

# Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist

Volume 37, Number 4

July 2022

## Table of Contents

- 1 SBC Annual Meeting
- 1 MWBC grants
- 1 Endel's response
- 2 MWBC at SBC
- 3 Leo Endel: Perspectives
- 3 Bill Tinsley: Reflections
- 4 Guest Column: Penny Reedy
- 4 Intercultural: Na Herr
- 5 SEA Trip Scholarship winner
- 5 Essay: The sent ones
- 6 Good news from the associations
- 6 One Day Mission
- 6 Grace Connection dedication
- 7 Calendar of events
- 7 Hands of Hope
- 8 Unify Project
- 8 Special task force
- 9 Roe v. Wade overruled
- 10 Mission Gifts from the Churches
- 11 Mission Gifts from the Churches
- 11 Terry Forrest ordination
- 11 Rochester block party
- 11 IMB dinner
- 12 State Mission Offering

Minnesota-Wisconsin  
**Baptist**

## SBC messengers lament, address sexual abuse

ANAHEIM, Calif. — “We’re sorry and we’re going to fix this,” seemed to be the commitment as Southern Baptist messengers at the June 13-14 Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting took a strong stand against sexual abuse in Southern Baptist churches.

The meetings drew 8,133 messengers, according to SBC Registration Secretary Don Currence. Registered guests and exhibitors brought total attendance to 12,543. There were 11 messengers from Minnesota and 18 from Wisconsin.

Unified commitment was signaled as an overwhelming majority of messengers adopted all recommendations

brought by the Sexual Abuse Task Force which has been working this past year to investigate charges of abuse and cover-up at the highest levels of the convention.

The group’s report had been released weeks earlier so messengers would be prepared to deliberate and decide on the recommendations, which included launching a “Ministry Check” website. Another recommendation tasked newly elected SBC President Bart Barber with the appointment of an Abuse Reform Implementation Task Force to work during the next three years to create policies and practices for

See **SBC** page 2

### July 15 deadline to apply for grants

July 15 is the deadline for churches to apply for grants being offered by the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention.

There are ten evangelism grants and ten social media outreach grants available.

The grants are funded through the Cooperative Program and the North American Mission Board.

Evangelism grants

may be used for evangelism outreach events, evangelistic literature or materials, and community outreach mailings or advertising. Social media grants may be used for outreach through Facebook ads.

To apply for a grant, send a one-page detailed description of your evangelistic

See **GRANTS** page 6



Some Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention people gather for a pizza dinner during the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in Anaheim, Calif. Beginning at this end of the table and then clockwise, are: Ben Bolin, Paul Springer, Lenard Tavernelli, Leo Endel, Chris Reinertson, Jude Reinertson, Kenny Millman, Milad Kods, Issa Safadi, Ben Seamans, Guy Fredrick, Kathy Fredrick, David Williams, Donna Kay Williams, and Mark Millman.

### Leo Endel response to sexual abuse report

After years of sexual abuse, inaction, and misaligned priorities, the SBC took decisive action to “maintain the cause of the afflicted, and execute justice... (Psalm 140:12).

In a May meeting in Nashville, Rachel Denholander helped many of us understand that a select few leaders led the SBC to protect our institutions and our liability rather than to care for the victims of sexual abuse. As she noted, “They did what lawyers are trained to do.” But she also noted that the church must care for the victims.

I am encouraged by the messengers’ response at this year’s SBC annual meeting. Our process worked as the convention messengers called for an investigation last summer in Nashville, the investigation was performed, and the messengers have now overwhelmingly affirmed a path forward.

One of the primary decisions in Anaheim was the formation of an Abuse Reform Implementation Task Force to help Southern Baptists care for the abused, protect our churches and our people from abusers, and call abusers into accountability. We will work diligently to implement the task force’s recommendations here in Minnesota and Wisconsin, leaning into our convention partnerships to provide our churches and people the recommended training, reporting, emergency response, and trauma counseling.

## SBC

*continued from page one*

preventing and responding to abuse in Southern Baptist churches.

Messengers also adopted a resolution of “Lament and Repentance for Sexual Abuse,” which cited Scripture condemning abuse of the vulnerable. The resolution included repentance and a public apology from Southern Baptists to survivors of sexual abuse.

For the first time in SBC history, messengers passed a resolution acknowledging the malicious treatment of Native Americans, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians. The resolution dealt with removal of the people from their native lands and forced assimilation through mandatory boarding schools.

The messengers also approved a resolution anticipating a “historic moment in the pro-life movement” because of the expected (and since then realized) overturn of *Roe v. Wade* by the Supreme Court.

The convention passed six other resolutions dealing with various issues including the war in Ukraine, the prosperity gospel, and the need to reach rural America with the Gospel.

SBC President Ed Litton used his presidential sermon to focus on the convention’s theme — Jesus: The Center of It All.

“Lord Jesus, we need you. We need you to be the center of it all. We need you in this moment. Pass us not, oh blessed Savior,” Litton petitioned. “Lord,

come. Come to our meeting. Take over our hearts. Rule and reign in us, Lord God. And let us be careful how we treat one another; this is our credibility to a lost world.”

Litton, pastor of Redemption Church in Saraland, Ala., focused on Matthew 9:35-38 to bring what he called a “gut punch” from Jesus that should lead Southern Baptists to a “gut check.”

“What do we hear from Jesus? He says you need to repent and you need to take action,” Litton said. “You need to stop seeing people as the object of your success, and you need to love like Jesus loves.”

Responding to a motion approved in 2021 to investigate Saddleback Community Church which had been reported to have female pastors, the Credentials Committee first recommended the formation of a study committee on what constitutes the “office of pastor,” but then withdrew that recommendation and delayed acting on the previous motion until a later date.

Messengers approved a structure change that gave the North American Mission Board responsibility for collegiate ministry. NAMB President Kevin Ezell told messengers the entity will serve to resource Southern Baptist collegiate ministries across the country as well as provide opportunities to connect those ministry leaders together.

Messengers overwhelmingly affirmed the need for the Ethics

& Religious Liberty Commission after a messenger made a motion to abolish the entity.

The convention was filled with close elections as the elections for president, second vice president and recording secretary were forced into run-offs.

Messengers elected Texas pastor Bart Barber as the next president of the SBC. Barber and Florida pastor Tom Ascol met in a run-off election after they received more votes than Frank Cox and Robin Hadaway in the initial

election.

