



# SOUTHERN WISCONSIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Planting and Developing Prevailing Churches

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### Special points of interest:

- SWBA Annual Meeting
- Giving
- “Legacy” Album
- Church Giving

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## Generosity is Annual Meeting theme

Generosity was the theme of the **48th Annual Meeting** of the Southern Wisconsin Baptist Association. The topic of Generous Churches was taught by **Keith Dixon**,



*Pastor Mike Lopp (far right), Moderator of the SWBA, confers with Carl Love (middle), Moderator of the Bell Baptist Association in Belton, Texas along with Bobby Jones (far left) Vice-Moderator for the Bell Baptist Association.*

Director of Missions for the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association in Shelby, North Carolina. Another special guest talking about giving was **Glen Cosper**, a long time development officer who is working with the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Foundation.

Dixon shared with the SWBA Executive Team that *generous people make generous churches who make generous*

*communities.* Generosity covers far more than just the subject of money. Dixon gave many examples of churches in his association that have been dramatically changed by teaching on generosity. For more information about this subject, you can go to [www.generouschurch.com](http://www.generouschurch.com).

Many thanks goes to **Pastor Julius Brent** and his wife, **Kula Brent**, who served as very gracious hosts for the annual meeting. Another very special guest was **Marron Cassel**, Ambassador of the Gospel as appointed by the President of Liberia. Marron and Kula led in worship that blessed everyone in attendance.

## An Opportunity to Give

During this season of Thanksgiving, there is one need that I would like to bring to your attention in the life of our association. **Three Rivers Fellowship Church** in La Crosse began in February 2007 and they have gone through their first pastor transition this year. **Dr. Leo Endel**, Executive Director of the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention, became the Interim Pastor on August 1. Since that time, the church has seen an increase in offerings and attendance. Discipleship is taking place among the leaders in the church and there is a new momentum and air of excitement. The leadership team of the church met in November and committed to start giving regularly once again to the association and the Cooperative Program.

With all that in mind, I would like to share with you a **major need** they are having as winter approaches. The flat roof portion of their building needs to be replaced at an estimated cost of \$14,200. The church has taken up an offering and Leo Endel has also given funds from the MWBC to bring the church to a total of \$6,000 for the roof fund. But they are still **more than \$8,000 short** as we enter the winter season. Would you or your church consider giving to Three Rivers Fellowship Church to help them cover the cost of this roof? **Please send your check to the following:**

Attention: Roofing Fund; Three Rivers Fellowship Church; 1452 George St; LaCrosse, WI 54603.

*The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7 ESV)*

## Faith Gladem: It's about the Message



**Faith Gladem** has a Message to share – the Message of the good news of Jesus Christ and how that truth has radically transformed her life and her legacy. She has a unique way of combining her own original music paired with the stories behind the songs. All of which paints a transparent picture of her life experiences and how God has used those experiences to draw her closer to Him.

Faith is a wife, a mom of 3, a homemaker, a teacher, a singer/songwriter, a worship leader, a lover of coffee and carbs, and most importantly a daughter of The King. Faith is a 3 time recording artist - the latest project **LEGACY** is comprised entirely of her own original music. The story of Christ and His impact on Faith's life is woven into the fabric of each song. When performing her "Stories & Songs", she paints a picture before each tune of the life experiences that have inspired each one. Faith began "Stories and Songs" on September 20th of this year with the release of LEGACY. In Portage, WI at her home church of **River of Life**, where Faith is worship leader, she sang, played piano, and witnessed to a full house. All had turned out to celebrate the release of her latest project.

Faith shared, "It's not about the money - it's about the Message. I'm realizing how hard this concept is to embrace for some. Why invest your time, finances, energy, sweat and tears into a project like Legacy, if there wasn't some monetary gain? Some fame? Some end goal of 'I'm a really big deal'?"

My end goal is that more people would know that Jesus is a really big deal. That this project would bring Him glory and fame - not me. That the good news of Jesus Christ and how it has effected me personally would be my absolute focus. And that God would open doors so that His Message through my life and my music could be heard by as many people as possible."

Contact information for Faith: [Thegladems@charter.net](mailto:Thegladems@charter.net) or (608) 697-0738 or Facebook *Faith Gladem – Legacy*

## SWBA Church Giving - October 2014

Church	October	Year to Date
Agape Gospel Fellowship Inc.	10.00	10.00
Blue River Valley	0.00	505.73
Campus Community	0.00	600.00
Church at Wazeecha	64.65	699.33
East Madison Baptist Church	320.00	2,260.00
Faith Community Baptist Church	0.00	124.42
Gospel Baptist Church	400.00	4,146.77
Heartland Church	0.00	543.50
Hope In Christ Assembly	65.10	707.73
LaCrosse Hmong	0.00	55.00
Life Spring Monroe (Monroe Comm)	0.00	252.50
Madison Hmong Baptist	0.00	210.05
Midvale Baptist Church	289.24	2,465.30
Mision Bautista Hispana	52.90	556.28
New Hope Baptist Church	0.00	900.00
Red Village Church	4,574.54	10,566.22
River of Life Church	603.29	2,984.38
Rolling Hills	211.16	1,499.86
Three Rivers Fellowship	0.00	0.00
Transformation Church	0.00	0.00
Trinity Baptist Church	750.00	7,500.00
United Hmong Baptist	69.71	741.30
Waterbrook Community Bible Church	175.00	1,575.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,585.59</b>	<b>38,903.37</b>

## Calendar of Events



**January 8-9**  
**MWBC Church Planter Assessment**  
 East Madison Baptist Church, Madison WI

**January 20-22**  
**Midwest Leadership Summit**  
 Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield IL

**January 24**  
**SWBA Executive Team Winter Meeting**  
 Campus Community Church, hosted by Red Village Church  
*Special Guest: Zach Nelson, President of North American Church Planting Foundation*

**February 5-7**  
**MWBC Pastors & Wives Retreat**  
 Green Lake Conference Center