

# South Central Baptist Association

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December 2025

WOW! What an awesome Annual meeting. We had more of our churches represented than I can remember in the past. Our State Executive Director, Dr. Wes Fowler, delivered such a powerful and encouraging word for us. Then, we got to meet nearly all of our State Convention staff. We then had a wonderful meal and time of fellowship, followed by helpful and practical breakouts. Finally, we closed with our business session. And we were done by 8:00. Why our churches would not want to come and be a part of this exciting time is beyond me. We really do need each other. We are better together. Encourage your church to attend next year. You won't be sorry.

I do want to bring attention to one of our business items however. We had a short fall in our income this year which put us behind on budget. Many of our churches tithe their income by giving a percentage to the Association. We are thankful for you. When a church's attendance is down, so is their income, and then so is ours.

Then, in addition, we had an unexpected and dramatic increase in some necessary areas. Most of your churches noticed a huge increase in your church insurance. We had the same increase as well. Also, utilities were way up with weather. On top of all that, our printer/copier went out right before the Annual meeting.

So, income was shorter while expenditures were up. What can we do? You may or may not know that at one time our DOM position was full-time. I am part-time now. In addition, I did not take a raise this year. Here at the office, we are cutting back on thermostat settings. We are cutting some programs we can either do away with or use cheaper version. We presented a bare-bones budget.

What I am asking our churches to do is this. First, if you are giving to the Association on a percentage basis, I am asking if you would consider raising that percentage. Some churches give a set amount instead of a percentage. That way it is not affected when attendance drops. If you give a set amount, please consider raising that amount. If your church does not give, please consider giving to your Association. We are here to assist you. Our Annual meeting our Missions Fair, and our VBS clinic with their break-out sessions are designed to help pastors and lay people by equipping them to do Kingdom work. Also, many of our churches work together doing missions. We encourage one another, pray for one another, and give ideas for ministry.

You are missing out if you are not a part. We would love to have you come, as we benefit from each other.

In His Love,

Bro. Mike

## *Upcoming Events*

Calendar can be viewed online at  
[www.scbamo.com/newsletters](http://www.scbamo.com/newsletters)

**December 14**—Berean's Christmas Program, 11AM with Potluck meal following the service.

**December 24-January 2**—Office Closed for Christmas Break

**December 27-29**—Xtreme Winter Conference in Branson, MO

**January 4-11**—January Bible Study Week (SBC Calendar)

**January 12**—Executive Board Meeting, 7PM at Oak Grove

**January 16-18**—Youth Winter Retreat at the SMBA Camp in Van Buren (See page 4 for more information)

**January 18**—Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

**January 19**—Martin Luther King Jr. Day—OFFICE CLOSED

**February 1**—George Liele Church Planting, Evangelism, and Missions Sunday (SBC Calendar)

**February 7**—SCBA WMU Meeting—Location TBA

**February 15**—Focus on WMU Sunday (SBC Calendar)

**February 16**—Presidents' Day—OFFICE CLOSED

**February 22**—Racial Reconciliation Sunday (SBC Calendar)

## *Quote of the Month*

**“Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that He gave His only Son.”**

**Corrie Ten Boom**

## **Books Available**

If you, or someone you know are interested in books from a Christian library, let me know. I will put you in touch with someone who is getting rid of their library.

# *Thank You!*

We want to give a great big **“Thank You”** to **New Hope Baptist**. They donated a printer for the office.

**Thank you! Thank You! Thank You!**



# Missions Emphasis

Hopefully you were able to be a part of Operation Shoe Box. If not, there are still other chances to minister to folks in your area.

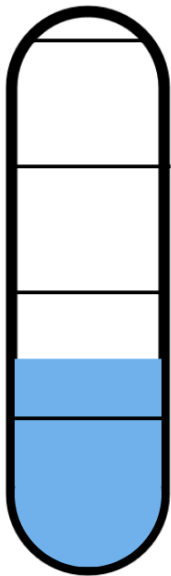
Our Pregnancy Resource Center has a list of folks who could use some Christian love during this season.

Our Missouri Baptist Children's Home as well as our Baptist Homes always have list of needs.

Remember how much we have been given. Let's show Christ's love in a real way.

## Camp Pool Repair Fund

Goal: \$5000



\$3750

\$2500

← \$1800

\$1250

### Camp Pool Repair Fund Update

Our camp's swimming pool needs major repairs, and we've set a goal of \$5,000. We're thankful to report we've already raised \$1,800! Your support will help make the pool safe and usable for all future summer ministries and retreats.

If your church wants to give or take a special offering, please send funds to:



PO Box 1005, West Plains, MO 65775  
Memo: "Pool Fund"

Let's come together and finish strong!

*Save The Date*

SCBA Executive  
Board Meeting

January 12, 2026  
7PM

*Merry Christmas*

Rejoicing in the gift of Jesus Christ, the South Central Baptist Association wishes you a blessed Christmas and a New Year rooted in His love and faithfulness!

Mike and Jane Dillin

Jennifer Allen,  
Kaylee and Alex Adams



*Ephesians*

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# WINTER RETREAT

JANUARY 16 - 18

GRADES 6<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup>

@ SMBA CAMP VAN BUREN, MO

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# WMU Corner



## Mobilizing Your Church for Missions

**This is why WMU exists:  
to help your church make disciples of Jesus who live on mission.**

**WMU helps mobilize churches to:**

- Learn about missions and missionaries
- Pray for missionaries
- Support missionaries
- Do missions and tell about Jesus

**What Joy!**

### **2024-26 WATCHWORD:**

*“Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.” —1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NIV)*

What a joyful time we had at the October SCBA WMU World Craft Passport Party! While seeing the sites of various countries 23 individuals from 4 SCBA member churches learned about groups that engage women and help them learn marketable skills while also learning about Jesus. As a bonus we were able to do some early Christmas shopping!