California pastor Victor Chayasirisobhon was elected first vice president, and Alex Sands was elected second vice president.

Nathan Finn, provost of North Greenville University, was elected recording secretary. Longtime Recording Secretary John Yeats chose not to run for reelection after 25 years of serving in the role for the convention.

The 2023 SBC Annual Meeting is scheduled for June 13-14 in New Orleans, La. Todd Unzicker,

executive director-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, was selected as preacher with Jim Shaddix, professor of preaching at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., serving as alternate. James Cheesman, associate pastor and worship leader at FBC Farmersville, Texas, was selected as convention music director.

*With reporting by the Baptist Press*

**Back to the beginning**

## MWBC folks spotted at the SBC



Ben Seamans, left, disaster relief catalyst for the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention, leads worship during the Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Leaders (SBCAL) meeting that preceded the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Anaheim, Calif. Playing guitar is Cody Powell, member of Trinity Baptist Church in Reedsburg, Wis., where Seamans served as music minister for many years before taking the state convention position.



Clint Calvert, church leadership catalyst for the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention, uses part of his sabbatical to attend the SBCAL meeting in Anaheim, telling people about the Harrison assessment tool.



Pastor of Mapledale Baptist Church in Sheboygan, Wis., Guy Fredrick and his wife Kathy wait for their table outside an Anaheim restaurant the evening before the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting began.



Mark Millman, director of missions/church planting catalyst for Southern Wisconsin Baptist Association, addresses the SBCAL meeting in Anaheim, Calif., telling how their association has grown from 13 to 36 churches since 2005. Millman said SBCAL has had a great impact on him and SWBA, which includes funding for SBCAL in its budget, something SBCAL is encouraging all associations to consider.



Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention Executive Director Leo Endel, rear, sports some “mouse ears” made and worn by M-W Woman’s Missionary Union leaders who attended the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in Anaheim, Calif. With him are, left to right, Wanda Lee, Mai Ngia Xiong, Tia Underbakke, Cindy Vang, and Pa Vang. Tia Underbakke is currently the M-W WMU president.



# It is worth it!

VBS is over! Like every other volunteer across the country who is trying to recuperate and catch-up with all the regular tasks that have been left undone, I'm drained emotionally and mentally!

Please let me share some random thoughts from a worker too weary to be organized.



**Perspectives**  
**Leo Endel**

If you've just finished Vacation Bible School,

I feel sure you understand!

1. VBS is still the number one outreach of most of our churches. If not for VBS, many of our churches

would be completely disconnected from en-

gaging their community with the gospel.

2. VBS takes more effort than I usually remember. VBS takes planning, recruitment, and preparation. None of this is difficult, but it is important.

3. VBS will both bless the church fellowship and challenge it. When you work together, you simultaneously bless and stress each other. Our differences and immaturities

need extra grace during VBS.

4. VBS will let you share Jesus with people you've never met. I can't remember a single VBS in 35 years that did not produce opportunities for us to share Jesus with new adults and families.

5. Lifeway continues to hit home run after home run with their VBS music, kid's video theme interpretations, and missions segments.

Watching the kids sing the music and follow the accompanying motions always amazes me and makes me smile.

6. Working with kids restores my hope in the future. Children remind me of what it looks like to live in the moment. They remind me of the relative innocence of childhood, and of the pure joy they experi-

See **VBS** page 7

## Forever friends

Last month we went on an "almost post-Covid" cruise to Alaska. There were still testings and protocols to pass, but the cruise business is back. What made the week truly spectacular was going with our best friends from college. We had a great time exploring new places and reflecting. We were young when we first met. My wife and our friends were fresh from high school graduations in Texas and Kentucky. I was older and wiser by a year or two.

After we married, we gathered in each other's apartments as penniless newly-weds and played games – affordable and unforgettable entertainment. Our paths parted when we started our families: identical twin girls for them, three children stretched over 13 years for us. We stayed in touch at a distance.

Fifty years later, our children are grown. They are advancing in their careers and raising our grandchildren. We have completed most of our journey, in good health and full of memories, hoping to remain useful and finish well.

We are thrilled to make new friends for whom we are grateful, but we shared our youth with these friends when we were trying to figure out our own identity and had little idea of the direction our paths would take. We have other friends from our childhoods and our careers whom we love. Some drifted away. Some died. But this couple stuck. Nothing can reproduce the treasure we have found.

And now that we have re-converged in the late years of our journey we are overwhelmed with gratitude for God's goodness and grace. We are more content than we were in our youth. We are still ambitious to do good and to bless others, but we know we are blessed beyond measure in ways we could have

never imagined. Only God could do such a thing.

Friendship gives us a glimpse of the relationship God desires for each of us. As Proverbs says, "There is a friend that stays closer than a brother" (Prov. 18:24).

After three years walking the hills of Galilee and Judea, Jesus explained his relationship with the

Twelve in these terms: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you" (John 15:13-15).

No matter who we are or where we came from; no matter our race, gender or age, God desires to be our friend. He desires to lead us on our journey, from

beginning to end. An old hymn perhaps expresses it best:

I've found a Friend, oh, such a Friend!  
He loved me ere I knew Him;  
He drew me with the cords of love,  
And thus He bound me to Him.  
And round my heart still closely twine,  
Those ties which naught can sever.  
For I am His, and He is mine,  
Forever and forever.

*Bill Tinsley is a former executive director of the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention. Appearing in various local newspapers around the country, his column "reflects" on current events and life experiences from a faith perspective.*

### The Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist:

- The state paper and official publication of the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention.

- A Christian newsjournal with a focus on Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptists – their interests, churches, and partners.

- A digital only publication, the PDF emailed free to all who subscribe and posted on MWBC's website and Facebook page.

- Formatted for letter size paper for those who want to print a copy.

#### Leo Endel

Executive Director  
endel@mwbc.org  
519 16th St. SE  
Rochester, MN  
55904

#### David Williams

Editor  
davidwilliams@compuserve.com  
P.O. Box 628  
Liberty, TX 77575



**Reflections**  
**Bill Tinsley**

# Reaching the next generation

In Mark 10, we read that parents were bringing their children to see Jesus so that He might touch them. The disciples, however, tried to put a stop to it.

Did they feel that Jesus was too busy? Did they think the children were a bother? Were the kids too loud or messy? Whatever reason, Jesus

was indignant that the disciples were trying to keep the children away.

