



**Executive Director's Report
January 13, 2022**

Preface

Happy New Year!

When I interviewed here three years ago I said that I am not as much into events as I am ongoing ministry to the churches we serve. True to that statement, the greatest portion of network effort since the annual meeting has been day-to-day support of our core ministry strategies, the PLAN. We've not ignored events. Preparation for events central to the PLAN are well underway. And our strategy team has met regularly, completing the first phase of three leading to a fresh expression of our network commitments. But the heart of what we do is serving churches and those who serve through them. Here's what that's looked like since October.

Planting

GTBN continues coaching and funding church plants, Providence Baptist Church Beaumont and Brighter Day Ministries. And, as soon as BGCT completes their process, we will join North Orange and North End in supporting River City Church in Vancouver, Washington, where we hope to send a team this spring. Beside these, I continue working with Central City Beaumont to replant. With Community Harvest as primary partner, we have partnered with Bro. Fidel Irizarry, who has gathered a group of about twenty, to join Central City as replanting pastor. We budgeted to fund them at \$400/ month for up to three years, assuming certain benchmarks are met. Fidel, who is covocational, says his group currently gives the same.

Action: I need a team of volunteers to join me to deep clean Central City so the new group can launch. Need a date (soon) and a commitment. GTBN will arrange the dumpster. Also planning prayer walk day.

One more Planting Note. Meetings with my counterparts in Houston concerning Hispanic church planting are bearing fruit. They informed me last week of an experienced planter who expects to relocate to Beaumont with a team. I will know more about this later, but please pray.

Leadership

Support and encouragement for church staff has been a heavy responsibility since October. I can't go into details, but no less than three key GTBN churches are experiencing significant conflict, with many more simply exhausted. As I said in a recent blog entry, pastors are facing a perfect storm of stressors. So, the pastor to pastors work goes on.

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As we continue to encourage and equip leaders, the Leadership Luncheons will resume, with our own Dr. Chris Moody speaking Feb. 3. Speakers for future events are being finalized now.

Two additional points on Leadership: (1) We have our first application pending for the Pastor Sabbatical support and (2) BGCT Bivocational Specialist Ira Antione seeks to partner with us on a Bivocational Ministers Retreat, tentatively set for Apr. 8-9. He is asking us to co-sponsor the event so that pastors and wives can attend regardless of convention affiliation.

Question: Is the board open to sharing the cost of a bivocational ministers and wives retreat, Apr. 8-9 with BGCT? Expected cost to GTBN, \$3000.

Awakening

Awakening efforts include all we do for church health and revitalization. Given the importance of disciple making to revitalization, our foundation event is DMU, conducted this year in partnership with Beaumont's First Baptist. Speakers are set and registration is open. The focus this year is Disciples Making Disciples. We expect from this to launch some pastor cohorts for modeling and implementing biblical disciple making in the church.

After the New Year I was invited by South Park to work with their new pastor on a revitalization plan. Like Central City, South Park is down to a hand-full of people. They will need some partners to turn the corner. Cove Baptist in Orange, Rosedale in Beaumont, and Meeker have also reached out for consultations.

Given the number of struggling congregations across GTBN, I have asked four men to join me for the NAMB Association Replant Lab in Atlanta, March 13-16. NAMB will pay for lodging and meals for up to 5 from the first associations to sign up. The training will equip our Church Renewal Team to lead churches to assess their options and design the best path for revitalization or replanting. This will include updated material on the different ways partners have assisted these efforts. In time we expect to present several opportunities for churches, ranging from equipping and coaching, church fostering (temporary partnerships), church adoptions, and full replants.

Action: I am asking that the Board approve spending \$2174.80 from budget line item 5140 Church Revitalization to cover conference registration and airfare.

Networking

Networking includes our collaborative mission work, locally and beyond. Locally we continue to promote collaborative events, including Hot Hearts, Night to Shine, the Unapologetic Conference, and Beast Feast.

With the Hot Hearts team working to re-establish the event "in-person" while operating on a conservative budget, I suggested GTBN might fund the regular breakfast for the Hot Hearts team

Friday morning as they prep the event. For me this provides an opportunity to connect new youth ministers (as my guests) with the team for future partnership with them.

Action: Consider funding Hot Hearts for the Friday breakfast, catered through Ford Park.

