

SECTION II

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM Baptist Resource Network of Pennsylvania/South Jersey

November 7-8, 2019

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SCHEDULE

Monday, March 30

1:00 PM Registration Begins
3:00 PM Hotel Check-in
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Opening Session
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Dinner
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Evening Session

Tuesday, March 31

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Morning Session
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Lunch
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM Closing Session

COST

\$100 includes the conference (your spouse may attend with you at no additional cost), lodging for one night, dinner on Monday, and lunch on Tuesday.

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49th Annual Meeting of the Baptist Resource Network

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"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8 CSB).



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Welcome

We're so glad that you've come to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for the 49th Baptist Resource Network Annual Meeting!

I'm excited that we're all gathered together in this place to celebrate 49 years as a network of churches from all across Pennsylvania and South Jersey. We have much to share and rejoice about at this meeting concerning the things that God has been doing. My main goal as your Executive Director at this gathering is to communicate these awesome things God has been doing. I hope and pray that you will be both refreshed and challenged as we spend these days together.

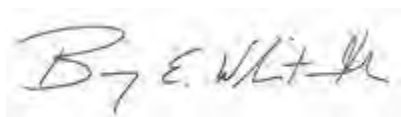
Our theme during this year's gathering is "Kingdom Expansion." We'll be focusing in on Acts 1:8 to be challenged in becoming a people who are "empowered to go" and be witnesses to the ends of the earth in the power of God.

This year, the three general sessions will each have a theme: *Empower our Hearts - Intentional Discipleship, Engage Our Neighbors - Missional Engagement, and Expand Our World - Leadership Development.*

- Dr. Kevin Ezell, president of the North American Mission Board (NAMB), is our keynote speaker. Dr. Ezell provides strategic vision, direction, and leadership as NAMB works to help Southern Baptist churches send the hope of the gospel to North America.
- Panel discussions on racial reconciliation, church multiplication, and millennial ministry will take place during the general sessions. These panels will show you just how far the BRN has come in the last year and what we are doing to expand the Kingdom as we move forward.
- Nine breakout sessions are offered to help you grow. We're also offering a prayerwalking experience for anyone who would like to learn how prayerwalking can be an effective way to pray for communities to come to know Christ. Please wear your walking shoes because you'll head out into the community for this session.

My greatest desire at this meeting is to see a group of people celebrating and enjoying the uniqueness of our Christian family. This is the one time of the year that we, as God's people, can come together and celebrate God's work among our network of 311 churches. May God do something special to draw us closer to Him and to one another. When we close our time together, may we all be more determined to bind together to make more noise for Jesus so that He can be made more and more famous. Jesus promised us, that "if I be lifted up, I will draw people unto myself (John 12:32)." May His Kingdom be expanded!

Your Missionary to PA/SJ,



General Information

Registration

Registration is located in the Convention Center Lobby. You must stop by registration, even if you pre-registered online, so that we can provide you with a meeting information packet, a name badge, and your ballots (for church-elected messengers).

Coffee

Coffee is located in the hotel lobby for most of the day. It will also be offered in the Convention Center Lobby on Thursday and Friday from 9-10:30 a.m.

Displays

Displays are located in the Convention Center Lobby as well as in the main hallway going towards the hotel entrance.

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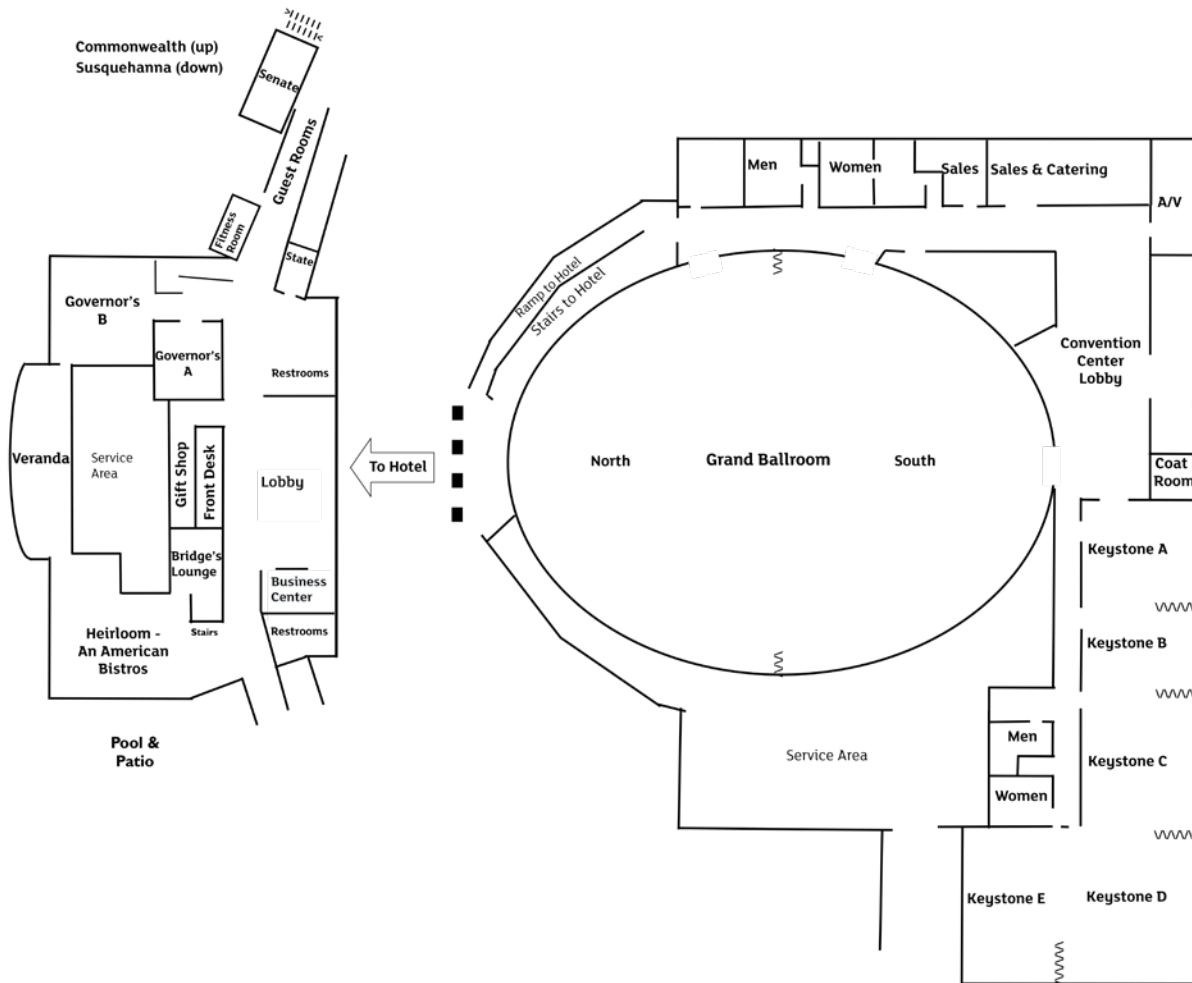
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Facilities Map

Hotel Meeting Rooms

Convention Center



QUICK REFERENCE:

Registration/Exhibits: Convention Center Lobby

Plenary Sessions: Grand Ballroom South

Breakout Sessions/Prayer Room: Keystone A-E

Onsite Lunches/Dinner: Grand Ballroom North, Keystone B-E

Reception: Governor's Ballroom (in hotel)

At-A-Glance Schedule

Thursday Morning

- 9-10:15 a.m. OPERATIONS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING (Keystone A)
- 9-10:15 a.m. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (Keystone B)
- 10:15-11:30 a.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS (Keystone B, C, D, E)
- 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. BRN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING/LUNCH (Governor's Ballroom, in hotel)
- 11:30 a.m. LUNCH (onsite boxed meals available in Keystone A, pre-purchased tickets only)

Thursday Afternoon

- 12-1:15 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS (Keystone C, D, E)
- 12-1:15 p.m. MULTIPLYING CHURCHES LUNCHEON (Grand Ballroom North, invite only)
- 1:30-4:30 p.m. GENERAL SESSION #1: EMPOWER (Grand Ballroom South)

Thursday Evening

- 5-6:30 p.m. DINNER (Grand Ballroom North, onsite buffet meal available, pre-purchased tickets only)
- 6:30-8:30 p.m. GENERAL SESSION #2: ENGAGE (Grand Ballroom South)
- 8:30-10 p.m. RECEPTION (Governor's Ballroom, in hotel)

Friday Morning

- 7:30 a.m. BREAKFAST (onsite buffet meals available in Keystone A, pre-purchased tickets only)
- 8-9:15 a.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS (Keystone B, C, D)
- 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. GENERAL SESSION #3: EXPAND (Grand Ballroom South)



At-A-Glance Program Participants

Larry Anderson	Director of Healthy Churches, Baptist Resource Network, Harrisburg
Jim Bower	Bower Insurance/Brotherhood Mutual
Bob Conrad	Pastor, Covenant Community Church, Harrisburg
Curtis Cook.....	Cooperative Program Catalyst
Mark Croston	National Director Black Church Partnerships, LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, Tennessee
Tim Dedman	Financial Peace University
Jerry Dixon	SBC PrayerLink/BRN Prayer Coordinator
Kevin Ezell	President, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, Georgia
John M. George Sr.	President, Treysta Technology Management
Tina Hill	BRN Credentials and Enrollment Committee
Theresa Krieg.....	President, WMU of PA/SJ
Roger Manao.....	Pastor, Philadelphia Bible Church International, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania
Scott Mcleroy.....	GuideStone Financial Services
Eric McMahon.....	Watershed Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
David McNeill	IMB Missionary, Bogota, Colombia
Buff McNickle	President, Baptist Resource Network Executive Board; Pastor, Grace Falls Church, Absecon, New Jersey
Ray Rohland.....	Jesus Film Project
Ten10 Community Church Worship Team	Ten10 Community, York, Pennsylvania
George Tynes	BRN Convention President, Pastor, Truth Baptist Church, Philadelphia
Antonio Valle.....	First Baptist Church of Delaware
Jerry Vaughan	President, WatersEdge Ministry Services
Joseph Velarde.....	Pastor, Riverbend Community Church, Allentown, Pennsylvania
Craig Vincent.....	Streamside Camp, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania
John Weathersby	Pastor, Transcend Church, Harrisburg
Barry Whitworth	Executive Director-Treasurer, Baptist Resource Network, Harrisburg

Detailed Schedule: November 7

General Session One – Thursday Afternoon, 1:30 p.m.

Rev. George Tynes, Presiding
Grand Ballroom South
Kingdom Expansion
Acts 1:8

Theme Video

Welcome

Worship

Call to Order & Corporate Prayer

President's Address: Rev. George Tynes

Credentials and Enrollment Report

Program and Arrangements Report

Executive Board Report

2020 Budget Proposal

Constitution & By-laws Committee Report

Nominating Committee Report

Presentation of New Officers with Charge & Prayer

Worship

Video: Greetings from the North American Mission Board

Keynote Address: Kevin Ezell

Worship

Video: Mansion Hope

Panel on Racial Reconciliation

Worship

Closing Prayer



Detailed Schedule: November 7-8

General Session Two – Thursday Evening, 6:30 p.m.

Grand Ballroom South

Welcome & Prayer
Worship
Partners & Vendors Reports
Video: Revive
Panel on Church Multiplication
Special Music: Antonio Valle
Theme Video
Executive Director's Report: Barry Whitworth
PrayerLink
Recognition of New Church Leaders
Prayer & Dismissal

~ Please join us for a time of fellowship and coffee in the Governor's Ballroom (in the hotel) ~

General Session Three – Friday Morning, 9:30 a.m.

