



SOUTHERN WISCONSIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Planting and Strengthening Thriving Churches through Partnerships

**December
2017**

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Christmas Greeting

FOR UNTO US
a child is born,
unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called
★ **WONDERFUL,** ★
COUNSELLOR,
THE MIGHTY GOD,
The everlasting Father.
THE PRINCE OF PEACE.
Isaiah 9:6

We pray that all of you will have meaningful Christmas worship services with your church families. Thank you for bringing the message of Jesus Christ to the world around you all year round. This year we saw three new churches come into our association and one adopted in at our annual meeting. We now have 30 churches in our association as we end 2017. Next year in 2018, we already have plans to see four new churches started and one church come in through application for affiliation.

So we recognize that we can do so much more together than we can alone. We are especially thankful for all of you partnering in the Gospel of Jesus Christ with us to share the message of Christ through church planting. We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Rebirth at Transformation Church

On December 7, 2017, there were 37 people who joined Transformation Church. They joined the church officially by signing the church covenant. Wayne Lovelace, Intentional Interim Pastor, led the church through a new membership class in the month of November where 37 adults made the decision to join the church. Three people were also baptized: Lee Rettmann & Tonya Rettmann and their son, Malachi Rettman.



Transformation Church is located in Sun Prairie and has been the host of many mission teams over the years. Their building is very well suited for hosting mission teams and training events.

SWBA Webinars

Our webinar on church security had ten people on the video live. A link to the recording has been posted on the SWBA Facebook page. Our pastors and leaders found the time led by Tom Nolan to be very helpful in developing their own church security plan. We encourage you to watch the webinar at your convenience: [Church Security Webinar](#).

Upcoming Webinars:

The **Mapping Center Webinar** is scheduled in January with Sherry Eason. The Mapping Center is available through gifts to the Cooperative Program and the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention. This helpful tool is available to the churches of the SWBA and all other MWBC associations. Once a request is submitted, a map and spreadsheet of households in the specified area is made available to you. This information has been used for outreach, VBS, church planting, etc. The webinar will be an opportunity to learn more about the Mapping Center and how it can help in reaching your area for Christ. If you would like to take part in the **Mapping Center Webinar**, please [CLICK HERE](#) on **January 9 at 10:00am** for the Fuze meeting. You can download [FUZE](#) at any time.

Getting Started with Retirement and Protecting Your Family with Guidestone representative Stephen Osborne, AAMS, CRPC is on **February 13 at 10:00am**. Less than one third of our pastors are currently participating with Guidestone. We want to strongly encourage you to join us for this webinar on how you can get started with your own retirement for you and your family.

SWBA Church Giving - November 2017

Church	November	Year to Date
Agape Gospel Fellowship Inc.	0.00	0.00
Blue River Valley	171.08	1,009.73
Campus Community	150.00	1,650.00
Casa de Oracion	15.00	116.00
Christ Fellowship	0.00	600.00
Church at Wazeecha	176.00	1,477.29
Cornerstone	0.00	600.00
East Madison Baptist Church	350.00	4,080.00
First Baptist Church of Watertown	0.00	150.00
Gospel Baptist Church	489.88	4,720.91
Hope In Christ Assembly	173.91	1,364.18
LifeSpring Monroe	0.00	469.00
Madison Hmong Baptist	0.00	300.00
Midvale Baptist Church	189.84	1,945.08
Mision Bautista Hispana	33.95	462.50
New Hope Baptist Church	100.00	200.00
Red Village Church	0.00	4,500.00
Rehoboth Evangelical Church	0.00	276.00
Resonate Janesville	281.12	1,225.12
River of Life Church	252.65	2,790.16
Rock of Hope	187.88	2,089.54
Rolling Hills	156.02	1,655.36
Sovereign Joy Baptist Church	0.00	600.00
Three Rivers Fellowship	0.00	870.37
Transformation Church	139.32	1,339.32
Trinity Baptist Church	1,940.00	10,840.00
United Hmong Baptist	159.16	1,509.14
Waterbrook Community Bible Church	0.00	1,575.00
TOTAL	4,965.81	48,414.70

Calendar of Events



January 6
Hispanic Networking Meeting
Gospel Baptist Church in Sparta, WI

January 9
10:00-11:00am
Mapping Center Webinar

January 23
Midwest Leadership Summit

January 31
Hispanic Church Planter Assessment

February 13
10:00-11:00am
Guidestone Webinar

Prayer Requests

Prayer for New Church Plants

- Resonate Church
- Church at Wazeecha
- Casa de Oracion
- Rock of Hope

Prayer for Replant Church

- Three Rivers Fellowship