

Council Update: Key Highlights from Our Latest Report

Discipleship in Christ demands great investment, thoughtful consideration, and unwavering determination (Luke 14:25-33). We are called to be steadfast, carefully evaluating the elements of ministry so that God can align them for His purpose. This process requires much sacrificial commitment, but the result is a ministry that glorifies God, flourishes under His favor, and produces a multiplying return.

At the September 4 and 5 Council meetings, councilmen were blessed to see this pattern on full display in the reports from our three ministry teams: our administration and staff, our church coaching team, and our missionaries serving across the US.

All but two of our 21 pastors, laymen, and BCP missionaries who make up our Council—as well as all three new councilmen, whose terms begin next March—were able to be present.

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We rejoice to have a Council that engages and provides wisdom and advocacy from their engagement. They believe in the vision of BCP to help churches be healthy so that they might multiply.

Shared reports brought rejoicing and prayer for the 90 plus churches we are serving or are in the process of onboarding. Out of their collaborative efforts came the approval of Marty Basinger to be a Director of Church Facilitation with focus geographically in NY, OH, PA and the coast. He will bring a prayer emphasis to our team and churches. Council approved a clear pathway of investing the financial resources God has given into ministry pursuits, and they proposed the generous care of a missionary family who had extreme medical costs.

God has graciously provided clarity for the next year, even though we don't fully know what He will do as we walk with Him. Our plans include onboarding, consulting, training, and coaching more churches, while deepening partner relationships. We aim to embrace multiplication, hoping to add more missionaries, begin new church plants or replants, and potentially bring on key team members, such as a director of church facilitation or a VP of Church Relations. Though we can't foresee the outcomes or challenges, we remain committed to faithfulness and endurance, trusting God to determine the fruit.

The Mission family is deeply thankful for each Council member and the incredible time and effort they dedicate to absorbing extensive communication and information. Their partnership with us through prayer, wisdom, church ministry connections, and generous support is invaluable. As we welcome three new Council members, we also bid farewell to three others whose faithful service and care have been a true blessing. Both the remaining Council members and our team expressed heartfelt gratitude for their dedication and lasting impact on our ministry.

We are also grateful for you—partners from long ago and the newest faithful supporters of our growing family. Thank you for your continued interest in the work of this Mission and your part in it as God leads.



Jon Jenks

Jon Jenks | **PRESIDENT**



Celebrating the Retirement of Jim and Sharon Solomon

Jim and Sharon put down deep roots where God plants them, and their faithfulness to their God-given ministries is an example to us. They have served the Lord for over 50 years each, and their full-time ministry of almost 20 years was invested in just two churches. Full-time ministry began as missionary pastor and wife of Calvary Baptist Tabernacle in Gardena, CA, with Southwest Baptist Home Missions. They served there from 2006 to around 2012 when it was determined for health reasons that relocating to West Virginia was God's next assignment for them.

They joined BCP in 2012 and began their partner raising efforts, only to have God "put on the brakes," as they call it, for 12.5 weeks in mid-2013 when Jim went into the hospital for diverticulitis and spent 6-7 weeks in a coma, nearly passing away seven times, finally coming out of the hospital in October, and hitting the deputation trail again in January of 2014 with a sense of "God is not finished with me yet! There is work to do!"

In May 2014, they were appointed as missionary pastor and wife to a rescue work, Galilean Baptist Church in Fairmont, WV, and by August of 2014, Jim and Sharon had relocated cross-country. They reported that "along the way we had six new tires put on the truck, a little transmission issue, and overheated once. Sounds about right, but in every case, we knew God was in control." They landed in West Virginia and promptly planted themselves into life and ministry with their same characteristic determination.

Following colon resection surgery in November 2014, Jim and Sharon purchased a fixer-upper home (December 2014), and Jim recorded, "We are seeing many parallels between rebuilding the house and rebuilding the church!" But they were praising the Lord at that time over the addition of qualified deacons, the beginning of ladies' ministries and a joyful choir! In 2016 they reported that "attendance has doubled in the last year, five couples and one family with three boys have joined the church, offerings have increased, the mortgage has been paid down and will be paid off this year. We were also able to completely remodel the upstairs room where we have children's church and our church dinners, and we finished paving the parking lot."





2017 marked seven years of ministry there. The church celebrated 50 years of existence. Jim and Sharon wrote, "God has worked in many ways over the years to keep His light going in this area through this body of believers." They also reported that "God has given us a beautiful home, land, an abundance of tall trees and fruit trees that are bearing many peaches this year. Our two children and their spouses love and serve the Lord and have blessed us with five grandsons. We have some health challenges, and the winter and spring were particularly difficult this year, but I (Jim) have been able to stay out of the hospital for two years. PRAISE The Lord!"

Jim and Sharon Solomon just retired from being full-time missionaries. They speak often of their faithful prayer and financial supporters, many of whom have supported them for over two decades. That is predictable as it's a pleasure to partner with God's servants who minister so effectively for so long. There is so much fruit in all of these accounts—Jim and Sharon's as well as their faithful partners.

Please join us in wishing Jim and Sharon a very joyful, healthy, and blessed retirement.

Please also consider giving to the work of missionaries who are continuing the same gospel work that Jim and Sharon so faithfully labored for over the past 50 years. The work continues, and we would love for you to be a part of the next chapter in the advancement of the gospel through Baptist Church Planters.



Marty Basinger Appointed as Director: A New Chapter Begins

We are excited to announce that Marty Basinger has accepted an appointment as a Director of Church Facilitation, focusing on NY, OH, PA, and the East Coast. Marty will bring a strong emphasis on prayer as he supports our team and the 90+ churches we are currently serving or onboarding across our network. We are confident that our team will be highly blessed by his leadership and experience and look forward to seeing how Marty will continue his lifelong pursuit of creating healthy, multiplying churches.

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Missionary Updates: Steve and Kristen Wynn

In the face of trials, Scripture reminds believers to "count it all joy" (James 1:2-4), knowing that such challenges produce endurance in their faith. Recently, the Wynn family experienced this firsthand when Kristen's mother faced a serious, life-threatening illness. With sleepless nights, uncertainty, and anxiety, they relied on prayer and God's grace. Through the faithful prayers of many, God provided healing, and Kristen's mother successfully recovered from surgery. The family expressed deep gratitude for the overwhelming support they received.

This experience served as a powerful reminder of God's sovereignty in all trials. What others may intend for harm, God uses for good (Romans 8:28). For the Wynn family, this season reinforced that each trial is an opportunity to be conformed to the image of Christ, growing in faith and steadfastness. They found comfort in knowing that God's hand was at work, even in the darkest moments, refining



Throughout their ministry, the Wynn family has focused on serving churches in need of revitalization and growth. They are currently working with two churches, guiding them through the initial evaluation and transition phases. One church is preparing for a revitalization weekend, while the other is moving forward with an assisted transition plan. Both are crucial steps in helping these congregations regain health and focus on their mission. The Wynns have been deeply encouraged by the progress being made and ask for prayer as these churches take significant steps toward renewal.

The process they follow is outlined in the "Revitalization Timeline" graphic. This timeline illustrates the four key stages: beginning with behind-the-scenes evaluations, moving through active discipleship and implementation, and concluding with ensuring that the church is equipped to

thrive on its own. The graphic highlights their comprehensive approach, underscoring the importance of every step from preparation to execution.

The Wynns invite you to pray for wisdom, provision, and steadfastness as they pursue revitalization.

Although fully funded at this time, please also consider partnering with them financially to support the work God has called them to.