While I am addressing youth ministry, GTBN Youth Camp / Purpose Week team is hard at work preparing the 2022 camp. Nate Jordan will serve as camp pastor, with Spring Creek Church from Big Spring again leading worship. Given the facility costs at ETBE, it takes at least 200 paid campers to have camp “in the black”. Since we’re still rebuilding the camp program and many have concerns with ETBE facilities, we expect only 130-160 campers.

Question: Is the board open to transferring funds from surplus budget for the GTBN Youth Camp beyond the \$2000 that is in the budget?

Internationally, we continue working with Cross Media (Youseff Dakwar) and Southern Baptists of Belize (Blaine McFarlin). A report from Youseff is in your packet. Concerning Belize, I am awaiting word from Blain as to when we can resume mission trips. With the completion of church buildings for most of our Belizean partners, I would still like us to consider extending our partnership to include the Global Leader Development (GLD) initiative of Southwestern Seminary. Along this line we have a request from the president of the Baptist Seminary in Guatemala for partnering through GLD. We can discuss this at a future meeting.

Administration

Administratively all is well. At least I’ve received no complaints. As you’ve seen with the financial statement, we finished the year in a strong position.

Returning board members will remember that last year we accepted the North American Mission Board’s invitation to work with Will Mancini and the Denominee network planning process. During the meeting I will share with you and update of what we’ve learned so far. I don’t see us departing from the priorities of the PLAN but I do see the Denominee process helping us to sharpen how we pursue these priorities. When you hear the report I hope you will be as encouraged it as I am.

Conclusion

That’s all for now. Thank you for your service with the Board, and for your partnership in ministry.

Dr. Jim Turnbo
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Golden Triangle Baptist Network
Executive Board Minutes
October 6, 2021

Members Present: Rusty Dollar, Eric House, Jeff Sandusky, Bruce Stinson, Jason Martin, Klem Pruitt, Mack Bronson, Clay Jones, Jim Turnbo, Lizz Jelsma (non-voting), Brittney Chandler (non-voting)

Absent: Joe Worley, Michael Procella, Scooter Wenner, Chris Moody, Stephen Chen

Rusty called the meeting to order and noted the minutes from the May meeting, which were approved without opposition. Jeff Sandusky presented the financial report, noting no irregularities. The report was approved with no opposition.

Bro. Jim presented his director's report, an early draft of his report for the annual meeting.

Among Old Business the Board considered the transfer of the former First Baptist Cheek property to Iglesia Hispania Emmanuel with a reversion clause that, should the church close or break their relationship with GTBN or the SBC, the property would revert to the ownership of GTBN. After discussion, the Board decided that we could not require the church to carry property insurance, but we would strongly encourage it. Bro. Alfredo noted that the pastor indicated his intent to keep the property insured. Jason Martin moved that we transfer the property with the reversion clause; Eric House seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bro. Jim noted the postponement due to COVID 19 of the scheduled Bill Glass event for corrections personnel until the spring, and the ongoing discussion with Southwestern Seminary regarding the Global Leadership Development initiative. He then updated the Board on plans to take a team to the NAMB Association Replant Lab in March.

Bro. Jim updated the board on the replant process with Central City. Central City is currently not meeting, as they are financially insolvent. Mack Bronson has recommended a bilingual pastor whom Bro. Jim has met. They are working on a plan to merge his work with Central City. We may also work with Calvary and other churches to use this site as a ministry center, given its proximity to Fletcher Elementary School. As this plan comes together, the next step would be scheduling a workday to clean up Central City, prayer walk the community and prepare for the launch.

He then informed the Board that an offer is pending for the old GTBN building at 555 N. 10th Street, Beaumont, for \$124,500. He accepted and expects closing to be by or soon after the annual meeting.

For new business the board finalized the slate of nominees for the Executive Board and East Texas Baptist Encampment, the proposed 2022 GTBN budget, and the agenda for the Annual Meeting. In discussing the agenda, the Board agreed to a gift of \$5000, drawn from the annual surplus restricted account, for David Cross on his retirement as Chaplain for Baptist Hospital of Beaumont, after 40 years' service. Jeff Sandusky made the motion; Jason martin seconded. The motion carried.

Jim concluded the meeting with an update on the Denominee strategy process that he, Eric, Klem and Rusty are working through. The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2022 at 10:00 AM, at the GTBN office and ZOOM.

