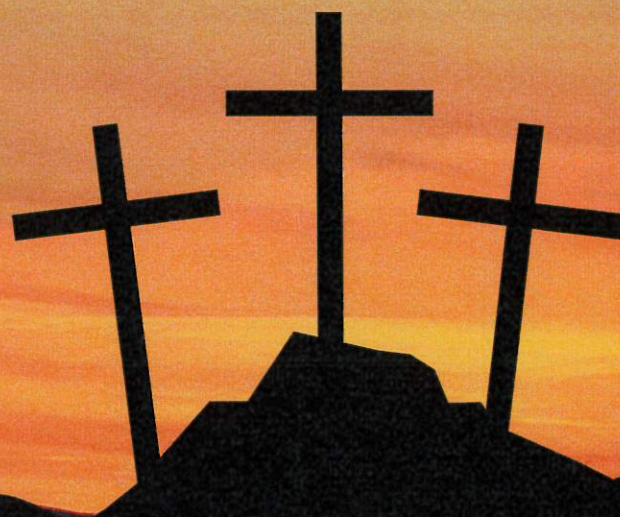


**Southwest Metroplex  
Baptist Association**

# **Book of Records**

*Annual Meeting - October 26, 2025*



***“Nothing is impossible with God!”***



## **Welcome to the 161<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southwest Metroplex Baptist Association**

A lot has changed since our first gathering in 1864, but one thing has remained constant — our shared desire to cooperate in the gospel of Jesus Christ for the glory of God.

Our county continues to grow, welcoming many new residents. Yet, increasing numbers of people have either stepped away from church or have no church background at all. This means we now find ourselves in the midst of a diverse and dynamic mission field. To help our neighbors hear about and follow Christ, it is more important than ever for churches to join hands — sharing resources, encouraging one another, and partnering in ministry. That's why the Association exists: to help our churches work together in this Kingdom task.

When God's people unite, something extraordinary happens. The world takes notice. Hearts that are far from God become more open to the gospel. As we work together in love, we model a better way — one that rises above the division and anger so common in our culture.

Thank you for your partnership in the gospel and for your faithful gifts to the Association. Your support makes possible the ministries of church planting and revitalization, mission trips, leadership training, and gatherings that encourage and equip those who serve.

Together, we are making a difference for the Kingdom of God.

**Scott Whitson**

*Executive Director / Associational Mission Strategist*



**AGENDA**  
**161st Annual Meeting**  
**First Baptist Church, Grandview**  
**October 26, 2025**

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**Dinner - 5:00 PM**

*We will hear from several special guests related to our partnerships and ministry opportunities during the evening meal. If you have a motion to make during the Association's Annual Meeting, please present it in writing to the Moderator or Vice-Moderator prior to the start of the meeting.*

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**Annual Meeting - 6:00 PM**

Prelude	Celebration Orchestra
Welcome & Prayer	Corey Cornutt, Pastor, FBC Grandview
Worship	Celebration Choir & Orchestra
	<i>Majesty</i>
	<i>Thou O Lord</i>
Call to Order	Rusty Gilliam, Moderator, Pastor, Cross Timber
Adoption of Minutes	Moderator
Financial Report	Michel West, Treasurer, Cross Timber
Church Planting Report	Drew Caperton, Pastor, South Burleson

Church Revitalization Report      Neale Oliver, Pastor, Henderson Street  
Partnership Missions Report      Ricky Gobert, Pastor, Cedar Creek  
Ministry Team Report      Mike Acker, Pastor, New Hope  
Administration Report      Keith Whitt, Pastor, North Cleburne  
Unscheduled Business

Worship      Celebration Choir & Orchestra

*Ain't No Grave*

Executive Director's Report      Scott Whitson, Cross Timber  
Worship      Celebration Choir & Orchestra

*Lord, I Need You*

Benediction



## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 2, 2025

First Baptist Church, Rio Vista

Meeting opened with Scott Whitson

Moderator: Rusty Gilliam, Called meeting to order at 12:44 p.m.

1. Minutes of previous meeting - presented and approved
2. Michel West, Association Treasurer - Financial Report – Jan-June 2025
  - Line item #303 “Gifts” – retirement gift
  - Line item #402 – (-\$375) is a correction from mis-posting
  - Partnership missions – expenses paid out are listed
  - Bank balance shows \$70K
    - moved to EJ account for Church Revitalization (as seen on separate page of handout)
    - A second account was set up with EJ to keep funds organized
  - Went over church giving report

Rusty Gilliam asked for any questions, then called for a motion to approve the Financial Report as presented.

Motion made and seconded; motion carried.

Rusty Gilliam asked if there was any new business to address, then called on Scott Whitson for mission and partnership updates.