He made the children a priority. He wanted them to come to Him and He took the time to hold them, lay His hands on them and bless

them. He taught that the Kingdom of God belonged to the children, and we all need to come to Him like children.



## Guest Column

*Penny Reedy*

We learn from this the importance of children in the Kingdom of God. If we want to be like Jesus, we must prioritize the importance of reaching the next generation with the truth about Jesus. Children need to hear the truth and know how Jesus sees them.

Statistics show us that most people come to know Christ before the age of 13 and they are developing their worldview by the age of eight. As parents and as the church, we must be teaching, leading and instructing them in the

Gospel and in truth. Let us remember that they are being bombarded with messages that are a lie. Social media, the internet, schools, TV shows and movies are sending our children messages about the world, themselves and life that are far from the truth. We must teach truth.

Deuteronomy 6, when talking about the statutes of the Lord, says, "Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." Talk about them all day, every day. Make it a regular part of your conversation with children and let them see you living it out.

We have a responsibility to share the gospel with our children and those in our church in a way that they can understand. It is important to share the whole gospel and not water it down or simplify it for children. They need to understand the love of God but also the law of God and penalties of sin.

We should use age-appropriate words and never coerce a child to just say the right words.

It is important, while in a group setting, to allow the children opportunities for personal counseling. We want to avoid asking for salvation responses as a group. When you ask kids to "raise your hand if you want to trust Jesus," you may find that kids will follow the

crowd and raise their hand even when they don't understand why.

When talking to kids, it is better to ask open ended questions and allow them to explain back to you what they understand.

When in a church setting, or anytime you are sharing the gospel with children who are not your own, make sure to involve the parents or guardians in their child's decisions.

Also, while we may want to celebrate a child's decision, we should be cautious about offering rewards to be sure the decision is genuine and not motivated by a gift or reward.

Most importantly, we must remember that it is the work of the Holy Spirit to draw a child to salvation. We must allow Him to work in the heart of the child.

Once a child has trusted in Christ, it is vital to follow up with discipleship training at home and at church, using strong, Bible based, gospel centered curriculum and Bible lessons that will help them grow in their relationship with Christ and develop a biblical worldview.

There are many resources available for sharing the truth with children. Lifeway offers a children's tract and Bible study called "Gospel, God's Plan for Me" which is an easy way to explain the gospel message to one child or a classroom. There are also numerous Bible

## Pray for SEA Mission Team

In a few short weeks, the SEA Mission Team will begin their long anticipated journey to Southeast Asia.

Needless to say, planning this mission trip during the pandemic has been extremely challenging. One month, the destination country is closed to visitors. The next month, it's open again. Entry requirements change almost weekly, from needing a negative COVID test to having to download an app that tracks your movement in the country.

Even though there were many obstacles, 11 individuals answered the call to go

into the harvest. Of the 11, four are students who applied for the trip

scholarship and received award money to help pay for the trip. The first place essay winner is featured in this

issue of the newspaper. It's encouraging to see the next generation get excited about missions!

I've had many people approach me and ask if I need anything for the trip. Increasingly, I've been telling people to just pray. What the mission team needs the most right now is prayer. All the logistics planning is pretty much done at this point. As the date approaches

for the team to go, there have been a lot of distractions, such as car problems, broken relationships, financial surprises, etc. There seems to be a lot of spiritual warfare going on. The mission team needs your prayer for safety and protection from the evil one.

Please pray that the team will not be distracted in our mission, but that we will remain focused on Christ in everything we do. If you could commit to pray for us, I invite you to subscribe to our prayer list, where you will receive updates and specific prayer requests during the trip. Sign up at [www.mwbc.org/sea](http://www.mwbc.org/sea).

*Na Herr is intercultural catalyst/team facilitator for the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention.*



## Intercultural

*Na Herr*

# SEA Trip Scholarship winner

Enny Chang is the first place winner in the SEA Mission Trip Scholarship competition sponsored by the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention, receiving a \$1,500 scholarship toward her cost of the July 26 through Aug. 9 mission trip.

The mission trip scholarship was created with the intention of mobilizing the next

generation to serve on the mission field, said Na Herr, MWBC intercultural catalyst and team facilitator. Students were asked to write an essay on Luke 10:1-12 and answer the question, "What does this passage of Scripture teach us about missions and evangelism?"

Four students applied for the scholarship and submitted essays.

"We are pleased to announce that all four students received scholarships and will be going on the SEA mission trip," Herr said. Salathit Sayaovong won second place and received a \$1,250 scholarship. Hannah Ramquist and Tiarra Xiong each won \$500 scholarships.

Chang's first place essay is reprinted here.



Enny Chang, senior at Mayo High School, won first place for her essay.

## The sent ones

The sent ones – the ones that have been called to do the work of the harvest.

The work of a missionary is to spread the good news and love of God to other people groups, not of their own. However, the hard part is not getting on a plane and landing in a foreign land, but rather, it is the spiritual and emotional preparation an individual has in their heart. The passage Luke 10:1-12 gives advice, warnings, and reminders about missions and evangelism which helps and directs me on what my mindset should be like, how my actions should look like, and how I respond to certain situations.

One of the most important teachings this passage addresses is having a mission-focused mindset as one does God's work. This includes true reliance on prayer and the Holy Spirit. In verses five to six, it emphasizes the work and role of the Holy Spirit as there is nothing a believer can do if an unbeliever does not accept the message. It reminds me that my role and my calling is to simply share – not to convert. Therefore, there is no need to dwell on rejection but rely on prayer and that the Holy Spirit will work and convict their lives.

Another reminder to stay mission-focused is verse four. When it says, "do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road," one may take it literally and go empty-handed with a poker face. However, this verse is not saying do not bring anything nor do not be friendly; it is saying to not fret over the materialistic items and stay focused on the mission. As I read these verses, they prompt me to rely heavily on prayer and staying true to the purpose of the mission trip.

Furthermore, this passage emphasizes what missions should look like with our actions. Scripture mentions this detail in the very first verse as Jesus sends out people to the harvest: "the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two." The keyword is "two." As known since the beginning of mankind, we humans are made to be in relation to others, and there is no doubt as to why Jesus is intentional with the numbers as He is sending them out. The Lord must see the importance of pairs and accountability. With this in mind, missions is not a one-man job. This brings much importance that we should always be with an-

other believer, for it is not good for us to be alone.

