Exalting Christ Among the Churches

MINNESOTA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
THE 163RD ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 27-28, 2022
GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
STILLWATER, MINNESOTA

The Contents of this packet have been updated to reflect the information from the 2022 Annual Meetings.

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Welcome

Welcome to the 163rd Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Baptist Association. We trust that you have come ready to hear the Word of God taught, and to act on what you hear.

We rejoice in the grace that God has poured out on us in the hospitality and fellowship of Grace Baptist Church of Stillwater. If there is anything we can do to help you, be sure to ask someone from the church or one of the MBA Officers for help.

Schedule

Monday, June 27th

5:00PM	Registration
5:30	Meal at Church
7:00	Evening Session

Tuesday, June 28th

8:30AM	Registration & Opening/Singing
9:00	1st Morning Session
10:00	Coffee Break
10:15	2nd Morning Session
11:15	Business Session

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Session 1 Notes: Ministry Transitions

An Overview of How to Make a Transition
Out of Your Current Ministry in a Way that Honors
God and Leaves Behind a Healthy Church

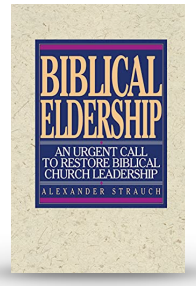
Link to Video Recording on Grace Baptist Church's Youtube Channel

Recommended Resource:
Every Pastor's First 180 Days: *How to Start and Stay Strong in a New Church Job*
by Charles Stone

Session 2 Notes: Ministry Training

A Training Program to Raise up Leaders
from Within the Church

Link to Video Recording on Grace Baptist Church's Youtube Channel

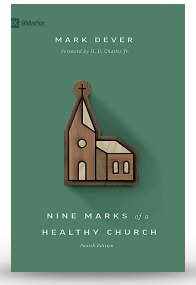


Recommended Resource:
Biblical Eldership: *An Urgent Call to Restore Biblical Church Leadership*
by Alexander Strauch

Session 3 Notes: Ministry Temperature

A Focus on What a Healthy Church Looks Like

Link to Video Recording on Grace Baptist Church's Youtube Channel



Recommended Resource:
Nine Marks of a Healthy Church (4th Edition)
by Mark Dever

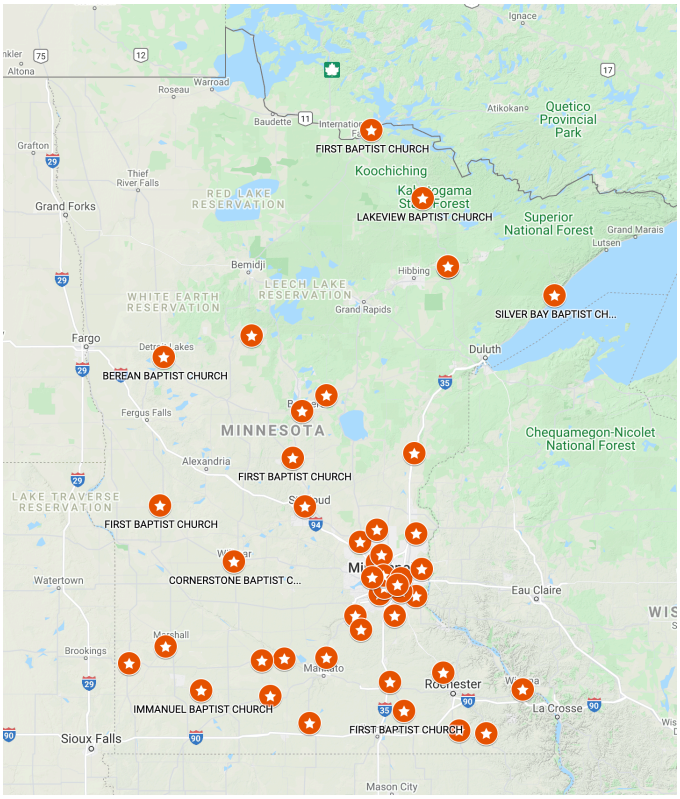
Messenger Allotment Statement

Our constitution states that the messengers are allotted according to the following formula.

