

Minutes – 2019 SYBA 146th Annual Meeting

Rev. David Childress, pastor of host church, Mount Vernon, gave a welcome and prayer. He then shared about the ministry fair in the fellowship hall and introduced Mary Jane Hoover, Ministry Assistant. Mary Jane gave a welcome and shared information on upcoming events. She also gave a word of thanks to all the SYBA volunteers and asked them to stand for recognition.

She shared that the Fair ministry will begin soon. The care bags for fair workers will be provided through local Boy Scout Troop 174 as an Eagle Project. Opportunities to be involved at the fair were shared. The Appalachian Backpack Ministry will offer two mission trips – KY & WV. Details about each trip were shared. New trip to WV will be led by Mary Jane and will be held at a host church. Backpacks should be delivered to the Baptist Center during October; goal is 650. The Toy Store for Jesus will have an additional location at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Rowan County. There is a new, improved sign-up online to volunteer for Toy Store.

Rev. David Childress, SYBA Board President, shared the theme, “Serve & Equip”. He also shared about the special trip to Harlan, KY, to take supplies to a school on July 31st. He expressed thanks for the great response from SYBA churches; almost \$10,000 for food vouchers for needy families was received in 9 days. Every item on the list for 400 children at Wallins Elementary School was provided through SYBA church donations. Expressed appreciation for all SYBA participation. Asked for prayers for Harlan, KY.

Rev. Childress shared about opening a second SYBA Food Pantry location to be located in a building provided by Front Street Baptist Church in Statesville. This location is in a pocket of lostness. He encouraged SYBA churches to give to support both locations and expressed appreciation to Front Street.

Rev. Childress also shared that a piece of property in Harmony has been donated to SYBA; there is a possibility for a Spanish mission there. He requested prayers for God’s guidance in how to best use this property and for obstacles to be removed.

Dr. Chris Thompson, Pastor, South River Baptist Church, shared that several months ago members of Bristol Drive Baptist Church approached South River about help to sustain the property. SRBC prayed and agreed to take them under their wing for three years to restart a church at that location. Over 40 people have agreed to go help. Rev. Wesley Rexrode will be the pastor for that location. SRBC will come alongside Bristol Drive until they are able to stand alone. They covet prayers for this church.

Rev. David Childress said these two projects show how SYBA churches come together and work together. Go back and encourage your church to work together to advance God’s Kingdom.

Mount Vernon and Hebron choirs presented, “Let the Church Arise”, directed by Kathleen Smith of Mount Vernon. Rev. David Childress expressed appreciation to the choirs. He shared that Messenger cards were sent this year to express how important your voice is in SYBA.

Coming from the Board, a motion was made to accept three new Board members. Dr. Brad Harrison has moved, so his position will be filled by Mrs. Phyllis Foy for 3 years. Rev. Donnie Chapman and Rev. John Stevenson will both serve 4 year terms. Ballots were raised to affirm them. No opposition. New Board members were asked to stand and be recognized. Asked everyone to pray for them. Mrs. Jane Jones and Dr. David Troutman are rotating off; and Rev. Childress expressed thanks to them.

Also coming from the Board, a motion was made to move forward with the additional Front Street food pantry location. Motion passed with no opposition. A motion from the Board to accept the proposed 2019-2020 budget was approved with no discussion or opposition. Rev. David Childress requested prayers for the Board and input. He explained that the new budget shows designated funds as well as general budget.

Rev. David Childress shared that Mrs. Bonnie Eanes, Executive Assistant, is retiring after 25+ years and introduced Mrs. Leslie Kusek as replacement for that position. She was asked stand to be recognized, and then he presented Bonnie with flowers and a gift on behalf of the Board.

Rev. Noel Williamson, Executive Director, expressed thanks to everyone present. He shared that starting in September, SYBA pastors will meet each month for prayer. The first Wednesday will be at the Baptist Center, the second Wednesday will be in Davie County at Jerusalem Baptist Church, and the third Wednesday will be at Peninsula Baptist in Mooresville.

He also mentioned the Ladies Prayer Team and encouraged everyone to call them or him with prayer needs. He also talked about the first annual Youth Pastors Roundtable/Lunch on August 20th. SYBA gives us opportunities to do more together. SYBA is here to help churches meet their needs. A new video series has been created to help find a new pastor; call Pastor Noel if you need help. Rev. Williamson, shared that one of the three greatest needs of churches is worship. We have a Worship Summit in February 2020 led by Rev. Kenny Lamm; pastors are encouraged to come with their worship pastors. He also shared that SYBA helps mobilize churches. He can help with demographics and strategies and is here to serve SYBA churches. He is excited about the future and is looking forward to working to make an impact for Christ.

Rev. David Childress asked the Board members to stand and be recognized. Please call Board members if you need help.

Rev. Byron Allison, graduate of Fruitland, introduced Dr. David Horton, President of Fruitland Baptist Bible College. Dr. Horton served as pastor for 30 years prior to going to FBBC. He asked those present who have attended Fruitland to stand.

Dr. David Horton expressed appreciation for the opportunity to speak and gave a word of thanks for the support FBBC receives through the Cooperative Program. He shared that 25% of pastors in NC have been to FBBC. Dr. Horton invited everyone to come and visit Fruitland. He shared a message based on Ezra 7 focusing on Ezra as a man equipped to serve. Dr. Horton gave a challenge to do more through SYBA by serving God with other people. He closed with Acts 13 reference made to death of King David – he fulfilled his purpose of God in his generation. Will that be said of us in this generation? We should serve with the maximum impact.

Rev. Childress closed the service by pointing out the list of 61 churches in SYBA and encouraged all to work together to accomplish God's plan.

The altar was open for prayer. The service was closed in prayer by Rev. Childress. Closing hymn was "Victory in Jesus".

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Eanes, Executive Assistant

