



Fall 2020 Publication of Texas Baptist Ministry Assistants

Cindy Eoff, President



2020 can be described by the old adage, when life gives you lemons..... Anyone agree? Have you ever watched a movie all the way to the end, expecting it to get better? There must be more, a better ending or a part two!! We have had to resort to plan B so many times over the summer, and even then, plan B didn't work out either! Thankfully, we know God is in control, so let's just make the lemonade, sit back, and ponder the many things we are grateful for.

I am very disappointed that our 2020 conference had to be cancelled, but I am thankful for the time I got to spend with Diane Peacock, Anita Eaton, and Carmen Wilhite. I am thankful for their friendship and pray blessings on them for all the work and time they put into TBMA these past two plus years. Now as we look forward, I am praying Covid goes away and we can return to our normal routines, whatever normal looks like now.

Your newly elected officers have hit the ground running and will be meeting soon to start plans for the 2022 conference. Normally, we would have conference evaluations to review and we would use your opinions and suggestions to help shape the next conference. Seeing that we don't have said evaluations, I am asking you to email one of us with any ideas you have; such as meeting sites, session ideas or leader suggestions or just any wisdom you would like to share with us. We desire to have a conference that fits your needs and meets your expectations. And please, keep us in your prayers as we plan.

Additionally, we are recruiting volunteers to serve as Regional Reps. Texas is so big, we cannot get to you all to attend associational or training events like we would like to. Go to www.tbma.net to find details of what we are looking for and let us know if you would like to participate.

And finally, we have a once in a blue moon opportunity to have the National Ministry Assistants Conference in Texas! I hope you will consider joining us in Fort Worth next April for this great experience. During the conference, we will have the chance for all Texas gals to get together and hopefully we will be ready to reveal some plans about the 2022 TBMA conference. Y'all come and let's have a great showing of Texas ladies!!

Honored to serve you,
Cindy

Ginger Montgomery, Secretary/Treasurer

I am so very excited to be on the board of the TBMA. I have been married to Jeff for 22 years. We have a 17-year-old daughter, in her senior year, and a 16-year-old son who is a sophomore. My husband is a retired Air Force Officer and we spent the first 18 years of our marriage moving around the country. Jeff spent a lot of that time overseas.

When Jeff retired in 2016, we were able to move back to my hometown, of Wall, Texas. We have enjoyed getting to be close to family again. Shortly after moving I was offered a job at the church we had been attending. Immanuel Baptist Church in San Angelo has been through many changes the last 3 years since I started working there. Our youth minister died suddenly in 2018, we were hit by a major tornado in 2019. We were hit by three major storms in 2020-- and no one can forget dealing with Covid crisis this year! We have a new pastor who is ready to help the church continue to recover and move us into the future. Our church has a completely new staff at this point, and I am looking forward to what God will do.



In the same way, I am looking forward to working with the new board to move the TBMA forward. I was so sad that we had to cancel the conference this year, but I know God will carry us through these trying times and 2022 will be an amazing conference. Please renew your membership for 2021. You may join by PayPal or print the registration form and mail it to me at the address listed below.

If at any time I can do anything to help you, please let me know. I would love to visit with each of you and I can't wait until we can meet.

PLEASE SEND ALL MAILINGS FOR GINGER TO P. O. BPX 3940, SAN ANGELO, TX 76902

Aimee McGinnis, Vice President - Programs



Hello Texas MA's! Happy Fall Y'all! What a joy and privilege it is to have been chosen to serve you for the 2020-2022 TBMA season as your new Vice President of Programs! Your new team, including myself, is excited and rarin' to go to lay plans out to bring you an amazing conference in Spring of 2022, as well as get our website looking top-notch! Plans are also already in the works for regular and better communications coming to you throughout these next years. We have all experienced some of the weirdest days of our lives in this year of 2020, including the sad cancellation of our 2020 TBMA Conference "Identity". But WOW!!! What an incredible job your previous officers did in putting together what was sure to have been an amazing weekend together, and we give them big thanks!! However, we promise moving forward to work very hard to bring you a stellar time in 2022 as well! We will, of course, reveal details along the way as things come together, so be watching your TBMA website and newsletter communications too! We certainly covet your prayers as we work and plan! We are also praying for each of you and thinking of you as we go through this planning time. We are lifting you, your churches, your families and your communities for health and safety as we navigate these new waters spread before us and asking our Almighty God to part these waters too! We have such an immeasurable treasure to be able to rely on our Father Who knows all, sees all, and ultimately is in control of all! We are safe in His sovereignty ladies, no matter what happens on this earth! God bless you beautiful sisters in Christ! We look forward to seeing and serving you!

"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD." [Isaiah 54:17](#)

"I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety." Psalm 4:8

Debbie Brooks, Vice President - Publicity

Throughout 2020 I have been reminded that God is in control. Our lives have been disrupted with the shut downs and closures of churches and businesses but as Christians we have been able to look up to see God with us. My favorite wall hanging in my house is a cross with the words “LOOK UP” in the middle. When I feel stressed and overwhelmed with the problems facing our nation I turn and see those words and smile because I know God has this nation in His hands. The 2020-2022 TBMA Officers look forward to serving each of you for the next two years and praying for you and your churches. Let us now join in prayer for the 2021 NAMA Convention being held in Ft. Worth, TX April 28th. This will be a great opportunity to meet all of the new TBMA officers and be a part of the national convention in our own state.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Phil 4:13)



TBMA 2020—2022 officers met in Granbury, TX (the site of our cancelled 2020 Conference) to start planning the conference for 2022. Let us all join in prayer for God to lead us as we plan this event as an uplifting conference for all.

Remember to send in your 2021 membership dues and talk to the churches around you that may not know of our organization.

**Join us at NAMA in Ft. Worth, April 28
thru 30, 2020.**

Go to www.nama-sbc.org for more



2021 TBMA Membership Form

TBMA operates on the dues of its members. Current employees, retirees, or volunteers in a Baptist church, association, hospital, state convention, state newspaper, school, children’s home, retirement home, or any other Baptist entity may join by completing the form below. \$5 from each regular and renewal

membership and \$25 from each retiree lifetime membership goes to the TBMA Endowment Fund. (please Type or Print)

Name: _____

Birth Date (month/day) _____

Hire Date (month/day/year) _____

Office Position: _____

Church/Association _____

Office Address: _____

Personal / Cell Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Office Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Email: _____

Were you referred by someone? If so, who? _____

- \$50 New Member
- \$40 Renewing Member
- \$20 Retiree Renewal
- \$80 Retiree Lifetime

Please make checks payable to CVBA (temporarily) and mail to:

TBMA % Ginger Montgomery
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San Angelo, TX 76903

Dues may be paid online at www.tbma.net under the “How to Join” tab.

Welcome to TBMA!

SAVE THE DATE... 2021 NAMMA



Fort Worth, TX

April 28-30, 2021

Have you joined or renewed your 2020 membership? Two additional benefits of paying dues prior to September 1, 2020:

1. Your name will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 Amazon gift card. Drawing will be held at the 2021 conference.
2. 2020 members will receive the conference workshops and hotel choices first.

Go to our website for updates and membership forms: www.nama-sbc.org