Grand Ballroom South

Welcome & Prayer
Worship
Video: Greetings from SBC Executive Committee President, Ronnie Floyd
SBC Executive Committee Report
Video: Missions Partnership in Bogota, Colombia
International Mission Board Report
Video: Greetings from IMB
Prayer for McNeills
Video: Greetings from WMU
ERLC Report
Video: Greetings from ERLC
Worship
Video: California University of Pennsylvania
Panel on Millennial Ministry
Worship
2020 Theme Introduction for the 50th BRN Annual Meeting
Closing Prayer

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If you and your church are interested in taking the SHA, email the BRN at helpdesk@brnunited.org, and we'll connect you with a team member who can help.



Featured Speakers



Kevin Ezell, *President, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, Georgia*

Kevin Ezell has served as the President of the North American Mission Board (NAMB) since September 2010. He provides strategic vision, direction and leadership as NAMB works to help Southern Baptist churches send the hope of the gospel to North America.

Kevin earned his bachelor's degree from Union University in Jackson, Tennessee. He received a Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and a Doctor of Ministry from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Prior to coming to NAMB, Kevin served as senior pastor of Highview Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky, for 14 years. He and his wife, Lynette, have six children, Anna, Shelly, Taylor, John Michael, Libby, and Micah Lyn. The Ezells are also blessed with four grandchildren.



George Tynes, *BRN Convention President; Pastor, Truth Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

Pastor George Tynes, founder and pastor of the Truth Baptist Church of Philadelphia, has been married for 38 years to Thea L. Tynes. They are the proud parents of Richard (Enjulee), Valen (Leroy), and George. They have ten wonderful grandchildren. He is a graduate of Eastern University, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration and a bachelor of arts degree in religion. He finished half of his master's degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, before transferring to Bakke Graduate University, where he earned his master of theological studies degree. Currently, he is pursuing a doctoral degree at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he expects to graduate in December 2020.

Tynes is currently the BRN convention president. He previously served the convention as the 2nd vice president from 2014-2016 and the 1st vice president from 2016-2018. He also has served the SBC as a trustee from 2009-2019 and as part of the executive committee from 2017-2019 for Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Locally, Tynes serves as the president of the Ministers' Alliance of Logan, an organization he and Pastor Steven Avinger of the Greater St. Matthews Baptist Church founded.

In addition to many booklets and Christian tracts, Tynes has authored three books, "Wanted: Spiritual Fathers!", "Marriage is A Big Deal," and "Leadership Plain and Simple," all of which can be purchased online. He is a musician, singer and songwriter, and has released one single entitled, "Only Believe." The most important day of his life was at the age of nine, the day he asked Jesus into his heart. His calling verse to the ministry is Luke 4:18-19, "*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor...*"

Featured Speakers



Barry Whitworth, *BRN Executive Director/Treasurer*

Barry has been in ministry for over 30 years, serving as a mission pastor, associate pastor, church planter, pastor, interim pastor, transitional pastor and planter, church planting strategist, lead church planting catalyst, church planting director, and now executive director.

Before his calling as Executive Director of the Baptist Resource Network in February 2017, he was a church planting missionary and served the Multiplying Churches Team Leader for the BRN. In May 2017, Barry received an honorary doctorate degree from Davis College. The Doctor of Divinity degree is conferred on individuals who have distinguished themselves in Christian ministry and leadership. Barry's life and service in ministry exemplifies the college's mission of impacting the world for Jesus Christ. Barry was specifically chosen because of his dedication and leadership with the Baptist Resource Network, resulting in many churches planted. Davis College concurs with Barry's vision for the local church and encouraging of local congregations, something the college is also passionate about.

Prior to ministry, he was employed by the USPS for 12 years, working as a maintenance mechanic and supervisor. He and his wife Beth have two daughters and six grandchildren.

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Breakout Speakers



Larry A. Anderson, *Director of Healthy Churches, BRN; PA/SJ Director of Evangelism, Nationally; Pastor, Great Commission Church, West Oak Lane area of Philadelphia; Co-Author of "Ask Me Why I'm Not In Church"*

Larry Anderson, director of healthy churches for the Baptist Resource Network, holds a doctor of ministry degree from Biblical Theological Seminary, Hatfield, Pa. His dissertation topic centered on ministering to a community with the whole gospel through its existing social services. The project assessed the social organizations of the West Oak Lane community and two agencies were identified for partnering with the Great Commission Church. The church has continued with this "Missional Living" model reaching out to the community with many ministries. As an assistant professor, teaching Practical Theology, Dr. Anderson taught and advised many students and developed the Urban Programs for the seminary. He also held many leadership positions while in college, and is called on by several organizations to be one of the leading voices of missional theology in an urban context.



Shannon Baker, *Director of Communications, BRN; Editor, BRN United*

Shannon Baker, past president of the Baptist Communicators Association, previously served as director of communications and editor of BaptistLIFE for the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware, where she worked nearly 15 years, initially as a correspondent when she and her husband Larry moved to Baltimore as North American Mission Board church planters. Earlier, Shannon was director of public relations at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary after several years of corporate work in management, technical writing and communications. She has been part of the Baptist Press coverage team for the SBC annual meeting for more than a dozen years. She holds a master of arts degree in ministry leadership from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and a bachelor of arts degree in journalism and mass communications from the University of N.C. at Chapel Hill.



Kim Carson, *Campus Minister, California University of Pennsylvania*

Kim Carson serves as a collegiate self-funded North American Mission Board missionary at California University of Pennsylvania. When she's not leading college students, you can find Kim honing her photography skills, cooking, reading, enjoying time in nature, and traveling and playing Ultimate Frisbee with her husband Dennis. God has called her to encourage, inspire, and challenge college students to be fully devoted followers of Christ.

Breakout Speakers



David Ludwig, *Associate Director of Healthy Churches, BRN; Church Consultant, by Society for Church Consulting; Leadership Development Coach by Leader Breakthru; Spiritual Leadership Coach by Blackaby Ministries and the North American Mission Board; participating member, National Revitalization Network*

David began serving the Baptist Resource Network in 2004 as a consultant in the area of church health, where he served until September 2013 when he joined our team full-time as the associate director of healthy churches. Prior to serving with the BRN, David served the Kentucky Baptist Convention as a contracted consultant, speaking and leading breakouts in the areas of discipleship and Sunday school/small groups. David has also served on the staff of small, medium, and large churches in Virginia, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania. David is passionate about disciple-making, and equipping pastors and leaders to develop healthy, disciple-making churches. He holds a master of arts degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky; and a bachelor of science degree in religion from Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia.



Michael Nerger, *Church Planting Catalyst, North American Mission Board*

Michael Nerger is a church planting catalyst for the North American Mission Board. His primary role is to identify potential areas, recruit potential church planters, and equip them to make an impact in their communities. Prior to joining NAMB, he planted Hazleton Community Church, Hazleton, Pa., with the help of his family. He is married to Julianne, who is very instrumental in his ministry.



Brandon Pickett, *Associate Executive Director, SBC of Virginia; Vice President, Innovative Faith Resources; adjunct professor of digital media at Liberty University*

Brandon is a story-teller at heart with a passion for missions. Since graduating from Liberty University with a degree in broadcast journalism, he has been anchoring and reporting for television networks, network affiliates and ministries. Along with his responsibility as associate executive director for the SBC of Virginia, he is also the vice president of Innovative Faith Resources (a ministry-focused media marketing company) and an adjunct professor of digital media at Liberty University. Before that, he was the communications director of the North American Mission Board. While at NAMB, he and his team won two Emmy Awards for the 30-minute weekly missions TV program, "On Mission Xtra".

Breakout Speakers



Robert Turner, *Director of BRN Next Collegiate Ministries*

Robert Turner has served as director of collegiate ministries for the Baptist Resource Network since 1992. He is also a collegiate missionary with the North American Mission Board. In his role, Robert facilitates the work of a team of campus ministers across PA/SJ and works with churches and church planters to develop and strengthen their ministries with college students and young adults. Robert is a native of Arkansas but has considered Pennsylvania home since his arrival nearly 30 years ago. He is a graduate of Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Robert considers his life's calling to serve as a conduit of God's mercy and grace to all within his influence.



Barry Whitworth, *BRN Executive Director*

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Before his calling as Executive Director of the Baptist Resource Network in February 2017, he was a church planting missionary and served the Multiplying Churches Team Leader for the BRN.

Barry, who has planted churches and served on church staffs in Pennsylvania, New York and Maryland, says his passion is the local church -- to assist and encourage the churches in "reaching the lost [and] discipling the saved." He seeks to help Pennsylvania/South Jersey Baptists "decrease lostness," "push back darkness" and "have an impact in our generation for such a time as this."



Brad Wingler, *Lead Pastor, Edinboro Community Church, Edinboro, Pa.*

Brad Wingler serves as the lead pastor at Edinboro Community Church. He is married to his wife, Jill. They have three children: JP, Haddon and Cindy. Brad holds a doctor of ministry from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary with a focus on disciple-making. In his free time, Brad enjoys running ultra-marathons through the trails of Pennsylvania.

Breakout Speakers



Rob Wilton, *SEND Pittsburgh Missionary, North American Mission Board; Pastor, Vintage Church, Pittsburgh*

Rob Wilton is a multi-city movement leader for Christ. He is the founding pastor of Vintage Church, Send City Missionary for the Send Network, North American Mission Board, and the chaplain for the New Orleans Saints. Although his family is from South Africa, Rob was born and raised in New Orleans, where he met Jesus. Upon moving to the Carolinas for high school and college, he answered the call to ministry and married his high school sweetheart, Annabeth. Together, they returned to New Orleans for seminary and to serve the city before and after Hurricane Katrina. In New Orleans, they welcomed four beautiful children into this world: Bolt, Mack, Birk, and McCall. After Hurricane Katrina, Rob planted Vintage Church, which has reached hundreds for Jesus and he also became the New Orleans Saints chaplain. After a decade of ministry, the Lord called Rob to plant another Vintage Church in Pittsburgh. In less than a year, Vintage Church Pittsburgh launched with hundreds of people in two different locations. Rob has a master of divinity degree and a doctor of ministry degree. He loves to travel, play golf, and hang with his family and close friends.



Davis Younts, *Attorney, Crisp and Associates, LLC*

Davis Younts is an experienced trial attorney who has dedicated his legal career to defending the rights of individuals facing criminal charges. Before joining Crisp and Associates, LLC, Younts served as an Active Duty Air Force Judge Advocate General (JAG) for more than ten years and as the senior legal advisor for The Adjutant General of the Pennsylvania National Guard. Younts has litigated more than 50 jury trials and represented hundreds of military members facing courts-martial, Article 15s and other military adverse actions. His skill and success led to his recognition by the United States Air Force as the number one senior counsel in the world in 2011. He has represented clients all over the United States and around the world.

After a successful deployment as an Expeditionary Wing Staff Judge Advocate in Operation Enduring Freedom, Younts was selected to be the Chief of the Military Justice Division at the Air Force Judge Advocate General's School. As the Chief, he was the senior attorney responsible for designing curriculum and implementing the Air Force's criminal law and trial advocacy training program. He supervised eight criminal law and trial advocacy instructors and provided instruction to attorneys in 54 courses attended by 2,900 students annually. Younts continues to serve as a reservist in the Air Force and was selected to be a member of the Air Force Training by Reservists in Advocacy and Litigation Skills team (TRIALS). The TRIALS program provides cutting edge trial advocacy training to JAGs from all branches of the military. Younts holds a bachelor of science degree, Summa Cum Laude, from Liberty University; a Juris Doctor degree from Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University; and a masters of military operational art and science degree from Air University.

Breakout Descriptions

Note: Please refer to the Breakout Session Notes in the Appendix

Thursday Lunch Breakout Session (10:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m.):

Discipleship or Disciple-Making, David Ludwig, Keystone D

To make the greatest impact in our mission, we have to make disciples who make disciples. In other words, we must shift our focus from making disciples to making disciple-makers. David Ludwig will share a useful framework that will enable us to shift from an addition to a multiplication mindset.

Reaching Gen Z in a Post-Christian Culture, Robert Turner & Kim Carson, Keystone C

Understanding young adult and student culture is an ongoing challenge. Those of us who work with students have to continuously be students of these younger generations, as what worked in the past won't necessarily work now and will need to be re-thought for the future. Come learn of some of the distinctives of Gen Z, the generation that is just now entering their college years.