- Current partnerships: Tanzania, Vancouver, Mexico (Mexico partnership has not had traction for several years, even with three vision trips; Possibly ceasing those efforts into India into Partnership with SWMBA – Seeking to present and vote on it at the annual meeting)

## INDIA

- Scott went to India in Feb 2025 as a discovery trip to see church planting efforts and possible partnership
- Special guest: Sastri Meesala, India and US, PhD (Southwestern Seminary)
  - Missions: Identifying and training church planters; Starting a seminary - Possible training provided by SWMBA for pastors and wives
    - Sastri gave testimony of the history of the church planting ministry begun by his father in 1969, after he came to Jesus; They have now planted 2300 churches in India –
    - Focus of Rehoboth Ministries India:
      - 1<sup>st</sup> Ministry – Church Planting & Seminary - Train national missionaries for church planting and discipleship ministry; Seeking to establish Baptist seminary in his state of Andhra Pradesh, with Bibles and bicycles
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ministry – School for Orphan boys with room and board est 2001; began with 22 boys who received the Gospel; some have grown, married and led their family to Christ
      - 3<sup>rd</sup> Ministry – Rescue women from poverty, slavery, prostitution and land loss; Train for 6 months in sewing skills; Receive the Gospel and some are saved and share with their families
    - Goals: Train 200 church planters every year; Establish Christian school - Send children from Christian orphanage to public schools where they naturally share about Jesus; Establish a seminary
    - Pray and join us to help

SOUTHWEST METROPLEX BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
601 N. Nolan River Rd. – Cleburne, Texas 76033

Scott said this will be presented at the Annual Meeting for possible partnership and hopes to have a trip to India this Spring. He asked for any questions and challenged us to pray for our local law enforcement.

Pray for the Walker family of FBC Rio Vista.

Rusty Gilliam closed in prayer; and a motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dawn Tanner*

*9-2-25*

Dawn Tanner, Clerk

Date

**Southwest Metroplex Baptist Association**  
**2025 BUDGET VS. SPENDING**  
**January - September**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>2026 Budget</u>
201 Admin. Discretionary	\$300.00	\$456.00	(\$156.00)	\$400.00
203 Ex. Dir. Travel/Conferences	\$2,000.00	\$311.15	\$1,688.85	\$1,500.00
204 Ex. Dir. Mission Trip	\$5,000.00	\$4,553.11	\$446.89	\$5,000.00
205 Ministry Reimbursement	\$2,800.00	\$1,879.35	\$920.65	\$2,800.00
206 Support Staff Development	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$600.00
207 Sympathy/bereavement	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
209 Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$3,125.28	(\$125.28)	\$3,400.00
210 Office Equip./Service	\$2,000.00	\$741.32	\$1,258.68	\$1,500.00
212 Leadership Development	\$3,800.00	\$1,848.64	\$1,951.36	\$2,500.00
<b>Total 200</b>	<b>\$19,500.00</b>	<b>\$12,914.85</b>	<b>\$6,585.15</b>	<b>\$18,200.00</b>

301 Assoc. Mtgs./Annual Mtgs.	\$3,000.00	\$1,109.87	\$1,890.13	\$2,000.00
303 Gifts		\$2,000.00	(\$2,000.00)	\$0.00
304 Utilities	\$7,300.00	\$3,434.68	\$3,865.32	\$7,300.00
305 Building Insurance	\$5,200.00	\$4,529.68	\$670.32	\$5,200.00
306 Worker's Compensation	\$600.00	(\$11.00)	\$611.00	\$650.00
307 Maintenance	\$2,000.00	\$1,700.00	\$300.00	\$2,200.00
308.1 Ex. Dir. Salary	\$59,939.00	\$39,439.36	\$20,499.64	\$61,737.00
308.2 Ex. Dir. Housing	\$25,000.00	\$16,666.64	\$8,333.36	\$25,000.00
308.3 Ex. Dir. Annuity/Emp	\$7,000.00	\$5,249.97	\$1,750.03	\$7,000.00
308.5 Insurance	\$20,000.00	\$15,744.03	\$4,255.97	\$20,000.00
310.1 Adm. Asst.	\$36,105.00	\$27,149.48	\$8,955.52	\$37,188.00
310.2 Adm. Asst. Annuity/Emp	\$2,000.00	\$1,833.37	\$166.63	\$2,000.00
312 Employer Taxes	\$8,900.00	\$7,877.83	\$1,022.17	\$9,500.00
<b>Total 300</b>	<b>\$177,044.00</b>	<b>\$126,723.91</b>	<b>\$50,320.09</b>	<b>\$179,775.00</b>

402 Church Revitalization	\$2,600.00	(\$375.00)	\$2,975.00	\$2,500.00
<b>Total 400</b>	<b>\$2,600.00</b>	<b>(\$375.00)</b>	<b>\$2,975.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>

501 New Church Funding	\$16,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$16,000.00
<b>Total 501</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>

<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>2026 Budget</u>
601 BSM	\$3,500.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$3,500.00
604 Latham Springs	\$6,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$6,000.00
605 WMU/CWJC	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
<b>Total 600</b>	<b>\$10,500.00</b>	<b>\$6,750.00</b>	<b>\$3,750.00</b>	<b>\$10,500.00</b>

<b>700 Partnership Missions</b>	<b>\$9,000.00</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$9,000.00</b>
702.1 Tanzania		\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00	
702.2 Mexico		\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
702.3 Vancouver		\$2,787.44	\$2,212.56	
702.4 India		\$0.00	\$2,212.56	
702.5 Scholarships		\$600.00	\$1,612.56	
<b>Total 700 Partnership Missions</b>		<b>\$7,387.44</b>	<b>\$1,612.56</b>	

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance Remaining</b>	<b>2026 Budget</b>
<b>Budget Summary</b>	<b>\$225,644.00</b>	<b>\$159,401.20</b>	<b>\$75,242.80</b>	<b>\$226,975.00</b>

<b>2025 Church Gifts (Jan-Sept)</b>	<b>\$169,803.72</b>
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<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$123,368.00</b>
<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>\$79,443.74</b>