Not only that but continuing on with verse four with the packing, it reminds me that when I pack, I pack to serve the Lord and the people, not pack as if I am going on a vacation. With the help of these verses, I have a better idea of what my actions should be in regard to my packing and my relationship with my fellow missionary partners.

Similarly, this passage guides me on how I should respond to certain situations. In terms of entering one's home, Scripture makes a point about accepting hospitality from others. In verses seven to eight, it says, "Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you." It is important to be intentional and open, especially with people who have welcomed you into their homes. On the contrary, Scripture also gives guidance on how to respond to rejection. In verses ten to eleven, it says to "go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.'" This emphasizes that we must stand firm in the truth even against those who do not welcome us. Nevertheless, these verses are a guide to how we should respond to hospitality and rejection.

Overall, Luke 10:1-12 is a great passage that showcases how Jesus sent out the 72 on missions. Every verse has a takeaway, and more specifically, it has taught me personal insights on what my mindset should be like, what my actions should look like, and how I should respond to specific circumstances. My heart must understand the intent of the mission trip and above all, rely on the One who is able to transform and renew. I must also be mindful of working with others and building relationships, for it is important that I am not alone. I will be intentional with my partners and all involved in the mission trip, for we are stronger and more efficient if we are working with the same mind. When it comes to hospitality and rejection, I know how I can counter those situations according to Scripture.

There is still much to learn and experience, and this passage has definitely fed me, for just as Jesus sent out the 72, He is sending me to be a laborer of the harvest.



## Good news from the associations

### SOUTHERN WISCONSIN TWIN CITIES

First Baptist Church in Watertown celebrated their 140th anniversary on July 3. Shane Walker is pastor. Mark Millman, SWBA director of missions/church planting catalyst, congratulated them “for their longevity and for their faithfulness to the gospel in a day and age when so much seems so temporary.”

SWBA pastors are being invited to a free spiritual renewal retreat Aug. 11-13, conducted by Rebecca Reeves of Green Lake (Wis.) Conference Center as part of her doctor of ministry project under the leadership of Clint Calvert, church leadership catalyst of the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention. Reeves was on MWBC staff 2001-2004 as a consultant to churches in the areas of discipleship, church libraries and singles ministry.

Ephraim Ankiabom, pastor of Cameroon Baptist Church in St. Paul is featured, along with his family, in an [article on the website of Arrive Ministries](#), the Minnesota affiliate of the World Relief. The family arrived in Minnesota a year ago as refugees from Cameroon.

### NORTHWOODS

Immanuel Baptist Church in Roseau had a great Vacation Bible School June 20-24 with 45 kids and 25 workers. There were two decisions for Christ and 90 people in attendance on the VBS picnic the last day.

Northland Missions helped send David Myers to Africa this summer to teach a church history class at a Christian training institute. Myers recently retired as pastor of Ridgewood Baptist Church in Bemidji.

## GRANTS

*continued from page one*

outreach plan, which must include:

- Name of Church (payee of grant check)
- Church Mailing Address (for grant check)
- Type of evangelistic effort: Event, Literature or Materials, Community Outreach Mailings, Social Media Ads
- Details such

as event date, expected attendance, cost, materials to be purchased, type, cost and reach of advertising, details of social media ads, etc. How will the gospel be presented through this event/effort? Follow-up plan with contacts made through this event/effort.

Applications must be received by end of day on Friday, July 15.



Leaders at the May 14 One-Day Missions Conference in Rochester gather for a meal. The event was sponsored by the International Mission Board. Left to right are: Sarah Endel, Leo Endel, Tra Xiong, Mee Her, Thi Hoang, Na Herr, Alicia Olmstead, Rob Olmstead, Calvin Waligora, Jeff Waligora, Paul Bishop, and Cathleen Bishop.



This new building was dedicated June 4 by Grace Connection Church in Wadena, Minn. On that same day, 12 people were baptized and Pastor Jeff Heisler preached on God's provision.

Please send your grant requests to Julie Sundeen via email to [jsundeen@mwbc.org](mailto:jsundeen@mwbc.org).

“You may apply for both types of grants, however, If we receive more applications than grants available, we will conduct a random number generated drawing to select recipients of one grant only,” Sundeen said.

**Back to the beginning**







# Hands of Hope

## Youth & Family Mission Trip

July 9-16

Rochester, Minnesota  
Grace City Church

Hands of Hope is a MWBC mission project designed to help churches and church plants serve their communities by providing volunteers to take the gospel outside the walls of the church and into the community. This year's event will be held in Rochester, MN helping a new church plant with two Block Parties, service projects, and community evangelism and outreach. This year's event is \$70 per participant and includes housing/showers at Emmanuel Church, meals and snacks, plus a T-shirt. Adult sponsors, parents, youth and children's leaders are free. The event has the feel of being half mission trip and half family camp. Register by going to [mwbc.org](http://mwbc.org) or by calling 507-282-3636 or emailing [contact@mwbc.org](mailto:contact@mwbc.org).

## VBS

*continued from page three*

ence in simple activities and in new friendships.

7. Kids remind me of how quickly the window of gospel opportunity closes. Children are open to Jesus. They're not yet too burned and broken by the disappointments of life. They're not too cool to hope for a God who loves them. They're not yet stifled by negative peer pressure.

8. Children remind me of how much has been lost to the

"screen culture" that will soon completely dominate their lives. They're not yet constantly checking their posts and messages. They haven't yet replaced real life with screen life. If they are with you, they are with you. Too soon, they will be marred, poisoned, and disappointed by their "status" or lack of it.

9. Nothing is more exciting than explaining the gospel to kids and watching them think through the simple ABCs of salvation. A-admit to God that you're a sinner and

repent (I haven't met an eight-year-old yet that doesn't understand that.) B-believe that Jesus is the Son of God. C-confess that Jesus is Savior and Lord.

To all of you, fellow recovering VBS leaders and volunteers, "Thank you!" Whatever we thought we gave up this past week, I'm sure you'll agree, VBS is worth it.

*Leo Endel is executive director of the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention.*

**Back to the beginning**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MWBC events are in bold print.

BLBA: Bay Lakes Baptist Association

SWBA: Southern Wisconsin Baptist Association

LBA: Lakeland Baptist Association

NBA: Northwoods Baptist Association

SMBA: Southern Minnesota Baptist Association

TCMBA: Twin Cities Metro Baptist Association

To have your events included, email them to [davidwilliams@compuserve.com](mailto:davidwilliams@compuserve.com).