GTBN
Balance Sheet

As of: Dec 31st 2021

Assets

Current Assets

Cash on Hand

1025 PNC Bank Checking	359,757.51
1050 General Savings - Capital One	502.20
1055 Belize Checking Account	1,604.63

Total Cash on Hand 361,864.34

Designated Cash

1075 Capital One - Building Fund	197,138.91
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Total Designated Cash 197,138.91

Total Current Assets 559,003.25

Fixed Assets

1420 Facilities & Property	234,000.00
1421 Building Contents/Personal Property	36,000.00
1422 Equipment	27,762.25

Total Fixed Assets 297,762.25

Total Assets

\$ 856,765.50

Liabilities & Net Assets

Liabilities

Total Liabilities 0.00

Net Assets

Without Donor Restrictions	396,704.55
With Donor Restrictions	460,060.95

Total Net Assets 856,765.50

Total Liabilities & Net Assets

\$ 856,765.50

Statement of Activities

Date Range: Dec 1st 2021 - Dec 31st 2021 | Includes Open Transactions

Accounts	Actual Dec 01, 2021 - Dec 31, 2021	Actual This Year Year to Date	Annual Budget This Year Year	Annual Budget % Used This Year Year
Revenues				
Receipts from Churches				
4000 Receipts from Churches	27,408.41	284,606.88	292,224.00	97.39 %
Total Receipts from Churches	27,408.41	284,606.88	292,224.00	97.39 %
Misc. Non-Budgeted Income				
6002 Bank Interest Income	0.00	348.98	0.00	0.00 %
Total Misc. Non-Budgeted Income	0.00	348.98	0.00	0.00 %
Total Revenues	\$ 27,408.41	\$ 284,955.86	\$ 292,224.00	97.51 %
Expenses				
Personnel				
Executive Director				
5010 Salary - ED	4,166.66	49,999.92	50,000.00	100.00 %
5011 Housing/Utilities - ED	2,916.66	34,999.92	35,000.00	100.00 %
5014 Social Security - ED	531.26	6,375.12	6,375.00	100.00 %
Total Executive Director	7,614.58	91,374.96	91,375.00	100.00 %
Contract Workers				
5020 Field Coaches	416.67	5,000.04	5,000.00	100.00 %
Total Contract Workers	416.67	5,000.04	5,000.00	100.00 %
Financial Secretary				
5050 Salary - FA/CA	1,344.00	20,129.28	20,000.00	100.65 %
Total Financial Secretary	1,344.00	20,129.28	20,000.00	100.65 %
Other Personnel Expenses				
5070 FICA/Medicare-Employer	102.82	1,569.34	1,450.00	108.23 %
5072 Healthcare	2,879.75	34,557.00	34,449.00	100.31 %
5073 Auto Reimbursement	601.72	10,390.04	10,500.00	98.95 %
5075 Worker's Compensation	0.00	275.76	750.00	36.77 %
Annuity				
5078 Annuity - ED	708.33	8,499.96	8,500.00	100.00 %
Total Annuity	708.33	8,499.96	8,500.00	100.00 %
Ministry Related Expenses				
5085 Executive Director	1,108.14	9,394.09	10,000.00	93.94 %
Total Ministry Related Expenses	1,108.14	9,394.09	10,000.00	93.94 %
Total Other Personnel Expenses	5,400.76	64,686.19	65,649.00	98.53 %
Total Personnel	14,776.01	181,190.47	182,024.00	99.54 %
Programming				
Church Initiative				
5102 Womens Ministry	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00 %
5105 New Church Development	1,978.69	14,576.30	15,000.00	97.18 %
5108 Network Meetings	0.00	849.30	4,000.00	21.23 %
5140 Vision Meeting	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00 %
5141 Music	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00 %
5142 Youth Camp	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	100.00 %

