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JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER – HEBREWS 13:8

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Greetings from Maryville, Tennessee.

I do hope that everyone has been doing well and staying safe during the pandemic. My family and I have been well and staying as safe as we can. It is the most challenging time of our lives; it is easy to be distracted from God, but He is always there for us even during the pandemic. I am looking forward to the day where we all can be free from the fear of getting the covid-19. This verse comes to mind in our times of struggle.

2 Corinthians 4:8-11 "We are pressed on every side of troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies. Yes, we live under constant danger of death because we serve Jesus, so that the life of Jesus will be evident in our dying bodies".

Let's pray for everyone, that we all stay safe and healthy and to remember that God does not forsake us but that we continue His work and help others who struggles, lost their loved ones or felt lost in this terrible season of our lives. Please keep an eye on our SBCD Facebook page and our soon to be released new website for information of our upcoming summer conference. I am looking forward to seeing all my brothers and sisters in Christ and to fellowship in Lord's name at Campbellsville University in Campbellsville, KY on July 25-30, 2021.

In His Undying Love,

Anna Austin

President of Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf





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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF

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 (ABSID) 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





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 2021 CANCELLED
ARKANSAS BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (ABCD)	ТВА
FLORIDA BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (FBCD)	JUNE 25 - 27, 2021
GEORGIA BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (GBCD)	MARCH 2021
KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (KBCD)	ТВА
LOUISANA BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (LBCD)	ТВА
MARYLAND/DELAWARE BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (MDB	CD) TBA
MICHIGAN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (MBCD)	ТВА
MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (MBCD)	ТВА
MISSOURI BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (MOBCD)	ТВА
NEW MEXICO BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (NMBCD)	ТВА
NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (NCBCD)	ТВА
OHIO BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (OBCD)	ТВА
OKLAHOMA BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (OBCD)	ТВА
SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (SCBCD)	ТВА
TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (TBCD)	APRIL 30 - MAY 2, 2021
TEXAS BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (TBCD)	ТВА
VIRGINIA BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (VBCD)	ТВА
DEAF MEN'S CONFERENCE (DMC)	ТВА
DEAF MEN'S GATHERING (DMG)	OCTOBER 2021
DEAF MILLENNIAL PROJECT (DMP)	ТВА
DEAFQUAKE	JULY 13-28, 2021
DEAF WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (DWC)	APRIL 23-24, 2021
DEAF WOMEN'S GATHERING (DWG)	MARCH 26 –28, 2021

TESTIMONY

Doyle Snead shared his testimony about accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior when he was little. "I was going to church before I was saved. My parents were very active in church before I was born. They moved across the county to help start a new church and they helped it grow to a large group of believers with a heart to share the gospel to the community. My Mom taught Sunday School and VBS in the summer and my Dad also taught Sunday School. Dad was a Royal Ambassador (RA) leader, a deacon and an occasional worship leader. I grew up knowing all about church, God, Jesus, and salvation. I knew what it meant to 'go forward'. At the end of the service, I went forward and accepted Jesus Christ at the age of 11. In my mind, I knew I was saved. Six years later, I was a RA camp counselor and it hit my heart what it means to be saved.



I understood what Jesus' death and resurrection meant to me. I rededicated my life. A Few months later, I felt God calling me to serve Him as a minister. I did not want to accept His calling. When God called Moses and Moses said 'I don't talk so well!' I understood exactly how Moses felt. I kept telling God 'I don't talk so well!' I was voted Most Shy in my high school class, talking was very hard for me. I really did not want to be around other people at all. Now God wants me to go into the ministry?! I read how God was with Moses and I knew He would be with me. I accepted God's call and have done my best to serve Him. I still don't talk very well and my writing is worse. But if God can use me, then He can use you."



Association of Southern Baptist Interpreters for the Deaf 7/08 (A.S.B.I.D.) Policies and Procedures

Purpose

The purpose of this auxiliary committee shall be to provide training and information regarding the ministry and leadership skills of interpreters in the local Deaf Ministry or Deaf Church, in order that the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ might be made more accessible to Deaf people.

Meetings and Membership

ASBID shall meet annually, unless the chair notifies the members of any special meeting. Members shall be designated as messengers of ASBID. Said messengers must meet the same qualifications as those for SBCD messengers and be involved in a local Southern Baptist church.

Officers

ASBID shall have 8 officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Historian, Interpreter Coordinator, Deaf-blind Interpreter Coordinator, Nominating Committee Chair, and Program Chair. They shall serve from the close of the annual ASBID meeting in which they are elected, until the close of the next annual meeting. No officer may serve more than 2 consecutive terms in the same office. However, any officer may be elected to another office at the close of their term. No officer may hold more than one office at a time. Nominations for the officers may come from the Nominating Committee and from the floor. Elections shall be by majority vote.

Officers' Authority and Duties

Chair

- 1. Schedule and preside over the ASBID business meeting.
- 2. Report the activities of ASBID to the general assembly of ASBID
- 2: 3. Serve as a member of the SBCD Executive Committee, and attend the mid-year SBCD Conference Planning Meeting (winter).
- 3. Coordinate the distribution of ASBID funds.
- 4. Appoint an individual to plan and lead the ASBID fellowship/reception at the annual conference.
- 5. Appoint an individual to lead a First-Timer's Mentoring Program for the week of the annual conference.