### JULY

**26-Aug. 9 SEA Mission Trip**

### AUGUST

### SEPTEMBER

**1-30 Season of Prayer for State Missions**

**5 Labor Day – MWBC Office Closed**

**16-17 MWBC Executive Board, Rochester, Minn.**

**23-25 Called Out Youth Conference, Baraboo, Wis.**

### OCTOBER

**20 SEND Network Planters Gathering, Northwest Baptist Church, Wauwatosa, Wis.**

**21 Pastors Conference, Northwest Baptist Church, Wauwatosa, Wis.**

**21-22 MWBC Annual Meeting, Northwest Baptist Church, Wauwatosa, Wis.**

**24-25 Missouri Baptist Annual Meeting, St. Charles, Mo.**

### NOVEMBER

**13-15 Baptist General Convention of Texas Annual Meeting, Waco, Texas**

**24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday – MWBC Office Closed**

**29-Dec. 8 Pastors' Holy Land Tour**

### DECEMBER

**4-10 Week of Prayer and Mission Study for**

**International Missions/Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

**26-30 Christmas/New Year's Holiday – MWBC Office Closed**

## NEXT

*continued from page four*

studies for kids that can be used in small groups, for individuals and in family formats that will help you disciple your children.

The most important way to lead them in a life-long walk with Christ is to teach your children to faithfully read their Bible.

As parents, grandparents, pastors, children's leaders and churches, we must prioritize reaching the next generation for Christ. It is our most important work.

*Penny Reedy is children's ministry specialist for the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention.*

**Back to the beginning**

# Unify Project provides way for churches to lead in racial healing

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — Fred Luter, the lone African American to have served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention, sees great opportunity in the Unify Project, a new national grassroots racial unity initiative he's leading with former SBC President Ed Litton and Dallas-area pastor Tony Evans.

"It would allow us to show that it is possible, according to the Scripture, for brothers and sisters to come together — of different backgrounds, ethnicities and cultures — and be the church that Jesus died for," said Luter, senior pastor of Franklin Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans. "He died for everyone."

Luter, Litton and Evans announced the Unify Project at the 2022 SBC Annual Meeting in Anaheim with plans to launch the pastor-driven

program in the fall, backed by a diverse core steering committee.

Litton, pastor of Redemption Church in Mobile, Ala., said the initiative extends beyond Black and white cultural groups.

"It's important to stress too, because we have received some questions about this, that this isn't just an African American (and) Anglo American experience," Litton said, but includes Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans and "all sorts of divisions racially in our culture."

Evans, senior pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas and a noted author, theologian and radio host, will help lead the Unify Project in concert with The Urban Alternative, a ministry he co-founded in 1981 with his late wife Lois.

Within a short time following the announcement in Anaheim, Litton said, the initiative drew more than 2,000 requests for information on the program (available by texting Unify to 63566), and more than 1,000 requests for information registered at [UnifySBC.org](https://unify.sbc.org).

"I think it expresses what has been a deep current within the SBC for the last five years, and that is people see this. They have a desire for it, but they lack a plan and a strategy," Litton said. "And one of the things we set out to do was to say, let's not talk about, let's not over-debate the subject as it is in our culture. Let's just see what the Gospel tells us to do. What does the Gospel expect the Lord's church to do?"

Luter describes Unify as an opportunity for the

SBC to lead in unity at a particularly divisive time in the U.S.

"This is one that every one of us who are real true believers in Jesus Christ can come together and support. It would be great that the Southern Baptist Convention would be known for a convention that comes together to unify people, and not to divide people," Luter said. That's what I hope would happen. Because this racial issue is something that's happening across the country."

The program will allow pastors to build meaningful cross-cultural relationships that could impact the nation, Luter said.

"The political, the

social, the racial, the class distress that we are facing, that has helped to be caused by the church, can only be properly dissolved by the church," Evans said. "If God can't get the church right, the culture can never become right."

Luter encourages pastors to register for the program and lead their

churches in building cross-cultural relationships.

"I would encourage pastors, listen, it's time to stop talking this unification thing and let's start walking it. And this is a way that we can make it happen," he said.

Details of the Unify Project are available at [unify.sbc.org](https://unify.sbc.org), and by texting Unify to 63566.

See this related Baptist Press article from July 2021:

**Tony Evans issues call for Kingdom Race Theology**

# Barber seeks special skill sets for new task force appointees

FARMERSVILLE, Texas (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention President Bart Barber has unveiled his desired skill set for appointees to an Abuse Reform Implementation Task Force approved by messengers at the 2022 SBC Annual Meeting.

"You need, above all, a sense of the rightness of this task and the importance of this task, for everyone," Barber said during the July 5 episode of the SBC This Week podcast. "Everyone on this implementation task force needs to be committed to the solution of this problem."

At a June 15 press conference just after elected SBC president, Barber put sexual predators on notice that Southern Baptist churches will no longer be places to hide.

"Sexual predators have used our decentralized polity to try to turn our churches into a hunting ground," Barber said. "In some cases, mov[ing] from church to church, from scandal to scandal, manipulating our system to hide from accountability and pick off the sheep one by one."

"And yet, our decentralized polity can become, rather than a hunting ground in which

predators brutalize their prey, a place where sexual predators are put on notice that the tables have turned and where the hunter is now the hunted. Where there is no diocesan bishop to fire a local pastor, there is also no diocesan bishop to protect him. Where there is no regional presbytery to defrock a pastor, there is also no presbytery to reassign him while covering up his villainy. Predators have realized the vulnerabilities of our system; it is time for Southern Baptists to realize how nimble and resilient our Baptist polity can be to put sexual

predators on notice that Southern Baptist churches are a dangerous place for them."

Abuse Reform Implementation Task Force members must understand trauma, sexual abuse, the needs and concerns of abuse survivors, pertinent legal requirements and SBC polity and structure, Barber said. The team must include good communicators, people who have good relationships with SBC leaders and people who have the diplomacy to provide proposals and receive feedback.

In addition to preventing sexual abuse, Barber

said, Southern Baptist churches should become a place of excellence in ministering to sexual abuse survivors.