## Southwest Metroplex Baptist Assoc. 2025 Church Gifts (January-September)

Alsbury Baptist Church	\$ 11,839.17
Alvarado, FBC	\$ 608.58
Bar Cross Cowboy	\$ 6,985.75
Bethesda Baptist Church	\$ 3,072.72
Blackberry Fellowship	\$ 279.00
Blum, FBC	\$ 675.00
Bono Baptist Church	\$ 924.68
Buel Baptist Church	\$ 450.00
Burleson, FBC	\$ 34,647.86
Cana Baptist Church	\$ 208.35
Cedar Creek Baptist Church	\$ 588.00
Cedar Cross Country Church	\$ 1,519.93
Chambers Creek Baptist Church	\$ 800.00
Chisholm Summit Community Church	\$ -
Chisholm Trail Church	\$ 12,187.75
Cleburne Community Church	\$ 500.00
Cleburne, FBC	\$ 26,152.61
College Heights Baptist Church	\$ 200.00
Covington, FBC	\$ 1,400.00
Crestmont Baptist Church	\$ 829.98
Crossroads Church	\$ -
Cross Timber Baptist Church	\$ 7,429.57
Field Street Baptist Church	\$ 10,666.72
Fort Victory Baptist Church	\$ -

**2025 Church Gifts (January-September)**

Friendship Baptist Church	\$ 4,262.36
Godley, FBC	\$ 513.74
Grace Baptist Church	\$ 900.00
Grandview, FBC	\$ 2,059.31
Greenbrier Baptist Church	\$ -
Henderson Street Baptist Church	\$ 2,232.76
Hill Church, Cleburne	\$ 250.00
I.B. Agape de Cleburne	\$ -
I.B. Nueva Amanecer	\$ -
I. Biblica Redención	\$ -
I. Christiana El Camino	\$ -
Impact Life Church	\$ -
Lane Prairie Baptist Church	\$ -
Lebanon Community Church	\$ -
Lillian, FBC	\$ 1,469.01
Living Proof Baptist Church	\$ 884.16
Living Word Laotian Baptist	\$ 225.00
Lone Willow Baptist Church	\$ 1,869.13
Marystown Baptist Church	\$ 1,345.35
Misión Bautista Maranata	\$ -
Mt. Carmel Baptist Church	\$ 350.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$ 4,013.48
New Hope Community Church	\$ 1,599.92
Nolan River Road Baptist Church	\$ 6,470.71
North Cleburne Baptist Church	\$ 450.00
NorthPointe	\$ 10,833.32

<b>2025 Church Gifts (January-September)</b>	
Parker Baptist Church	\$ 264.00
P. I. B. Emanuel	\$ -
P. I. B. Godley	\$ 90.00
P. I. B. Nueva Vida	\$ -
Reece Prairie Baptist Church	\$ -
The Refuge	\$ -
Rio Vista, FBC	\$ 6,094.26
Rock Creek Baptist Church	\$ 450.00
Sand Flat Baptist Church	\$ -
S. Burleson Baptist Church	\$ -
S. Ft. Worth Baptist Fellowship	\$ -
Three Nails Bible Church	\$ 1,211.54
Venus, FBC	\$ -
Willow Springs Baptist Church	\$ -

<b>TOTAL Church Gifts through September</b>	<b>\$ 169,803.72</b>
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# Financial Report

## Overview

The Southwest Metroplex Baptist Association continues to give thanks for God's faithfulness and the generosity of our churches as we serve together to advance the Gospel across our communities and beyond.

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## Budget Summary

- **2024 Approved Budget:** \$234,644
- **Total Expenditures to Date:** \$159,401
- **Churches Contributing:** 36 of 63 member churches
- **Spending:** In alignment with church giving

Over the past twenty years, **church gifts have exceeded the anticipated budget eight times**, a reflection of steady generosity and the Lord's ongoing provision for the work of the Association.

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## Financial Highlights

- **Unexpected Expenses:**  
This year, we incurred some unplanned increases related to building maintenance and the replenishment of office supplies.
  - **Celebration Choir and Orchestra:**  
The Association provided **seed money** to launch this ministry. It is now **self-sustaining through love offerings**.
  - **Church Gifts Exceed Budget:**  
Churches have contributed \$169,803 towards the 9-month budget of \$169,232.
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## **Outreach Support**

At the **2024 Annual Meeting**, messengers approved **\$20,000** to assist churches with local outreach projects.

- **Participating Churches: 8**
- **Remaining Balance: \$15,116**

These funds continue to help churches engage their communities with the Gospel in creative and meaningful ways.

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## **Cash Position**

- **Opening Checking Account Balance (January 2025): \$123,368**
- **Checking Account Balance (September 2025): \$83,700**

The decrease reflects two key transfers:

- **\$70,000** moved to Edward Jones for investment
  - **\$20,000** designated for church revitalization and outreach
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## **Endowment and Investments**

In **2006**, the Association voted to establish a **Church Planting Endowment Account** with **Edward Jones**, initially funded with **\$250,000** from the sale of property originally purchased for a church plant.

As reinvested interest accumulated, the Association designated **\$400,000 as principal**, allowing earnings beyond that amount to be used for new church plants as needed.

- **Current Endowment Value:** Over **\$834,000**
- **Planned Use:** A portion of these funds above the principal will be used to **purchase a church and property on Country Club Road in Cleburne** for a new church plant next year.

