



### FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

“**TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS**” was written by Randy Bachman the year I turned thirteen. He composed the song while onstage in front of a Saturday night audience, covering for another musician who was sick.



The memorable melody and sticky lyrics still come to my mind whenever I think about just doing the basics of work and life that are essential to just keep going forward.

In church life, there are a host of details that just must be done for the church to continue meeting, ministering, and preaching the Gospel. Among these more mundane aspects of church ministry included in “**taking care of business**” are:

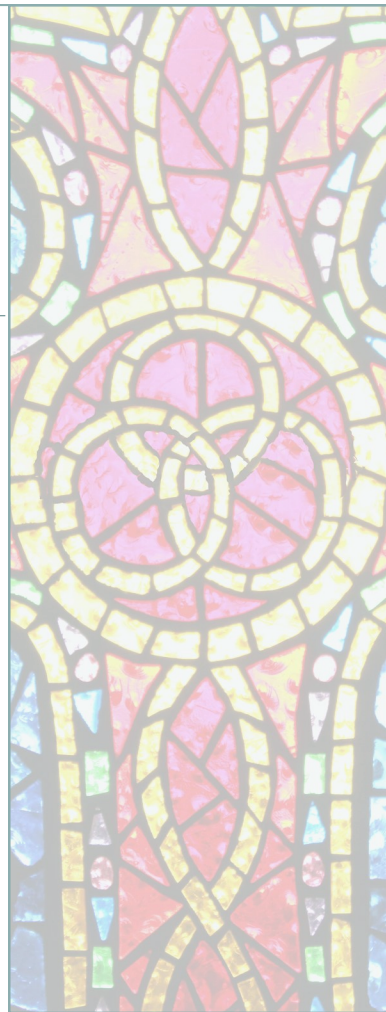
- Keeping current Constitution & Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, policies, personnel records, and minutes of meetings.
- Keeping current and adequate insurance (*From a company that specifically insures churches*) for properties and activities and personnel of the church.
- Reviewing safety procedures in all areas.
- Keeping equipment, building maintenance, and routine repairs up-to-date.
- Keeping good financial records and complying with payroll and tax laws.
- Dealing with all personnel in a professional manner with transparency and respect and in a Christian spirit.

Although these aspects of “church work” are perhaps not as satisfying as preaching riveting sermons or putting together transformative worship services, they are essential if the church continues doing ministry well.

I try to let you know of *training opportunities* for all of these aspects of church ministry. In this issue of our newsletter, we are letting you know of a **Ministers’ Taxes Seminar**.

We also have a *checklist* of Basic Documents and Policies that your church needs, available here at the WRBA for free.

In His Service,  
Tim Randolph



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Ministry Guidance Conference** **10:00am on March 7 at Truett Seminary**

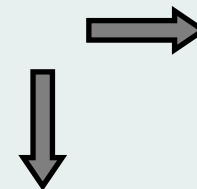
Topic: Pastoral Care and Serious Illness  
 Speaker: Dr. Kate Bowler, Duke Divinity School  
 RSVP by **February 28** to louine\_adams@baylor.edu or 710-3739.

#### **March Ministers Round Table** **12:00pm on March 7 at Truett Seminary**

Topic: Pastoral Care and Serious Illness  
 Speaker: Dr. Kate Bowler, Duke Divinity School  
 RSVP by **February 28** to louine\_adams@baylor.edu or 710-3739.

“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”  
*John 15:13*

### Taking Care of Business . . .



Priority Actions

✓ Get a copy of:

*Check List of Basic Documents and Policies for a Church*

Request one by email at  
 admin@wacobaptists.org

Church Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **Ministers’ Taxes 101** **Thursday, February 8** **Truett Seminary** **6:30-8:30 pm**

- ◆ Betsy Willis, CPA and Baylor faculty member, will lead this workshop on what makes ministers’ taxes unique.
- ◆ Topics include defining who is a “Minister” for tax purposes, Social Security rules, and housing allowance.
- ◆ The workshop is free, but registration is required. Call Shannon Crow at (254) 710-6589 or visit [baylor.edu/truett/financialwellness](http://baylor.edu/truett/financialwellness) and click on **Events**.



#### **WRBA and Diana R. Garland School of Social Work** **Partnering in Church Health Ministry!**

- Help Baylor students engage in learning and
- Help WRBA assess how to assist churches in growing a health ministry

WRBA churches will receive a call to set up an interview about Church Health in your congregation. Please schedule a meeting.

**Jennifer Martinsen, WRBA Community Wellness Coordinator**  
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## MCC COLLEGIATE MINISTRY UPDATE

Spring 2018 at McLennan Community College has officially begun! Over the break our group went bowling to catch up, and we have had two student leadership meetings since school has started. Our Student Leadership Team is coming up with ideas about mission activities, outreach events, and how to reach the students that feel lost. We will start having noon lunches again this semester, but this time students will come up with activities, plan the menu, and lead the devotional during lunch. We are excited to have the students step up and lead the group as we grow and make disciples.



Our verse for the semester is Mark 12:28-31. One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Last semester we read through the Gospel of John, and for Bible study this semester we are putting what we read into practice. We are going to find our gifts and figure out how to use them towards the Kingdom of God. Thank you for your prayers, and we hope you continue to pray for this group of students and leaders throughout the semester.

Holly Winfrey  
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## FEBRUARY EVENTS

**February 6, 11:30am**  
Church Technology Team Meeting  
WRBA

**February 7, 12:00pm**  
Ministers Round Table  
Truett Seminary  
Topic: Preparing for the Boomer Wave- It's Upon Us!  
Speaker: Keith Lowry  
RSVP by January 31

**February 8, 6:30pm**  
Ministers' Taxes 101  
Truett Seminary

**February 15, 3:30pm**  
Church Evangelism Ministry Team Meeting  
WRBA

**February 16, 8:30am**  
Church Health Ministry Team Meeting  
Penland Dining Hall, Baylor

**February 16, 1:00pm**  
Church Protection Ministry Team Meeting  
WRBA

**February 20, 4:00pm**  
Board Meeting  
WRBA

**February 21, 12:00pm**  
Networking and Missions Team Meeting  
Waco FBC, Conference Rm

**February 28**  
RSVP for March Ministers Round Table

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Please continue to pray for WRBA churches seeking a Pastor:**

Chalk Bluff  
Emmanuel  
Faith Temple  
Lakeview

## CHURCH SPOTLIGHT: GREATER NEW LIGHT MBC

This year Greater New Light Missionary Baptist Church is excited to explore how God'll use them to disciple others, something the congregation spent last year learning and praying about.

Pastor Samuel Doyle said, "We have been pondering over what it means to make discipleship and disciple-making the center work of our church."

The church has taken the Great Commission to heart, exploring how everything it does can center around that point. It has been a time of redefining themselves. Last year, they explored Luke and Acts while praying in anticipation for what God will do in their church.


Doyle said, "We are a church that really loves listening to

God's voice, and sometimes (that)... causes us to do the cutting edge and the unconventional."

They found when the church is multi-focused, it drains people. By focusing on discipleship, each ministry relates to each other. Their community outreach to their neighborhoods includes summer meals and working with local groups like My Brother's Keeper.

Doyle first came to the church as a youth minister while in seminary. He has listened to stories of what God has done there through the years and is excited to be a part of it.

He said, "Continue to pray that God gives us a heart for the lost and for the neighborhood around us."

  
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