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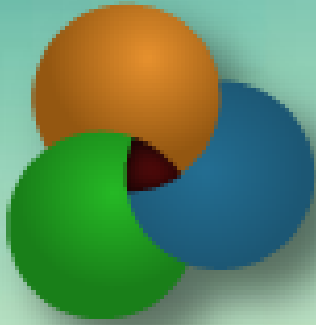
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Financial Report (through March, 2017)

Beginning balance General Fund-	\$64,941.89
Deposits in March	\$11,360.34
Disbursements in March	\$13,224.13
Total Income Year to Date	\$43,368.96
Spending YTD Under Income	\$5,397.07



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THE HEART OF TEXAS BAPTIST NETWORK

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NEWS FROM THE HEART OF TEXAS BAPTIST NETWORK

NETWORK MISSIONARY REPORT

In 2009 the Network leaders began our implementation of the Strategic Plan involving every aspect of the work of the Network going forward from the 2018 Annual Gathering. This involved the re-constitution of the Network Executive Board (Pastor and one additional church member or staff member per church), the official activation of the Administrative Team (the four Network officers and the Leader of each Ministry Team), and evening Executive Board Meetings disbursed throughout the geographic area of the Network. We also set new goals for the Director of Missions which involves the increased visibility of the Network Missionary in local churches on Sunday mornings.

At our upcoming Executive Board meetings at FBC Bangs (May 13, 2019, 6:30 p.m.- meal, 6:45 p.m. speaker), the Executive Board will consider and vote on a motion from the Administrative Team to formulate the Heart of Texas Baptist Network Mission Team. This team will seek to “catalyze relational missions among and with the churches of the Heart of Texas Baptist Network” (drawn from mission statement of the Network Mission Team). This Team will fulfill that mission by encouraging local churches of the Network to engage in missions by doing the following things:

- To encourage local churches to engage in hands on missions.
- To plan and actualize one international mission focus each year through the Network office among the people and churches of the Network.
- To plan and actualize one Texas/Mexico focus each year through the Network office from and among the people and churches of the Network.
- To plan and actualize one mission focus per year through the Network office from and among the people and churches of the Network.
- To encourage personal ministry to the missionaries and people residing in the Missionary-in-Residence House.

We are also very thankful that Dr. Auvenshine will be with us. Dr. Auvenshine is the Dean of the School of Christian Studies, Howard Payne University. His expertise is in Old Testament and Hebrew, and he will be sharing practical aspects of preaching from the Old Testament.

Our goal in these meetings is to build relationships, to share a meal together, to pray for one another, and to become a relational Network of churches doing God’s work in the world.

Missionary-in-Residence House

Since August of 2018, it has been our pleasure to host Ron and Dee Winsman at the Missionary-in-Residence House. This great couple served as missionaries in Zambia, and this furlough has allowed them the opportunity to construct a house near Lake Brownwood where they will live as of May 1, 2019. Ron and Dee have been wonderful caretakers of the house. They have used their time ministering to churches in this Network, visiting churches, and sharing their story in several settings. We appreciate them and all God has and will do through them.

The Missionary-in-Residence House has gone through an exterior remodel and is now in very good condition. This summer it will possibly be occupied for a very short time by a family currently serving in Nigeria, and then later this year by Staci Simpson Powers, currently serving as IMB missionary to Zambia.

Again, we want to thank the First Baptist Church of Early for their commitment to this project. They have paid the electricity bill on the Missionary-In-Residence House for several years. This single act is a tremendous strategic ministry to the well-being of the missionaries who have stayed here.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

- Parkview Baptist Church has merged with the First Baptist Church of San Saba, including their membership, assets, and properties. The Network worked with the members of Parkview Church regarding details of the merger in an advisory fashion. This was a voluntary merger, mutually beneficial to all parties.
- The First Baptist Church of Lake Brownwood has called Gene Christian as Pastor. Gene previously served a pastor in the Texas panhandle and has worked bi-vocationally throughout his ministry.
- Salt Creek Baptist Church recently celebrated their 130th year of ministry as a church

UPCOMING EVENTS

Network Annual Strategy and Planning Meeting

On June 3, 2019, the Administrative Team of the Heart of Texas Baptist Network will convene at the Network Resource Center for an Annual Strategy and Planning Meeting. This meeting will convene at 9:30 a.m. and run through lunch until 2:30 p.m. We are asking all of the Network Team Leaders to meet with their team prior to this date to formulate their plans for 2020 along with a 2020 budget request to be presented to the entire Administrative Team on June 3. This is our mechanism to maximum the potential of the Team process in this Network and to actualize our goals of becoming “a relational Network of churches doing God’s work in the world.”

Session #2- Fundamentals of Biblical Preaching

Upon the completion of part #1 of the preaching conference, the group decided to reconvene on Saturday, July 20, 2019, with a breakfast beginning at 8:30 a.m. followed by training at 9:00 a.m. In our first session participants learned the fundamentals of expository or textually-driven preaching, and we completed the first half of the materials on biblical interpretation. At our next meeting we will complete the remainder of the material on biblical interpretation and cover the introduction to sermon development and content. We want to thank Abbie Valencia for all of her work in food preparation and room decorating for the first conference. As always, she created a very special and hospitable atmosphere

Ministry to Vocational Ministers/Spouses

We wanted to thank Rachel Woodcox, Pastor Artie Woodcox, and Calvary Baptist Church for hosting our Women’s Fellowship Brunch at their church on Saturday, April 6, 2019. This ministry is for vocational minister’s wives or women in vocational ministry in this Network. Please look for more events coming in the future.

ACE Overcomers

ACE Overcomers is a ministry to facilitate healing and spiritual wholeness in those who have walked through childhood trauma. This is very powerful material that can be used in a church or secular setting. Dennis and Emma Williams are the facilitators in this area, and they did a great job presenting it here at the office on April 13. For more details please email or contact the office.

Interim-Director of Communications

Roberto Limon, former Website manager and IT person for the Network, has been hired by the Administrative Team as Interim Director of Communications. In this position he will prepare all official office communication for the various applications utilized in the office, format and create the newsletter, and update the website. The Administrative Team has edited the Director of Communication’s job description, and the position is already funded in the 2019 budget. We will move forward to staff this position soon with a permanent part-time employee.