All **endowment and revitalization funds** are managed through our **Edward Jones representative in Cleburne.**

- **Total Holdings at Edward Jones: \$1,044,932**
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## **Summary**

Through the faithful giving of our churches, wise financial stewardship, and God's continued blessing, the Southwest Metroplex Baptist Association remains well-positioned to support church planting, revitalization, and cooperative ministry efforts for years to come.

## Church Planting Team

This has been an exciting year for church planting in our association, and next year promises to be even more so!

The Church Planting Team's goal is to help our association plant new churches—both locally and beyond. This year, we met with **NorthPointe Church** and interviewed their planter, **Kirk Storsteth**, as part of plans to launch a new church in **2026** in partnership with **NorthPointe**, the **North American Mission Board (NAMB)**, and several supporting churches.

The association also took advantage of an opportunity to **purchase a church property on Country Club Road in Cleburne** for this new work. While details are still being finalized, we believe this strategic location will serve the Kingdom for years to come.

We also approved **\$1,500 per month** in support for the **Afghani Evangelical Fellowship**, a new church plant through our **Vancouver partnership** reaching Afghani immigrants with the gospel.

Finally, we continue to **encourage and support the ten churches** planted in **Tanzania in 2023**. As these congregations mature, our financial commitment is gradually decreasing, but we remain grateful for individuals and churches giving above and beyond their associational gifts, and for those participating in mission trips to provide evangelism and leadership training.

The Church Planting Team celebrates all God has done and looks forward to an even greater year ahead as we continue to plant, partner, and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## **Revitalization Team**

The Church Revitalization Team has had an encouraging and productive year as we continue working to help churches renew their health and strengthen their Kingdom impact.

This year, the team **hosted three lunch gatherings** featuring church and state convention leaders who shared proven revitalization processes and practical strategies for local congregations. We also **evaluated requests and supervised the disbursement of funds** designated for church revitalization efforts.

The team was pleased to **provide financial support to one of our churches** currently engaged in a revitalization process in partnership with one of our state conventions. In addition, we continue to **encourage churches in need of revitalization** to partner with the association for guidance, resources, and financial support.

Our desire is that **every church become a healthy, thriving, multiplying community of faith**, effectively reaching its community and beyond with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## Partnership Missions Team

The Partnership Missions Team continues to help our association fulfill the Great Commission by engaging in missions beyond our local communities. Our association currently has **two active partnerships**—one in **Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada**, and another in **Tanzania, Africa**—and we are exploring an additional opportunity in **India**.

Our partnership with **Tanzanian Baptists** has been ongoing since **2009**, and this year a **team of nine** traveled to Tanzania to provide **leadership training and encouragement to pastors and their wives, preach and teach in local churches, and visit several of the churches our association helped plant in 2022**.

Through our **Vancouver partnership**, a **team of three** worked with our newly adopted church, the **Afghani Evangelical Fellowship**. This team from **Bono Baptist Church** helped lead a **family camp, encouraged church leaders, and shared the gospel** with those attending. The Ministry Team also provided **scholarship funds** that enabled a group from **Alsby Baptist Church** to partner with **Gateway Church** in the Vancouver metro area in hosting a **conference on teaching students** and a team from **Chambers Creek** to partner with church work in Portland, OR.

Additionally, the Ministry Team approved for our **Executive Director** to travel to **India** to visit and work with **Rehoboth Ministries** as we consider this as a potential new partnership. Rehoboth Ministries, which affirms the **Baptist Faith and Message 2000**, focuses on identifying, training, and sending out **indigenous church planters** across a nation of nearly **1.5 billion people**—one of the last great frontiers of mission work.

If you or your church is looking for an opportunity to **go to the nations**, we invite you to connect with the Partnership Missions Team to see how you can be involved in what God is doing around the world through our association.

## Ministry Team

The Ministry Team exists to assist our churches in carrying out works that positively impact the Kingdom within our communities and areas of ministry.

In addition to the monies budgeted for ministry projects, the association **set aside an additional \$20,000 to help churches with outreach efforts**, and nearly **\$5,000 has already been disbursed**. These funds have supported **prison ministry, gospel-centered fall festivals and block parties**, and provided **resources for church cookouts and outdoor concerts**—all designed to foster deeper relationships and open doors for the gospel.

One ministry that continues to bear lasting fruit is our support of **Latham Springs Camp and Retreat Center**, where more than **17,000 campers** attended this year and over **800 made professions of faith**. The team also provided **financial support for our Baptist Student Ministry staff** to host a weekly **lunch and Bible study at Hill College**, where a meal is hosted by an association church, serving an average of about **70 students each week** during the semester.

Additionally, the Ministry Team continues to help change lives through the **Christian Women's Job Corps** and to encourage mission involvement through our **Associational WMU gatherings**, which support various local and international mission projects.

The Ministry Team is grateful for the many ways God is working through our churches to share Christ's love, strengthen communities, and expand His Kingdom.

## **Administration Team**

The Administration Team has had a productive year serving the churches of our association through oversight, organization, and support.

This year, we **updated personnel policies** to ensure clarity and alignment with our mission. We also **organized a retirement celebration for Vicki Mayes**, honoring her eleven years of faithful service as our Association's Ministry Assistant. Working with our Executive Director, we assisted in the **search for her replacement** and are pleased to **support the hiring of Dawn Tanner** to serve in this important role.

To enhance safety, we **upgraded the Association office with cameras and keyless entry locks**. The team also **provided financial oversight, added members to Associational Teams where needed, and partnered with the Executive Director in evaluating and proposing the 2026 budget**.

