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A photograph of a stone path covered with fallen autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and brown. The path is made of rectangular stones and runs horizontally across the middle of the image.

# SBCD

***BE ON GUARD. STAND FIRM IN THE  
FAITH. BE COURAGEOUS. BE STRONG.***

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1 CORINTHIANS 16:13

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# MESSAGE FROM SBCD PRESIDENT

Greetings from the beautiful state of Virginia!!!

It is hard to believe that the fall season has arrived, and I hope each one of you take the time to enjoy God's beautiful creatures as we enter a new season.

I would like to take the time to thank everyone who attended our recent conference at Calvary Church in Clearwater, Florida. We had a good crowd and enjoyed fellowshiping with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We would like to thank all the officers, Board of Directors, Worship leaders, our conference Pastor, Aric Randolph, and all the workshop presenters for sacrificing their time in serving our awesome God during the recent conference.

Please pray for the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and the 75th anniversary committee as we prepare for the big celebration of Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf at Calvary Church in Clearwater, Florida. Please save the date on your calendar - our conference will take place from July 9th to 13th. More details about this conference will be forthcoming.

As I write this letter, please pray for the state of Florida as they recently were impacted by Hurricane Ian. At this time, Calvary Church did not experience any damage from this hurricane, but several people in Florida were killed and lost their homes. Pray for those that were impacted by this hurricane. Please continue to pray for our nation through these difficult times but remember God is in control and He will guide us through this storm.

In closing, let's remember this verse - "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." - Psalms 118:24

In His Unfailing Love,

**Laura Hill**

SBCD President 2022-2023



SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF



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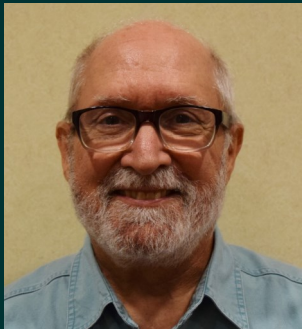
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# SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF

**OUR HISTORY** The first annual meeting was held at First Baptist Church of Memphis in December 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 "Southwide Conference of Baptist Deaf" and also "Southwide Baptist Conference for the Deaf". In 1952, it was "Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf". It was clearly that the name was officially changed to "Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf" in 1954 and it has carried the name of our organization ever since.



**OUR PURPOSE** 1.) To provide a vehicle for obeying the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) with respect to deaf people by personal witnessing, evangelism, home missions, foreign missions, and discipleship. 2.) To provide opportunities for training in local church settings, in state conferences, and on the national level to help equip people in all aspects of the deaf ministry. 3.) To serve as a liaison between the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and deaf persons, interpreting the needs and functions of the one to the other. 4.) To provide a channel of communication within the Southern Baptist deaf community. 5.) To provide an understanding of deafness and of the needs of deaf people to the community at large. 6.) To provide opportunities for inspirational worship experiences. 7.) To provide opportunities for Christian fellowship.



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## The Great Commission

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28: 19-20

## Baptist Faith & Message

SBCD accepts the Holy Scriptures as the all-sufficient guide authority for faith and practice. It concurs with the Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the SBC (Southern Baptist Convention) in 2000. For more information about Baptist Faith and Message, please visit [www.sbc.net](http://www.sbc.net)



SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF

## **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, please contact Cindy Moore.

## **FELLOWSHIP OF MISSIONARIES AND PASTORS TO THE DEAF**

**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 Larry Barnett.

## **NORTH AMERICA AND INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE**

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 missions, contact Nathan Hill.



# STATE CONFERENCES

ALABAMA BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (ABCD)	TBA
ARKANSAS BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (ABCD)	TBA
FLORIDA BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (FBCD)	OCTOBER 28–30, 2022
GEORGIA BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (GBCD)	OCTOBER 14–16, 2022
KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (KBCD)	TBA
LOUISIANA BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (LBCD)	TBA
MARYLAND/DELAWARE BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (MDBCD)	TBA
MICHIGAN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (MBCD)	TBA
MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (MBCD)	SEPTEMBER 23–25, 2022
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)	AUGUST 25–27, 2022
OKLAHOMA BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (OBCD)	SEPTEMBER 30–OCTOBER 1, 2022
SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (SCBCD)	OCTOBER 14–16, 2022
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION	JUNE 11–14, 2023
TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (TBCD)	APRIL 21–23, 2023
TEXAS BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (TBCD)	TBA
VIRGINIA BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF (VBCD)	TBA
DEAF MEN'S CONFERENCE (DMC)	NOVEMBER 4–6, 2022
DEAF MEN'S GATHERING (DMG)	SEPTEMBER 2022 <b>CANCELLED</b>
DEAF MILLENNIAL PROJECT (DMP)	TBA
DEAFQUAKE	TBA
DEAF WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (DWC)	TBA
DEAF WOMEN'S GATHERING (DWG)	FEBRUARY 23–26, 2023