Accounts	Actual Dec 01, 2021 - Dec 31, 2021	Actual This Year Year to Date	Annual Budget This Year Year	Annual Budget % Used This Year Year
Total Church Initiative	1,978.69	17,425.60	27,500.00	63.37 %
Leadership Initiative				
5125 Disciple Maker University	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	100.00 %
5128 Leadership Development	115.74	2,292.87	7,000.00	32.76 %
5129 Sunday School/Small Group	0.00	159.00	3,000.00	5.30 %
Total Leadership Initiative	115.74	5,451.87	13,000.00	41.94 %
Networking				
5150 Church Revitalization	0.00	29.91	4,000.00	0.75 %
5152 Resources for Churches	9.97	1,336.79	3,000.00	44.56 %
5153 Evangelistic Initiative	0.00	3,758.26	5,000.00	75.17 %
5160 Partnerships	3,300.00	25,850.00	25,000.00	103.40 %
Total Networking	3,309.97	30,974.96	37,000.00	83.72 %
Total Programming	5,404.40	53,852.43	77,500.00	69.49 %
Building				
5200 Insurance	(3,086.04)	6,570.46	8,200.00	80.13 %
5201 Utilities/Communication	683.33	12,893.93	9,000.00	143.27 %
5203 General Maintenance	0.00	200.00	3,000.00	6.67 %
Total Building	(2,402.71)	19,664.39	20,200.00	97.35 %
Operations				
5300 Postage	0.00	290.00	1,000.00	29.00 %
5302 Equip.Repair/Maintenance Contracts	544.46	7,577.80	6,500.00	116.58 %
5304 Office Supplies	94.76	2,258.60	3,000.00	75.29 %
5306 Administrative Expenses	(14.07)	615.14	2,000.00	30.76 %
Total Operations	625.15	10,741.54	12,500.00	85.93 %
Total Expenses	\$ 18,402.85	\$ 265,448.83	\$ 292,224.00	90.84 %
Net Total	\$ 9,005.56	\$ 19,507.03	\$ 0.00	0.00 %

Restricted Accounts Report

Date Range: Dec 1st 2021 - Dec 31st 2021 | Filtered by: Core Account

Accounts	Beginning Balance	Debits	Credits	Ending Balance
8002 Clearing	(3,009.41)	0.00	0.00	(3,009.41)
8006 Opportunity Camp	(100.00)	0.00	0.00	(100.00)
8018 New Work Designated	(21,237.46)	0.00	691.00	(21,928.46)
8022 Evangelism Projects	(1,357.42)	0.00	0.00	(1,357.42)
8028 Operating Reserve	(33,168.26)	0.00	0.00	(33,168.26)
8029 Emmanuel Church Funds	(25,896.39)	3,297.48	0.00	(22,598.91)
8044 Leadership Development	(290.79)	0.00	0.00	(290.79)
8059 STAFF DEVELOPMENT	(7,129.33)	0.00	0.00	(7,129.33)
8070 Youth Camp	28.77	0.00	0.00	28.77
8080 Year End Surplus	(128,294.53)	550.00	0.00	(127,744.53)
8084 National Missions	(1,202.37)	0.00	0.00	(1,202.37)
8090 GTBN Disaster Relief Fund	(22,904.10)	0.00	230.42	(23,134.52)
8091 GTB Disaster Relief Team	(109.67)	0.00	0.00	(109.67)
8096 Office Building Reinvestment Fund	(214,674.09)	0.00	0.00	(214,674.09)
8098 Baptist Hospital Chaplain Ministry	(1,946.75)	0.00	18.00	(1,964.75)
8108 Pastor's Emergency Fund	2,217.18	0.00	0.00	2,217.18
8110 Office Equipment Replacement Fund	1,157.50	0.00	0.00	1,157.50
8113 Cross Media Productions	(185.00)	485.00	485.00	(185.00)
8114 Disciple Making Conference	(703.44)	0.00	0.00	(703.44)
8115 Missional Resource Center	(1.00)	0.00	0.00	(1.00)
8118 Belize - Blaine McFarlin Support	(9,311.43)	10,100.95	3,384.80	(2,595.28)
8120 Events Trailer	(1,567.17)	0.00	0.00	(1,567.17)
	(\$ 469,685.16)	\$ 14,433.43	\$ 4,809.22	(\$ 460,060.95)