Throughout the year, the Administration Team has continued to **monitor progress and goals related to the Association's ministries**, ensuring that our work remains effective, accountable, and focused on advancing God's Kingdom.

## **Baptist Student Ministry (BSM), Hill College**

The Baptist Student Ministry (BSM) at Hill College in Cleburne is a welcoming community where students can grow in faith, friendship, and purpose. We host weekly events like Noon Lunch and Bible Study, offering a space to connect with others and explore God's Word together. Recently, we also commissioned a student to make disciples at the Burleson campus, expanding our mission of sharing Christ and encouraging spiritual growth beyond Cleburne.

## **Cleburne Christian Women's Job Corps**

The Cleburne Christian Women's Job Corps has been serving the women of Johnson County for over 20 years now. We teach a full range of skills as a "reset button" for life and work. Praise God that He continues to provide a great team of excellent teachers and Journey Partners. Our wonderful Sheriff Adam King truly operates the jail as a "correctional" facility. At CWJC 2 1/2 years ago we received the best ministry gift ever—we were asked to bring our CWJC into the jail. We do what we are all trained to do AND we get to watch God do the most amazing miracles in the lives of these ladies.

## **Celebration Choir & Orchestra**

The **Celebration Choir & Orchestra** is now entering its second season of ministry, continuing to share the love of Jesus through powerful musical worship across our community. Representing nearly 20 different congregations, the members of the Choir & Orchestra unite as one body to joyfully share the love of Christ.

Last year, they led several worship events in various churches within our Association, and they are now launching a small praise team that will travel to local churches on **Sunday mornings** or **Saturdays** to lead worship for congregations. This new effort allows them to serve more churches in a more intimate setting, continuing their mission to glorify God and encourage believers through heartfelt praise and worship.

The Celebration Choir & Orchestra would love the opportunity to come to your church and minister through music. Whether **indoors or outdoors**, in formal sanctuaries or casual gatherings, they are prepared to share the joy and hope of Christ in any setting.

If you would like to invite them to lead a worship service or provide special music for your congregation, please contact **Loyce Milam at 214-507-8823**.

They are eager to lift up the name of Jesus with you!

## **Woman's Missionary Union (WMU)**

*God's Mission ~ Our Passion*

The mission of the Woman's Missionary Union (W.M.U) is to inform and inspire Christians to influence their world for Christ. Our current watchword for 2024–2026 comes from 1 Thessalonians 2:8 - *So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.*

Our leadership team facilitates several ongoing efforts. Leslie Whitson leads Bible Study, Janie Zook coordinates Prayer Patterns, Glenda Fowler shares Mission Moments, and special projects are taken on as requested and needed.

We also actively support various outreach and mission initiatives, including the Christian Women's Job Corps (C.W.J.C.), mission trips led by the association, and the "Hope Is Strong" initiative by Becky Willard in Africa, with special offerings given to India. Additionally, we provide support for Girls in Action and Royal Ambassadors camps whenever needed.

W.M.U meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 10:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall at College Heights Baptist Church. These monthly meetings are filled with encouragement, fellowship, and purpose-driven activities. We invite you to come join us for fun, fellowship, and faithful service!



WMU Presents:  
**2025**  
**Lottie Moon**  
**CRAFT**  
**FAIR**



**December 4 & 5**  
**10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**HENDERSON STREET**  
**BAPTIST CHURCH**

**919 E. Henderson St. - Cleburne, Texas 76033**

*Our Christmas fair is the perfect place  
to find unique gifts for everyone on your list.  
All proceeds go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Fund.*



## **2025 ANNUAL REPORT**

Another great year has been recorded for Christian camping at Latham Springs Camp & Retreat Center. This marks the 102nd year that Latham Springs has been serving God's people.

**Total Attendance: 17,491**

**Professions of Faith: 845**

**Rededications: 633**

**Special Service: 229**

**Total Public Decisions: 1,807**

11,051 campers attended the 10+ weeks of summer camp season. A special 'thanks' goes out to all those whose hard work and dedication made each week of camp a success.

Construction on the new adult conference center is nearly complete. This new facility includes 80 motel type rooms, a worship center, several conference rooms, lobby/welcome center, fellowship lounge, and a dining facility. The building was used several times before summer, and has numerous groups scheduled for this fall already. Completion of the dining hall and the remaining parking area is scheduled for this fall.

The camp is still looking for additional churches/groups to join in our 'Adopt-a-Cabin' program. This gives our local churches the opportunity to partner with us in praying for specific cabins, along with helping

provide volunteer labor for annual upkeep. For more information on how your group can get involved with this new program, please contact the office.

Latham Springs is looking for volunteer crews to help with various projects around the campus.