Who's Your One?, Rob Wilton, Keystone E

Who's your one? Imagine if every member of your church could answer that question with the name of a person. How would it change your community? We have tools to help you inspire and equip your congregation to be on mission.

Prayerwalking Experience, Michael Nerger, Keystone B

We will have a short overview of what prayerwalking is and how it can be effective, followed by a nice walk into the surrounding community to pray for people to come to Christ, a potential church planter, and other prayer concerns we see along the way. Please dress accordingly and put on your walking shoes, because we are going prayerwalking!

Thursday Lunch Breakout Session (12 p.m.-1:15 p.m.):

8 Million Stories: Which Comes First – Stories or Brand? Brandon Pickett & Shannon Baker, Keystone C

God has given you and your ministry unique stories of His grace and purpose. Your job is to discover your church's storyline. How you tell the stories of your ministry directly impacts what people think and believe about your ministry. Learn how to spot those stories and tell them in a way that causes your community to stop and listen.

Ask Me Why I am Not in Church, Larry Anderson, Keystone D

Based on strategies in the book of the same name, written by Pastors Larry Anderson and Kyle Canty, this training offers pastors, leaders and individuals the opportunity to be equipped in training congregations to consistently reach their context.

Leadership Pipeline, Brad Wingler, Keystone E

Your church can never grow beyond your current level of leadership. Does your church need a better process for multiplying disciples, ministries and leaders at all levels? This breakout will seek to add clarity to your leadership development, discipleship growth, and overall church vision.



Friday Breakfast Breakout Session (8 a.m.-9:15 a.m.):

Abuse Prevention Policies and Practices, Davis Younts, Keystone C

Drawing on eighteen years of experience, Attorney Davis Younts will lead a discussion-oriented breakout session on the prevention of abuse in churches. Attendees will be led through a series of questions using real world case studies. The session is designed to raise awareness and provide practical guidance to church leaders.

Leadership Pipeline (repeat), Brad Wingler, Keystone B

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Reaching Future Generations Think Tank, Barry Whitworth & Robert Turner, Keystone D

In a participant-led discussion, Barry Whitworth and Robert Turner will examine what it takes to share Christ effectively with a generation not entirely impressed by today's church.

Please Note: A prayer room will also be available in Keystone A for the duration of the meeting.



LIFEWAY'S VBS 2020 PREVIEW

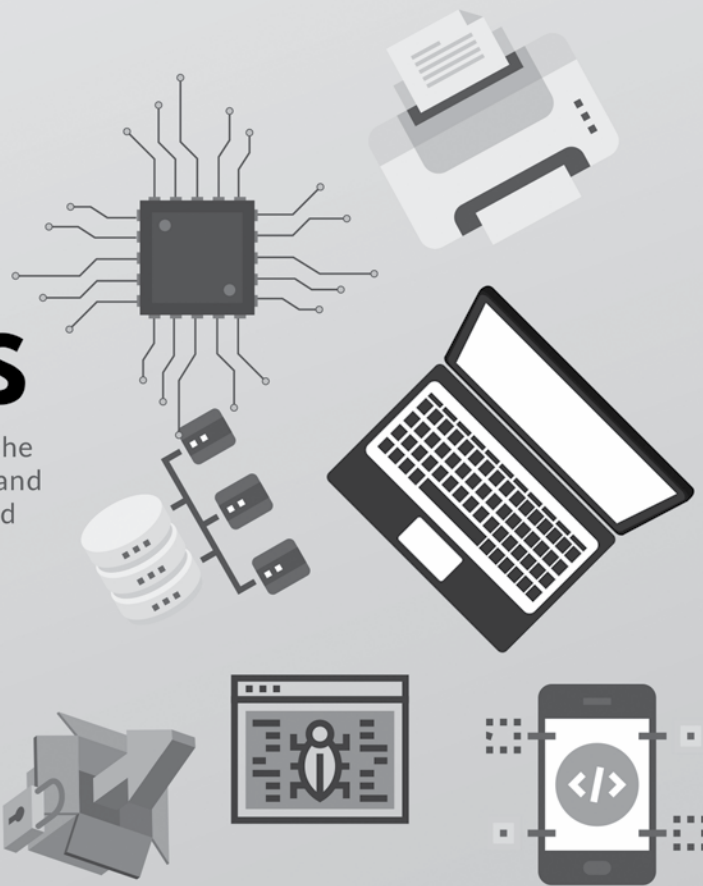
**Grab your hard
hat and tool belt!**

As kids explore a world of concrete and cranes, rivets and rebar, bulldozers and backhoes, they will learn to build their faith on Jesus as they uncover the truth that He who began a good work will be faithful to carry it on to completion.

APRIL 18, 2020
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THE ESSENTIALS

Our Essentials plan was designed to empower you with the tools necessary to get the job done securely, efficiently and with little downtime. This is the foundation that you need to migrate to the modern business environment and manage your cost drivers.



1

NETWORK ADMINISTRATION

- STANDARDIZED BEST PRACTICES
- PROACTIVE MANAGEMENT
- LONG TERM PLANNING
- TECHNICAL RISK IDENTIFICATION

2

CENTRALIZED SERVICES

- PATCH MANAGEMENT
- MONITORING
- AUTOMATED MAINTENANCE
- 24/7 MONITORING

3

SECURITY PACKAGE

- ANTI-VIRUS
- ANTI-MALWARE
- ANTI-SPAM

4

REMOTE SUPPORT

- UP TO 10 HOURS OF REMOTE SUPPORT PER QUARTER

5

DISCOUNTED LABOR RATE

6

12 PERCENT OFF TOTAL PACKAGE PRICE WITH FRIENDS OF CHURCHES DISCOUNT

7

DEDICATED AND TRUSTED TECHS

- SOC COMPLIANT
- DEDICATED TECHNICIAN
- OVER 25 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE



TOTAL COST: \$484/MO

INCLUDING
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Executive Board 2019 Financial Report

January – September 2019

Income:

Cooperative Program	\$ 825,041
North American Mission Board	\$ 625,960*
Special Offerings	\$ 250,391
Other Income	\$ 113,765
Total Income	\$1,815,157

Expenses:

National CP & Special Offerings	\$ 488,965
Personnel & Operations	\$ 566,609
Field Servicing	\$ 144,718
Field Resourcing	\$ 551,569
Total Expenses	\$1,751,861

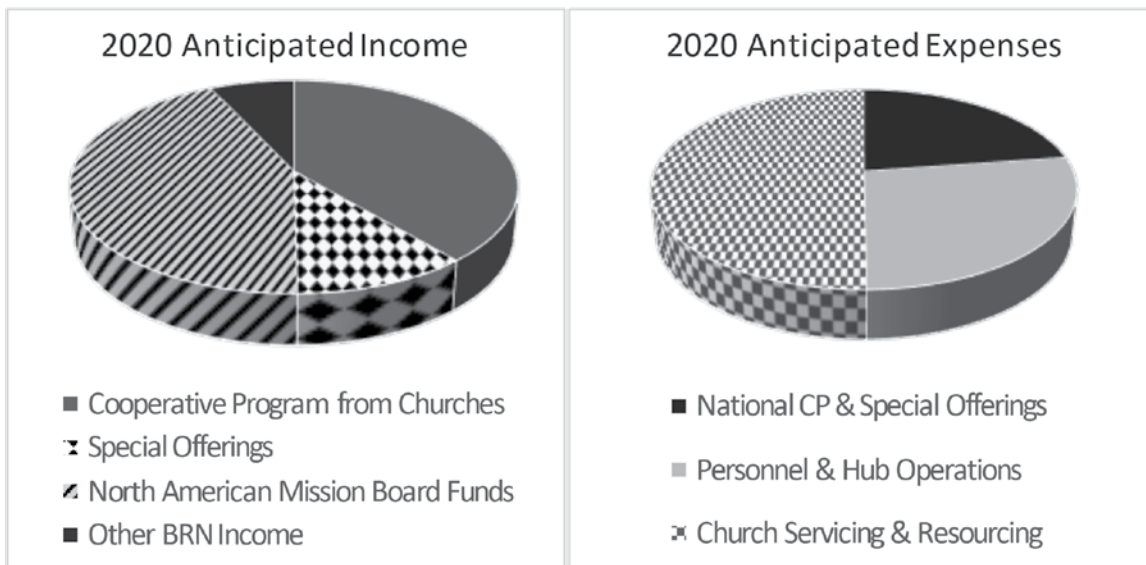
Notes for the January – September 2019 Financials:

1. The Executive Committee of the SBC has reported the following statistics about PA/S. Jersey according to their reporting on their Fiscal Year (October 2018 – September 2019). We say thank you to your church for giving!
 - a. PA/SJ giving to the National Cooperative Program increased by 13.6% over the previous fiscal year. The 2018 fiscal year had a 36.84% increase over the 2017 fiscal year.
 - b. PA/SJ giving to International Missions (Lottie Moon) increased 4.7%.
 - c. PA/SJ giving to North American Missions (Annie Armstrong) increased 7.6%.
2. All expense areas are operating below budget to date.
3. The BRN's 2018 Financial Audit, by an outside auditor, was successfully completed with accompanying financial statements. The review showed sound financials, investments, and financial practices.
4. Through September, the BRN distributed 117 evangelism and ministry grants to BRN churches, which represents a 40% increase over 2018 grant distribution.
5. If you would like more detailed financial reports, please see the Budget & Finance Chairperson or Andy Weber.

*Includes funds that are to be reimbursed for the Year-to-Date period.

Baptist Resource Network of PA/SJ Proposed 2020 Budget

Proposed 2020 Budget



Anticipated Income:

Cooperative Program from Churches	1,168,000
Special Offerings	332,000
North American Mission Board Funds	1,300,000
Other BRN Income	212,000
Total Anticipated Income	3,012,000

Anticipated Expenses:

National CP & Special Offerings	682,400	22.7%
<i>CP, Annie Armstrong, Lottie Moon, State Missions, & Global Hunger</i>		
Personnel & Hub Operations	818,050	27.2%
<i>BRN Operational Costs, Salaries, & Benefits</i>		
Church Servicing & Resourcing	1,511,550	50.2%
<i>Servicing, Resourcing, Partnerships, & Behaviors</i>		
Total Anticipated Expenses	3,012,000	100.0%

The above represents a 0.35% increase in total budget and an increase in CP giving beyond PA/SJ of 1%.

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Nominating Committee Report

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Term Expiring 2020

Elect Brian King, Pastor, Ezekiel Baptist Church (Philadelphia)

Elect Kim Carson, Layperson, Faith Lakeside (West)

Elect John Velarde, Layperson, Riverbend Community Church (Central)

Re-elect Jennifer Musser, Layperson, Bucks County Community Church (Philadelphia)

Re-elect Jason Hunter, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Clarion (West)

Re-elect Buff McNickle, Pastor, Grace Falls Church (SJ)

Term Expiring 2021

Elect Mike Blackie, Pastor, Catalyst Church (West)

Elect (Central)

Elect Jose Gonzalez, Pastor, Iglesia Bautista Salem, Flemington (SJ)

Re-elect Philip Pham, Pastor, Vietnamese Baptist Church – Philadelphia (Philadelphia)

Re-elect Jerome Coleman, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Crestmont (Philadelphia)

Term Expiring 2022

Elect Doreen Weiss, Layperson, Pittsburgh Baptist Church (West)

Elect Stanley Williams, Layperson, Southside Baptist Church (SJ)

Elect Marla Ikalina, Layperson, One Hope in Christ Christian Fellowship (SJ)

Re-elect Jennifer White, Layperson, Great Commission Church (Philadelphia)

Re-elect John Weathersby, Pastor, Transcend Church (Central)

Re-elect Bryan McClelland, Pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Williamsport (Central)

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2020

Re-elect Bob Conrad, Pastor, Covenant Community Church (Central)

Term Expiring 2021

Elect

Elect

Term Expiring 2022 (three-year term)

Elect

Elect

Submitted by 2019 Nominating Committee:

Eric McMahon, Chairperson

Cissy McNickle

Jim Worth

Pastor represents Senior Pastor role or Wife of a Senior Pastor





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2019 Constitution & Bylaws Committee Report

Given at the Annual Meeting, November 7-8, 2019

Upon review of the current BRN Constitution & Bylaws from BRN legal counsel, the 2018 Constitution & Bylaws Committee worked diligently to process much needed revisions. The goal of the committee was to have a Constitution & Bylaws document that could be a foundation for the BRN for many years to come. The committee made revisions that are up-to-date with current laws concerning non-profits, revisions to streamline the BRN operations, and revisions to clearly articulate when the BRN Policies & Procedures Manual will be the guide for the BRN administrative and operational duties. It has been available through the BRN website over the last year, however, if you desire an electronic copy of the proposed Constitution & Bylaws document, refer to annual.brnunited.org.