*74th Annual Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf was held at Calvary Church in Clearwater, Florida on July 25 to 29, 2022.*



# The Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf, Inc.

Annual Financial Statement

July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Beginning Balance - 07/01/2021 \$140,818.98

Revenue

300 Child Care	\$ 0.00
303 Designation	29.78
306 NAMB	0.00
312 Interest	4.24
316 Individuals	0.00
318 Local Church	10,805.68
321 Miscellaneous	0.00
327 Offering	3,609.81
330 Registration	21,667.42
333 Sales	716.72
334 Scholarships	0.00
336 State	0.00

Total Revenue

\$36,833.65

Subtotal

\$177,652.63

Expenses

400 Bank Charge	\$ 0.00
402 Cooperative Program	1,130.00
405 Child Care	0.00
410 Conference	0.00
415 Copies	0.00
420 Honorarium	806.00
425 Interpreting	0.00
430 Linens	0.00
435 Lodge	18,281.17
440 Supplies	4,272.82
445 Meals	15,441.03
450 Miscellaneous	0.00
460 Postage	161.25
465 Printing	0.00
475 Refund	1,271.00
480 Registration	0.00
485 Rental	0.00
490 Returned	0.00
492 Scholarships	0.00
495 Telephone	0.00
500 Transportation	9,287.45
555 Missions	2,700.00

Total Expenses

\$53,350.72

Ending Balance - 06/30/2022

\$124,301.91

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Linares, Jr.

SBCD Treasurer



# Association Southern Baptist Interpreter to the Deaf

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Business Meeting

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Chair Cindy Moore called the meeting to order at 11:58 AM and opened the session with prayer. There were 28 in attendance.

## I. Chair's Report:

Thank you to all the 2022 officers who beautifully fulfilled their duties. This was a good year thanks to all their excellent work. Special thank you to Barb Coffan, GA, for stepping in as Nominating Chair, and Ann Cothorn, MS, for her work regathering and organizing ASBID history.

Eighteen workshop time slots were filled, all with CEU's. We are thankful to all our presenters who generously donated their time and expertise.

Next year is SBCD's 75th Anniversary and will be held July 9-13, 2023 in Clearwater, Calvary Baptist Church. We are already working on next year's ITP program. Bob Moore, NC, has agreed to teach "What's New in Deaf Culture?" We are in negotiations with someone from North Florida University for our second workshop.

## II. Old Business:

There have been ongoing efforts to recover ASBID history materials from Rhoda Perez's family. If anyone has any historical documents, pictures, brochures, etc. please forward them to Ann Cothorn, Historian.

## III. New Business:

In the past ASBID had a larger budget and was able to give our presenters an honorarium, this year we only have \$250 from SBCD. Because Calvary Church, the interpreters of Florida Baptist Convention and FBC Charlotte, NC were so good to meet all our needs we had budgetary monies left over this year. The Chair suggested ASBID donate \$200 to Signs For Hope, a ministry that helps people adopt deaf children around the world. Becky Lloyd taught six workshop slots this year and was willing to teach remotely when she was unable to come to Florida herself. She also tied up an additional member of her staff during those hours to run the technical aspect of the presentation.

Donna Lawlor, KY/Mary High, NC moved to donate \$200 to Signs For Hope.

Discussion: Calvary Baptist has been so good to us we should donate the money to the church.

Response: If SBCD sees we're not using the money by giving it to the church they may cut our budget



Response: If SBCD sees we're not using the money by giving it to the church they may cut our budget again thinking we don't need it.

Question: Are there regulations on what we can do with that money?

Answer: SBCD said it was OK.

Motion passed.

IV. Nominating Committee Report: Barb Coffan, GA

Officers for 2023:

Chair: Cindy Moore, NC

Vice Chair: Frona Elkes, FL

Secretary: Roberta Green, TX

Historian: Ann Cothorn, MS

Deaf Blind Coordinator: Nancy Perry, KY

Nominating Chair: Pat Harris, FL

Program Committee: Karen Corbello, TX

Donna Lawlor, KY/Tammy Cantrell, KY moved to accept the slate of officers by acclamation.

Motion passed.

Jennifer Mitchell, FL was appointed Interpreter Coordinator.

V. Miscellaneous:

Prayers were offered for ill friends and family members and church concerns.

Donna Lawlor, KY/Barb Coffan, GA moved to adjourn.

Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1 PM.



# EPHPHATHA SCHOLARSHIP

In 2004, The Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf established an Ephphatha scholarship to assist helpful to Deaf and Hard of Hearing prospective students who chose a study field in Christian Education. We, the Education Committee, desire to invest in the future pastors, missionaries, and church leaders to reach and share the gospel of Jesus Christ across the Deaf worldwide. This scholarship is designed to meet the criteria as follows:

**Purpose:** The Ephphatha scholarship is intended to provide financial assistance to Deaf and Hard of Hearing students studying in the training center or higher education at undergraduate and graduate accredited Christian colleges, universities, and seminaries. This scholarship aims to support the students committed to their academic studies and demonstrate evidence of being Christ-like citizens.

