

LONGS PEAKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Annual Fall Celebration

23 SEP 2018

Bent Tree Church, Loveland, CO

Bent Tree Church lead pastor Paul Trimble welcomed us to the meeting, to celebrate what God is doing in our churches and ministries in Northern Colorado. Paul opened with an update on Bent Tree Church and their new campus in Greeley. We were led in worship first by the Congolese worship team from Bent Tree Church on Campus who sang in their native Lingala language. Bent Tree worship leaders Hunter Trimble and Nicole Chapman who lead at the two BTC campuses then led in group worship.

GRANDVIEW CHURCH (Mead) - opening the celebration meeting with a video of a member giving her testimony before her baptism this spring, Pastor Bruce Hendrich and new Christian Brooke Babcock shared her journey to Jesus. "It all started with a sno-cone..." Brooke's daughter was reached by Celebration Station events and got her to take her to church. Brooke's 11-year-old daughter led her to Jesus. Brooke challenged us all to remember the power in that moment - the moment of the very first time we knew God spoke directly to us.

CSU CHALLENGE (Fort Collins) - Director Wade Pacheco shared about new things they are trying at CSU and of recent salvation moments they have enjoyed. Wade asked for prayer over these new Christians and their interactions with them.

LPBA Moderator Tree Cooper called the meeting to order at 4:10pm and led us in corporate prayer of worship and preparation. Wade Pacheco made a motion to accept the proposed agenda as printed, seconded by several in the room and the motion passed unanimously.

LPBA Clerk Nancy Mann recognized the ten churches with messengers present: Bent Tree Church, Discovery Fellowship, Cornerstone Baptist, Estes Park Baptist, New Life Greeley, Foothills Baptist, Southside Baptist, The Pursuit Church, Nelson Road Baptist, and Trinity Baptist. The messengers were seated and a quorum is present for business.

John Howeth, Church Planting and Outreach Team leader, presented twelve churches for credentialing into the LPBA: Calvary Derby Hill, Casa de Oracion, God's Country Cowboy Church, Grandview Church, Living Rock Church Timnath, New Creation Fellowship, Remnant Church, River City Church, Severance Community Church, Storyline Church, Stove Prairie Community Church, and Trailhead Church. These churches have met the requirements of the LPBA for membership. The motion to accept these churches coming from a team requires no second, the vote to accept them was unanimous.

LPBA Clerk Nancy Mann then recognized the messengers from these newly credentialed churches: Calvary Derby Hill, Casa de Oracion, Grandview Church, Living Rock Timnath, New Creation Fellowship, River City Church, Severance Community Church, and Trailhead Church. These messengers were also seated and the quorum required for amending the constitution, 30% of member churches present, is met.

Tim Corbin, Chief Operating Officer of the Colorado Baptists delivered a message from the state office, and invited everyone to attend their annual meeting on October 15-16 at Black Forest Church.

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Cornerstone Baptist Church (Windsor) - Pastor Tree Cooper encouraged us about losing church members the right way - out into the service of God. Two of his staff/deacons have recently left to become pastors at two of our churches. In God's economy, Cornerstone's loss is Kingdom gain.

Trailhead Church (Wellington) - first celebrating in video about everything going on demographically in Wellington, and at Trailhead, pastor John Richardson let us know about their intentions to partner with Hispanic planter Oscar de la Cruz Sr to plant a hispanic church in Wellington next year. They had also hosted planter intern Zack Thurman during the past year and have a new planting intern, Steve Perry, there now.

Ralph Helm and John Howeth introduced the new pastors in our area: Paul Walker at Estes Park Baptist Church, Bill Stevens planting in the Loveland/Johnstown area, and Andy Duke planting in Windsor.

LPBA Treasurer Ray Adkins present the financial reports and thanked all the member churches for their support. The LPBA is currently running at a \$9,093 surplus for the 2018 year, with both giving ahead of budget and spending below budget. Ray also presented the 2019 budget for approval. The \$129,000 budget came from the Administrative Team and required no second. There was no discussion, and the budget motion passed unanimously.

NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH (Greeley) - introduced by a short video about their use of the Celebration Station this summer, Pastor Ken Mowery and his wife Annette shared how their outreach into the community this summer brought them over 700 contacts in a week. They saw and learned about how their neighbors are living and about their major concern right now - neighborhood safety. New Life is planning to partner in safety meetings and to continue to reach into their community with block parties. They also reported unprecedented buy-in from their members in serving their neighbors.

Ralph Helm recognized Travis Heady, pastor of Canyon Ridge Baptist Church for 10 years of service. Travis was not able to attend to present his celebration stories and receive his certificate.