The committee presented the proposed changes to the 2018 Executive Board, who has endorsed and are in support of the changes. Per our current Constitution & Bylaws, all changes were made known at last year's Annual Meeting. Opportunities were given to churches to present questions over this past year.

The Committee brings a motion to approve the proposed Constitution & Bylaws as presented.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Conrad, Chairman

Roy Andrews

Phil Huggins

Jennifer Idler

Gerald Waters

Buff McNickle, Executive Board President, Ex Officio



BRN Women

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Discipleship Leadership Missions



At the BRN it is our hope to be able to help women thrive in the ministry God has placed them in according to His plan: to disciple, lead and missionally engage others. The ministry of BRN Women includes leaders in the local church, pastor's wives, and all women on mission for His Kingdom.

It is an exciting time at the BRN! We are working to develop a strong network among women who have a heart to share the gospel and live out the calling of God upon their lives. Through working with each other, we can find strength and inspiration among God's family for ministry.

We are here to help you thrive in your home, community, workplace and church as you live out your mission and share God's glory! BRN Women also can link you to resources that are available through our network and our SBC partners to help enhance you personally and for ministry.

We are working hard to develop and expand this ministry to women across the BRN and we hope that as we network together, we will see God glorified and hope thrive through our testimonies.

State Leadership Team for BRN Women (Please feel free to contact us at any time):

Beth Whitworth, Family Care Director, 717-454-4782

Theresa Krieg, WMU State President 843-267-4969

www.brnunited.org/brn-women | helpdesk@brnunited.org | 717-652-5856 x 28

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Lemoyne, PA 17043
.2 miles

Taco Bell

655 N Twelfth St
Lemoyne, PA 17043
.2 miles

Arooga's

1300 Camp Hill Bypass
Camp Hill, PA 17011
.3 miles

Pizza Hut

38 Erford Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011
.4 miles

Starbucks

51 Erford Rd, Unit 2
Camp Hill, PA 17011
.5 miles

Camp Hill Café (7a-2p)

40 Erford Rd
Camp Hill, PA 17011
.5 miles

Dunkin'

503 N 21st Street
Camp Hill, PA 17011
.7 miles

Dolce Vita Italian Restaurant

1509 Market Street
Camp Hill, PA 17011
1.2 miles

The Pizza Grille - Lemoyne

901 State Street
Lemoyne, PA 17043
1.3 miles

Duke's Riverside Bar & Grille

313 S Front Street
Wormleysburg, PA 17043
1.4 miles

Dockside Willies

449 S Front Street
Lemoyne, PA 17043
1.5 miles

Friendly's

3125 Market St
Camp Hill, PA 17011
1.8 miles

Chipotle Mexican Grill

3216 E Trindle Rd
Camp Hill, PA 17011
1.9 miles

Arby's

32 S 32nd Street
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1.9 miles

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3301 E Trindle Road
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2 miles

Panera Bread

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2.1 miles

Subway

136 S 32nd Street
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2.2 miles

Noodles and Company

164 S 32nd Street
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2.2 miles

Dairy Queen Grill & Chill

3615 Market Street
Camp Hill, PA 17011
2.3 miles

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1101 Lower Allen Drive
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3.1 miles

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3503 Capital City Mall Drive
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3.2 miles

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3465 Simpson Ferry Road
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3.3 miles

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3.4 miles



APPENDIX:

**Statement and Encouragements to BRN
Churches Regarding Abuse of Minors and
Vulnerable Adults**

**Constitution and By-Laws:
The Baptist Resource Network of
Pennsylvania/South Jersey**

Breakout Session Outlines



STATEMENT AND ENCOURAGEMENTS TO BRN CHURCHES REGARDING ABUSE OF MINORS AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

The Baptist Resource Network of Pennsylvania/South Jersey (BRN) makes the following statement in support of the prevention of abuse and for the protection of minors and vulnerable adults. As an organization we recognize we have no authority over any church however it is our intention to encourage all churches affiliated with the BRN to be in full compliance with state law and diligently guard those whom God has given us for the purpose of ministry.

We believe that this is imperative to protect all people including minors and vulnerable adults as we work to advance the Kingdom of God. For we are all created in the image of God.

*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.
Genesis 1:27 (ESV)*

Abuse is traumatic and can cause physical, emotional, and spiritual damage that can carry through generations. Abuse can destroy family and church relationships. Churches must take affirmative steps to protect the vulnerable and care for those who have been affected by abuse. If we are to follow in the steps of Jesus and his ministry, we cannot look away from the sin of abuse and those affected.

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.
Luke 4:18 (ESV)*

PREVENTION/PROTECTION

Churches are encouraged to develop and implement a plan to prevent abuse of minors and vulnerable adults within the ministries of the church.

1. We encourage churches to practice regular (annually at a minimum) reviews, updates, or if none exist to creating worker policies and guidelines for all staff, church leaders, and youth/children volunteers.
2. We encourage churches to take the initiative and advocate for comprehensive screening processes for all staff, church leaders, and youth/children volunteer workers to address such things as:
 - Establishing a system to ensure full compliance with all applicable state and federal laws.
 - Ensuring all background checks are completed as required by state law.
 - Understanding the need for a written application.
 - Linking to and utilizing the U. S. Department of Justice National Sex Offender Public Website posted on the Sexual Abuse Prevention page on SBC.net and to viable public databases of sexual offenders in a church or ministry setting as they may be developed.
 - Implementing at least a six-month rule of association/membership before service and participation begins in a ministry position.
 - Conducting personal interviews with applicants.
 - Researching prior church membership and volunteer work, especially with minors.
 - Conducting internet research for potential news stories containing allegations of sexual misconduct for any potential staff member or volunteer.
 - Discovering when and how to check references.
3. We strongly encourage churches to conduct local and national criminal background checks, and where appropriate, child abuse background clearances as required by state law for all staff, church leaders, and youth/children volunteer workers. This practice should be included as part of a plan to protect children
4. We encourage churches to implement a two-person rule of supervision. This practice, designed to protect minors from abuse and workers from accusation, calls for at least two, non-related adults who have successfully completed the screening process to supervise minors at all times, whether on or off the

premises, in rooms, vehicles, or other enclosed spaces. In situations where the two-person rule is impossible or impractical, alternatives (such as a floating observer) should be considered.

5. We encourage churches to develop policies regarding digital and electronic communication. Communicating with minors, especially with youth in the digital age (text message, email, communication apps, and social media) is common among youth pastors and other staff that work with children and youth. Such policies will help set boundaries for both the adults and minors involved.
6. We encourage churches to develop policies or statements of affirmation which could include the following:
 - Affirming the 2000 *Baptist Faith and Message* with a specific reference to Article XV, or a clear statement denouncing all forms of abuse.
 - Requesting an endorsement of the local church for any church member asked to participate in any leadership or volunteer role in the BRN and disclosure by the church of any negative criminal/child abuse background checks about that person.
 - Reporting criminal sexual misconduct to the proper legal authorities as required by law.
 - Relieving temporarily persons accused of sexual misconduct from leadership and service positions pending a thorough investigation and review of the circumstances.
 - Communicating honestly and transparently with any church or association attempting to conduct a background check and disclosing information about any person accused of abuse who left before a resolution of the charge occurred.

AWARENESS/EDUCATION

Churches are encouraged to proactively implement a plan to educate and raise awareness of the seriousness of abuse within the ministries of the church.

7. We encourage churches to proactively educate workers/volunteers about the seriousness of abuse and provide resources to enable a church to protect minors and vulnerable adults.
8. We encourage churches to provide or facilitate localized and ongoing training for all staff, church leaders and youth/children volunteer workers in preventing, recognizing, reporting, and dealing with abuse.

MINISTRY CARE/HEALING

Churches are encouraged to proactively implement a plan to minister and care for those affected by abuse.

9. We encourage churches to work with ministry partners equipped to aid churches who experience abuse situations in handling these incidents with integrity, compassion, transparency, and in accordance with the law. These teams or external ministry partners may also seek to facilitate opportunities for on-site Christian counselors to minister to the church on a case-by-case basis.
10. We encourage churches to develop a plan for ministering to sex offenders in the church by observing such things as the following:
 - Understanding what the spectrum of the term “sex offender” means.
 - Developing procedures, which provide accountability to the offender/abuser and safeguards for all members, especially children and vulnerable adults.
 - Creating a covenant between the offender and church leadership that defines the boundaries of participation, allowing church leaders to apprise others in the congregation as necessary, permitting church leaders to contact probation officers and others assigned to work with the offender and state consequences if the covenant is violated, such as being prohibited from attending church or accessing church property.
 - Designating one or more accountability partners to assist the offender in not yielding to temptation.
 - Restricting any contact with minors or vulnerable adults.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS THE BAPTIST RESOURCE NETWORK OF PENNSYLVANIA/SOUTH JERSEY

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I-NAME

The name of this body shall be The Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania/South Jersey doing business as the Baptist Resource Network of PA/SJ (BRN).

ARTICLE II-NONPROFIT NATURE

The BRN is a nonprofit organization organized within the state of PA and shall have all the duties and powers herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the BRN shall neither have nor exercise any power, nor engage directly or indirectly in any activity that would invalidate its status as an organization exempt from federal income tax and described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE III-PURPOSE

The BRN exists to assist and encourage every church within its geographical region to be a healthy, multiplying church – one that multiplies disciples, leaders, new ministries, and new churches.

- (a) Furnish cooperating, autonomous Baptist churches a means whereby they may effectively participate in the mission purposes of the Southern Baptist Convention.
- (b) Serve as a channel of communication and assistance between the churches, the associations, the Southern Baptist Convention, and its boards and agencies so that churches may perform tasks which cannot otherwise be accomplished.
- (c) The BRN shall have no ecclesiastical authority whatsoever and shall never assume to write creeds or to exercise other authority or control over any church.

ARTICLE IV-MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1

The BRN shall have members. Members shall be churches that are defined as cooperating Baptist churches and have been approved for membership with the BRN. Churches desiring to be members and the removal of churches shall be evaluated in accordance with procedures outlined in the BRN Policy Manual.

To be eligible for membership, a church must meet the definition of a cooperating church which is a church that:

- (a) Regularly contributes to the Cooperative Program (CP),
- (b) Affirms in belief and practice the most recent *Baptist Faith and Message (BFM)* as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Annual Session, and
- (c) Regularly completes the Annual Church Profile (ACP).

SECTION 2

The BRN shall allow member churches to participate in the voting affairs of the BRN's Annual Session. Member churches shall send messengers to the Annual Session to act on behalf of the member church. To be sent as a messenger, the individual must:

- (a) Be a member or active participant in good standing of the sending church, and
- (b) Personally affirm the most recent BFM in belief and practice.