"Each recognized Baptist Church in the State of Minnesota in fellowship with the Association by church vote, application to, and acceptance by the State Association: and demonstrating support by contributing to the fellowship some tangible expression of support (e.g.) financial contribution, work project, communication, etc.) during the fiscal year immediately preceding the annual meeting of the State Association shall be entitled to a basic representation of pastor and four (4) messengers for the first one hundred (100) members or less with one additional messenger for every additional one hundred members or the major fraction thereof.

No person shall represent a church at the Annual Meeting of the Association who is not an immersed member of that Baptist Church.

Each messenger shall continue to be a member of this corporation until the beginning of the annual meeting following the one to which he shall be appointed messenger."



Statistical Report form the Churches

We have 46 churches affiliated with the Minnesota Baptist Association.
These 19 churches submitted a Statistical Report, as detailed below:

**Total Calculations Corrected after Meeting*

Church City, Name	INCREASE				DECREASE				2021 Membership Reported	2022 Membership Reported
	Baptism	Transfer	Other	TOTAL	Transfer	Death	Other	TOTAL		
Baxter - First Baptist	5	0	23	28	1	5	0	6	244	272
Brooklyn Park - Berean Baptist			5	5		1	52	53	130	82
Coon Rapids - Coon Rapids Baptist	4		2	6		1	1	2	44	48
Cottage Grove - Lighthouse Baptist	2		6	8		3			72	80
Hinckley - Faith Baptist	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	4	18	18
Inver Grove Heights - First Calvary Baptist	4		1	5		1	2	3	59	62
Lake Benton - First Baptist	3				1				23	25
Marshall - First Baptist			2	2					75	77
Morris - First Baptist						1			30	29
New Ulm - First Baptist	3		3			1			30	36
Owatonna - Grace Baptist	5		3	8		4	23	27	253	234
Plymouth - Fourth Baptist	11	23		34	20	14	26	60	610	584
Preston - First Baptist	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	30	31
Sleepy Eye - Calvary Baptist	2		2	4		1	5	6	28	22
Spring Valley - First Baptist	0	0	3	3	3	0	0	3	31	31
Stillwater - Grace Baptist	2	0	2	4			4	4	57	57
Virginia - Grace Baptist	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	12
Westbrook - Immanuel Baptist	0	1	0	1	1	3	0	4	21	18
Willmar - Cornerstone Baptist	1	5		6	2	2			47	49
TOTAL	**43**	**29**	**52**	**115**	**30**	**38**	**115**	**173**	**1814**	**1767**

As Compiled by Reports Received Through www.mbaoc.org

In Memoriam

We have a great heritage passed on onto us by those long dead and loudly sung heroes of the faith, those working mightily right now, and those who for years faithfully discharged their calling of God and have recently been promoted into His presence. These leave us with a very clear and personal vision of service and faithfulness. It is appropriate that these men and women of our churches who "stayed by the stuff" for many years be remembered in this assembly and their God be thanked for His grace in their lives and testimony. May their faith be an encouragement to us in the days ahead.

Minnesota Baptist Association Hall of Faith, June 2022

Baxter - First Baptist Church	Mr. Robert Anderson Miss Jean Collins Mr. Dennis Larson Mrs. Lorri Millam Mr. David Wagner
Coon Rapids Baptist Church	Suzanne Leenhouts
Morris - First Baptist Church	Mrs. Bonnie Howe
New Ulm - First Baptist Church	Ronald Deming
Owatonna - Grace Baptist Church	Mr. Bruce Smith Mr. Jim Calcamuggio Mr. Donn Kittle Mr Kurt Miller
Sleepy Eye - Calvary Baptist Church	Mrs. Linda Cunningham
Virginia - Grace Baptist Church	Miss Violet Dunbar
Plymouth - Fourth Baptist Church	Seth Trahms, David Capetz Mrs. Laurie Westerling Delbert Moore, Daniel Christensen Jon Tuttle, John Hartzell Dewey Russell, Virgil Hed Mrs. Marie Odens, Mrs. Mary Hartzell Jerome Benedict, Carol Carls, Marlys Wood
Inver Grove Heights - First Calvary Baptist	Mrs. Juell Newhouse
Hinckley - Faith Baptist Church	Mrs. Julie Smith

God's Blessings Among Our Churches

What was one way you saw God at work in your congregation this year?

