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Ministering Moments

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Membership Has Its Privileges

Think back – remember the typewriter, carbon paper, learning to use a computer? Remember when you started working at the church and you thought it would be a perfect, “kumbayah” place? How long was it before you found there was an “EGR” (*Extra Grace Required*) church member, a co-worker conflict, someone came in who needed financial assistance, someone came in who needed to talk to a minister & ended up talking with you because a minister wasn’t available? Did you feel adequate to handle the situation? Where does a ministry assistant get help-who do you call when you need answers? Texas Baptist Ministry Assistants (TBMA) was formed just for you!

Twenty-five years ago, a group of ministry assistants from across Texas put together the first state conference and formed Texas Association of Southern Baptist Secretaries – now “Texas Baptist Ministry Assistants.” Your TBMA officers plan a state conference every two years and this group of officers is excitedly planning a conference for next year, 2012 . The conference provides a time for personal spiritual growth, reflection, renewal, corporate worship, encouragement, making new friends, as well as a time of reacquaintance and networking opportunities, knowledge of available outside support, and fantastic training opportunities. Taking advantage of all this will give you confidence in handling your job, relieve some stress, give you the rewards of new methods and build relationships with those who have or are experiencing the same thing. Best of all, God will bless you for equipping yourself to better serve Him.

TBMA is not funded by any one organization. It is supported through your annual dues and conference fees and allows the officers to attend the National Conference, have a presence at state conventions and most importantly, get together to pray and plan for the best ever upcoming conference. We covet your prayers and encourage you to start budgeting now for our 2012 conference, “*Joy in the Journey-25 Years of Ministry.*” Do your part; join TBMA, save the date, April 19-21, 2012, plan to be at the Westin DFW, and encourage other ministry assistants to attend. Go to www.TBMA.net for more information and updates on the conference.

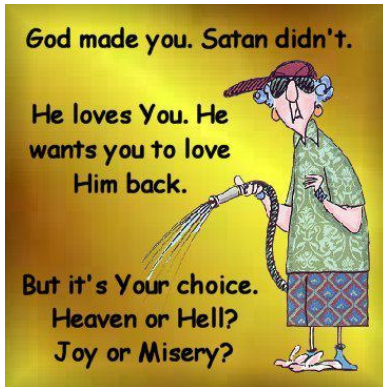
Trusting in God to provide; I hope to see you in April, 2012.

Barbara Smith
2010-2012 TBMA President

Role of the Unsung Hero

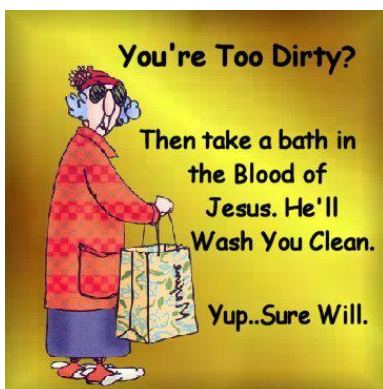
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*Let us fix our eyes
on Jesus...who for
the joy set before
him, endured the
cross.*

Hebrews 12:2



I remember the day in Jr. High when a large number of guys were sitting in the bleachers as the coaches were down getting organized. Although we were told to sit there quietly some guys just could not or would not do that. The coaches called them out of the bleachers. Everyone thought that licks or running laps were coming their way. However the coaches told them to take off their shoes, take them in their hands and to hold their arms out to their side. They did as they were told, but they were laughing because they thought this was easy punishment for what they had done (the rest of us thought so also). At first it was easy and they were smug about their ability to carry out the punishment. It did not take long for the smugness to be replaced by red faces and shaking arms. Lesson to self: One cannot hold up his arms for long.

Moses was in a situation once where he had to hold his arms up high for a long period of time. The story is found in Exodus 17. Joshua is battling the Amalekites at Rephidim. Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill while Joshua and his chosen men did battle below. As it happened whenever Moses held his hands up, Israel prevailed and when he let his arms down, Amalek prevailed. Thus, the strategy for victory was found. However, Moses could not hold his arms up forever. Thus, every time Moses needed to rest and let down his arms Israel began to lose. Aaron and Hur then placed stones beneath the arms of Moses. One got on one side of Moses and one on the other side and held up his arms during the battle. The Bible says that Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people that day. I think Aaron and Hur were unsung heroes that day. They supported Moses and helped bring victory. An unsung hero is defined as a person who makes a substantive yet unrecognized contribution. In ministry; in our churches there are those who play that supporting role; that role of an unsung hero. They are the ministry assistant, church secretary, office worker or whatever title you have been given. You are the one propping up the hands of your 'Moses' so the battle that belongs to the Lord can be won. You are the one who allows others to receive the applause and accolades; your reward is in the job well done – even if no one recognizes that it was you who did it. You answer to the Lord. You want His name to be honored and glorified. You are concerned with the Kingdom of God. Thank you for your service.

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April 19-21
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Irving, Texas

TBMA Conference Fee: \$190 for TBMA Members until March 19
\$215 for TBMA Members March 20 or after
\$260 for NON-TBMA Members

TBMA Full refund thru February 17 - 50% refund Feb 18-March 19 - No refunds March 20 or after

For further information, go to www.tbma.net

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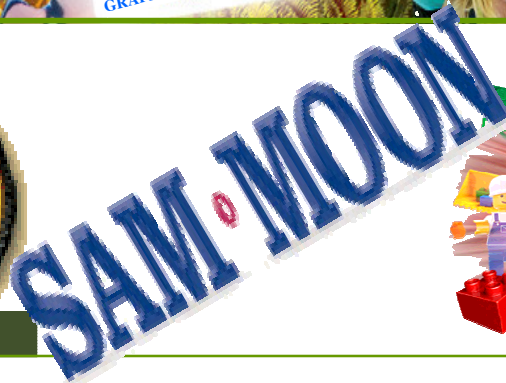
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LOTS OF FUN!



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Texas Baptist Ministry Assistants

ITS NOT TOO LATE TO RENEW YOUR 2011 TBMA MEMBERSHIP OR TO BECOME A TBMA MEMBER. Will you take the time right now and fill out the form below and send your dues to the address below? Keep up with all the exciting things going on with your organization. Also, encourage every Ministry Assistant in your office to be a part of TBMA. We are working hard to make our 25th anniversary very special. It won't be the same without YOU.

For Membership download the TBMA membership form from our website at www.tbma.net

You can also register and pay online at www.tbma.net

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Pray for the TBMA Officers



& for the 2012 conference

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TBMA NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

Eligibility: Current employees (or retired), volunteers in a Baptist Church, Association, Hospital, State Convention, State Newspaper, School, Children's Home, Retirement Home, or any other ministry position. (Please type or print)

Year for membership: 20_____

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Office Address _____

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Annual Membership Dues: January – December (renewable each calendar year).

Please make checks payable to : TBMA and mail to: Connie Scott, First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 65, Glen Rose, TX 76043-0065

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