Giving Report December 2021

Church	12/1/2021	YTD 2021	YTD 2020
Amelia Baptist Of Beaumont	\$133.33	\$1,559.97	\$1,599.96
Beaumont Chinese Church	\$35.00	\$420.00	\$1,035.99
Brighter Day Ministries	\$20.00	\$160.00	\$150.00
Calvary Baptist Church of Nederland	\$244.82	\$2,607.78	\$1,210.65
Calvary Church SETX	\$1,882.16	\$26,920.32	\$22,310.70
Calvary Baptist Of Port Acres	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
Calvary Baptist of West Orange	\$3,108.03	\$4,521.96	\$2,473.11
Central Baptist Of Vidor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Central City Baptist Of Beaumont	\$0.00	\$126.00	\$231.00
Christ Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Community Harvest	\$389.97	\$250.00	\$275.00
Cornerstone Church Mid-County	\$127.16	\$4,336.92	\$5,095.39
Cove Baptist Church	\$360.00	\$2,044.44	\$1,884.57
Cowboy Church of Orange County	\$110.12	\$5,504.76	\$6,107.27
Crossroads Fellowship	\$0.00	\$2,121.82	\$1,808.37
El Buen of Beaumont	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$50.00
El Buen Pastor Of Port Arthur	\$100.00	\$450.00	\$400.00
Fellowship Baptist	\$999.49	\$1,000.00	\$113.20
First Baptist Of Beaumont	\$161.04	\$9,961.69	\$8,772.11
First Baptist Of Bevil Oaks	\$0.00	\$3,525.00	\$3,805.74
First Baptist Of Bridge City	\$253.00	\$0.00	\$224.47
First Baptist Of Crystal Beach	\$0.00	\$2,717.00	\$2,742.00
First Baptist Of Fannett	\$1,382.00	\$2,291.84	\$3,709.22
First Baptist Of Groves	\$583.34	\$17,287.27	\$9,967.18
First Baptist Of Hamshire	\$958.00	\$7,583.42	\$6,416.74
First Baptist Of Mauriceville	\$1,459.41	\$5,900.32	\$4,961.44
First Baptist Of Nederland	\$550.00	\$15,750.46	\$16,042.09
First Baptist Of Orange	\$0.00	\$6,600.00	\$6,735.00
First Baptist Of Port Arthur	\$0.00	\$929.37	\$588.00
First Baptist Of Port Neches	\$590.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,250.00
First Baptist Of Stowell	\$1,043.08	\$7,630.00	\$8,337.00
First Baptist Of Vidor	\$420.51	\$18,321.64	\$13,842.78
First Baptist Of Winnie	\$179.05	\$8,042.88	\$7,002.92
Friendship Baptist Of Beaumont	\$0.00	\$2,544.00	\$2,015.72
Gateway Baptist	\$0.00	\$2,710.00	\$2,640.00
Grace Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Harmony	\$125.00	\$650.00	\$0.00
Hillcrest Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$1,375.00	\$0.00
Iglesia Hispana Emmanuel	\$0.00	\$480.00	\$380.00

Church	12/1/2021	YTD 2021	YTD 2020
La Belle Baptist Church	\$25.89	\$0.00	\$0.00
La Iglesia	\$212.00	\$403.94	\$203.67
Lamar Baptist Of Beaumont	\$3,010.22	\$2,343.29	\$2,293.07
Liberty Baptist	\$873.00	\$3,880.49	\$4,098.34
Little Cypress Baptist Church	\$230.42	\$12,243.00	\$12,153.00
McDonald Memorial Baptist Of Orange	\$308.00	\$1,229.33	\$1,858.85
Meeker Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$1,695.00	\$1,888.80
Memorial Baptist	\$50.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
New Birth Community	\$994.23	\$450.00	\$0.00
North End Baptist	\$603.83	\$12,087.00	\$11,181.82
North Orange Baptist	\$676.06	\$7,041.35	\$6,938.70
Old First Baptist Of Orange	\$500.54	\$4,439.78	\$5,171.33
Pine Forest Baptist	\$0.00	\$6,973.93	\$6,840.32
Procter Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$2,250.00	\$300.00
Ridgewood Baptist	\$69.00	\$2,273.66	\$949.93
Rosedale Baptist	\$0.00	\$1,023.00	\$1,329.00
Second Baptist	\$330.79	\$2,126.56	\$1,542.10
SilverOaks Baptist	\$50.00	\$5,042.49	\$3,665.50
Sojourn Community Church of Beaumont	\$191.62	\$600.00	\$600.00
Southside Baptist Of Port Neches	\$0.00	\$2,798.45	\$2,687.94
Templo Bautista Of Beaumont	\$181.77	\$0.00	\$60.00
Triangle Baptist	\$0.00	\$3,773.00	\$4,413.24
Trinity Baptist Church of Silsbee	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$1,100.00
Trinity Baptist Of Vidor	\$294.54	\$0.00	\$509.00
West End Baptist	\$2,500.00	\$2,464.23	\$5,232.33
Westgate Memorial Baptist	\$469.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Winfree Baptist Church	\$293.32	\$2,628.00	\$2,622.00
Woodland Baptist	\$133.33	\$3,930.20	\$4,628.87
Total	\$27,262.07	\$283,045.56	\$260,945.43