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Cindy Eoff, President



Dear TBMA ladies,

NORMAL.... Have you seen it? Has it come back around, and I missed it? No? This is it? I kind of think so too. I guess we're going to have to accept it. I had a pastor recently mention to me that his young children will never know a world without Covid. That statement made me pause for a moment and realize things are different and will remain so from here on out. I do hope, though, that we get to a point where Covid isn't a consistent headline and doesn't dominate our daily conversations. I hope, if it doesn't go away, that it will just settle in with its cousin, Influenza, and be something we guard against but not

hide from. Regardless, I am thankful "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8. PTL!

(If you're a member of NAMA, my apologies that my article is almost identical to the one published in the NAMA newsletter. I am not a creative writer, and this part of the job description really taxes my brain.)

May I just say, I am so excited for the 2022 Conference in Waco!! We have Dennis Swanberg as our special guest and if you've never heard him before, you are in for a real treat. Search for him on YouTube and get a sample of his humorous acts. We are still working out details of the conference.... so many details....but we can tell you the conference price will be \$245. I know many of you need to figure that into your budgets. Also, the link for the hotel is up and ready if you want to reserve your rooms early. <https://group.hilton.com/TexasBaptistMinistryAssistants> Just an FYI, If you extend your stay for longer than the dates on the link, you are able to edit those dates once you get into the booking.

Regional Reps: We hope to expound on this idea during the conference. If that is something you are interested in, please contact one of your board members.

Please remember the TBMA board depends on annual dues for its operating expenses. 2022 starts a new year and dues will need to be paid again. Also, pray with us that nothing hinders our conference this year. I am anxious for us all to get together for fellowship and praising the Almighty!

I pray God's blessings over you all today and if there is anything I can do for you, please give me a call, or send me a text.

In Him,
Cindy Eoff
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Aimee McGinnis
Vice President - Programs



Hey there, all my beautiful Texas MA sisters! Recently, Holy Spirit inspired me to write about His invitation to “come as you are”. I was meditating on what that means in today’s world. How do we love ALL, regardless of the choices and the deceptions many people may live in, and yet stand firm on the truth of the Word, without compromise or approval of the world system we live in today? And I was brought back to the garden of Eden. The garden, you ask? Yes, our perfect Heavenly Father created the ideal world, the ideal environment, and the ideal set up for a perfectly reciprocal, vibrant, active relationship with His creation. And yet,

we messed that up. Sin entered our world, causing it to never be the same ideal place again. But even then, in His mercy, during a time that had to bring great sorrow to our Abba, He continued to protect us, to show sovereign, perfect love by placing an angel guard at the tree of life in the garden as He banished us from that idyllic Eden. Why would He do that? He was already booting Adam and Eve from the most perfect place on earth, why add insult to injury by placing an angelic guard with flaming sword at that tree? The answer is His perfect love.

Fast forward to today. Our world is a mess with COVID, politics, wars, storms, fires, etc., and I imagine I don’t really have to tell any of you this! We need not look far to see the proof of the chaos. BUT GOD.....those are two of my favorite words. His WILL can ultimately never fail or be thwarted. He knew that if Adam and Eve had any chance of partaking of the fruit of the “tree of life”, they would remain in their sin FOREVER. You see, our God, our Jesus, invites us to “come as we are” but does not intend to leave us that way. Jesus is our OVERCOMER and He WILL be victorious! We can rejoice in the fact that we are guarded from partaking in the “tree of life” in the garden, because God saved the best for the “tree of life” on Calvary where Jesus FOREVER gave us the ability to OVERCOME sin and death once and for all. So, take heart sisters, because WE WIN!!

Make your plans now to come and be a part of your 2022 TBMA “Overcomers” Conference on April 7-9 in Waco! You do NOT want to miss this time to fellowship with all our sister MA’s and to celebrate all that our Savior has done to OVERCOME this world! Can’t wait to see you there!

TBMA membership dues for January 1 thru December 31, 2022.

\$50 for new members and \$40 for renewing members

**Join or Renew
your membership**

NAMA membership dues for January 1 thru December 31, 2021

\$30 for new members and \$25 for renewing member

Debbie Brooks
Vice President - Publicity



As we near the end of 2021, we need to reflect on the positive. This year has been filled with too many negatives and disasters for so many of us. My focus is solely on God who has been by my side through this year of heartaches and struggles and has seen me through all of them. I am constantly telling my children and grandchildren when they are struggling with life issues, “Look up to God for the answers and thus your chin is always up.”

The TBMA Officers have come together with the theme for our 2022 conference:

*“Overcomer...but take heart,
I have overcome the world.”*

John 16:33

God will help you **Overcome** each of your struggles. I look forward to seeing each of you at the Conference in Waco April 7 – 9, 2022. Let us join together as Sisters in Christ to glorify His name.

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

Ginger Montgomery
Secretary/Treasurer



Hello fellow MA’s from across the great state of Texas. I am truly a summer girl, but as I sit here today I am enjoying a warm cup of coffee and a little bit of a cold front (its only going to be 88 today).

I am thinking of all of y’all and hope you are also enjoying the changing of the season. As we look forward to the spring, I can’t wait to see all of you in Waco and spend time together. I encourage each of you to please consider signing up for our conference in April. We are working very hard to make sure it will benefit not only your work, but also your personal self. It is surely a wonderful time to rest, recharge and learn. If you have never had the opportunity to attend before, know that it will benefit you in many ways.

For budgeting purposes, it is sometimes easier to pay the registration fee in this year and the hotel next year. Please feel free to contact me or any of the officers if you have any questions. WE love you and can’t wait to see you.



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)

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

Welcome to TBMA!



Texas Baptist Ministry Assistants 2022 Conference

April 7-9, 2022 in Waco, Texas

Special Guest: Dr. Dennis Swanberg

Join other ministry assistants from across the state of Texas for a time of networking, learning and refreshing skills, and being immersed in the Word of God.

CONFERENCE COSTS

Members:

Early Registration \$245

After March 15 \$260

Non Members

Early Registration \$295

After March 15 \$310

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