

# **Knoxville District Baptist Association**

## **Rev. Dr. Joe B. Maddox, Moderator**

### **November Board Meeting**

**November 17, 2012**

**Held at Canaan Baptist Church of Christ**

**Rev. Dr. Harold A. Middlebrook, Pastor**

### *Official Minutes*

- The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Moderator Maddox.
- Devotion was led by the Laymen's Ministry.
- The welcome was given by Rev. Middlebrook.
- The Moderator stated that we will move the "Message From the Moderator" under the Business Session
- Offering was lifted by the KDBA Finance Ministry – Total \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Lakenya Middlebrook gave a pharmaceutical presentation regarding My Brother's Keeper
- An asthma screening presentation was given by Stan Fleming who was presented by Bro. Rick Staples; Bro. Fleming stated that he would like to take part in the District's 2013 Annual Conference; he will also let Moderator Maddox know about future events; contact information is: Stan Fleming, [slfleming@etch.com](mailto:slfleming@etch.com), (865) 541-8375
- Notes from the Message From the Moderator include:
  - The Moderator would like the District to embrace the theme/subtheme of the State Convention; "go and make disciples and teach them" (Matt.28:18-20) The Great Commission
  - There has been a lot of learning for the leadership of the District during this first year
  - We must do our part to prepare parishioners about witnessing
  - We must be intentional about making disciples
  - Subthemes:
    - Year 2013: The Gospel: Uniting Believers in Christ for Effective Ministries
    - Year 2014: The Gospel: Equipping Us (Matt. 28:18)
    - Year 2015: The Gospel: Empowering the Church To Transform Lives
    - Year 2016: The Gospel: Proclaiming Our Faith for Victory

The Moderator stated that these subthemes give us a solid foundation for building educational opportunities within the Knoxville District Baptist Association. If we embrace and develop activities, we will experience a Revival in the Knoxville District (numerical and spiritual)

  - Regarding Committees: The Moderator would like for Committees to be ACTIVE; the assignment of the Committee members was based on church letters; some may be assigned to a Committee with no interest; these individuals should let their assigned Chairperson know; we want people who are willing to work; Committees chairpersons should replace non-active members
  - Communication:
    - Email may not be working for everyone. As a result we will send emails AND snail mail so that we can correct that problem.

- Ministry heads are not able to get in touch with Vice Moderators (VMs); the Moderator stated that he has spoken to the VMs and we will begin to work together; NOTE: if your VM is unreachable, contact the Moderator
- Elder Maddox stated that being the Moderator is not as easy as it looks. He has learned a lot during the past year and hopes to build on those lessons for the better. The Moderator stated that “if we continue to provide feedback, we can make great strides for the Kingdom of God.”
- The Moderator asked if there were any questions or comments:
  - ✓ Rev. Margaret Mack stated that the Annual Session was changed to July; she asked when will the Session be announced
  - ✓ The Moderator stated that it is changed on the Time and Place schedule, but we will distribute the information ASAP
- KDBA Directory Report was given by Sis. Henrietta Caldwell
  - Directory Committee includes: Henrietta Caldwell, Thelma Baxter, Joyce Echols, and Sandra Burum
  - A copy of the old directory was shown
  - The new directory will have a cover, picture of Pastors (maybe their wives), pictures of churches, the Parent Body, church name, address, phone, and ministry contact information (e.g., Laymen, Women, Secretary, etc.)
  - The directory will be done as soon as they receive all the photos
  - The Moderator suggested that we develop a form for the churches to fill out
  - The questions was posed as to why we are eliminate the Moderator’s Message; Sis. Caldwell stated that we can put it back
- Minutes for the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Session were read by Robin Whitmore
  - Motion to accept and properly seconded; motion carried
- Financial Report (Rev. Richard Brown, Jr.)
  - Rev. Brown stated that the income side is shown in the Minute book and that the distributed report shows expenses only; he also stated that the Finance Ministry would like to email these reports in the future so members can peruse them prior to our meetings; he asked those present to look through the report and to let them know if there should be any changes
  - Balance in checking (as of 10/30/2012) is \$5,722.27
  - The Moderator stated that the report was intended to cover 9/1/2011 through 8/30/2012; Rev. Brown stated that they are still doing reconciliations
  - Rev. Brown also reminded ministry leaders that if they need funds to inform the Finance Ministry in plenty of time (~2 weeks)
  - Sis. Ladalia Logan stated that we have a voucher system in place
  - Motion to accept the report was given by Elder Christopher Battle; seconded by Elder Tommy Mims; motion carried
- Committee Reports
  - Trustee Committee (Elder Battle):
    - The committee made an assessment at the District Headquarters; they plan to organize the files in years by the next Board meeting
    - If you have District material, please get it to the Trustee Committee
  - Mission Committee (Minister Victoria McNeal):
    - The committee met in October 2012

- Their goal is to consolidate District resources and work in cooperation with one another (e.g. clothing closets, food pantries, etc.)
  - Emails were sent with a form to be returned
- Time and Place Committee (Rev. William Caldwell)
  - The District banquet will be held on July 26, 2013
- Scholarship Committee – no report
- Education Committee – no report
- Statistical Committee – report attached; she plans to give this report quarterly
- Memorial Committee – Sis. Delores Cole; Dwight Armstrong will not be serving on the Committee; they met in October; they are working on guidelines; they plan to divide the churches by areas; they plan to send flowers and resolutions from the District
- Hospitality Committee – Sis. Leanna Groves; Matt. 28:18-20; she was unable to contact Rev. Reginald Butler or Sis. Pinkie Daniels; Rev. Valentino McNeal added to the Committee
- Resolution Committee – report attached
- Constitutional Committee – Sis. Lakenya Middlebrook
- KDBA Minute books were distributed to Pastors and District leaders
- Emphasis on Education Period (Elder Dr. Tommie Mims)
  - Elder Mims would like for our Christian Education ministry to be visible and responsive
  - He would like for us to have the capability to register online
  - At March Board meeting he plans to have a list of classes and instructors for our 2013 Annual Session
- The Board meeting was closed at 12:30 p.m. with prayer and blessing of food by Elder Mims.