- Growth! - *First Baptist Church, Baxter*
- God has taught us patience and perseverance in the midst of the chaos and confusion in our world. We need to be more prayerful. - *Berean Baptist Church, Brooklyn Park*
- The people stepped up greatly to be involved in our fall evangelism campaign, God keeps meeting our financial needs wonderfully, and our people have been responding well to the preaching of God's Word. - *Coon Rapids Baptist Church*
- Several new families and individuals have joined us for worship. Siding Project with Sunrise Bible Church of North Branch (Pastors Dave Sterz & Greg Robotti) - First Baptist Church, Morris
- Answered prayer providing a piano player to the church. God continues to grow us both spiritually and numerically. - *First Baptist Church, New Ulm*
- We have called Matthew Tolosa to be our Senior Pastor - *Grace Baptist Church, Owatonna*
- Grace and kindness continued to be our theme during the year of covid. It was truly wonderful to see our people unite to serve God through this time of our world. To God be the Glory! - *First Baptist Church, Spring Valley*
- God bringing the church together in greater unity through the remodel project. - *Grace Baptist Church, Virginia*
- God has brought us an excellent, godly couple to assist the ministry: Pastor Jaron Bachmann and his wife Abby. - Cornerstone Baptist Church, Willmar
- The first Sunday of the month we pray for God to give our church families more babies. God gave us four newborn children in 2021 with more on the way in 2022! Children are a gift from the Lord. - *First Calvary Baptist Church, Inver Grove Heights*
- *Increased participation and enthusiasm for ministry among our teens*
  Members initiating care and following up with others in the body
  Increased awareness of the brevity of life, Increased enrollment both in the Christian School and Central Seminary - Fourth Baptist Church, Minneapolis
- *Though faced with severe trials sent our way, the response of the church has been that of greater trust, unity, and care for one another. The trust of these responses being that of trust in God who sees His children through difficulties, not always around them - Faith Baptist Church - Hinckley*

Financial Report: *Profit & Loss*

Minnesota Baptist Association
Profit and Loss Statement
May 2021 through April 2022

Ordinary Income		
Contributions from churches	$ 16,221.00	
Propogation (P&W) income	$ 1,640.67	
Investment income restricted	$ 1,177.00	
Investment income unrestricted	$ 31,171.00	
TOTAL ORDINARY INCOME		$ 50,209.67
Expenses		
General expenses--insurance	$ 1,019.72	
General expenses--safe deposit box	$ 40.00	
General expenses--bank service charges	$ 62.00	
Partnership--annual meeting expenses	$ 2,328.30	
Partnership--PBBC reunion expenses	$ 3,500.00	
Propogation--church assistance	$ 5,000.00	
Publication--reimbursement for printing	$ 95.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		$ 12,045.02
Net Ordinary Income		
Other income/expense		
Partnership--TC Association Income	$ 15.00	
Oil shares royalty income	$ 341.75	
TOTAL OTHER INCOME		$ 356.75
Net Other Income		$ 356.75
Net Income		$ 62,968.19

***Corrected Net Income Calculation**		
TOTAL ORDINARY INCOME	$	50,209.67
TOTAL EXPENSES	$	(12,045.02)
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	$	(356.75)
**Corrected Net Income*	$	37,807.90

Prepared by Phil Siefkes, treasurer

Financial Report: *Balance Sheet*

Minnesota Baptist Association
Balance Sheet
FY 2021-2022

ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Checking	$	41,866.02
Money Market Restricted	$	139.50
Money Market Unrestricted	$	211.10
TOTAL CHECKING/SAVINGS	**$**	**42,216.62**
INVESTMENTS		
Investments Restricted	$	70,153.00
Investments Unrestricted	$	251,434.00
TOTAL OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	**$**	**321,587.00**
OTHER ASSETS		
Deferred Funds Payable (various fellowships)	$	3,316.18
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	**$**	**3,316.18**
TOTAL ASSETS	**$**	**367,119.80**
LIABILTIES & EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
State Men's Fellowship (2020)	$	1,029.75
State Youth Work (2002)	$	117.87
Twin Cities Association (2018)	$	1,549.51
Twin Cities Ladies Fellowship (2020)	$	787.93
Baptist Builders Moving Expenses (2004)	$	375.42
Misc. Designated Funds Payable	$	1,121.36
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**$**	**4,981.84**
EQUITY		
Investments	$	321,587.00
Net Income	$	40,550.96
TOTAL EQUITY	**$**	**362,137.96**
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	**$**	**367,119.80**