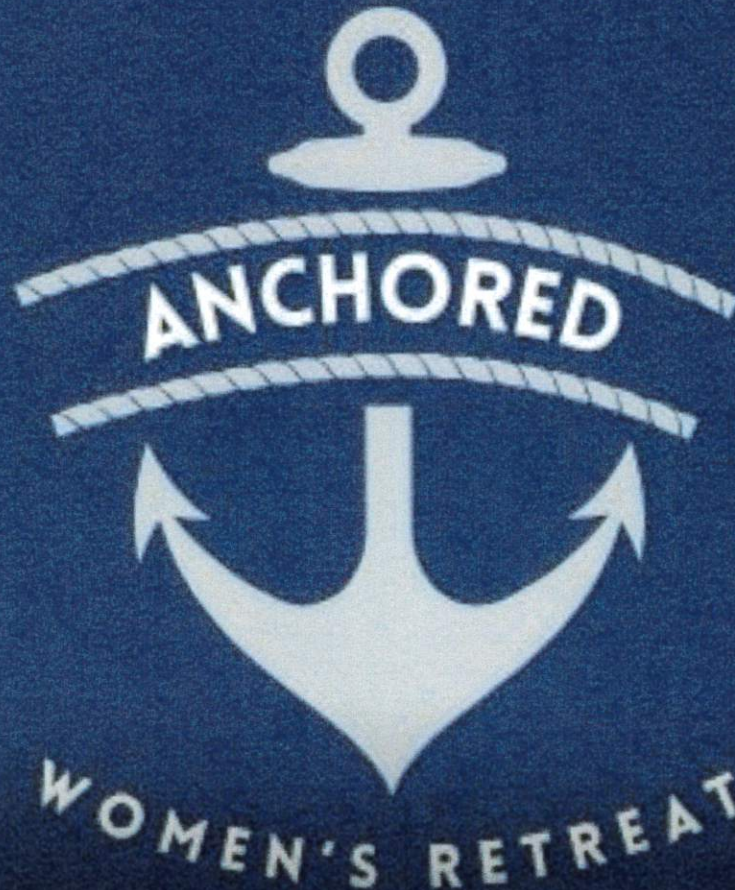
Exciting days are ahead for the ministry of Latham Springs. The Board of Trustees continues to promote the process that will lead to the expansion of facilities, to enhance this great ministry. Please remember that Latham Springs is not funded by any state or national conventions, and depends on camp fees and your gifts to operate. The staff and trustees of Latham Springs wish to thank you for your support during the past year. We pray that this cooperative mission effort to reach and minister to individuals and groups might continue to bring glory to HIM.

Please call the Latham Springs office to let us know how we can help with your camp or retreat needs.

***"Come to the waters, all who thirst"***

Isaiah 55:1

SAVE *the* DATE



**April 10-11, 2026**

**HOSTED BY: FOUNDERS LADIES RETREAT**  
IN THE NEW ADULT CONFERENCE CENTER AT  
LATHAM SPRINGS CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

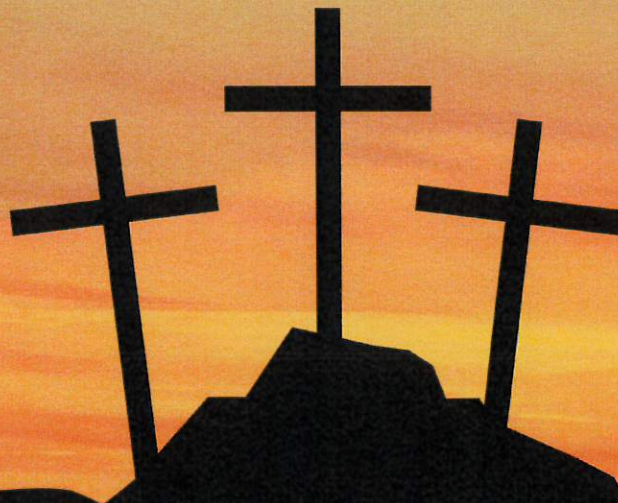
A Ladies Retreat planned by ladies in the associations  
that own and partner with Latham Springs.



# Directory of Churches

**Southwest Metroplex Baptist Association**

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**61. WILLOW SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH** ..... 10501 FM 1807

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**CONSTITUTION**  
**SOUTHWEST METROPLEX BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**  
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**CONSTITUTION**  
**Southwest Metroplex Baptist Association**

**Article I - Name**

SECTION 1. The name of the organization shall be the Southwest Metroplex Baptist Association, Inc. hereafter referred to as the Association.

**Article II - Purpose**

The purpose of the Association is:

SECTION 1. To encourage a spirit of cooperation among the churches.

SECTION 2. To assist the churches in accomplishing their work of fulfilling the Great Commission.

**Article III - Membership**

SECTION 1. This Association shall be composed of autonomous Baptist churches cooperatively networking to expand God's kingdom locally and globally and substantially ascribing to The Baptist Faith and Message of 1963 or any of its revisions as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention.

SECTION 2. Cooperation in the Association is defined by this body to mean: (1) participation in the various activities of the Association, and (2) regular and systematic financial support of the Association, and (3) regular reporting through the Annual Church Profile.

SECTION 3. Each church cooperating with the Association shall be entitled to three messengers and one additional messenger for each fifty resident members or major fraction thereof above fifty, providing no church shall have more than fifteen messengers.

SECTION 4. A church desiring to enter into cooperation shall petition the Association through the Administration Team by letter at least 90 days before the Annual Meeting. Said letter shall set forth the church's Statement of Faith and provide evidence of its cooperation with the Association. Upon a two-thirds majority vote at the Annual Meeting, the Church shall then be under the watchcare of the Administration Team for one year. At the next Annual Meeting the Administration Team shall bring a recommendation to accept or reject the petition or to extend the period of watchcare for the petitioning church. Admittance to the fellowship of the Association shall be by a two-thirds majority vote.

SECTION 5. At such time as any mission, which is sponsored by a church affiliated with the Association, is constituted as a church, it shall become part of the Association according to Article III, Section 4, except that the one-year watchcare may be waived upon recommendation by the Administration Team.