SECTION 3

The number of Messengers selected by their respective churches shall be according to the following criteria:

- (a) A cooperating member church during the BRN's fiscal year preceding the Annual Session and/or during the current year is entitled to three (3) messengers.
- (b) Additional messengers from a church, up to a maximum of twelve (12), are authorized as follows:
 - 1. One additional messenger for each fifty (50) resident members reported in the ACP, not including members of chapels/missions.
 - 2. One additional messenger for a seven percent (7%) contribution to the Cooperative Program, and an additional messenger for each percentage point beyond that (indicated by a comparison of undesignated gifts reported in the ACP with BRN fiscal year receipts).
- (c) A mission not yet constituted shall be entitled to two (2) messengers in addition to the messengers of its sponsoring church.

SECTION 4: Removal of Messengers

If it becomes known that a messenger is not acting in accordance with the BFM, in faith and/or practice, such messenger may be removed in accordance with procedures outlined in the BRN Policy Manual.

ARTICLE V-OFFICERS

SECTION 1

The officers of the BRN shall be: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Director, and the BRN Executive Board can add additional officers as necessary. Duties of Officers are explained in Articles I and III of the By-Laws.

SECTION 2

Annually, the President shall be nominated by the BRN Executive Board and presented to the messengers in Annual Session. This officer role shall be elected annually by at least a two-third's vote of the messengers present and voting at the BRN Annual Session. If the nominated candidate is not affirmed by two-third's vote, the BRN Executive Board will request a re-vote or present another candidate.

SECTION 3

The Executive Director shall be employed by the Executive Board for an indefinite period of time, in accordance with the BRN Personnel Manual. The Executive Director shall hold both the office of Executive Director and the office of Treasurer as long the Executive Board sees fit and reasonable, while adhering to state & federal regulations.

SECTION 4

The Executive Board shall select the secretary and treasurer, if different than the Executive Director, to serve for an appropriate term.

ARTICLE VI-MEETINGS

The BRN shall have an annual gathering which shall include member churches. At this gathering the messengers of member churches shall participate in the BRN annual business portions of the gathering. The annual business portion of the gathering shall be known as the Annual Session. The BRN will determine the meeting location, date, times, and other meeting details. In case of an emergency, the President, with the consent of the Executive Board, may call a special business meeting.

ARTICLE VII-EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 1: Board Composition

The Executive Board shall consist of four (4) members from each of the BRN's four (4) geographic regions, with one additional member from the largest region. From each region there shall be a minimum of at least one (1) layperson and one (1) pastor.

SECTION 2: Qualifications

Board Members must:

- (a) Affirm the most recently adopted Baptist Faith and Message in faith and practice.
- (b) Be a Member of a church that:
 - 1. Gives a minimum of 4% of the church's undesignated tithes and offerings to the Cooperative Program through the BRN. Exceptions will be evaluated in accordance with procedures outlined in the BRN Policy Manual.
 - 2. Completed the ACP from the most recent reporting year.
- (c) Sign and affirm the Conflict of Interest Policy.

SECTION 3: Removal of Executive Board Member

In the event that:

- (a) An Executive Board Member or his/her church does not meet the membership qualifications above, the member may be removed in accordance with procedures outlined in the BRN Policy Manual, which is approved by the board.
- (b) An Executive Board Member operates with a conflict of interest, the member may be removed in accordance with procedures outlined in the BRN Policy Manual, which is approved by the board.

SECTION 4

The President of the BRN shall be the Executive Board President. All Officers of the BRN serve on the Executive Board. In the event that such officers are employees of the BRN, they shall be non-voting, ex-officio members.

SECTION 5

The regular term of office for each member of the Executive Board shall be three (3) years with two (2) years or more constituting a full term. Board members may serve for two (2) consecutive terms after which one (1) full year must elapse before this person is eligible for re-election. Approximately one-third of the Board shall be elected each year. Members of the Executive Board shall take office at the appointed time as indicated by the Executive Board.

In the event that a region losses more than 50% of its representatives, the Executive Board shall appoint replacement members from that region within a reasonable time.

SECTION 6

The Executive Board shall be the corporate body of the BRN. It shall conduct the BRN's business between sessions, but shall not contravene action of the BRN.

ARTICLE VIII-COMMITTEES

SECTION 1

The BRN shall have the authority to elect such committees as needed.

SECTION 2

The BRN shall retain the authority to approve, alter, or reject any transactions made by these committees.

ARTICLE IX-FUNDS

SECTION 1

All designated funds and other assets to include real property accepted by the BRN shall be applied according to the designation of the donors.

SECTION 2

All undesignated funds and other assets to include real property received shall be distributed as directed by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE X-AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS

SECTION 1

Agencies and institutions deemed necessary to fulfill the general purposes specified in Article III shall be established, owned, and operated by the BRN.

SECTION 2

No institution or agency of the BRN shall launch any program or enterprise calling for expenditures of money apart from usual operating expenses without prior approval of the Executive Board.

SECTION 3

Any proposal relating to Sections 1 and 2 above must be presented to the Executive Board for study and shall be made publicly available at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Session of the BRN.

ARTICLE XI-PROCEEDINGS

The proceedings of the BRN, the report of the Executive Board, and such other useful information as the Secretary may be able to obtain shall be published and made available to cooperating churches.

ARTICLE XII-AVOIDANCE OF LEGAL ACTION

No action of the BRN shall be construed as authorizing its committees or boards to take any action that may be contrary to law.

ARTICLE XIII-INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS, BOARD, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS

The BRN shall, to the extent legally permissible, indemnify each person who may serve or who has served at any time as an officer, board member, or employee of the BRN against all expenses and liabilities, including, without limitation, counsel fees, judgments, fines, excise taxes, penalties and settlement payments, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon such person in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding in which he or she may become involved by reason of his or her service in such capacity; provided that no indemnification shall be provided for any such person with respect to any matter as to which he or she shall have been finally adjudicated in any proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the BRN; and further provided that any compromise or settlement payment shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of board members who are not at that time parties to the proceeding.

The indemnification provided hereunder shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of persons entitled to indemnification hereunder. The right of indemnification under this Article shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which any person may be entitled.

No amendment or repeal of the provisions of this Article which adversely affects the right of an indemnified person under this Article shall apply to such person with respect to those acts or omissions which occurred at any time prior to such amendment or repeal, unless such amendment or repeal was voted by or was made with the written consent of such indemnified person.

ARTICLE XIV-DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the BRN, assets, including real property, shall be distributed to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit ministry of like faith and practice, which shall be determined by the remaining BRN Officers.

ARTICLE XV-AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at any regular annual meeting by two-thirds approval of the members present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed changes shall have been made available to churches 90 days prior to the Annual Session.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I-DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1

The President shall preside over the Annual Session. The President may appoint other committees when requested by the body. In the event of the President's disqualification or incapacity to serve, the Vice President shall succeed in order.

SECTION 2

The Secretary shall record and preserve the proceedings of the Executive Board, the Annual Session, any special called BRN business meetings, and shall have the proceedings of the Annual Session printed and distributed in accordance with Article XI of the Constitution. The Executive Board may choose to elect an Assistant Secretary who shall serve in the absence of the Secretary and/or assist as necessary.

SECTION 3

The President shall oversee the BRN's rule of order at the Annual Session and any Special Called Meeting. The President may appoint a Parliamentarian if there is just cause. The Parliamentarian shall assist the President as may be needed to adopt appropriate procedures to insure orderly conduct at the Annual Session or Special Called Meeting.

SECTION 4

The Executive Director shall be a non-voting, ex-officio member of all BRN committees, agencies and institutions.

ARTICLE II-COMMITTEES

SECTION 1

The Executive Board shall nominate for election the committees named in Sections 2 and 3 of this article and other committees as may be assigned to it.

SECTION 2

The Executive Board shall appoint the following committees, and any committee vacancies, to report to the next BRN Annual Session.

(a) Nominating Committee: Shall be comprised of members of the Executive Board, be appointed by the Executive Board, and shall have at least one member from each region. The Nominating Committee shall nominate individuals for selection by the Executive Board to fill vacancies in committees and the Executive Board that may occur between Annual Sessions of the BRN.

(b) The Credential and Enrollment Committee: The committee shall provide registration cards for messengers and guests at the Annual Session, and examine the credentials of all messengers.

SECTION 3

Constitution and By-Laws Committee, consisting of at least five members: The committee shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Terms of committee members shall be for three years; at least one member shall be elected at each annual session. The Chairperson shall be named by the Nominating Committee. The committee shall receive and review all proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws and shall formulate whatever other amendments it may consider proper and report them to the BRN in the manner prescribed in the Constitution and By-Laws. The Constitution and By-Laws committee shall approve or disapprove all proposed amendments and present such decisions to the Executive Board. Approval of amendments shall require two-thirds of the committee in order for the Executive Board to consider such proposal for amendment.

ARTICLE III-EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 1: Duties

The Executive Board is the governing body of the BRN and shall administer its cooperative work according to the policies set forth by the BRN, maintain oversight of BRN agencies and institutions and recommend to the BRN an annual budget at the Annual Session.

The Executive Board shall employ such personnel as required to do the work of the BRN.

The Executive Board shall approve or disapprove proposed amendments to the BRN Constitution and By-Laws. Approval of amendments shall require a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board. Amendments approved by the Executive Board shall be presented to the Annual Session in accordance with Article XV of the Constitution and IV of the By-Laws.

SECTION 2: Membership

Members of the Executive Board shall be expected to attend all meetings unless providentially hindered. In such cases, notice shall be given to the Board. Two (2) successive absences without notification shall automatically terminate one's membership.

No persons employed by the Executive Board or agencies of the BRN shall be eligible for election to this Board.

SECTION 3: Meetings

The Executive Board shall hold at least three (3) meetings annually, including the meeting immediately prior to the Annual Session, with the other two meetings well-spaced during the year; the meeting place and agenda being determined by the President, the Executive Director-Treasurer, or by the Administrative Committee. An additional meeting may occur immediately after the Annual Session if necessary. A majority of the Board Members shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 4: Officers

The BRN President is the President of the Executive Board. The BRN Secretary is the Secretary of the Executive Board. The Vice President shall be elected annually at the first meeting of the Executive Board. All officers will be members of the Executive Board.

SECTION 5: Committees

(a) **STANDING COMMITTEES.** Following the election of officers of the Executive Board and prior to the next meeting of the Board, the Executive Board Appointment Committee shall appoint a chairperson and members to serve on all standing committees. As much as possible each committee should reflect regional representation. Whenever possible no more than one-third of each committee shall be replaced each year.

1. **Administrative Committee.** This committee shall be composed of approximately one-half of the membership of the Executive Board and will include the President, Vice President and Secretary of the Board, and others as appointed by the Executive Board Appointment Committee. The President shall serve as chairperson. The Administrative Committee shall serve as the Executive Board Ad Interim deciding on routine and emergency matters between sessions of the Executive Board and on all other matters referred to it by the Executive Board including public relations, long range planning, legal matters, program review and personnel.

2. **Finance and Operations Committee.** This committee shall be composed of approximately one-half of the membership of the Executive Board. This committee shall counsel, plan and work with matters of budget planning and control, audits, resource development, loans, special offerings and other financial

matters, as well as counsel, plan and work with matters related to overseeing properties, assets, and property insurance and contracts.

3. Executive Board Appointment Committee. This committee shall consist of the officers of the Executive Board (President, Vice President, and Recording Secretary). This committee will decide the makeup of the board committees each year, will appoint the chairpersons, and make recommendations to the Nominating Committee to fill vacancies on the Executive Board or committees that occur between Annual Meetings, and appoint persons for special committees of the Board. The President shall serve as chairperson.

(b) SPECIAL COMMITTEES. Special Committees may be formed by the Executive Board as needed. Their duties shall be those assigned to them when the committee is authorized.

SECTION 6: Executive Director-Treasurer

The Executive Director-Treasurer is the spiritual and administrative leader of the BRN and the Executive Board. He is employed by and is accountable to the Executive Board, serving in accordance with a job description adopted by the Executive Board.

When a vacancy occurs in the office of Executive Director-Treasurer, the Executive Board shall elect an Executive Director-Treasurer Search Committee.