Prepared by Phil Siefkes, treasurer

Financial Report: *2021-22 Budget*

Proposed MBA 2021-2022 Budget

CATEGORY	SUB-CATEGORY	EXPLANATION	AMOUNT
GENERAL		General organization expenses	
	Treasurer	Basic expenses for postage, etc.	100
	Insurance	Church mutual	1,650
		Category total:	1,750
PARTNERSHIP		Meetings, fellowships, assisting in pastoral transitions, etc.	
	Annual meeting	Helping hosting church with specific needs, mailings, printings, etc.	3,000
	Mailings		100
	Pastor assistance	Extending mercy to pastors in need	1,000
	Fellowship assistance	Possible assistance to men's and ladies' fellowships	4,000
		Category total:	8,100
PROPAGATION		Planting new churches, helping existing churches, recruiting churches to the association	
	Church assistance	Extending mercy to **existing** congregations in need	10,000
	Church planting	Helping establish **new** congregations	5,000
		Category total:	15,000
PUBLICATION		Publicize positions and activities	
	Website	Annual expenses for domain names, hosting, etc.	150
	Other		
		Category total:	150
OTHER?			
		Anticipated Total:	25,000

2020-2021 Total Income: @ 17,000
2020-2021 Total Expenses: @ 3,500

**We have already spent $3,000 out of *Propagation Church Assistance* this FY (Morris and St. James).

Financial Report: 2022-23 Budget

Proposed MBA 2022-2023 Budget

CATEGORY	SUB-CATEGORY	EXPLANATION	AMOUNT	2022 EXPENSES
GENERAL		General organization expenses		
	Treasurer	Basic expenses for postage, etc.	100	102
	Insurance	Church mutual	1,650	1,020
		Category total:	1,750	1,122
PARTNERSHIP		Meetings, fellowships, assisting in pastoral transitions, etc.		
	Annual meeting	Helping hosting church with specific needs, mailings, printings, etc.	3,000	2,328
	Mailings		100	
	Pastor assistance	Extending mercy to pastors in need	1,000	
	Fellowship assistance	Possible assistance to men's and ladies' fellowships	4,000	3,500
		Category total:	8,100	5,828
PROPAGATION		Planting new churches, helping existing churches, recruiting churches to the association		
	Church assistance	Extending mercy to **existing** congregations in need	10,000	5,000
	Church planting	Helping establish **new** congregations	5,000	
		Category total:	15,000	5,000
PUBLICATION		Publicize positions and activities		
	Website	Annual expenses for domain names, hosting, etc.	150	
	Other			95
		Category total:	150	95

OTHER?				
		Anticipated Total:	25,000	12,045

2021-2022 Total Income from churches: @ 17,860
2021-2022 Total Expenses: @ 12,050

2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

Grace Baptist Church Virginia June 22, 2021

Pastor Riley called the meeting to order and led in a word of prayer.

Todd Williamson seated the messengers for the meeting as follows: (Williamson/ Rogers passed)
Baxter - First Baptist 2
Brooklyn Park – Berean Baptist 2
Cottage Grove – Lighthouse Baptist 2
Granada – Calvary Baptist 1
Hinckley – Faith Baptist 2
Lake Benton – First Baptist 3
Marshall – First Baptist 4
Minneapolis – Bryant Avenue Baptist 1
Morris – First Baptist 1
New Ulm – First Baptist 1
Spring Valley – Frist Baptist 2
Stillwater – Grace Baptist 2
Virginia – Grace Baptist 1
Westbrook – Immanuel Baptist 3
Willmar – Cornerstone Baptist 2

Rich Riley brought a recommendation from the Trustees welcoming Calvary Baptist of Granada into the Association. (Bjokne/Adams passed)

Todd Williamson asked for other messengers to be seated and 1 was added from Calvary Baptist Granada. (Williamson/Tanis passed)

The minutes from the 2020 Virtual meetings we approved by the messengers. (Rogers/Tanis passed)

Rich Riley explained the Pillsbury Board voting to turn the responsibilities for the Pillsbury Board over to the MBA Board as of the meeting today.

