

UNION DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

"Empowering Churches for Kingdom Impact"

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Moderator

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Greetings Union District Baptist Association,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we enter this New Year, we thank God for His sustaining grace, His faithfulness through every season. As we move forward into 2026, we will continue our association theme: "Together we Make a Difference." Nehemiah 4:6 and 1 Peter 4:10. This theme reflects our commitment to unity, cooperation, and shared Kingdom work. We are reminded that lasting impact is achieved when God's people labor together.

We will begin this year with great anticipation for a renewed district-wide evangelistic effort, with a unified goal of seeing souls saved and lives transformed through baptism during our Annual Session. We believe God is glorified when our churches move forward together in faith and purpose. We will also reaffirm our ongoing support of Arkansas Baptist College, which will be emphasized during our May Conference. We look forward to highlighting and encouraging our youth and young adults, recognizing their essential role in the present and future life of our churches and District. Additionally, we are excited about our extended sessions and special course, intentionally designed to meet the spiritual, educational, and leadership needs of our churches. These gatherings create sacred moments for growth, renewal, and fellowship –the true gathering of kindred hearts united in Christ.

As we extend the scope of our sessions this year, we are prayerfully requesting that everyone bring a special offering of \$25.00 for our association during our session. These funds will support the ongoing work of the district as we seek to reconnect with churches that have ceased participation in district work, with the goal of restoration, renewal, and strengthened fellowship.

Each morning at **8:30AM**, you can engage in life-changing auxiliary sessions led by some of our most gifted leaders:

Women's Division: Dr. Jeanna Moss ◆ Laymen's Division: Deacon Wayne Merritt

Ministers' Division: Dr. Nathanael Palmer I ◆ Usher Division: Deacon Spencer Davis

Additionally, we are excited to offer a **special course** that will empower churches during a season of being without a pastor: "Enlisting, Equipping and Encouraging Interim Pastors" - Taught by **Dr. C. Dennis Edwards I.**

At **10:30AM**, we will come together for our **General Assembly**, for worship and will lead with an insightful session **The District in Discussion: "Sustaining the Mission."** Our Topics:

Monday: Pastor Jameel Wesley - "Strengthening the Financial Health of the Church"

Monday: Deacon Wayne Merrit - "Strengthening the Men's Ministry"

Tuesday: Pastor Ken Martin - Evangelism

Tuesday: Dr. Antoine Alcorn -Managing the Stress of Ministry

But that's not all! Mark your calendars for our **other major events in 2026**:

•February 16th-17th - Union District Baptist Association Extended Session, New Dora Baptist Church-McAlmont

Monday Preacher of the Hour: Pastor Sidney Milton, Greater Center Star Baptist Church, LR

Tuesday Morning Preacher of the Hour: Pastor Billy Burris, St. Peter Baptist Church, LR

•May Conference, May 3rd-5th, King Solomon Baptist Church, LR

•UDBA Congress of Christian Education, July 19th-22nd, Greater Second Baptist Church-Geyer Springs

•UDBA Annual Session, October 18th-20th, Liberty Hill MBC, LR

•UDBA Annual Banquet, October 26th, Location TBA

Registration is now open! The annual registration fee includes participation in the **Extended Session, May Conference, Congress of Christian Education, and Annual Session.** Fees are as follows:

Churches with 1-50 members: \$575.00 ■ Churches with 51-100 members: \$645.00

Churches with 101 members and above: \$990.00

Let's come together in fellowship, worship, and purpose. May God continue to unite us, strengthen us, and empower us to make a difference together.

Because of Christ,
Moderator Elliott