

# 2014 Georgian Bay Association of Baptist Churches Fall Meeting

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- **Miracle reported**
- **Pastors retiring in the coming year. Read in this report.**
- **GBA website**
- **Ordinations, coming to a location near you.**
- **New business discussed at Fall Meeting**
- **Coming soon, Young Pastors Conference**

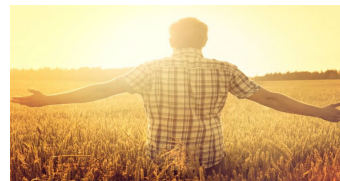
## G.B. A. Annual Reports and Updates

Monday September 27th., 2014 delegates from 10 of our sister churches met at First Baptist, Orillia for the Annual Meeting.

Pastor Steven Barker, conducted the evenings proceedings. If you were unable to attend, below is a brief outline of the agenda and reports for the 10 churches represented.

As the delegates arrived, attendees enjoyed light refreshments and a brief time to meet and greet new and old acquaintance's. Followed by a welcoming, and a prayer time in small groups. A sharing of scripture, Psalm 116: 1— 6 and a time of worshiping and lifting our voices up together in song. Pastors and or designates then gave

a brief update on items of prayer, praises and miracles in the their communities. After each church update, Moderator Steven read the GBA Doctrine Statement



### SET APART

Election of the new GBA Executive and Association Ministry Committee (AMC).

Thank you to First Baptist Orillia, our hosts for the Annual Meeting and to the worship team who lead us in song.

### Moderator's Report

Pastor Steven, 2013/14 moderator summed up his term, that in total he spent approximately 8 to 10 days in service. The Prayer Workshop was organized and hosted by Hope Community and very well attended. Steven reviewed the must haves of the Association. The Executive and AMC needs to have 3 to 4 meetings per year. In the coming year, ordinations are planned in a few of our sister churches.

## Financial Report

Steven reviewed the Association dues and current balance of the bank account. We also covered the purpose of the churches membership dues, the largest portion used primarily to supplement the nurses wages at Camp Kwasind.

Association dues also have been used to benefit churches start up programs, augment church building projects, outreach programs by various churches and to send delegates to the CBOQ Annual Assembly in May.

To view a complete report of the account, disbursements, expenses, receipts and balances of the GBA contact our treasurer.

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## 2013/2014 Georgian Bay Association of Baptist Churches Update



Jesus said,

Outreach programs, professions of faith in our Lord and Pastor Retirements announced

....name them one by one



In alphabetical order and point form:

### First Baptist Church, Barrie

- ◆ Filled the position of Youth Pastor, Chris Payne.
- ◆ Anniversary Service in October.
- ◆ A heart transplant member who was given only days to live a year ago, walked into church two Sundays ago. PTL!

### Inniswood Baptist Church, Barrie

- ◆ New pastors ministering

### Marchmont Baptist Church

- ◆ Finished building project of an additional 20 ft. upper and lower levels, with an elevator.
- ◆ Enjoying a time of peace!
- ◆ Sanctuary and kids program are full

### Calvary Baptist Church, Midland

- ◆ October 26 is the 140th. Anniversary Celebration
- ◆ On the 26th., at 3:30 PM a music celebration, followed by a dinner for \$12.00

### First Baptist Stayner

- ◆ October 19th., celebrating 160 year Anniversary at 7:00 PM.
- ◆ Holding to the Acts 2:42, continuing steadfastly.
- ◆ 2 recent professions of faith!

### Calvary Baptist, Gravenhurst

- ◆ "Project Turkey" in its 20th., year serving 500 guests.
- ◆ The Muskoka Advent Choir with 100 voices is planned again for

John Torrence, Ken Johnson

- ◆ The church is enjoying Parish Nursing program
- ◆ Prayer for congregational health, focusing on grief, neighbours and listening to one-another.

### Burks Falls Baptist

- ◆ The Kids Program on Wednesday needs your prayer support.
- ◆ Thursday mornings Ladies Bible Study, continues to

draw women from outside the church.

- ◆ Monthly "Love Offering" assisting community families in need.

### Hope Community Christian Church, Cumberland Beach

- ◆ New couple on staff.
- ◆ Enjoyed new growth through professions of faith.
- ◆ Focusing on discipleship program.
- ◆ "Good Food Box" outreach with a value of \$10 to \$15

- ◆ Celebrating a new front entrance.

- ◆ Plans for a Christmas Cantata has begun

### First Baptist Church, Orillia

- ◆ Continuing Leadership Development
- ◆ Barnabus Program (B2) Evangelism Teaching.
- ◆ Involved in a Addiction Program as a local mission
- ◆ Started a "Branch Plant" at a downtown gym by supplying a dinner with

family devotions.