Loren Bjokne presented the information for the Pillsbury reunion for September 24-25, 2021.

Nominations were presented by the Nominating Committee for the MBA Trustee Class of 2024 (Bjokne/Owen passed)
MBA Class of 2024
Pat Thompson (1)
Tim Riley (2)
Nathan Delich (1)
Lee Peterson (1)
Todd Williamson (3)
Nominations were taken from the floor and no nominations were added.
A white ballot was called for. (Adams/Rogers passed)

Nominations were presented by the Nominating Committee for the coming year. (Huebsher/VanLoh passed)
Rich Riley
Cary Flinck
Reed Owen
Shad Vork
John Scofield

Rich Riley mentioned the upcoming events of the Association. Men Retreat/ MBA Annual Meeting/Pastor and Wives all needing some place to meet, and no dates have been set for these events. MBA Ladies Retreat will be held at Berean Baptist in Brooklyn Park this year.

Micah Tanis read the resolutions from the Board of thanks to Grace Baptist for hosting the meetings and to Dr. Ormiston for his timely reminders of our responsibility in Evangelizing our neighborhoods. (Bjokne/Grotzke passed)

Todd Williamson read the in Memoriam's that had been sent in with the statistical reports. Added to what had been printed in the Annual Meeting booklet were Robin Anderson Berean Baptist Brooklyn Park. Nels Jorgenson, Fran Hansen, Albert VanDyke First Baptist Lake Benton. Julian Suraez Faith Baptist St. Paul.

Micah Tanis presented the Financial Reports on behalf of Phil Siefkes.

A motion to adjourn (Bjokne/Owens)

Respectfully Submitted by
Todd Williamson
MBA Secretary

Thank you to our
2021-2022 MBA Officers and Committees

President: Rich Riley
Vice-President: Micah Tanis
Secretary: Todd Williamson
Treasurer: Phil Siefkes

PROPAGATION:

planting new churches, helping existing churches, recruiting churches to the association, etc.

Pat Thompson
Lee Peterson
Jerry Stephens
Lee Ormiston
Tim Riley

PARTNERSHIP:

meetings, fellowships, assisting in pastoral transitions, etc.

Todd Williamson
Phil Siefkes
Rich Riley
Loren Bjokne
Nathan Delcih

PUBLICATION:

publicize positions and activities

Micah Tanis
Stuart Wiest
Shad Vork
Tim Graham
Mark Fish

Ballot for MBA Board for 2022-23

Distributed at the Annual Meeting

MBA Class of 2023

****Rob Adams (1 Year Fill)***

Tim Graham (2)

Rich Riley (3)

Micah Tanis (1)

Loren Bjokne (1)

MBA Class of 2024

Pat Thompson (1)

Tim Riley (2)

Todd Williamson (3)

Lee Peterson (1)

Nathan Delich (1)

MBA Class of 2025

Dave Rogers

John Schofield

Robert Allen

Shad Vork (1)

Myron Miller

Officers Selected at the Board Meeting - Tuesday, June 28, 2022

President - Riche Riley

Vice President - Micah Tanis

Secretary - Todd Williamson

Treasurer - Dave Rogers

2022 Resolutions

Thankfulness for Grace Baptist Church of Stillwater

"With the understanding that preparing for an event such as the 2022 MBA Annual Meeting entails a great amount of work and takes many hands, we commend Pastor Shad Vork and the entire Grace Baptist Church for their labor of love, their hospitality, and their kindness to all who attended this year's meeting."

Thankfulness for Dr. Jason Ormiston

Having been entrusted with the care of Christ's church, the messengers of the churches of the Minnesota Baptist Association express our thankfulness to Dr. Jason Ormiston for challenging us from God's Word in the task of disciple-making and ministry preparation for the next generation of healthy churches.