SECTION 6. The Association reserves to itself the right to withdraw fellowship from any church that may become unsound in doctrine or disorderly in practice, or non-cooperative. Such action should be referred to the Administration Team by the Executive Board for review and recommendation to the next Annual Meeting. Fellowship may be withdrawn by a two-thirds majority vote in the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 7. Any church may withdraw from affiliation with the Association by giving written notice of such desire to the Annual Meeting.

#### **Article IV – Authority**

SECTION 1. Each church participating in the Association is autonomous, and the Association shall never attempt to exercise any tribute of authority over any church.

#### **Article V - Meetings**

SECTION 1. This Association shall meet annually.

SECTION 2. The Annual Meeting shall be composed of messengers elected by member churches of the Southwest Metroplex Baptist Association.

SECTION 3. At least twenty-five percent of the churches cooperating with this Association must be represented by seated messengers to constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

### **Article VI - Officers**

SECTION 1. All of the officers of the Association must be members of churches within the Association.

SECTION 2. The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, a Vice-Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer.

SECTION 3. The Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be nominated by the Administration Team at the Annual Meeting. Elected messengers may also bring nominations during the Annual Meeting. These officers shall assume their respective offices at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting in which they were elected.

SECTION 4. The Moderator shall be able to serve no more than two consecutive one-year terms.

SECTION 5. In the event an officer cannot complete the full term, the Administration Team shall have the authority to appoint an interim officer.

SECTION 6. The officers of the Association shall serve as Trustees; three Trustees shall have the power to act on matters of business as instructed by the Association or the Executive Board.

### **Article VII - Decorum**

In all questions covering the proceedings of the Association, the latest edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* shall be the authority used by the presiding officer and by the Association.

## **Article VIII - Executive Board**

SECTION 1. The Executive Board of the Association shall consist of the called ministerial staff of the member churches, officers of the Association, and one lay member elected from each church. The ex officio members shall consist of the Southwest Metroplex Baptist Association Staff and retired ministers who are members of cooperating churches.

SECTION 2. The officers of the Association shall serve as officers of the Executive Board.

SECTION 3. The Executive Board of the Association, which shall meet quarterly unless changed by the Executive Board, shall have power to act in behalf of the Association on all matters of business which shall arise between sessions of the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 4. The Moderator shall have power to call extra sessions of the Executive Board as needed when all the member churches have been notified in writing of the called meeting.

SECTION 5. Board members from ten churches shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 6. In the event that neither the Moderator nor the Vice-Moderator is present to preside over the meeting of the Executive Board, the Board shall elect a moderator for that meeting.

## **Article IX – Amendments**

Amendments to the Constitution shall require notice and presentation in writing at an Executive Board meeting at least two (2) months prior to the Annual Meeting at which those changes shall be considered. All proposals must be presented in writing at the first session of the Annual Meeting, and the vote shall be taken at the second session of the Annual Meeting. Two-thirds of the messengers voting must cast affirmative votes to authorize the change.

**BY-LAWS**  
**Southwest Metroplex Baptist Association**  
Revised January 16, 2024

**SECTION 1: ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**

1. The fiscal year for the Association shall be from the first day of January to the last day of December, inclusive.
2. The Treasurer's report shall be reviewed at the close of the year, and a report shall be made to the Executive Board for approval. The review shall be performed by the Administration Team or by an alternate designated by the Administration Team.
3. The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be in the month of October. The date, place and time of the next Annual Meeting shall be recommended by the Administrative Team during the Annual Meeting. A change in the date, location, and / or time of the annual meeting shall be approved by the Executive Board upon the recommendation of the Administrative Team a minimum of three months prior to the proposed Annual Meeting. All churches in the Association will be notified at least two months prior as to the amended date, location, and / or time of the Annual Meeting.
4. When a vacancy occurs in the position of Executive Director, the Executive Board shall elect a Search Committee of five persons. Upon the Search Committee's recommendation, the Executive Board shall vote. A seventy-five percent affirmative vote shall be required to constitute a call.
5. Dismissal shall require a recommendation from the Administration Team to the Executive Board and a seventy-five percent vote of the Executive Board present and voting to dismiss the Executive Director.
6. Two signatories shall be required for the disbursement of funds.

7. These By-laws may be amended at any Executive Board Meeting or Annual Meeting upon the recommendation of the Administration Team and a two-thirds vote, provided that the recommended changes have been publicized to the Executive Board at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

## **SECTION 2: DUTIES OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS**

1. **MODERATOR:** The Moderator shall call to order and preside over the meetings of the Association and the Executive Board and direct the affairs of the Association in an orderly manner and in a Christian Spirit. The Moderator may ask other officers or members of the body to preside as necessary. The Moderator of the Association shall be recognized as an ex officio member of all Teams and committees of the Association. The Moderator shall have power to appoint committees authorized by the Association or Executive Board.
2. **VICE-MODERATOR:** The Vice-Moderator may, if the Moderator so directs, preside over the meetings of the sessions of the Association or Executive Board. The Vice-Moderator shall also assist the Moderator in such matters as the Moderator may direct.
3. **CLERK:** The Clerk shall keep a full and accurate record of all business and recommendations of the Association and Executive Board. At each meeting the Clerk shall present the minutes of the previous meeting. All records for at least one year shall be on hand at each meeting.
4. **TREASURER:** The Treasurer shall ensure all funds for the Association have been received and disbursed in accordance with the adopted Association's budget or the specific instructions of the Association and upon receipt of a bill or voucher properly authorized. The Treasurer shall ensure the Association maintains accurate records of all monies received with sources and designations of same.