## **Criteria/Eligibility:**

1. Must be a born-again, baptized believer in Jesus Christ and committed to living a Christian lifestyle according to the clear teaching of the Holy Spirit Scripture.
2. Must be Deaf or Hard of Hearing.
3. Must be an active member of Southern Baptist Church for at least one year.
4. Must have an official admission into the Christian Institution.
5. Commit to reaching an accomplished goal in the career field of Christian ministries: Pastors, Missionaries, and Church or Christian organizational leaders.

## **Applicant's Procedures:**

1. A letter of Interest
2. Obtain a stationary letter of the official academic institution from the admission or designed office.
3. Two letters of recommendation from the church: 1) A stationary letter from the pastor or the minister acts as liaison with the deaf ministry. 2) Deaf Ministry coordinator or mentor. A letter of recommendation may include Applicant's service, character, and call to the Deaf ministry.
4. A written paragraph of the Applicant's salvation testimony includes a life-changed experience and his call to the Deaf ministry.
5. A written list of the financial support resources includes loans, academic tuition fees, the numerous credited courses, and the length of time spent in the session.
6. Applicants must complete all paperwork before processing.



# EPHPHATHA SCHOLARSHIP

## Award Description:

The Education Committee will begin to process and evaluate an Applicant's completed application and follow the basis of the Applicant's educational level that approve the scholarship amount. The Education Committee will notify the Applicant through email with a few instruction lines upon approval.

## Deadline:

Fall semester: July 15, 2022

Spring semester: November 15, 2022

Summer semester: March 15, 2023

Six-weeks training: 2 months in advance before the session starts.

Please mail this to LeeAnn Carrera at this address:

**8517 Barrow Furnace Lane, Lorton, VA 22079-5004**

You can email her at this email address: **[leeann.carrera@gallaudet.edu](mailto:leeann.carrera@gallaudet.edu)**

Name:	Are you Deaf or Hard of Hearing?	Date of Application:
Address:	Name of College, Seminary or Religious Training Program:	
City/State/Zip:	Address of College, Seminary or Religious Training Program:	
Church Name:	Have you been accepted to this school?	
Church's Address/City/State/Zip:	How long will you be in this program?	
Pastor's Name:	What is your goal? (Ex. Pastor, Missionary, etc.)	
Is your church Southern Baptist?	How long have you been a member of your church?	



# EPHPHATHA SCHOLARSHIP

1.) How did you become saved?

2.) Why do you want to become a Minister or Missionary with the Deaf?

3.) Anything else you would like to share with our committee to pray for you as you study and prepare for Deaf Ministry.

*OCTOBER IS*  
**PASTOR APPRECIATION**  
*MONTH*

Thank you pastors for your leadership!



SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF

# 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

## Deaf Die Daily Without Jesus

### 70 Million Deaf Worldwide are **Unreached**

Need Deaf Churches, Need Deaf Pastors, Need Deaf Missionaries

[www.deafchurchplanting.com](http://www.deafchurchplanting.com)

[www.sbcdeaf.org](http://www.sbcdeaf.org)

**Contact:** [arandolph@brentwoodbaptist.com](mailto:arandolph@brentwoodbaptist.com)





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- 5.) Type and search for "The Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf, Inc."
- 6.) Select "Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf, Inc." as your charity

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



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# SBCD DIRECTORY

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

Please check the website.

[www.sbcdeaf.blogspot.com](http://www.sbcdeaf.blogspot.com)

## JOB POSITION SEARCH

Louisville Baptist Deaf Church (LBDC) in Louisville, Kentucky and Miami Valley Baptist Church for the Deaf and Hearing (MVBCDH) in Dayton, Ohio is still searching for Deaf pastor. For more information, please contact the church or pastor search committee.

### **Louisville, KY**

You can call on videophone at **502-416-0367** or email **LBDCdeaf@gmail.com**

### **Dayton, Ohio**

You can text Diana Medlock, the secretary at **937-212-8301** or email **mvbcdhpastorsearch2020@gmail.com**



# 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 Aric Randolph at this email address: [arandolph@brentwoodbaptist.com](mailto:arandolph@brentwoodbaptist.com) and you may also write to Aric Randolph at this address: Brentwood Baptist Deaf Church, 7777 Concord Rd, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

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## 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 Aric Randolph at this email address: [arandolph@brentwoodbaptist.com](mailto:arandolph@brentwoodbaptist.com)

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## WE NEED NEWS FROM YOU!

Send us your news! News about your mission trips 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.