The Executive Director-Treasurer Search Committee shall include the Executive Board President and the Administrative Committee shall nominate one additional member from each region of the BRN, and one member-at-large. The Administrative Committee also shall nominate the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Search Committee for election by the Executive Board. All members of the Search Committee shall be members of cooperating churches in good standing. At least two members of the Search Committee shall be non-board members.

The election of a new Executive Director-Treasurer shall take place at a regular or a special called meeting of the Executive Board. At least 30 days' notice is required for this special called meeting. A majority of at least seventy-five percent of the Executive Board members present and voting shall constitute an approval of a job offer.

ARTICLE IV-AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws may be amended at any regular annual meeting by two-thirds of the members present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed changes shall have been made available to churches 90 days prior to the Annual Session.

ARTICLE V-PROCEDURE

The rule of order for Annual Sessions shall be left to the discretion of the President. In exercise of orderly session, the President shall be guided by, but not bound to follow, Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.

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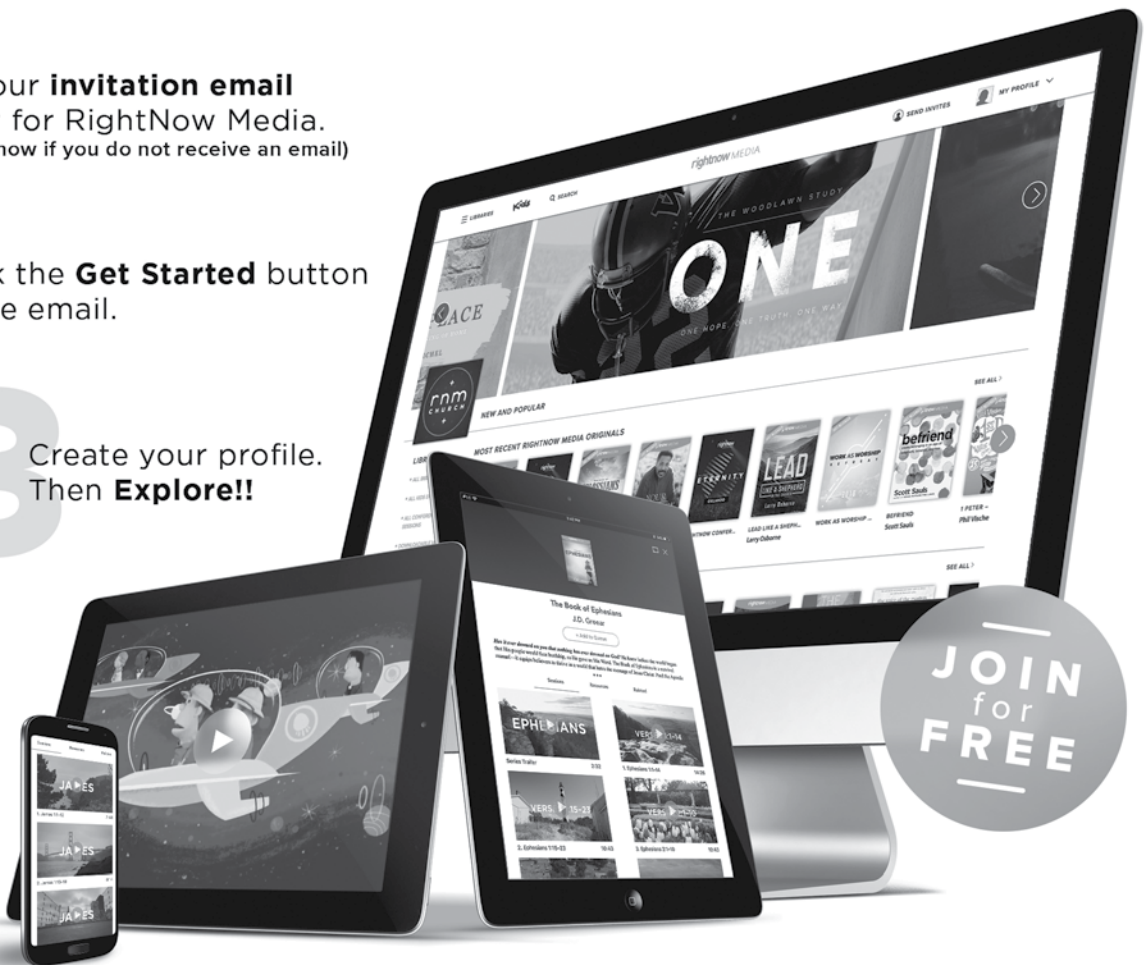
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8 Million Stories

Which Comes First – Stories or Brand?

Presented by Brandon Pickett & Shannon Baker

1. Your ministry and your prospect (guest/potential member) has two layers
 - A. Outer Layer (this is what you can see)
 - a. Services
 - b. Ministries
 - B. Inner Layer (this is what you can't see)
 - a. DNA
 - b. Vision
 - c. Heart
 - d. Problems/Challenges
2. Four Levels to a Strong Connection
 - A. Awareness (people know about you)
 - B. Features (people know what you offer)
 - C. Association (people want to become a member)
 - D. Affiliation (people want their family and friends to become members)
3. How to Build Your Story
 - A. What is your backstory?
 - B. Who are you (SWAT)?
 - C. Who are you trying to reach?
 - D. Connect 3 & 4
 - E. What obstacles do you have?
 - F. Write your story - try telling it in the first person
4. Tell 'Their' Story
 - A. Once you've made your story clear and concise - tell your story through their story.
 - B. It's always better for others to tell your story with their own voice. Your challenge is finding those stories and telling them on a consistent basis.
 - C. Make it a regular practice to listen to stories from the people of your church
 - D. Document these stories on a regular basis - build a database of evergreen stories
 - a. Ask in every staff meeting which stories they are hearing that tell the story of the church
 - b. Make it priority to video these stories/testimonies and show them to the church - live and on social media.

Abuse Prevention Policies and Practices

Presented by Attorney Davis Younts

Case Study 1:

What steps could have been taken to reduce risk?

Which of the suggested practices in the BRN policy statement might have been followed to prevent this situation?

Case Study 2:



If presented with this scenario, what would your advice be?

Are there alternatives that would reduce the risk?

Case Study 3:

What steps could have been taken to reduce risk?

Which of the suggested practices in the BRN policy statement might have been followed to prevent this situation?



ASK ME WHY I'M NOT IN CHURCH

A Call for the Church to Get out of the Building

Presented by Dr. Larry Anderson

1. Why Must We Get Out of the Building?
 - a. God Went
 - b. People Sent
 - c. Jesus Sent
 - d. Holy Spirit Sent
 - e. Church Sent

2. Why are our People Hesitant to leave the building?
 - a. Excuse #1: Abraham: "I've Been Doing It For 75 Years"
 - b. Excuse #2: Moses: "Who Am I To Deliver These People"
 - c. Excuse #3: Esther: "That's Not Really Our Problem"
 - d. Excuse #4 Ezekiel: "It's Worse Out in the World Than It's Ever Been"
 - e. Excuse #5 Jonah: "To Be Honest We Really Do Not Like Them"

3. How do we join God on Mission to reach the lost?
 - a. Exegete Community
 - b. Exegete Church
 - c. Equip Church
 - d. Engage Community



Discipleship or Disciple-Making?

Presented by Rev. David Ludwig

What is a Disciple?

What is Discipleship?

How do we make disciples that make disciples?

How do we measure success?



Leadership Pipeline

Developing A Process for Multiplying Disciples who Lead Well

Presented by Dr. Brad Wingler

Developing a process for multiplying disciples

Developing a leadership culture where leaders lead well

Resource List:



Reaching Future Generations Think Tank

Moderated by Barry Whitworth and Robert Turner

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Reaching Gen Z in a Post-Christian Culture

Presented by Robert Turner and Kim Carson

- The Reality of Post-Christian Culture and the Rise of the Nones

- Three Forces Shaping our Culture

1.

2.

3.

- Who is Generation Z?

- Five Essential Markers of Generation Z

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Who's Your One?

Presented by Pastor Rob Wilton

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REVIVE! Christ and His Church

God has a purpose for every church. There is much that He wants to do through each church. However, it has been our experience that God gives each church and its leaders “crossroads moments” in their history where they must make decisions based on faith if they are to continue to be used to fulfill the purposes God has in mind for them. It has also been our experience that the current health of any church is a summation of the decisions made over many years.

BMI, in partnership with the North American Mission Board, is excited to bring **“REVIVE: Christ and His Church”** to the Pennsylvania/South Jersey Convention! Dr. Richard Blackaby and Dr. Mark Clifton will unpack several significant truths from the “Flickering Lamps” and “Reclaiming the Glory” books as well as from their extensive ministry with pastors and churches.

We will begin at 9 a.m. (registration at 8:30 a.m.) and conclude at 3 p.m. The cost of \$10 includes lunch and the two featured books.

Whether your church is experiencing positive spiritual health or finds itself struggling, it is vitally important to be oriented to the Headship of Christ. We encourage you to set aside time to attend the entire gathering in September, determined to park your heart before God, allowing Him to speak to you in fresh and transforming ways. Bring several of your key leaders as well so that together, you can experience God’s heart for you and your church!

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September 28-29, 2020
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TESTIMONIES FROM PREVIOUS CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

- “The overwhelming response from the pastors was that they felt that every pastor in our association needed to hear what Richard Blackaby and Mark Clifton had to share. The Biblical challenge delivered by Richard Blackaby was powerful! The practical insights from Mark Clifton pertaining to the “nuts and bolts” of church revitalization was extremely insightful. The message of the Revive Conference is one that needs to be delivered to the church in North America!”
- “Revive, there couldn’t be a more perfect name for this one day conference. I came expecting to get some good information on how to revive my congregation, which I received, but I came away with so much more. I came away with my own soul being revived.”
- “The main thing I brought back with me from the conference was hope.”

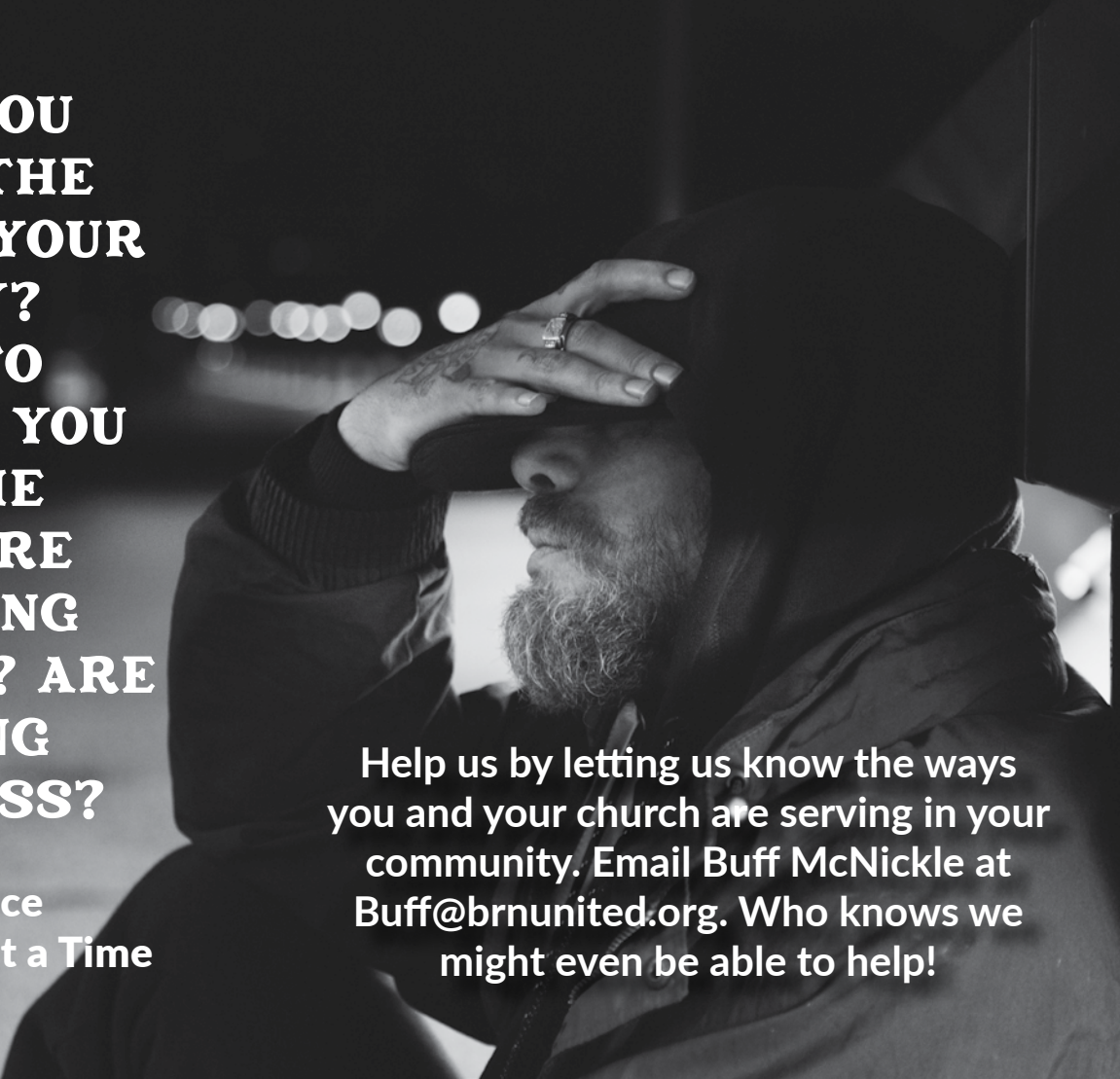
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“Reclaiming the Glory”
“Living and Leading Out of the Overflow”

