



# SOUTHERN WISCONSIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

*Planting and Developing Prevailing Churches*

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**Special points of interest:**

- Church Planting School
- Church Giving
- Webinar Review
- Count the Cost Training

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## Church Planting School Deals with Hard Issues

Church planters from around Minnesota and Wisconsin gathered on the days of December 2-3 at Transformation Church in Sun Prairie. The topic for the two days was "Issues that Will Sink Your Ship." Bill Agee, Director of Church Planting at First Baptist Woodstock, led the workshop along with Troy Haas, who is the Director of



*Church planters and pastors who attended "Issues that Will Sink Your Ship".*

Restoration Ministries at FB Woodstock.

Issues discussed included addictions, finances, and taking care of your heart. Troy Haas challenged all the pastors that what is in your heart is far more important than ministry.

Everyone in attendance was grateful for the teaching that was shared. This

Church Planting School is Level 2 in the series being provided by Bill Agee. Level 1 will be offered on **February 24-25, 2014**. We are very grateful for **Steve Melvin and the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention** for making this event possible. We also thank you as our partners. Your gifts to the Cooperative Program and to the SWBA make this valuable training possible.

## *Encountering the Nations Webinar Training in Review by Amanda Miller*

Although the weather was frigid the morning of the training at Campus Community Church, we had a good turn out for a great start to focusing on the mission we have in our own communities to the nations. The first two hours were spent being trained by IMB Global Researcher, Bryan Galloway. For those who were new to the process, it proved very helpful in understanding who is here. We were also able to learn how to use the revamped peoplegroups.info website and learned the many added features to help with this mission ministry.

After the training was over, we ventured out into the cold weather for lunch at an ethnic restaurant. As we were walking down State Street in Madison, we noticed new ones and ones that were closed during construction, and we settled on a Mediterranean Cafe. We learned that the owner was first generation from Algeria but most of the workers were college students. His son also worked in the family business. We then went on to an Asian restaurant where most of the workers there that day were from Southeastern China and one from Thailand. We were able to build a relationship with our server that continues to this day.



*Aaron Bishop (Red Village Church), Pastor Mark Hong (Campus Community Church), Pastor Trey Turner (Church at Wazeecha), Amanda Miller (Transformation Church) during training.*

We learned that we have just scratched the surface on this mission here and have much work left to do. If you are interested in learning more, email [amanda@wisconsinbaptist.org](mailto:amanda@wisconsinbaptist.org). We are praying for the Lord of the harvest to bring more workers into this ministry to reach the nations among us!

## All Pastors and Church Planters Invited to Count the Cost

One of the most effective leadership development workshops we have conducted in recent years is called "Count the Cost." Led by Bill Agee, Director of Church Planting at First Baptist Woodstock, the next workshop will be February 24-25 at Transformation Church in Sun Prairie. At that time, we will gather and develop a **Luke 14:28** process that will allow you to "Count the Cost" involved in fulfilling your vision and mission.

**MARKIV CHURCH SOLUTIONS** is a ministry designed to assist churches and church plants to look into the future and determine a strategic path to achieve their God given vision. The elements of **MARKIV** consist of the following:

- A church stewardship tool that allows a church or church plant to examine their current and projected income, spending tendencies, and growth patterns in light of the articulated and agreed upon vision. By knowing the tendencies and projections a church or church plant is able to see clearly where they will need assistance as well as where they are strong in fulfilling their vision.
- A church planting tool that serves as a roadmap for the church to grow through the various stages of development with strength and success. This element will cause the church to "Count the Cost" as they prepare to move forward with their ministry. This piece indicates the degree additional partners will need to participate, for how long, and at what point the new church will be able to stand on its own.

## SWBA Church Giving - November 2013

Church	Amount	YTD
Agape Gospel Fellowship Inc	100.00	210.00
Blue River Valley Church	0.00	786.50
Brotherly Love International Church	0.00	3,084.94
Campus Community	0.00	800.00
Church at Wazeecha	39.75	1,039.75
East Madison Baptist Church	0.00	3,220.63
Faith Community Baptist Church	0.00	113.43
Gospel Baptist Church	402.10	4,907.62
Heartland Church	0.00	370.00
Hope In Christ Assembly	25.45	799.95
LaCrosse Hmong	0.00	0.00
Madison Hmong	300.00	300.00
Midvale Baptist Church	307.37	2,861.24
Mision Bautista Hispana	0.00	95.40
New Hope Baptist Church	100.00	1,100.00
Red Village Church	0.00	5,037.84
River of Life Church	276.17	3,311.79
Rolling Hills	0.00	3,044.11
Three Rivers Fellowship	0.00	960.00
Transformation Church	0.00	500.00
Trinity Baptist Church	725.00	7,975.00
United Hmong	56.55	905.88
Waterbrook Community Bible Church	175.00	1,850.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,507.39</b>	<b>\$ 43,274.08</b>
<b>Additional Giving</b>	<b>Church Planting</b>	<b>Matching Funds</b>
Gospel Baptist	57.44	

Merry  
Christmas



## Calendar of Events



January 6-8  
**MWBC Ministers &  
Wives Retreat**  
Green Lake, WI

February 24-25  
**Count the Cost Training**  
Transformation Church,  
Sun Prairie, WI

March 13-15  
**Empower**  
Green Lake, WI