"There's tremendous hurt and need all around us in every one of our congregations," he said. "And to the degree that we haven't taken clergy sex abuse very seriously — worker or volunteer sexual abuse — and worked to prevent it and to respond well to it, to the degree that we have egg on our face or anything like that, survivors of other sexual abuse are not going to feel safe



# Court's term delivers wins for life and liberty

WASHINGTON (BP)—The U.S. Supreme Court delivered deeply consequential victories for the sanctity of human life and religious freedom in its just-completed term, advocates for both causes said in assessing the justices' work.

The justices issued their final opinions June 30 to close a 2021-22 term during which they eliminated two high court standards from five decades ago that were long opposed by pro-life and/or many religious liberty advocates.

On June 24, the Supreme Court overruled the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision that largely controlled its decision-making on the abortion issue and ushered in an abortion regime that produced a death toll estimated at more than 63 million preborn babies.

The justices also reinforced during the term their recent pattern of rulings that safeguard both free exercise of religion and equal access to public benefits for faith-based organizations. They crowned a series of such opinions with a June 27 decision

in which they all made clear the court's test regarding government establishment of religion instituted in a 1971 case was dead.

"The opinions the justices released in this Supreme Court term demonstrated a commitment to protecting our foundational, Constitutional rights to free speech and free exercise," Southern Baptist public policy specialist Chelsea Sobolik told Baptist Press. "Additionally, they handed down a landmark pro-life decision that allows states the ability to take steps that will end abortion — a monumental decision that countless Christians have fervently prayed for.

"As this term wraps up, more Americans will now be able to legally protect the preborn, and we all will be able to continue faithfully living out our individual faith in the public square," said Sobolik, director of public policy for the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC), in written comments.

The high court should receive "at least a 95 percent," said Kevin Theriot, senior counsel for Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), when asked what grade he would give the justices for the term on such issues as abortion and religious liberty.

If "extra credit" is given, the justices deserve it "for taking on issues that are controversial and that courts in the past have been reluctant

to take up and . . . for fixing long problems that have been around for 50 years," Theriot told BP in a phone interview.

The term's close brought about an official change of justices on the high court. Ketanji Brown Jackson was sworn in Thursday after the high court issued its final two opinions of the term and Associate Justice Stephen Breyer's retirement became effective. Jackson, who received Senate confirmation in April, became the first African-American woman to serve on the court.

No decision proved as significant for Southern Baptists and other pro-lifers as the justices' long-awaited reversal of the *Roe* decision, which struck down state restrictions on abortion. By a 5-4 majority June 24, the court overturned both *Roe* and the 1992 *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* ruling that affirmed it, sending policy decisions on the issue back to the states. About half of the 50 states have enacted or are soon expected to enact abortion bans throughout pregnancy or at some stage of pregnancy.

"*Roe* was egregiously wrong from the start," Associate Justice Samuel Alito wrote in the court's unequivocal rejection of that opinion. "Its reasoning was exceptionally weak, and the decision has had damaging consequences."

The watershed decision came in *Dobbs*

*v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, a case regarding a Mississippi law that prohibits the abortion of preborn children whose gestational age is more than 15 weeks.

"The bottom line is the Supreme Court rightly held that this so-called right to abortion has no basis in the Constitution's text or in our nation's history, and it never has," said ADF's Theriot, who called it "awesome now that states can affirm that life's a human right and make sure that women have greater access to the support and the services that they need."

The high court pronounced the death of the *Lemon* test, which was based on a standard offered in the 1971 *Lemon v. Kurtzman* opinion, in its June 27 ruling that the post-game, midfield prayer of a high school football coach did not violate the First Amendment's ban on government establishment of religion. According to the now-discarded *Lemon* test, a law was required to have a secular purpose, not primarily promote or restrict religion and "not foster an excessive entanglement with religion" to avoid a violation of the Establishment Clause.

In the court's 6-3 opinion in *Kennedy v. Bremerton School District*, Associate Justice Neil Gorsuch said the court "long ago abandoned *Lemon* and its [government] endorse-

ment [of religion] test offshoot." In a dissent joined by two others, Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor said the court had now overruled *Lemon* "entirely and in all contexts. It is wrong to do so."

Instead of the *Lemon* test, the court has for years emphasized in its Establishment Clause decisions an "analysis focused on original meaning and history," Gorsuch wrote.

The *Lemon* test "really was misused in a lot of ways to discriminate against religious people," Theriot said in commending the court's rejection of the standard. The justices' reliance on coercion in now determining Establishment Clause violations "helps minimize the chance that the Establishment Clause is going to be used as a sword to discriminate against religious people instead of a shield to protect them from the government interference with their religious conviction."

In the term's decisions on a Maine school-choice program and especially *Kennedy*, the justices "really slammed the door" on government use of the Establishment Clause to discriminate against religious individuals, Theriot told BP. The court said, "No, these folks have religious convictions, and you can't use the First Amendment as a justification for censoring or discriminating against them," he said.

## TASK FORCE

*continued from page eight*

and comfortable coming to us for help with what they've suffered.

"Beyond our mistakes and our problems, there's a vast ministry need and ministry opportunity here that I hope we'll be able to address."

**Back to the beginning**

# Mission Gifts from the Churches

## MINNESOTA WISCONSIN BAPTIST CONVENTION COOPERATIVE PROGRAM RECEIPTS YTD through June 2022

Cooperative Program Budget 2022 Year to Date	\$335,906.50
Cooperative Program Receipts 2022 Year to Date	\$332,871.09
Under Budget 2022 Year to Date	\$3,035.41

NAME	CP YTD	LM*
------	--------	-----

### BAY LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Amherst, Amherst Bible Church	\$250.00	\$400.00
Appleton, Hmong Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$75.00
Appleton, Valley	\$33,205.94	\$27,047.93
Clintonville, First Baptist Church	\$908.70	\$400.00
Green Bay, Bethel	\$651.54	\$200.00
Green Bay, Graceway Fellowship	\$3,471.91	\$2,793.00
Green Bay, Highland Crest Baptist	\$36,070.94	\$1,010.00
Manitowoc, New Beginnings	\$223.00	\$349.00
Neenah, Living Vine Church	\$250.00	\$300.00
Sheboygan, Mapledale Baptist	\$1,895.81	\$2,070.00
Stevens Point, Tapestry	\$400.00	\$0.00
Tilleda, Bethany Baptist Church	\$1,176.50	\$1,050.00
Waupaca, Fellowship Baptist	\$1,073.46	\$0.00
<b>BLBA TOTAL</b>	<b>\$79,577.80</b>	<b>\$35,694.93</b>