Special Q & A
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there was a vast multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, which no one could number, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

(Revelation 7:9 CSB)

Celebrating 50 years of ministry in 2020

***“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth”
(Acts 1:8 CSB).***

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Session 1 Thursday Afternoon, November 7, 2019 1:30 pm

Rev. George Tynes Presiding

Kingdom Expansion

Acts 1:8

Opening Video

Welcome to the 49th Annual Meeting. Visit the partners in the lobbies. Convention President, George Tynes

Worship – Catalyst Church

You Called My Name

What a Beautiful Name

Call to Order and opening prayer.

President's Address:

Matthew 25:14-30. Gift of 5 talents gained 5 talents, 2 talents received 2 talents. But the one who received 1 talent was afraid and hid the talent. Be Faithful. God places a high value on us. We are important to him. Jesus reminds us that God prioritizes that we be faithful. What we do matters. Our witness is important to the world. We are valuable to His agenda.

1. Each one is given according to His ability. God likes to bless us. He gives gifts.
2. The Master's Expectation – He expected to do something with it. We must respond back with what He gives us.
3. The Master's Confirmation – The one with 5 got 5 more. Well done! The one with 2. Well Done. The one with one gave excuses. A lazy and unprofitable servant. He expected a return. The job of the Lord is a mystery. We have to be faithful regardless of what is happening around us. Just be faithful. With faithfulness comes suffering in this world but the glory will be revealed.

You could have at least got a partner. BRN is our partner. Cooperative Program is growing to give to new Church plants. Remain faithful.

Credentials and Enrollment Report – Tina Hill. There are 197 messengers registered. Motion to seat them and those messengers who subsequently register. 94 guests have registered. Reminder you must be a registered messenger to vote.

A motion was made by to approve the Credentials & Enrollment report as presented. No second needed. Motion was approved.

Program and Arrangements Report – Chris Betner. Motion to approve the program as printed and to approve next year's meeting November 5-6, 2020 at the Radisson Hotel in Camp Hill, PA. No second is needed. Motion was approved.

Executive Board Report – Buff McNickle

Thank you for trust and support given to us this past year. The staff has been productive. BRN training center has been a great asset that has been used over 25 times this year and allows training to be accessed via the internet. The BRN team has connected with 100% of our churches

over the past year. The Spiritual Health Assessment tool usage has doubled over the past year. 117 Evangelism and Compassion ministry grants have been given to our churches this year. Shannon Baker is working hard to create a new website which will be rolled out during this Annual Meeting. Racial reconciliation meetings have been going on around the state. More to come during the other sessions. 4 Millennial roundtable discussions have taken place. BRN women gatherings were well attended. SEND Relief center in Pittsburgh opened 4 weeks ago. Remodeling of BRN Guest House and Volunteer House is moving forward with our partnership with the North Carolina Baptists. The Executive Board has worked hard this year to oversee this work. They have stepped up and met these challenges.

Budget proposal for 2020 – John Weathersby, Pastor of Transcend Church

Finances are not dry and we will leech every penny to reach others.

Budget & Finance expanded view of budget. Page 22 of program. Created by committee and submitted to Executive Board which was approved.

Through September 2019, 117 Evangelism grants were given out. 40% more than last year.

Cooperative program is where we planned, cash and investment are up. All budget spending is monitored. No category is overspent.

Summary Changes:

Evaluation of Budget. Increase to CP giving.

Budget 0.35% increase, but a 1% CP increase. Tightened the belt overall to give in other areas.

Decrease LifeWay partnership funds; Decrease in investment gains.

Decrease in overall personnel and operations.

5% Health Insurance increase.

Budget expenses decrease \$10,400

Increase to National CP giving \$16,900

\$6,500 overall decrease in expenses

22.66% goes to missions

Motion to approve the 2020 Budget as presented. No second is needed. No discussion. Motion approved by hand vote.

Constitution and By Laws – Bob Conrad

After review of the current Constitution & Bylaws by legal counsel, a review was requested by the Executive Board. The revised C&B was intended to be a foundation to keep us on track but to set us up to attack the darkness in PA/SJ and to see the Kingdom grow. The C&B with revisions was presented to the 2018 Executive Board and endorsed and was presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting. The committee has been available to answer questions.

Motion to approve the revised Constitution and Bylaws as presented. No second needed.

Open the floor for discussion.

Discussion: Joe Velarde, Riverbend Community Church

Express gratitude for work done to changes made.

Larry Theisen, Noble City Church

Question: If approved, when does it become effective?

A: Today.

Q: So in the election, what happens with the president of the Annual Meeting?

A: They have 2 slates set up. One if the C&B is approved and one if it is not.

With no other discussion from the floor the floor is now closed.

Motion approved by hand vote.

Nominating Committee Report – Eric McMahon, Watershed

The nominating committee worked diligently this year in light of the new Constitution and Bylaws to seek members for the Executive Board across the Convention. The list is on page 24 of program. We would like to add the following to the Executive Board and the following to the Constitution & Bylaws committee.

Jerry Cowan to Executive Board

And Gerald Waters to Constitution & Bylaws committee.

Motion to approve Nominating Committee report. No second is needed. Motion approved.

Presentations of outgoing Executive Board officers Buff McNickle

Pastor Trent Kirkland

Mr. Joe Handoe

Mr. Dennis Combs

Pastor Danilo Cosico

Mrs. Sue Croffet

Mr. Bruce Fiddler

Mr. Michael Haskins

Pastor Gibson Largent (Absent)

Pastor George Tynes Show appreciation convention president 2018-19 by Barry Whitworth.

Business session closed at 2:50 pm.

10 minute break

Nominating Committee Report: Eric McMahon Watershed

2020 officers based on the new C&B

President, Buff McNickle

Vice President, John Weathersby

Recording Secretary, Jennifer Musser

Motion to accept Nominating Committee report. No second needed. No discussion. Motion approved by hand vote.

Presentation of Buff and John as the President and VP of the Convention, Jennifer is absent due to a sick father. Prayer for Buff, John, and Jennifer as the officers of our Convention.

Worship – Catalyst Church

God of this City

Always

Giveaway 2 BRN potbelly mugs and 1st set of Refresh tickets at Doubletree Resort in Lancaster
– Jon Weigel, Living Legacy Church

NAMB Video Greetings – All About the Gospel

Rob Wilton, pastor at Vintage Church introduced Dr. Kevin Ezell

Kevin Ezell's Address Thank you for the 3rd Year we had an increase in Annie Armstrong and CP giving. Appreciation for Barry Whitworth.

BRN and NAMB complement each other, we are all about being on mission. Helping to engage in ministry. Be on mission. Very best way to reach North America.

Acts 18:9-10

Do not be afraid, go on speaking and do not be silent. We are in this together. Do not quit. I am with you. We will win in the end.

Worship with Catalyst Church

Worthy, Worthy

Mansion Hope Video

Racial Reconciliation Panel: Larry Anderson, Kyle Canty, John Cope, Josh Crans, Hal Hopkins, Ezra Strickhouser, Joe Velarde

Larry Anderson talked about the background on starting the racial reconciliation talk. Creating a culture of opening up an avenue of freedom to talk. They are hoping that what has started in Philadelphia will move through the convention. Larry is meeting with other ethnicities in Philadelphia in hopes they will also be heard.

What has taken place in your heart, life, and church since you started this journey? The process to get to the solution will take walking alongside, listening, and praying together. Ask for forgiveness when necessary, standing in the gap. We will need to join in with an atmosphere of trust and ask tough questions. We are on mission, and trying to heal and progress. Not a one-off but a continuing mission. Listen and allow God to work in my own heart – John 13:35.

How has your preaching changed since you have been in this group over the last 2 years? Jesus' agenda does not lie on either political poll. Jesus' agenda is so much more appealing than either political agenda. Listen, listen, listen – our church becomes stronger. Hope 4 Philly is a collaboration with several churches across racial lines, which is allowing the church members to reach out and go to bible studies in the other churches, to want to continue to do ministry together. How do we collectively go bring hope to an area? Go make an impact in an area.

Worship – Catalyst Church

Forever

Sing to the King

Giveaway Sight & Sound Gift Card and set of BRN mugs to Alva Manao.

Announcements: Resume at 6:30pm tonight. Dinner at 5pm in the South ballroom for those who purchased tickets. Stanley Williams to close in prayer.

Session 2 Thursday Evening, November 7, 2019 6:30 pm

Worship – Catalyst Church

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone
Alive



Welcome and Prayer Rev. George Tynes

Giveaway ReFRESH & Sight & Sound tickets

Danilo Cosico ReFRESH

Vera Blizzard Sight & Sound

T Shirt Toss

Partners & Vendors:

1. Guidestone: Scott McLeroy
2. James Bower Insurance: Mark Schwartz
 - a. Brotherhood Mutual Insurance
 - b. Legal Assistance
3. WatersEdge: Jerry Vaughan
 - a. Building Loans Ministry based
 - b. Church Investments Term & Demand Deposits
4. Financial Peace University: Tim Dedman
5. Jesus Film Project: Ray Rohland
6. Streamside Camp, Stroudsburg: Craig Vincent
7. LifeWay Christian Resources: Mark Croston
 - a. Gift presented: Bible to President George Tynes
 - b. Suffering is Never for Nothing

Video from Blackaby Ministries International. Revive Conference happening next September

Multiplication Panel – John Velarde, Kyle Canty, John Cope, Kevin Ezell, Cliff Jenkins, Darius Nable, Ezra Strickhouser, Rob Wilton

John Cope – if we add we will never reach the world

Ezra Strickhouser – holding gifts and people He gives us.

Darius Nable – We are in the ministry to push out the lostness in the community

Kevin Ezell – NAMB – all for Multiplication. Acts 12, The Church of Antioch sent the people out and we have to be On Mission with the mentality of sending out.

Cliff Jenkins – Challenge: 75-80% of pastors don't have a mentor. Multiplication means you are a grandparent. Your children produce children. Someone needs to pour into you and you are not alone.

Kyle Canty – the church in North America believes there is no urgency and we don't realize we are post-Christendom. We can't continue as if nothing is wrong.

