter be left up to those officers to decide. Motion was duly seconded and carried.

Born in Lake City, Florida on October 22, 1930. She lost her hearing when she was 8 years old. She accepted Jesus as her personal Savior at the age of 11 and then sensed God's call to Christian service about a year later. Pritchard believed her deafness is God's gift to help her reach out to other people. Pritchard was appointed by governor Reubin Askew for a term as trustee for Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (FSDB). She was regularly active as a Sunday school teacher at Arlington Baptist Church in Jacksonville. Pritchard never seemed to tire of seeking to reach people for Christ and make disciples wherever she was. She received many awards and recognitions for her faithful service to God from Florida Baptist Convention (FBC) and Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). She lived in Jacksonville for several years. Dean Pritchard died at the age of 80 on April 1, 2011 in Jacksonville, Florida.

CODE BLUE: Deaf are Unreached

100 Major Cities in the
USA have **NO church**
for the Deaf



ONLY 58

SBC Deaf Churches
for 3 million Deaf

40%

of 58 US Deaf Churches
are without a pastor

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TRAINING DEAF FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

MISSION, VISION, & VALUES

The Deaf Theological Center assists Deaf Churches/Ministries of the Southern Baptist Convention by providing theological education and church plant training that is contextualized for Deaf Cultures so as to train Deaf people as effective church planters, missionaries, pastors and leaders. Attendance fulfills the theological education requirements for Deaf missionaries of IMB, Deaf church planters of NAMB, and other agencies.

CORE VALUES

Christ-centered

Jesus Christ is LORD.

By Christ's work alone are we saved.

Biblical based-Storying

Scripture alone is the inerrant Word of God.

Using the heart language of the Deaf to reach the Deaf!

Global Strategy

Evangelism and missions are the heartbeat of God's Kingdom.

Church Multiplication

The church is God's primary strategy for reaching the world.

Professional Excellence

God's call to ministry is worthy of our best.

PARTNERSHIP

This is a cooperative effort of Brentwood Baptist Deaf Church, Brentwood Baptist Church, International Mission Board, North America Mission Board, Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf and Union University.

For more information about class schedule and registration...

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WHO IS THIS FOR?

Anyone who desires a theological education that Deaf-centered and taught in the language of the Deaf... ASL! Our mission is to prepare the Deaf for an effective future in ministry and missional leadership. Our specialized ASL programs seek to provide a strong academic foundation in theology.



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DONNIE WILTSHIRE LED A WORKSHOP ABOUT LIFEWAY AT RIDGECREST CONFERENCE CENTER IN NORTH CAROLINA



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The answer is yes. You use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile.

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Please check the website.

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ANNOUNCEMENT FROM **SOUTHERN BAPTIST** CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF

The 2020 Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Annual Meeting has been canceled for the first time in 75 years. It was scheduled for June 9-10 this year in Orlando, Florida. The SBC Annual Meeting is not being rescheduled. The 2021 SBC Annual Meeting will be held in Nashville, Tennessee on June 15-16. For more information, please visit www.sbc.net



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CAMPBELLSVILLE, KENTUCKY
JULY 25-30, 2021

DON'T BE **AFRAID**, FOR **I AM** WITH YOU.
DON'T BE **DISCOURAGED**, FOR **I AM** YOUR GOD.
ISAIAH 41:10



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PROMOTIONS, FLYERS & ADVERTISEMENTS IN TWSBCD

The Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf Board of Directors needs your help. If you or your group wants to advertise a state retreat, marriage retreat, men's gathering/conference, women's gathering/conference, youth conference, etc., in TWSBCD, please request a pre-approval from the Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf Board of Directors. The editor of TWSBCD is supervised by the Directors and often receive requests from Christian organizations. If you want advertise something in TWSBCD, please contact Chris Partain at this email address: cwpartain@yahoo.com and you may also write to Chris Partain at this address: Brentwood Baptist Deaf Church, 7777 Concord Rd, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF LOGO

The SBCD logo is now copyrighted and is registered with the government copyright office. The logo is protected by federal law. You will notice we have added the symbol to the logo. If anyone wants to use the SBCD logo in advertisement, on stationary, in newsletters, on websites, in art work, on Facebook, on Twitter, etc., they must receive permission from the SBCD Board of Directors. To request to use of SBCD logo form, please contact Chris Partain at this email address: cwpartain@yahoo.com

WE NEED NEWS FROM YOU!

Send us your news! News about your mission trips, both in United States and other countries, are needed in order to make this newsletter more interesting to read –as well as to inspire the TWSBCD readers into taking missionary trips! We also need news of your pastoral callings in Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) churches, your enrollments in SBC colleges/seminaries, (including academic honors and graduations), etc., and about your Deaf churches, Deaf ministries and state conference of the Deaf as well. Please submit the news to Ethan Elder at this email address: gunsmoke_253@yahoo.com



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