### TWIN CITIES METRO BAPTIST ASSN.

Amery, Journey Church	\$5,000.00	\$4,700.00
Bloomington, Ebenezer	\$250.00	\$0.00
Bloomington, MN Kangnam Korean	\$400.00	\$500.00
Bloomington, Southtown Baptist	\$8,777.06	\$4,090.00
Brooklyn Park, Ebenezer	\$1,800.00	\$0.00
Brooklyn Park, N Center Lao	\$300.00	\$250.00
Brooklyn Park, North Center	\$2,548.42	\$519.22
Burnsville, Resurrection Church	\$500.00	\$0.00
Champlin, Living Hope Church	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Coon Rapids, First Hmong	\$1,250.00	\$0.00
Eagan, Eurasia Baptist Church	\$50.00	\$0.00
Fridley, Good News Hmong	\$500.00	\$0.00
Maple Grove, Northwood Community	\$833.35	\$0.00
Maple Grove, Unlock Church	\$600.00	\$0.00
Minneapolis, All Peoples Church	\$3,240.00	\$0.00
Minneapolis, Gracepoint	\$600.00	\$0.00
Minneapolis, Shalom Community	\$235.50	\$0.00
Minnetonka, Redeemer Bible	\$500.00	\$0.00
Monticello, First Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$695.00
Monticello, Grace Bible Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
New Hope, Westview Church	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
New Prague, Calvary Church	\$10,298.19	\$0.00
North St. Paul - Eternal Life Hmong	\$840.00	\$0.00
Ramsey, Bethlehem Worship Center	\$0.00	\$200.00
Richfield, Richfield Bible Church	\$300.00	\$0.00
Roseville, Gospel Hmong	\$803.82	\$0.00
Roseville, Roseville Baptist	\$3,600.00	\$485.00
Spring Lake Park, Hmong Hope	\$0.00	\$618.95
St. Louis Park, First Ukrainian Ev	\$0.00	\$400.00
St. Paul, Cities Church	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
St. Paul, Followers Of Christ Hmong	\$5,528.73	\$391.00
St. Paul, Iglesia Hispana Betel	\$625.00	\$0.00
St. Paul, Salt City Church	\$20,300.00	\$0.00
St. Paul, Twin City Hmong	\$1,080.00	\$1,120.00
Sunfish Lake, Bethel Baptist	\$3,600.00	\$1,030.00
Sunfish Lake, Vietnamese	\$360.00	\$0.00
White Bear Lake, Emmaus Church	\$2,990.00	\$0.00
<b>TCMBA Total</b>	<b>\$82,910.07</b>	<b>\$15,999.17</b>

NAME	CP YTD	LM*
------	--------	-----

### LAKELAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Bassett, Westosha Baptist	\$1,010.00	\$400.00
Brown Deer, Brown Deer Baptist	\$600.00	\$1,200.00
Franklin, Emmaus Fellowship	\$600.00	\$145.00
Hartland, Disciples Church	\$300.00	\$0.00
Kenosha, Amistad Cristiana	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Kenosha, Fellowship Baptist	\$7,791.17	\$8,962.00
Kenosha, Missio Dei Fellowship	\$4,096.00	\$17,618.00
Kenosha, Parkside Baptist	\$2,406.60	\$744.00
Mequon, Westlake Church	\$100.00	\$0.00
Milwaukee, Ephesians Baptist	\$1,800.00	\$0.00
Milwaukee, Family of Christ	\$100.00	\$0.00
Milwaukee, Grace Point Community	\$94.15	\$0.00
Milwaukee, Korean Baptist Church	\$900.00	\$0.00
Milwaukee, Layton Avenue	\$7,166.66	\$3,784.00
Milwaukee, Mercy Memorial	\$750.00	\$0.00
Milwaukee, Milwaukee Arabic	\$382.76	\$0.00
Milwaukee, Monumental Baptist	\$1,285.00	\$435.00
Milwaukee, Mt Horeb Baptist	\$350.00	\$0.00
Milwaukee, Mt Pilgrim Miss.	\$300.00	\$0.00
Milwaukee, UFlourish Church	\$2,122.83	\$0.00
Mount Pleasant, I.C.A.R.E. Ministry	\$632.30	\$0.00
Mount Pleasant, Immanuel	\$5,758.99	\$1,795.00
Pewaukee, Crossroads Church	\$2,200.62	\$0.00
Pleasant Prairie, Pleasant Prairie	\$3,376.00	\$1,944.00
Racine, Hope Community Church	\$1,185.52	\$1,472.00
South Milwaukee, The Vine	\$1,047.73	\$0.00
<b>LBA TOTAL</b>	<b>\$47,556.33</b>	<b>\$38,499.00</b>

### SOUTHERN WI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Boscobel, Blue River Valley	\$662.40	\$212.00
Janesville, Bethel Baptist Church	\$371.42	\$0.00
Janesville, Casa de Oracion	\$0.00	\$20.00
Janesville, Resonate Church	\$3,076.43	\$0.00
La Crosse, Crossway Church	\$0.00	\$1,670.00
La Crosse, New Hope	\$600.00	\$600.00
Madison, Campus Community	\$900.00	\$0.00
Madison, Doha Church	\$24,776.50	\$0.00
Madison, East Madison Baptist	\$4,540.00	\$2,185.00
Madison, Gracepoint	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Madison, Hope In Christ Assembly	\$1,671.32	\$0.00
Madison, Livingstone Baptist	\$1,478.00	\$775.00
Madison, Midvale Baptist Church	\$5,160.16	\$1,370.00
Madison, Red Village	\$4,625.00	\$5,162.00
Madison, Sovereign Joy Baptist	\$0.00	\$420.00
Platteville, Rolling Hills	\$5,481.33	\$0.00
Reedsburg, Trinity Baptist Church	\$8,700.00	\$5,326.29
Sparta, Gospel Baptist Church	\$2,418.44	\$804.30
Sun Prairie, Christ Fellowship	\$600.00	\$0.00
Sun Prairie, Reborn in Christ	\$580.33	\$0.00
Sun Prairie, Transformation	\$944.13	\$0.00
Sun Prairie, United Hmong	\$450.00	\$0.00
Verona, Memorial Baptist Church	\$250.00	\$0.00
Waterloo, Cornerstone Church	\$1,100.00	\$5,707.00
Waterloo, Shalom Christian Asse	\$70.00	\$0.00
WI Dells, Rock of Hope	\$1,200.00	\$1,125.00
WI Rapids, Church at Wazeecha	\$3,017.00	\$0.00
WI Rapids, First Baptist Church	\$250.00	\$110.00
<b>SWBA TOTAL</b>	<b>\$73,922.46</b>	<b>\$25,486.59</b>



