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Cindy Eoff, President



Out with the old, in with the new! I don't know that I have ever said that and meant it any more than right now in saying goodbye to 2020. I've been known to be nostalgic, okay maybe sappy too; and just hearing 'Auld Lang Syne' brings tears to my eyes. But this year, like most of you, I was eager to close that door. To top it off, we received a beautiful blanket of snow in west Texas! It was like God was saying, as the new year quietly slipped in, "I'm making all things new".

Today, January 1st, didn't begin with any miracles or magic bullets. We're still facing a virus that even the professionals are still making guesses on how to fight, racial tensions, and political unrest like I've never witnessed before. We are still grieving losses of loved ones, the absence of milestone event celebrations and other things that 2020 claimed. But, as Lamentations 3 says, "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Praise our Heavenly Lord for a clean slate, not just on January 1st but every day!

I'm excited to see what God is going to do this year. I am anxiously looking forward to getting together with the other TBMA officers and proceeding with plans for our 2022 conference. I do hope you will put the date in your calendar and make plans to join us. We will be meeting soon and hopefully have a date nailed down and a destination chosen that we can announce at the NAMA Conference. We covet your prayers in our plans and in our travels.

Please pray about attending the NAMA (National Association of Ministry Assistants) Conference in Fort Worth in April. It's exciting to have other MA's coming to TEXAS!! Let's show up in great numbers and give them a Texas sized welcome!! You can find the conference information elsewhere in this newsletter.

I am praying for you all in your everyday lives as well as your work in ministry and I thank you for your service to our Father. I look forward to seeing you soon. Please don't hesitate to contact one of the officers if there is anything we can help you with or pray about.

Honored to serve with you,
Cindy

Ginger Montgomery, Secretary/Treasurer

What a wild 2020 we had, and it looks like 2021 is going to be a bumpy ride as well. As we look at the way things in this world are going, it is very easy to become discouraged and feel lost. But God.....

I am so excited to be a part of a group of ladies who love the Lord and love serving His kingdom. I am looking forward to seeing how we can encourage one another and lift each other up in prayer. Please consider attending the NAMA conference in April in Fort Worth. I would love to visit and encourage each one of you.

As the TBMA officers are planning our conference for 2022, our hopes are that you would join us in April 2022. We should have dates to you very soon.

Also, if there is any way the officers can help you in your area of service, please reach out and let us know.



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Aimee McGinnis, Vice President - Programs



As all of your officers have touched on, we are all trying to come to better terms and understanding with the events of the past year. We were very excited about waving good-bye to 2020, and then 2021 comes roaring in with equally chaotic force! It just reminds me of what Jesus said in John 16:33....."*I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.*" No matter what transpires ladies, we can have peace in Jesus, if we keep our eyes and our focus on Him! That is my goal as we move forward into an unsure time of transition of power and potential recovery from the massacre of COVID-19 in the coming days.

I am so excited and honored to be serving and representing you in our beautiful state of Texas with the other TBMA officers, and we will be getting more information out soon regarding our 2022 TBMA Conference, so be watching for that! Don't forget in these times to send in your yearly dues, as this helps us assess what programs and speakers we can offer to you! We want to prepare an amazing experience for each of our ladies and we pray that there will be NO problems with everyone coming in April 2022 that desire to!

Also, your team of officers will be in Dallas in April of this year representing you and our great state at the National Association of Ministry Assistants (NAMA) which has never come to Texas before, so we feel very excited and honored to attend, and WE WANT YOU THERE TOO!! Please consider looking at the NAMA website (www.nama-sbc.org) for more information on the conference including registration - let's show the nation how Texas does things....BIGGER!! God bless each of you ladies and know that your TBMA officers pray for you often and thank the Lord for your faithful service to His kingdom! May the Lord get the glory in all that we do, and may others see something (Jesus) in us that they are inexplicably drawn to and desire to have for themselves!! If 2020 has shown us one thing, it's that we as Christians need to get busy sharing Christ with the world because the signs show His return could be any time! Happy New Year!

Debbie Brooks, Vice President - Publicity



In the last couple of months of 2020, I saw an outpouring of love and compassion like I had never seen before. This spirit of giving and loving during the Christmas season makes me want to keep the Christmas spirit going all year long. As women joining together to share God's Word to the world, let us remember Proverbs 31:26; "She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue." Ministry Assistants across Texas need to join hands to connect our hearts in spreading God's Word in our community, city, county, state, and nation. If you are aware of Ministry Assistants in your area that are not part of TBMA, please share this newsletter and our website (www.tbma.net) so that they may have the opportunity to join our group. Just remember that God is always there for us. Ephesians 2:19-22 reminds us that "whenever you feel unloved, unimportant or insecure, remember to whom you belong." These words hold a special place in my heart as at times I feel very insecure but then remember that God made me in His own image and will never leave me or forsake me. I look forward to meeting you all at the NAMA convention in Fort Worth on April 28th.

Happy New Year and may God bless you and your family!



Join or Renew
your membership

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

Go to www.nama-sbc.org for more information



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) _____

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- \$50 New Member
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- \$80 Retiree Lifetime

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

TBMA % Ginger Montgomery
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P. O. Box 3840
San Angelo, TX 76902

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

Financial Statement January, 2021

Deposits

Eastex CU	Start up	\$2,739.16
First Baptist Midland	Donation	\$246.00
Belmore Baptist	Dues Betty Blomberg/Ann	\$160.00
First Baptist Brazoria	Dues	\$40.00
Debbie Brooks	Dues	\$40.00
First Baptist Brazoria	Dues	\$40.00

Total Income \$3,265.16

Expenses

Cindy Eoff	Planning meeting in Granbury	\$979.66
Ginger Montgomery	Reinstatement of IRS	\$250.00

Total Expenses \$1,229.66

Balance **\$2,035.50**