

Executive Committee Meeting – March 3, 2009

The Executive Team of the Clinch Valley Baptist Association met on March 3, 2009 with the Moderator, Jerry S. “Swannie” Hall calling the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Larry Snapp opened the meeting with prayer.

An oral Financial Report was given by Treasurer, Jim Johnston, reporting that our donations to the association have been less than last year’s gifts at this time.

Under committee reports:

Patrick Johnson gave the following report from the Missions Team:

1. The Executive Team is asked to approve a regional dialogue on hunger. This is in conjunction with the WMU. Date to be announced;
2. The Clinch Valley Kingdom Builders would be recognized as an outreach of the Clinch Valley Baptist Association;
3. The WMU would like to have a prayer walk to claim areas of our county for Christ. This would be in conjunction with the “On Missions” celebration planned for 2010;
4. The association be involved with evangelism efforts in Canada for the 2010 Olympics;
5. The association would be encouraged to be involved in a “Back to School” project for children in Belize;
6. The Missions Team voted to fund \$1,500.00 to assist in the construction project in Belize for the June trip.

A motion was made by Patrick Johnson, seconded by Darris Turner, that the Executive Team approve a regional dialogue on hunger, hosted by the association, in conjunction with the WMU on hunger relief, facilitated by the State WMU Director and Dean Miller, GLOCAL Missions Team director, VBMB. This motion was approved.

A motion was made by Patrick Johnson, seconded by Larry Snapp, that the Clinch Valley Baptist Association recognize the Clinch Valley Kingdom Builders as an outreach of the association. This motion was also approved.

Steve Collins, representing the Strengthening Churches Team, reported that this team had already approved 6 scholarships, 5 were enrolled in John Leland seminary. He reported that 13 were enrolled in classes at Nickelsville Baptist Church and that 8 were enrolled at Wise. He also reported that there was going to be VBS training events in the Piedmont Association as well as our own association.

Moderator Hall read a letter of application for membership in the CVBA from the New Hurland Baptist Church.

(The letter is as follows:...)

“The purpose of the letter is to inform you that the New Hurland Baptist Church, 763 New Hurland Church Lane, Hiltons, VA has voted in business session on Sunday, January 11, 2009, 100% of voting membership present to make this application for membership in the Clinch Valley Baptist Association of Churches.

After looking at “What Baptists Believe” and the Baptist Faith and Message, we feel that the tenants of our faiths are compatible, and we desire to cooperate in having good Christian fellowship and doing missions work together

for our Lord. On Saturday morning, December 20th, 2008, representatives of our church held an informal question-and-answer session with Brother Darrell Fletcher, Virginia State Church Strategies; Tommy Holtzclaw, Interim DOM for CVBA; and brother pastors Larry Browder, of Heritage Baptist Church, and Layton Bentley, of Darthula Baptist Church, and they answered our questions about the association and its principles and guidelines, to our satisfaction. We believe that we answered their questions to their satisfaction as well.

Through prayers and patience we believe that we are making this application at God's leadership, and we make it by faith and with excitement for the future. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Signed,

Freddie Robinette, Pastor

Jerry McMurray, Deacon"

Mr. Hall appointed a committee to visit this church and this committee would report back to the Executive Committee about their findings at a special called meeting on March 30, 2009; the committee consisting of DOM Tommy Holtzclaw, Rev. Layton Bentley, Rev. Larry Browder, and Vice Moderator Danny Ward. A motion to approve this committee was made by John Shepard, seconded by Paul Blessing, and the motion was passed.

DOM Holtzclaw reported on the "More Than Gold" Winter Olympics Ministry for February 2010 in Vancouver. He asked that our association participate in this project. A motion was made by Patrick Johnson, seconded by Larry Snapp, for our association to participate in this event. The motion passed. Rev. Holtzclaw reported that more information will be provided concerning the cost and availability of tickets at a later date.

DOM Holtzclaw reminded us of the group leaving for the Belize construction trip on Saturday of this week, March 7 and to be in prayer for this group.

Rev. Holtzclaw also reported on the "On Missions" Celebration that we would need approval for our association to participate in this event in 2010. He stated that 15 churches to be involved in this endeavor; this would involve 5 home missionaries, 5 state missionaries, and 5 foreign missionaries. Patrick Johnson brought a motion from the Missions Team that we participate in this event, seconded by Paul Blessing, and the motion passed.

P.J. Johnson gave a report concerning a Crown Financial Conference on "Journey to Financial Freedom". This workshop is for church people and is intended to help people find ways to get out of debt, savings plans, etc. This one day workshop will be held on May 16 from 8:30 – 4:30 at the Scott County Career and Technical Center (formerly know as the Vocational School). The registration fee will be \$25.00 per person and it is recommended that each person pay the \$25.00 up front. In order to have this conference, there will be a minimum of 50 people to attend this event. P.J. Johnson will be sending more information to each church.

Bill Kendrick invited everyone to a Sunday School Conference to be held at Thomas Village Baptist Church on Saturday, May 2 from 8:30 – 2:00. Arden Taylor from Holston Association will be speaking on "How to Strengthen Sunday Schools", speaking on goal setting, the philosophy, and techniques in the classroom. There will be

2 sessions in the morning, lunch which will be provided, and another session will be held in the afternoon. Please contact Bill Kendrick if you have any questions.

The Moderator announced the Spring Associational meeting at Heritage Baptist Church on April 18 at 6:30 P.M. The Moderator also appointed a DOM Search Committee consisting of Danny Ward, Steve Collins, David Hill, Layton Bentley, Larry Browder, and Sue Arnold. He also announced a Southwest Evangelism/Leadership Conference, "Evangelism in My World", on April 27, 2009 at Green Valley Baptist Church and another on April 28, 2009 at Dublin Baptist Church.

Rev. Holtzclaw informed the Executive Team concerning the publishing of a History book for Clinch Valley Baptist Association will involve quite a bit of expense. Therefore, the association needs to provide a line of credit for publication of the book.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M. with prayer by Steve Collins.

Jerry S. Hall, Moderator
Sue Arnold, Clerk

15 Present

Jerry S. Hall
Sue Arnold
Paul Blessing
Patrick Johnson
P.J. Johnson
John Sheppard
Jim Johnston
Larry Snapp

Tommy Holtzclaw
Larry Culbertson
Steve Collins
Mike Sampson
Darris Turner
Paul Arwood
Bill Kendrick