

# TAYLOR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



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Connecting Baptist Churches in Taylor County

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**Purpose Statement:** To Equip and Assist our member churches to accomplish their ministries.

### Heralds from Harold

So much has happened in such a short period of time. A few days ago, we watched hurricane weather reports while praying and waiting for Michael to strike the panhandle of our state. Within hours after the tragic storm hitting close to our area, I sensed a great need to do something in response. A church in Hamilton County contacted me about teaming up with them to go do a day trip in the Marianna area. I was not prepared for the mass destruction left in the wake of this monstrous storm. Traveling through many neighborhoods, I saw trees crisscrossing through homes. Many timbered areas looked like they had been clear cut by the storm. Seeing such destruction left me with a sense of helplessness. My own health issues prevented me from putting my hands on a chainsaw and dragging debris toward the curb. It became a ministry of encouragement for me. I encountered a young leader who had expressed her doubts about leading such a venture into a stricken community. God blessed me to be able to lead this young person to go for a larger commitment in disaster relief. God began to open doors and soon there was a Disaster Relief Shower trailer showing up all the way from Tennessee!

A couple of passages come to mind. Acts 16:9 *"And a vision appeared unto Paul...and there stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us."* James 2:15,16 *"If a brother or sister be naked and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doeth it profit?"*

Let me encourage each church to find a way to put some skin in the game. Here is how to find a place of action. Taylor Baptists are partnering with FBC Sneads to go out into their community to do chainsaw and other directed ministries. Other churches are also partnering with churches in the ravaged area. We believe God is opening a door for us to show our compassion not only for a sister church, but also to assist them in reaching out to the lost people in their community. We are hopeful of having folks sign up to go out for a work day on Saturdays for several weekends a month until the needs are met. Shown below is a list the host church has sent us of specific supplies they need to effectively minister in their community. You can bring the supplies to the associational office, Mon.–Thurs., 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Thank you for the privilege to serve with you.

God Bless,  
*Bro. Harold*

### BUDGET RECEIPTS September 2018

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Athena                | 912.00            |
| Blue Creek            | -0-               |
| Calvary               | 1626.45           |
| Cornerstone           | -0-               |
| Crosspoint            | 755.33            |
| Fellowship            | -0-               |
| First Baptist         | 416.67            |
| Lakeside              | 525.62            |
| Midway                | 173.38            |
| Mt. Gilead            | -0-               |
| New Home              | -0-               |
| Oakland               | -0-               |
| Pisgah                | -0-               |
| Pleasant Grove        | 200.00            |
| Salem                 | 450.47            |
| San Pedro             | 75.00             |
| Shady Grove           | 242.16            |
| Southside             | 432.64            |
| Temple of God         | -0-               |
| <b>Total Receipts</b> | <b>\$5,809.72</b> |

***Thank you for your support!***

Monthly Budget Needs = \$5,000.08

Monthly Average Received to Date= 5,013.82

## Welcome...

We have a new pastor to introduce to you.

- Gerald Norris and his wife Dawn have accepted a call to Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. Welcome!

## Operation Christmas Child...

The collection point for shoeboxes will be at the First Baptist Church Student Center on Orange Street. For more information, please contact Drop Off team Leader June Byers, by email, [junebyers@gmail.com](mailto:junebyers@gmail.com) or text her at 850-843-8800.

## Disaster Relief ...

The Association has partnered with the First Baptist Church of Sneads, FL. We will be going over on Saturdays for the next few weeks. Items you can drop off at the Association Office that are needed are:

- Contractor grade trash bags
- Dust masks
- Backpacks for School
- School supplies, all grades
- Tarps, all sizes
- Work Gloves
- Plastic Storage Bins with lids, med & large
- Cleaning Supplies

If you would like to go as a volunteer worker, please contact Steven Ruff at First Baptist or Gary French at Southside Baptist.

## Annual Session...

The Annual Session will be held Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at First Baptist Church. Supper starts at 5:30. Gary Townsend will be the guest speaker. Please plan to be there to hear what is happening through your Association.

## Changes...

Copies of the proposed revisions to our Constitution will be presented at the Annual Session for adoption. If you are a messenger and have not received your copy, please contact your church secretary.

*Working together, doing more.*

## CALENDAR

### November 2018

- 3 – Work Day, FBC Sneads, FL
- 4 – Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 5 – **Annual Meeting**, First Bapt., 5:30 supper
- 6 – Election Day
- 10 – Work Day, FBC Sneads, FL
- 11 – **Veterans Day**
- 11-13 – Florida Baptist Convention, Miami
- 13- Pastor's meet, First Baptist, 9:00 a.m.
- 17 – Work Day, FBC Sneads, FL
- 22 – **Thanksgiving Day**, Office Closed

### December 2018

- 2 – International Missions week of prayer and Lottie Moon offering
- 4 – Christmas Party for Pastors, Staff and wives
- 11 – Pastor's meet, First Baptist, 9:00 a.m.
- 16-31 – Office closed
- 25 – **Christmas Day**

### January 2019

- 1 – **New Year's Day**, office closed
- 7 – Administrative Committee, 11:00 a.m. re semi-annual meeting
- 14 – Men's Ministry Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Oakland Baptist Church
- 21 – **Martin Luther King Day**, office closed
- 28 – Executive Board, 11:00 a.m.

## November Birthdays

- 13 – Sharon Lundy, Pisgah

## Prayer focus...

- Midway Baptist, Pastor Search
- Disaster clean up and ministry

## Food for Thought....

Encouragement is oxygen to the soul.