NEW GENERATION CHURCH (Fort Collins) - special guests to our meeting today, New Generation (Nova Geração) is a Brazilian church meeting at the River City Church space on Sunday afternoons. Pastor Ilano Morais shared the story of the church vision growing from Denver to Fort Collins and about how they are meeting now. He asked for us to pray for them as they continue.

CALVARY DERBY HILL (Loveland) - following a video showing their community outreach events of the past year, Pastor Dave Herre updated us on their replanting progress. He shared their microwave (explosive) growth and their slow cooker (gradual) growth. They have new members in their 20s and in their 60s, grandchildren of former members are back, and they have children in their building. They are hosting one replanting intern and have another expected soon. Member June Tate shared that when she arrived in 2011 at 75 years of age they were a church of old people and how exciting it is to have children again. They expressed their thanks for the LPBA support of Dave and replanting.

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LPBA Vice-Moderator Joe Reid presented the proposed Constitutional amendments. The amendments were discussed at the February 2018 Executive Board Meeting, were shared via the LPBA website, emails, and print over the last 6 weeks. The purpose of the amendments is to 1) correct the language "Executive Board" to "Executive Team" in keeping with the team concept the LPBA uses, 2) correct the term "Director of Missions" to "Associational Church Catalyst", the title in used since the job was created, and 3) to remove Article XV which is no longer required by law and is outdated. The motion came from the Administrative Team and does not require a second. There was no discussion. The vote to make the amendments as proposed was unanimous.

CHURCH PLANTING - In videos from the four newest church plants - Keystone (Loveland), Overland (Fort Collins), City Church (Boulder), and Living Rock Severance - John Howeth celebrated the unprecedented level of planting in our area right now. We also were able to add a second Celebration Station and the two units have been in use a lot this summer - allowing churches and ministries to take Jesus to where the people are.

Ralph Helm recognized two retiring pastors - Rick Cagle retired from Southside Baptist Church in October 2017, and Gerry Brock will retire from Nelson Road Baptist Church at the end of this year.

Ralph Helm, LPBA Associational Church Catalyst presented the new slate of LPBA Officers for 2019:

Moderator: Tree Cooper, serving his second year

Vice-Moderator: Joe Reid, serving his second year

Treasurer: Wade Pacheco

The motion to accept this slate of officers came from the Administrative Team and requires no second. There was no discussion. The slate of officers passed with unanimous vote.

LPBA Moderator Tree Cooper presented the slate of Executive Team At-Large Members for vote: Ray Adkins, Oscar de la Cruz Jr, Johnny Lee, Tom Macy, Chad Minne, Brandi Parrish, and June Tate are nominated by the Administrative Team and no second is required. There was no discussion and the vote passed unanimously.

Tree Cooper encouraged us all with 2 Kings 6:16 - that those who are with us are far greater than those who are against. That we fight together and that we never want our pastors to feel alone. He challenged us to all tell one pastor here today that he is not alone.

LIVING ROCK CHURCH (Timnath) - after a brief video recap of their Easter Egg Hunt, pastor Kelly Parrish shared how they are growing and focusing on gospel multiplication - that their church has been birthed and will die, but that gospel work is the focus. They have worked with two planter interns this year - Keystone Church launches next week and Living Rock Church of Severance will launch in January. They are excited to have new planter Andy Duke coming on board this year. They want to plant the gospel by loving people. Brandi Parrish shared the recent story of a teenage girl coming with a friend to small group time one week; Brandi was pressed to share the story of the woman at the well. The following week the girl shared with Brandi that she'd never heard of anyone in the Bible who was like her - raped at 16 and now being sold by her own father for his drug money - she needed "that

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Jesus that the woman met.” The girl is now a baptized believer and at her baptism attended by her mother and the mother’s boyfriend, that couple told the Parrishes that they too needed “that Jesus that they see in her” and they are now believers and about to marry at the church.

LIVING ROCK CHURCH (Severance) - pastor Josh Green shared how important his time at LRC Timnath had been for him, learning Colorado, learning the hard soil here, learning to build trust in their community that had been church hurt. Both LRC pastors shared that they has borrowed from the Calvary Englewood replanting model to learn how to multiply their church and they are excited to be multiplying.

UNC CHALLENGE (Greeley) - Director Colt Kreeger shared some numbers from their beginning of year: 70 gospel appointments, 4 salvations from those appointments, and 25 of their students have shared their faith with a non-believer. In particular, we celebrated that McKenzie, who came to salvation just last year, has shared Jesus with five students. Colt challenged us to remember that the gospel is alive and well, even in Northern Colorado.

Ralph Helm concluded our celebration stories by announcing that 160 baptisms have taken place since we last met and that though it is tough to minister here, we are here because God called us here, and for His purpose, and that He is working.

LPBA Moderator Tree Cooper accepted June Tate’s motion to adjourn the meeting and John Richardson’s second. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Mann, LPBA Clerk