## SECTION 3: DUTIES OF ASSOCIATION TEAMS

1. Overview: The coordination and implementation of the Association's work shall be carried out through Teams. On-going Teams will be the Staff Team, the Administration Team, the Church Revitalization Team, the Church Planting Team, the Ministry Team, and the Partnership Missions Team.
2. Membership: A nominating committee, composed of the Vice-Moderator (who will serve as Chair), and the chairs of the other Teams will have the sole responsibility to nominate Administration Team members and bring a recommendation to the Annual Meeting. Other Team members, who must be members of churches in the Association, shall be nominated by the Administration Team and voted on by the Association at the Annual Meeting. At least fifty percent of the membership of each team must be composed of church staff members. The Administration Team may appoint Interim Team members with full authority to serve should a vacancy arise. The Interim members shall be presented to the Executive Board or at the Annual Meeting to be duly elected to their Team. Except for the Staff Team, all Teams should have 6 or 9 members with members serving a three-year term. One third of the Team members will rotate off the Team each year. Those rotating off any Team may not serve on that Team for at least one full year, but are eligible to serve on a different Team if nominated and elected. Anyone designated to fill an unexpired term of less than one year, may be considered eligible to be nominated and elected to then serve a full three-year term. The Moderator and Executive Director shall serve as ex officio members of all Teams.

Proposed change to replace shaded text above with: *Except for the Staff Team, all Teams should have at least three members, who may serve consecutive one-year terms with the approval of the Administration Team.*

3. Responsibility: Teams are to seek vision, think creatively, develop strategy, and implement agreed upon plans in keeping with the purpose of the Association (see Constitution, Article II). Each Team

will submit its plans and budget request to the Administration Team prior to the Annual Meeting.

4. **Authority:** Teams shall have the authority to develop strategies in keeping with the vision and purpose of the Association and Executive Board, request an annual budget, disburse approved funds, and temporarily appoint individuals or subcommittees to carry out specific Team assignments. As a representative body within the Association, no Team members shall have authority over the local church or the Association. Each Team shall elect its own Chairperson and other officers as needed.
5. **Accountability:** Each Team shall maintain a record of its activities and is to work in a spirit of cooperation with the Executive Director and Executive Board. All Teams shall present a report of their activities during the Annual Meeting.
6. **Meetings:** Team meetings are to be called by the Team Chairperson or Executive Director. Teams are recommended to meet at least quarterly.

#### **SECTION 4: DESCRIPTIONS OF ASSOCIATION TEAMS**

1. **Staff Team:** The Staff Team shall consist of all personnel recognized by the Association as staff. The Executive Director shall serve as ex officio member of all teams, leading and coordinating the work of the association. The Staff Team shall handle the day-to-day work of the Association in keeping with Association's job descriptions and operating procedures.
2. **Administration Team:** The Administration Team shall provide oversight and direction to the Association. Its responsibilities shall include carrying out duties assigned by the Executive Board; acting on behalf of the Association between Executive Board Meetings; overseeing all matters related to Associational personnel (hiring, job descriptions, benefits, salary, etc.); directing the Association in matters related to its existing property and major purchases;

developing the Association budget; enlisting Team members; coordinating the Association calendar; planning and coordinating all matters related to the Annual Meeting and Executive Board Meetings; evaluating requests to join the Association; and appointing Associational representatives as needed.

3. Church Revitalization Team: The Church Revitalization Team shall develop and implement strategies to help bring health and vitality to local churches. Specific actions to consider include planning educational opportunities for church leaders; providing churches with training and consultation to foster discipleship and spiritual transformation; helping churches evaluate their ministries and discover new ways of fulfilling their purpose; providing support for particular events that promote spiritual health and vitality; cultivating opportunities for deeper relationships within churches and between churches; and equipping churches to fulfill their mission.
4. Church Planting Team: The Church Planting Team shall assist the Association and all of its churches become active participants in church planting. The Team will be involved in such activities as researching where new work needs to begin; identifying pockets of unreached people in our communities; recruiting and training potential church planters; exploring new ways of starting churches; educating and encouraging churches to become involved in church planting; motivating churches to become missional and evangelistic; mobilizing believers to live as missionaries in their communities; budgeting Associational funds to help establish new churches; prayer walking strategic areas for future work; encouraging, supporting and providing learning opportunities for church planters in the Association; and helping the Association and its churches stay focused and passionate about new work.
5. Ministry Team: The Ministry Team will seek to create and maintain ministries that help the Association's churches work together and minister in our communities. Responsibilities of this Team include

helping churches evaluate needed ministries; identifying opportunities for working cooperatively in existing ministries; providing information and organizing educational opportunities concerning new ministry opportunities; enlisting leaders and volunteers for Associational ministry teams; evaluating whether or not Associational ministries are effective; and providing oversight, support and encouragement for Associational ministries.

6. Partnership Missions Team: The Partnership Missions Team will facilitate cooperative missions participation between the Association and its churches beyond the local field of ministry. Responsibilities of this Team include leading the Association to explore and create new partnerships; identifying where Associational churches are already doing missions; networking churches to partner together in missions; promoting missions education and training in the Association; evaluating Associational partnerships; providing scholarships and other funding for partnership trips; and identifying and making available mission resources.





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