# Mission Gifts from the Churches

NAME	CP YTD	LM*
<b>SOUTHERN MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION</b>		
Austin, Austin Baptist Church	\$2,504.60	\$146.00
Chester, Chester Woods	\$739.00	\$1,175.00
Eyota, Hmong Baptist Church	\$1,500.00	\$900.00
Mankato, Hope Baptist Church	\$663.80	\$630.28
Marshall, Radiant Life Church	\$1,624.14	\$200.00
Red Wing, Hiawatha Valley	\$2,757.50	\$4,600.00
Rochester, Emmanuel Baptist	\$10,781.75	\$3,441.00
Rochester, Northbridge Church	\$4,584.00	\$0.00
Sartell, Park Fellowship	\$1,852.36	\$0.00
St. Cloud, St. Cloud International	\$150.00	\$0.00
Viola, Viola Bible Church	\$1,286.20	\$720.00
Waseca, Faith Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$231.12
Willmar, Grace Baptist Church	\$25.00	\$0.00
Winona, Cornerstone Community	\$2,197.45	\$5,500.00
<b>SMNBA Total</b>	<b>\$30,665.80</b>	<b>\$17,543.40</b>

<b>NORTHWOODS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION</b>		
Bemidji, Ridgewood Baptist	\$588.00	\$0.00
Cambridge, Cross Pointe Church	\$1,275.00	\$1,200.00
Crookston, Prairie Community	\$2,706.77	\$73.85
Ely, Berean Baptist	\$500.00	\$0.00
Grand Rapids, Calvary Pines	\$2,397.00	\$0.00
Hill City, Hill City Baptist Church	\$600.00	\$0.00
New York Mills, Grace Connection	\$100.00	\$0.00
Rice Lake, Hope Baptist Church	\$2,080.00	\$1,795.00
Warroad, Westside Baptist	\$3,270.54	\$0.00
<b>NWBA Total</b>	<b>\$13,517.31</b>	<b>\$3,068.85</b>

NAME	CP YTD	LM*
<b>OTHER</b>		
Eau Claire, Jacob's Well	\$4,250.00	\$0.00
Eau Claire, One in Christ Church	\$471.32	\$0.00
Grantsburg, Living Hope Church	\$0.00	\$100.00
<b>OTHER TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,721.32</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>MWBC TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$332,871.09</b>	<b>\$136,391.94</b>

NOTE: No giving received by MWBC-affiliated churches not listed above during stated giving periods

\*Lottie Moon Christmas Offering reporting period 5/1/21-4/30/22



Terry and Patty Forrest hold a cake celebrating his May 15 ordination to the gospel ministry by Emmanuel Baptist Church in Rochester, Minn., where he serves as associate pastor.



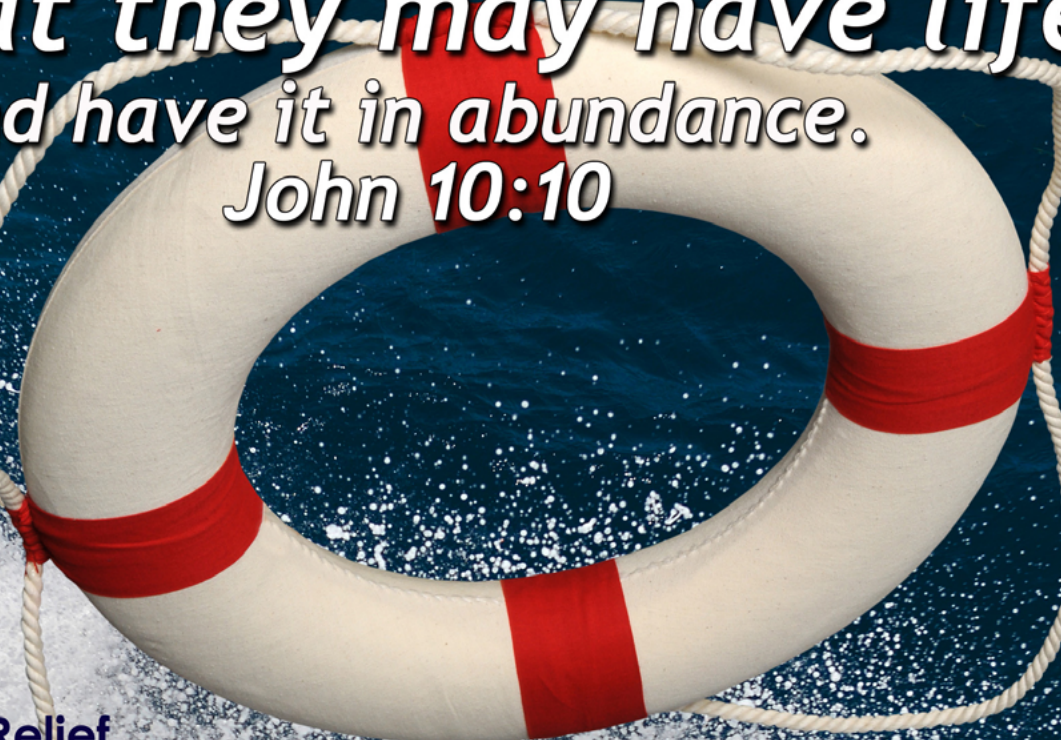
Pastor Don Barlow and members of Rochester Community Church use a block party to share the love of Christ with neighbors.



At the International Mission Board dinner during the Southern Baptist Convention, MWBC Executive Director Leo Endel greets Tamiko Jones, executive director of Texas Woman's Missionary Union.



*I have come  
so that they may have life  
and have it in abundance.  
John 10:10*



**25% Disaster Relief**  
**20% Church Internships**  
**15% Cross-Cultural Missions**  
**10% Urban Ministry**  
**10% Hands of Hope**  
**5% Children's Evangelism**  
**5% Called Out Youth Camp**  
**5% WMU**  
**5% Pastoral Emergencies**

**SMO**

*State Missions Offering  
Convention Goal:  
\$75,000*

**Mission  
Minnesota-Wisconsin**

**visit [mwbc.org/smo](http://mwbc.org/smo)  
to give now!**

**Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention**