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**I AM THE RESURRECTION
AND THE LIFE – JOHN 11:25**

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF

Greetings from Maryville, Tennessee

I do hope that everyone has been doing well and adjusting to new changes and seasons in our lives. My family and I have been well and staying as safe as we can.

Our spring in Tennessee has been mild and pretty. It was wonderful to see flowers blooming, reminding us even through all the problems in the world, there's beauty in everything. Isaiah 35:1-2, "Even the wilderness and desert will be glad in those days. The wasteland will rejoice and blossom with spring crocuses. Yes, there will be an abundance of flowers and singing and joy! The deserts will become as green as the mountains of Lebanon, as lovely as Mount Carmel or the plain of Sharon. There the Lord will display his glory, the splendor of our God."

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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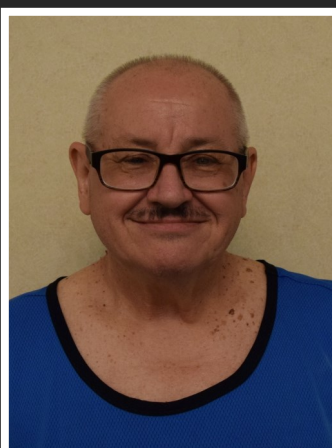
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OUR HISTORY

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 2021 CANCELLED
ARKANSAS BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (ABCD)	TBA
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)	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
NEW MEXICO BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (NMBCD)	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)	TBA
SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (SCBCD)	TBA
TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (TBCD)	APRIL 30 - MAY 2, 2021
TEXAS BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (TBCD)	TBA
VIRGINIA BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (VBCD)	TBA
DEAF MEN'S CONFERENCE (DMC)	TBA
DEAF MEN'S GATHERING (DMG)	OCTOBER 8-10, 2021
DEAF MILLENNIAL PROJECT (DMP)	TBA
DEAFQUAKE	JULY 13-28, 2021
DEAF WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (DWC)	APRIL 23-24, 2021
DEAF WOMEN'S GATHERING (DWG)	MARCH 26 -28, 2021

PASTOR SEARCH POSITION



Do you belong here? Our pulpit is empty!
Has God called you as a pastor, teacher or you are evangelist?

Louisville Baptist Deaf Church

is needing to fill the position of pastor.
The successful candidate should have:

- Native ASL (D/HH or CODA)
- Doctrine aligns with Baptist Faith and Message of 2000
- Evangelistic
- Seminary/College degree
- Willing to be bivocational

For more information and
apply in English/ASL to Pastor
Search Committee.

Send emails, resumes,
and video links to

LBDCdeaf@gmail.com

Videophone: (502) 416-0367

Updated: July 17, 2019

Association of Southern Baptist Interpreters for the Deaf

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(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.
- ~~10~~1. 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.
- ~~11~~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.~~
4. ~~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 ~~2~~ 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 up to 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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 - d. arrange for all workshops to provide R.I.D. CEU's, if possible,
 - e. secure facilitators for each workshop. They will:
 1. introduce the workshop presenter,
 2. explain R.I.D. CEU's 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



ONLY 58

SBC Deaf Churches
for 3 million Deaf

40%

of 58 US Deaf Churches
are without a pastor

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Please check the website.

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

Tim Bender, pastor of Louisville Baptist Deaf Church in Louisville, Kentucky, is now retired. Bender retired on March 31st of this year. The Lord called him in the ministry in 1976. Bender served as pastor for 45 years.

Westside Deaf Church (WDC) are still looking for a applicant to become a minister in Kansas City. WDC desire to invest in the future pastors, missionaries and church leaders of the Deaf community. For more information, please contact Kevin Cartwright at this email address: kcartwright@westsidefamily.church



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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.

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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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