- 6. Appoint an individual to work with the ASBID secretary to set up and staff a registration table near the SBCD registration area, at the annual conference. Serve as ex-officio member of all subcommittees.
- 7. Appoint an individual to advertise the ASBID business meeting, workshops, activities, etc. on the ASBID Yahoo group list serve.
- 8. Collect and submit to the *"Together With SBCD"* editor and the SBCD Program Chair, information regarding the ASBID workshops, reception, First-Timer's Mentoring Program, etc.
- 9. Ask the members if there is interest in having someone print an ASBID directory. If there is, then recruit someone to make a directory which shall be in the hands of the members some time soon after the conclusion of the annual meeting.
- 10. Appoint a Parliamentarian to serve at the ASBID annual business meeting.
- 101. Work with the ASBID Secretary to develop a report to be presented to the SBCD body during their annual business meeting. Give a copy of that report to the SBCD secretary.
- 1<u>1</u>2. Attend the annual SBCD Officers Training during the week of the annual conference.
- 12. Appoint persons to fill vacant positions.

Vice Chair

- 1. Perform all duties as assigned by the Chair.
- 2. Assume the role of the Chair, in the event that s/he the chair is unable to complete the term of office.
- 3. Preside over ASBID business meetings in the absence of the Chair.
- 4. Serve as or appoint someone to serve as the yahoo group email list serve Administrator.
- 5. Be in charge of the physical arrangements for the interpreters' workshops, in coordination with the SBCD Local Arrangements Committee.

Secretary

- 1. Record the minutes of all ASBID meetings.
- 2. Provide copies of the minutes within 30 days of adjournment of the annual meeting to; the ASBID Chair, SBCD President and Secretary, and the "Together With SBCD" Editor.
- 3. Provide copies of the minutes to the ASBID messengers at the following year's conference.
- 4. Serve as chairperson of the Registration Committee.
- <u>4.</u> 5. Give the ASBID Chair the following information for the auxiliary report to the SBCD business meeting:

a. number of people in attendance at the ASBID business meeting,

- a. b. the new slate of officers_...
- b. c. important issues discussed at business meeting,
- c. d. number of interpreting workshops offered during SBCD week,
- e. number of estimated interpreting hours donated.

Historian

- 1. Select an individual to take pictures of interpreters throughout the week of SBCD, and at the annual ASBID business meeting.
- 2. Collect: statistic on the number of interpreting hours donated each year at SBCD, pictures of interpreters, and important documents. Compile these items, and preserve them in an album to be brought to SBCD each year.
- 3. Serve as the point of reference for questions regarding ASBID history.

Interpreter Coordinator

1. Recruit and coordinate interpreters for signing Deaf people, oral deaf people and hearing people in general meetings/services/emergencies of the SBCD and its auxiliaries.+

a. the children's program, b. SBCD workshops, c. ASBID workshop, d. worship services, e. Bible studies, f. ancillary meeting of SBCD officers, g. emergencies, h. SBCD registration table. 2. Keep a record of all hours donated by the interpreters during the week of SBCD, and give ASBID Chair an estimated total number for his/her annual report to SBCD.

Deaf-blind Coordinator

1. Recruit and coordinate hearing and Deaf interpreters for visually-impaired people of all ages during the week of SBCD. (tactile, print-on-palm, close-range, tracking, and the Rochester Method). 2. Keep a record of all hours donated by the interpreters during the week of SBCD, and give ASBID

Chair an estimated total number for his/her annual report to SBCD.

Nominating Committee Chair

- 1. Recruit <u>2</u> 4 more people to serve join him/her on the Nominating Committee.
- 2. Guide the committee in:
 - a. prayer,
 - b. locating those individuals to whom the Lord directs them, to fill the 8 vacating positions,
 - c. secure permission from these individuals to have their names submitted for nomination during the annual ASBID business meeting,
- 3. Present the nominees to the body at the ASBID annual business meeting.

Program Chair

- 1. Recruit <u>up to</u> 4 more people to join him/her on the Program Committee.
- 2. Lead the Program Committee in:

 - a. informally surveying the ASBID members, to determine their needs,
 b. solicit workshop presenters who are gifted by God to teach workshops that will meet these needs,
 - c. work with the ASBID Chair to schedule workshops and assign rooms,
 - d. arrange for all workshops to provide R.I.D. -CEU's, if possible,

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 - e. secure facilitators for each workshop. They will:
 - 1. introduce the workshop presenter,
 - 2. explain R.I.D. CEU² process,
 - 3. have RID members sign CEU/ACET forms,
 - 4. distribute and collect RID evaluation forms,
 - 5. distribute "Certificates of Attendance". this process has changed.
- 3. Troubleshoot last minute workshop emergencies.
- 4. Thank the workshop presenters with money, a gift, or a thank-you card. The ASBID Chair will help determine the amount of money that can be used for this purpose. Chair ask treasurer to cut checks.

THIS MOTION WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE BUSINESS MEETING AT CAMPBELLSVILLE UNIVERSITY.

CODE BLUE: Deaf are Unreached

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



40% of 58 US Deaf Churches are without a pastor

Deaf Die Daily Without Jesus 70 Million Deaf Worldwide are Unreached

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- 6.) Select "Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf, Inc." as your charity

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

When you shop at Amazon, Amazon will donate directly to SBCD!





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your information in SBCD Directory.

Please check the website.

www.sbcdeaf.blogspot.com

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF

The Interpreter Training Program (ITP) will be offering two courses prior the SBCD conference at Campbellsville University in Campbellsville, Kentucky. The courses are for 1.0 CEUs and will be offered July 24 & 25, 2021. Chip Penland from Georgia will be presenting "The Role of the Interpreter" and we are in the process of confirming a second presenter. Registration forms will be posted on the SBCD website when available. If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Cantrell, ITP Coordinator, at this email address: tammycantrell@gmail.com





SBBD 2021

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF CAMPBELLSVILLE, KENTUCKY JULY 25-30, 2021

I WILL PRAISE YOUR NAME FOR YOU HAVE DONE WONDERFUL THINGS.





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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



