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WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US – ROMANS 5:8

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Greetings from Maryville, Tennessee

I do hope that all of you are doing well. It has been a busy summer by far for me. I hope you all have been checking out our new website and keeping an eye on our Facebook page. The executive committee has been working on preparing for our 2021 conference in next coming weeks, it won't be long before we are all together. I wanted to share this verse, in time of preparation for the conference. 1 Thessalonians 2:23, "And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe."

Our summer in Tennessee has been mild so far. I had an opportunity to travel to Clearwater, Florida with my husband to meet with the pastor of Calvary Baptist Church to prepare for SBCD 2022 conference. We also attended FBCD (Florida Baptist Conference of the Deaf) and enjoyed our time there. We could see the Lord moving among our brothers and sisters during that weekend.

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. See you all in few weeks!

In His Undying Love,

Anna Austin

President of Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf





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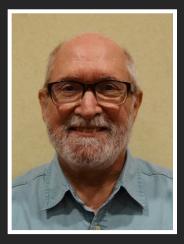
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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF

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



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 HILLChairperson

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)	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
LOUISANA BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (LBCD)	TBA
MARYLAND/DELAWARE BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (MDBC	CD) TBA
MICHIGAN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (MBCD)	TBA
MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (MBCD)	SEPTEMBER 24 - 26, 2021
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)	NOVEMBER 5-7, 2021
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



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

PASTOR SEARCH POSITION

Letter from Pastor Search Committee Miami Valley Baptist Church for the Deaf and Hearing

Miami Valley Baptist Church for the Deaf and Hearing (MVBCDH) is located in Dayton, Ohio. We are prayerfully searching for our future deaf pastor God will lead our church. MVBCDH is ready to reach the unchurched Deaf in the Miami Valley.

Our future pastor is a Deaf man, fluent in ASL, and experienced in ministry. He must be committed to following the Bible as the complete Word of God.

MVBCDH was established in 1992 as a mission church, known as Miami Valley Baptist Deaf Chapel. In November 1999, we merged with the Bartley Road Baptist Church. We changed our name and moved to our current location at 1642 Bartley Road. We are situated approximately 3 minutes from Interstate 75 and 6 minutes from Interstate 70.

We are contacting you to see if you are interested in applying for this position. We would love to prayerfully consider you if you would also prayerfully consider us.

If you would like more information, please send your resume to this email address mvbcdhpastorsearch2020@gmail.com. You can text Diana Medlock, the secretary for this committee at 937-212-8301.

Serving Him,

Pastor Search Committee

Miami Valley Baptist Church for the Deaf and Hearing

Updated: July 17, 2019

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>12</u>. 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 <u>2</u> 4 more people to <u>serve</u> 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. CEU¹ 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.

SBCD By-Laws Motion

The Board of Directors moves to add the sentence in green to Article 7, Number 1 to the By-Laws:

SBCD will have a Board of Directors composed of eight (8) messengers plus the President and Treasurer (the President and Treasurer will not serve as Board officers).

The Board of Directors moves to make the following changes to the By-Laws, Article 11, Number 2:

Website – SBCD shall establish an official website. The name of the website shall be www.sbcdeaf.org determined by the Board of Directors. The website shall be under the direction of the webmaster that shall be appointed and supervised by the Board of Directors. The www.sbcdeaf.org website will be funded by SBCD, Inc.

The Board of Directors moves to make the following changes to the By-Laws, Article 14:

- 1.1.1. The amendment is then sent to the TWSBCD Editor and the SBCD Webmaster, who in turn print it in the TWSBCD/www.sbcdeaf.org and the website at least thirty (30) days before the annual meeting of the SBCD.
- 2.1.3. After the steering committee accepts it, the amendment is then sent to the TWSBCD Editor and the Webmaster, who in turn print it in the TWSBCD/www.sbcdeaf.org and the website at least thirty (30) days before the annual meeting of the SBCD.

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

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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!





SBCD DIRECTORY

If you need to add new information or update your information in SBCD Directory.

Please check the website.

www.sbcdeaf.blogspot.com

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF

Kirby Woods Baptist Deaf Church in Memphis, Tennessee will celebrate 75 years on October 15 – 17, 2021. Last year, Kirby Woods Baptist Deaf Church canceled their 75th Anniversary due of COVID-19. The guest speakers for the 75th Anniversary of Kirby Woods Baptist Deaf Church is Buddy Burgess, (Pastor 1982-1988), Donnie Wiltshire (Pastor 1990-1999), and Chip Penland (Pastor 2003-2013). For more information, please visit www.kwbdeaf.com



SBCD 2021

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

JESUS ANSWERED,
"I AM THE WAY AND THE
TRUTH AND THE LIFE."
JOHN 14:6





SBCD REMEMBERS

We remembers our brothers and sisters in Christ for their faithful service to God and showed their love for Jesus Christ. In the book of Ecclesiastes says, "There is a time for everything, and everything on earth has it special season. There is a time to born and a time to die." Those who on the list went home to be with our Lord from July 2019 to July 2021.

- JUDITH BARKER
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- ANN BLAYLOCK
- SARAH BLAYLOCK
- LINDA BOLDING
- BRENT BURNS
- TOM COONEY
- CARL GARRISON
- GAYLE GOODWIN
- MARY HANCOCK
- MARK HENSEL
- ALBERT **HENTON, JR**.

- NORA HOLMES
- VERNON HUDSON
- DONNA JONES
- WESLEY KIDD
- ROBERT NESBITT
- ROBERT PARRISH
- RAYMOND PIPER
- LARRY RICE
- BARBARA WHEELER
- WALTER WHEELER
- LINDA WHIGGAM
- ROLFE WYLIE

Pray for their families during the difficult time.

"They are blessed who grieves, for God will comfort them" – Matthew 5:4



SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF

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