### First Baptist, Parry Sound

- ◆ As reported last year, the program Group of Hope continues. Theme of Connected on Prayer.
- ◆ The Alpha Program continues to keeps those invisible lines strengthened when people drift out of fellowship.
- ◆ Pastor Marjorie has announced her retirement, please pray for God's leading in her life.

this Christmas.

- ◆ "Growing Together" using CEF program doing crafts, helping youth with homework has resulted in a Youth Group start up.
- ◆ Pastor George has announced his retirement in August 2015
- ◆ Please pray for the Search Committee in the churches next phase of ministry.

Thank you to all who participated in giving a brief summary and update.

# G.B.A. of Baptist Churches Constitution



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Below are paragraphs taken from the Constitution to serve only as an introduction to the 6 page article. A detailed copy can be downloaded from our website at [www.gbabaptist.org](http://www.gbabaptist.org)

**Purpose of the Association:** The purpose of the Georgian Bay Association is to encourage and support, with the Lord’s help and guidance, its member churches in the fulfillment of their mission to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and to nurture Christian believers.

**Membership:** The Association shall be composed of Baptist Churches in good standing in the County of Simcoe, Region of Muskoka, the District of Parry Sound and the adjacent areas. Any church in these boundaries may make an application for membership to the Association Executive.

## The Executive Contact Information

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## Association Ministry Committee

The current roster for our 2014/15 A.M.C. is as follows.

Returning for a second term.

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**New to the A.M.C. this year...**

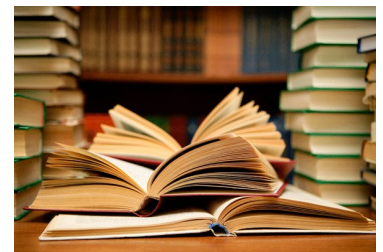
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The A.M.C. will be busy in the coming year. Churches in our Association are planning now for new ordinations in multiple areas.



**Wisdom  
Shows**



## CBOQ & GBA Business Report

### GBA EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

**Nominated Moderator - Calvin Everitt**

*Motioned by - Hillary Corriveau, Seconded by - Jeanette Leach*

**Nominated Vice Moderator - Ron Aitken**

*Motioned by -James Housser, Seconded by - John Betsworth*

**Nominated Treasurer - Gerald Hunt**

*Motioned by - John Bunner, Seconded by - Cliff Rummenie*

**Nominated Clerk - Doug Brown**

*Motioned by - Edwin Smart, Seconded by - Cliff Rummenie*

**Pastor Moderator - Steven Barker (acclaimed)**

### ASSOCIATION MINISTRY COMMITTEE

**Nominated - Cliff Rummenie**

*Motioned by Edwin Smart, Seconded by Joan Church*

**Nominated - Joshua Stone**

*Motioned by Cliff Rummenie, Seconded by John Bonner*

**Nominated - Paul Carter**

*Motioned by Cliff Rummenie, Seconded by Eileen Johnson*

**Nominated - Cathy Newton**

*Motioned by Eva Wynham,  
Seconded by Hillary Corriveau*

### Discussions from Monday September 27th.

- A) **GBA Fees/dues were reviewed. Currently the Association has enough cash-on-hand. Reviewed the purpose of the Seed Fund.**
- B) **Participants discussed the need of a Nominating Committee. This has not occurred in the last few years. Primarily headed up by the Past Moderator position. The committee would be proactive and functional.**
- C) **An introduction to a conference being organized by First Baptist Orillia, held at Muskoka Bible Conference. More details forthcoming.**
- D) **Discussions around how many meetings were necessary for our Association.**



## Pastor Appreciation Month – “Last, but not least”

### October is Pastor Appreciation month!

An opportunity to say “thank you” to your pastor(s).

“pastors like cookies!”

Google has many sites giving suggestions on “how to” acknowledge your pastor.

<http://www.lifeway.com/Article/pastor-Ideas-for-Pastor-Appreciation-Month-in-October>

Pinterest has 100 ideas

[wayshttp://www.pinterest.com/mscdwilson/pastor-appreciation-ideas/](http://www.pinterest.com/mscdwilson/pastor-appreciation-ideas/)

HERE IS THE TOP 10 WAYS TO SAY “THANK YOU”

- 10. 30 DAYS OF APPRECIATION - Have members and adherents one small gesture per day all month.
- 9. Favourite Things— send balloons, free shoe shine, gift card for coffee, make an apple pie, bake cookies.....
- 8. OFFICE MAKEOVER— fresh

paint, new technology, clean their office.

- 7. PUBLIC THANK YOU— newspaper add, card signed by all
- 6. VIDEO PRESENTATION—make a video
- 5. COMMENTARY—pick up that new book
- 4. FRAMED PICTURE - of the church
- 3. ORIGINAL ART— a gift of some local artisan
- 2. CUSTOM T SHIRT—specific for your church

1. LOTS OF LETTERS— the lost art of sending a letter. Everyone loves receiving a letter in the mail!