Multiplication is a culture, have your childcare worker develop a new leader who can go into a new plant. Every leader in your church needs to be developing new leaders in their ministry areas. Start small. Discipleship has to be a movement. When you pour into someone, they have

to pour into someone else. Multiplying Church has been a challenge. But it is definitely worth it. But you will lose some of your best people. Both sadness and joy in multiplying. NAMB assists with the planter pipeline and helps you with a plan if you don't have one. You have to have the mindset of go, not the mindset of stay. Planting won't always be successful, but you have to keep moving, keep going. We are living a story, you think you have an idea that it's all about you, but you realize it's all about Jesus. Multiplication is about Kingdom, not what you are trying to build. You are investing in something so much bigger.

Special Music – Antonio Valle, First Baptist Church, Delaware

Executive Director's Report – Dr. Barry Whitworth

Part 1

God has been doing a lot in the last past 3 years.

We have a great team. Connected with 100% of our churches. Over 4800 connections made so far and will pass 5000 by the end of the year. Also want to recognize our missions giving is still climbing. CP giving is up 13%. Less than 3 years ago you voted to increase CP giving by 4%. \$650,000 was given by PA/SJ Baptists to CP, Lottie Moon, State Missions and Annie Armstrong. We are approaching 50 years and hoping to break many records. Evangelism and ministry grants are up 40%. We want you to ask how you can go into the community and have resources to share the gospel. Spiritual Health Assessments up 50% this year. Shannon Baker, our Communications Director has been here little over a year. She enhanced the BRN United which is emailed each week. Your BRN Family tells about who we are as a family and helps new affiliates know who we are. Today brnunited.org went live. BRN Initiatives began a year ago. Racial Reconciliation; Disaster Relief; Collegiate: BRN Next; Multiplying Churches; Mobilizing Women; Expand the Kingdom and be empowered to go. Things are happening. Tune into BRN United to learn what is happening. Buff McNickle and Compassion Ministries is meeting the physical, practical, emotional and spiritual needs of the people. Thanks to Dr. Kevin Ezell, SEND Relief opened a center in Mt. Washington in Pittsburgh a few weeks ago. We are hoping to open a center in Strawberry Mansion through Mansion Hope in Philadelphia. Disaster Relief has completed over 150 projects. PEMA (PA Emergency Management Agency) provides resources that happen in PA through the VALOR program. They have asked BRN Disaster Relief to take their money and provide for Disaster Relief. NJ also rewarded Disaster Relief in the work in New Jersey. Thank you Kenton Hunt for your leadership in Disaster Relief. Cliff Jenkins, thank you for the work being done to be healthy multiplying churches. Joe Velarde, thank you for your work in multiplying churches. This year we brought back 22 pastors to be a network of pastors to be a part of the Multiplying Church Center network. Collegiate Ministry, thank you Robert for working in the Campus Ministries. Working with Ethnic churches to become healthy and multiplying. Thank you Dr. Larry Anderson. Beth working with mobilizing women in ministry and missions. Women can hit the street with the gospel, equip them to make disciples who make disciples. Thank you Beth. Dr Anderson and David Ludwig, through Healthy Churches, are out there with the 4 Regional Consultants assisting and encouraging our churches.

Dr. Phil Ginyard in South Jersey. Pastor Greg Drayer is out in the West. Pastor Cory Mitchell is our Central Consultant. Dr. Robert Fontell is in Philadelphia helping churches behind the scenes. Hub Staff is also working everyday behind the scenes. Help Desk, processing grants, provide daily to assist the needs of the churches.

Thank you BRN family for providing the resources which allows the team to do what they do to help you.

Part 2

In any given moment in life you have 2 options: Step forward in growth or step back in safety. Forward is the only option because of the evangelical need around us. The decisions I make are because there are 14 million lost people in PA/SJ. We are wired to function from the methods of the past. Religious “nones” are growing rapidly in our culture. The church is exhausting itself filling its pews. Why? Because they aren’t seeing something that is experiential. 80% of religious “nones” have already tasted church life.

2 ½ churches closes its doors every day. 5 BRN churches closed their doors this year. Churches close their doors because of their failure to reach the next generation. Emphasis on that statement. 1 Sam 15:23 Sometimes we pride ourselves on being stubborn. Stay true to what we’ve always practiced. Every church needs to figure out how to pass the torch. We don’t see that many things we do are based on man-made traditions and not on Jesus. Things have to change for the sake of lost souls.

What can we do to get the next generation involved? Embrace the work of sharing the gospel. We need to heed the warning that this is the reality. We need to connect with people who see that the church is irrelevant for today. Do not compromise our beliefs. Jesus isn’t the disconnect for the religious “nones,” the church and its practices is the disconnect. Churches need to live out John 1:14. J.D. Greear, “Truth without grace is fundamentalism or legalism. Grace without truth is liberalism.” We have to be balanced with both. Our current systems are perfectly designed to give us the exact outcome we are getting today. The next generation is not going to wait their turn. In many ways, things are very broken, but we have time to fix what is broken.

1. Be honest about where you are. Admit we need change.
2. Pray about God’s wisdom. The whole church, not just the pastor.
3. Do a spiritual health assessment.
4. Do something about the results of assessment.
5. After health assessment, do something before it’s too late.
6. Give it back if you can’t do anything. Pass it on, don’t let it die. Let the King have it back.

Challenge:

To close out our 50 years and be seriously committed to the process. This is the 10/5 Challenge. 50 churches as we complete our 50 years. 10 churches in 5 arenas to step forward and do something they haven’t done before.

- 10 Churches that need to be revitalized to become a healthier church. Work with Dr. Larry Anderson.
- 10 Churches to step forward to start a church. Work with Cliff Jenkins or Send City Missionaries, Kyle Canty and Rob Wilton.
- 10 churches to commit to expanding compassion ministry. Work with Buff McNickle.
- 10 churches to be involved in Campus Ministry. Work with Robert Turner.
- 10 churches becoming involved with partnership in Bogota, Colombia. Work with Barry Whitworth & David McNeill, IMB missionary in Colombia.

It's not a cure all or medical treatment, but to inspire more churches to reach more people for Christ. We've got to be proactive.

We need to step up our game. Be the best we can be for Jesus. Not just in our activity for the gospel, but our witness for the gospel. How authentic we really are. The world is watching to see how we will mess up. Church autonomy is truly a gift, but it is not a license to sin. Autonomy without accountability is absurdity, it is toxic. This body, the BRN as an autonomous organization, will not tolerate any abuse towards children and vulnerable adults. Churches that have not complied with state laws for the safety of children will not be accepted for affiliation and those who are affiliated and have not complied will be removed from affiliation. We have the greatest opportunities before us. We have to reach out to future generations. Step out so we can all step up. May we be known and seen as a people full of grace and the truth of Jesus Christ. We will step forward and not back. Let's make a difference for Him.

Carabiners were on everyone's chairs when they entered the room. Pray with the person next to you to give you a heart to go above and beyond to reach the 14 million lost for Jesus Christ. That we can do things different to reach a lost, dying, separated generation for Christ. Prayerlink – broke up into groups to pray.

Recognition of Larry Theisen & Joan Theisen – service in PA 40 years.
Recognition of new Pastors & Planters:

- Andy, Harvest Community Church
- Chandler, Stewartstown Baptist Church
- Charles, Unity Fellowship Baptist Church
- John, The Church of the Good Shepherd Cherry Hill

Prayer and Dismissal.



Session 3 Friday Morning, November 8, 2019 9:30 am

Welcome and Prayer Rev. George Tynes

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How Marvelous

Blessed Assurance

Will Mancini Video – How to add more value to each church? How do we continue to look at new ways for churches to have maximum value? Will and his company Denominee will be working with Barry and a leadership team in a 3-year project to maximize Kingdom gospel advancement.

SBC Executive Committee Report – Curtis Cook

Dr. Floyd has desire for each person to reach people for Christ. We can labor to bring a lasting change to our convention.

5 keys:

1. Living and breathing gospel urgency.
2. Empowering all churches, all generations, all ethnicities, and all languages.
3. Telling and celebrating what God is doing.
4. Loving others like Jesus loves.
5. Prioritizing, elevating, and accelerating generosity through the Cooperative Program.

Our vision is to reach every person for Jesus Christ. There are people who have no gospel access in their own language. We want everyone in every language to hear the gospel. It is through the shared use of the Cooperative Program that we can do so much more together. Celebrate and elevate the Cooperative Program in your church. \$196.5 million is the allocation budget for 2019-2020. Thank you for your sacrificial giving. June 9-10, 2020 will be the SBC Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida.

Partnership Video with McNeills. Only 12 churches in Bogota Southern Baptist Association for 10 million people living in Bogota, Colombia. Only 1 million are currently saved. Thankful for churches wanting to be involved in Bogota missions. Vision to reach people north of Bogota.

IMB Missionaries Report

David McNeill – greetings from IMB, Phil Nelson, and Phil Metcalf. Because of your generous giving through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering we are able to reach the nations. We are better together.

IMB vision in 5 parts:

1. Every Church. Every Nation.
 - a. All 46,000 churches throughout US can be involved.
 - b. Revelation 7:9 is the motivation of the IMB.
2. The IMB partners with churches.
3. Making disciples and planting churches all over the world.
4. Your generous giving helps us reach every nation.

5. Every church – regardless of location, size, resources – you can do something.
 - a. Equip church to understand
 - b. Lead church to pray for nations
 - c. Lead church to give toward sending missionaries
 - d. Lead your church to take a trip
 - e. Long term or short term you can send people from your churches.

Video from Dr Paul Chitwood, IMB President.

WMU Prayer for McNeill family in Bogota and the Metcalf family in Mexico, Theresa Krieg.

WMU Partner Video – Sandy Wisdom-Martin

ERLC Video go to Caringwell.com 8 step challenge.

Roger Manao – ERLC Report – Thanks our convention to be part of this organization.

Expanding our witness, engaging our future, equipping our churches.

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It is Well – Acapella

Millennial Ministry Panel – Barry Whitworth, Steve Marfia, Alex Hanevich, Autumn Miller, Jay Francoeur, Kayla Smith, Bao Pham

Misconceptions and realities: Millennials are accused of not respecting authority – misconception is that you assume authority because of your age, position, or level of learning. You need to prove that you love us and that what you say aligns with what is actually happening.

Misconception is that we are lazy – we love to learn and love to have someone to learn from. We were told that we can do anything, but we need to find what we are passionate about before we will be passionate about anything.

Positive ways people are impacting the world: Forcing church to ask questions and transforming the church. Watching the generation overcome barriers in gospel conversations.

What does the church need to come to grip with the unchurched millennial culture? The average Millennial doesn't understand Christian vernacular. They have no background in church. As culture gets farther away from Christ, the church creates wall that a Millennial will not step over. We need to go to them. We need to have categories of expressing the gospel to express the brokenness of sin that they can understand.

Practical advice to the church today: We are young and opinionated and we like change. Love us, be patient with us. We care and we see things in a different way. Find an unchurched person and ask them what you are saying sound like to them. We need support between generations.

Traditions of past cannot be used today. They are open to God, open to Jesus, just not “the church.” Missiology drives ecclesiology. Once you gain a clear vantage point of the culture you can construct an ecclesiology of the mission field. The culture of America has shifted and we live in a mission field. We've asked them to be the missionaries instead of being the missionaries to them. Churches close because of their failure to reach the next generation. We need to create an environment for our future.

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One Thing Remains

Giveaway

ReFRESH tickets: Donald Harper

Sight & Sound gift card: Steve Marfia

Complete VBS Pack: Doug Pilot, New Hope Baptist Church, Duncansville, PA

T shirt Toss from Collegiate Ministry

2020 Theme Intro

- 50th Celebration
- Kingdom Vision from Revelation 7:9
- Nov 5-6, 2020 at Radisson Hotel Harrisburg

Closing remarks: Barry Whitworth

Reminder of 10/5 Challenge: 10 churches to take the challenge in each of 5 areas:

- Revitalization
- Church Multiplication
- Compassion Ministry
- Collegiate Ministry
- Bogota Mission Field – International Missions with McNeills

Hand out 3-D glasses, video to watch Barry share Kingdom Vision

Thank you are being part of this meeting

Closing Prayer – Bao Pham