### **Coming events:**

**Keep an eye out for information about the 2026 SCBA WMU events!  
There's always help available for planning WMU at SCBA member churches.  
Just give us a call!**

**Thanks** to FBC WP WMU for the information about their activities sent regularly to SCBA WMU! Getting this information is a big help! We'd love to hear from other WMUs in the association!

**Continued..**

# WMU Corner Continued

## Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Week of Prayer

The Week of Prayer for International Missions is a special, focused time of prayer for Southern Baptist missionaries serving through the International Mission Board and the people whom they serve.

Any time is a perfect time to utilize the prayer prompts and Week of Prayer information!

In addition to prayer, your generosity in giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering can make an eternal impact. When you give directly to this offering, 100% of your gifts support missionaries around the world.



*“Need it be said why the week before Christmas is chosen? Is not the festive season, when families and friends exchange gifts in memory of The Gift laid on the altar of the world for the redemption of the human race, the most appropriate time to consecrate a portion from abounding riches and scant poverty to send forth the good tidings of great joy into all the earth?” - Lottie Moon*

I had the opportunity to view the video “I Cannot Be Silent” and highly recommend it for both groups and individuals. It may be found by going to [IMB.org](http://IMB.org), Resources (link at the top), continue to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, then to Download Resources (about the middle of the page). On the left side will be a list, click on Lottie Moon Christmas Offering videos, then English videos from that drop down list. “I Cannot Be Silent” should appear on that page. IMB has a multitude of great resources available. If you need help accessing them feel free to contact the SCBA office or Bobby Alford.

Google “free IMB calendar” to find a form to request the 2026 Twelve Stories of Hope and Light. It’s a great way to pray, rejoice, and join in God’s mission!

For more information on WMU or any of the events listed  
please contact Bobby or the SCBA office.

Bobby Alford

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## December Scripture Writing Plan

### And The Gift Goes On

Day 1: 2 Corinthians 9:15	Day 17: Isaiah 7:14
Day 2: Proverbs 18:16	Day 18: Isaiah 9:6-7
Day 3: Ecclesiastes 3:12-13	Day 19: Matthew 1:22-23
Day 4: Ecclesiastes 5:19	Day 20: Luke 1:34-35
Day 5: Matthew 7:11	Day 21: Luke 1:37-38
Day 6: Acts 2:38	Day 22: Luke 2:6-8
Day 7: Romans 6:23	Day 23: Luke 2:9-11
Day 8: 1 Corin. 12:27-31	Day 24: Luke 2:12-14
Day 9: Romans 11:29	Day 25: Luke 2:15-20
Day 10: Ephesians 2:8-9	Day 26: Matthew 2:10-11
Day 11: Ephesians 3:7	Day 27: John 3:16-18
Day 12: 1 Timothy 4:12-14	Day 28: James 1:17
Day 13: 2 Timothy 1:6	Day 29: Isaiah 43:18-19
Day 14: 1 Peter 4:10-11	Day 30: Revelation 21:5-7
Day 15: Psalm 76:11	Day 31: Deuteronomy 16:17
Day 16: Psalm 127:3 NLT	

JaymeLeeHull.com

## CONSERVATIVE ALTERNATIVE

If you are confused about which news sources to utilize, here are two short Christian news sources you can subscribe to for free. The Pour Over, and 1440. Check them out.

<https://thepourover.org/news/>

<https://join1440.com/>

## South Central Baptist Association Church Contributions

October - November, 2025

	Nov 2025	Total Y-T-D
Amy Baptist Church	171.00	222.00
Berean Baptist Church	98.10	253.05
Bethel Baptist Church	237.15	493.40
Chapel Hill Baptist Church	0.00	0.00
FBC - Bakersfield	0.00	404.45
FBC - Birch Tree	250.00	500.00
FBC - Mt. View	305.88	667.28
FBC - Myrtle	52.50	116.46
FBC - Thayer	242.93	469.29
FBC - Thomasville	50.00	100.00
FBC - West Plains	579.21	1,161.31
FBC - Willow Springs	1,292.88	4,168.86
FBC - Winona	40.00	80.00
Immanuel Baptist Church	98.06	329.44
Lanton Baptist Church	85.00	159.00
Little Zion Baptist Church	343.45	640.86
Lost Camp Baptist Church	553.65	1,130.65
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church	0.00	0.00
Mt. Zion Baptist Church	355.00	486.00
New Hope Baptist Church	200.00	400.00
New Liberty Baptist Church	0.00	54.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church	0.00	0.00
Providence Baptist Church	100.00	200.00
Trinity Baptist Church	115.10	235.83
<b>Total Church Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 5,169.91</b>	<b>\$ 12,271.88</b>

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE  
FOLLOWING CHURCHES SEARCHING FOR A PASTOR.

**Little Zion Baptist Church - Trask**  
**Interim Pastor Tommy Boyd**

**Mt. Zion Baptist Church - West Plains**

*Welcome Pastor Matt Frego*

*New Hope Baptist Church*

## Office Hours

**Monday - Thursday**  
**8am- 2pm**

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