

MINUTES
LPBA Annual Fall Celebration
at Cornerstone Baptist Church, Windsor, CO
SEP 29, 2019

Attendance: Individuals - [Sign-in sheets scanned and attached](#)
Organizations: [list scanned and attached](#)

3:30pm Tree Cooper, lead pastor at Cornerstone Baptist Church and LPBA Moderator, opened the meeting in prayer and introduced the Cornerstone worship leader, Jeff Hindrick and worship team. They then led us in worship through music.

OPENING CELEBRATION STORY: [VIDEO: Serve 6.8 in Fort Collins](#) Brad Gilliland, pastor at Immanuel Church shared their story of building relationships in their city and community. On October 6th, Immanuel will celebrate their new name, City Park Church, as they strive to become an integral part of their city.

3:56pm Tree Cooper called the meeting to order and explained the agenda printed in the Book of Reports.

- Nancy Mann, LPBA Clerk, recognized the churches present, 21, and seated the messengers.
- John Howeth, Team Lead, Church Outreach and Planting Team, introduced Zoar Baptist Church from Prospect Valley and their interim pastor Dean Shepard and his wife Peggy. Zoar is now credentialed into the LPBA, and their messengers are seated for this meeting.
- CELEBRATION VIDEO: [Trailhead Baptism Sunday, July 6, 2019](#)
- Doug Lohrey, Colorado Baptists Chief Financial Officer and President of the Baptist Foundation of Colorado brought a greeting from the state office. He promoted a number of resources from the state, including:
 - Next Steps process - partnering with Auxano Ministry Consulting through the state to assist your ministry in finding their next steps. About 90 Colorado churches have begun the process.
 - Baptist Foundation - loans and investments at very good rates and terms; and also estate planning. If someone will leave 10% of their estate to an SBC entity, there is money towards the writing of the legal documents.
 - Accounting HUB - assisting churches and nonprofits with their bookkeeping. There are 26 entities on board now with more coming every quarter.
- [IMB Associational meeting video](#) - the great innumerable multitude requires every church, every nation.
- CELEBRATION STORY: [VIDEO: Replanting - Hillside to One Hope](#) Tom Macy from Cornerstone shared the story of Hillside Baptist Church (Greeley) struggling to find their new direction, and then becoming a replant in partnership with Cornerstone Baptist Church (Windsor). The church has a new name, One Hope Church at Hillside, and a new pastor, Johnny Upchurch. Tom challenged us all to become better Christ followers by moving from just being a church member to becoming a gospel sharer and church planter: "Bringing life to dying churches - how will you be involved?"
- BUSINESS: FINANCIAL REPORTS Wade Pacheco, Treasurer, presented the 2019 year-to-date numbers showing that we are in a \$689.70 deficit. We are holding down expenses, but have less support this year than last. He thanked the churches for their support of the LPBA mission. Wade also presented the proposed 2020 Budget, at \$125,360 it is a decrease of \$3,640 from the 2019 budget. Tree Cooper moderated the vote to accept the budget, which passed unanimously.

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- RECOGNITIONS: Ralph Helm, LPBA Associational Church Catalyst, and John Howeth, Northern Colorado Church Planting Catalyst introduced on new pastors - Shad Wickstrom at The Pursuit Church (Fort Collins), Ed Stepp at Nelson Road (Longmont), and Johnny Upchurch at One Hope Church @ Hillside (Greeley); and Jon Willhite planting StoneBridge Church in South Wellington.
- CELEBRATION STORY: [VIDEO: Overland Church - LPBA Grant](#) Zack Thurman shared the story of Southside Baptist Church voting to become a legacy church in DEC 2018 by deeding their church and land to Overland Church who was launching in JAN 2019. He is thankful for their vision. Overland partnered with their planting partners and NAMB to complete Phase 1 of a remodel before their launch. The LPBA granted Overland Church funds to assist in in the Phase 2 remodel and extensive work has been done. Overland is averaging 137 in attendance and has shared the gospel with people from around the world as they work on Horsetooth Road and on the CSU campus.
- ERLC “Caring Well” program designed to guide churches in addressing abuse [video](#). Ralph shared that we have a number of copies of the “Becoming a Church that Cares Well” book. Please let the LPBA know if you would like one.
- Ralph Helm, ACC, shared his concerns for our leaders as they face struggles in ministry and life. If you are struggling in any regard, Charles Boswell at the state office; Truman Parker, Ken Mowery, and Ed Fleming in our association and northern Colorado area, and others can help. We have a Leader Care assistance fund. Please contact Ralph or John Howeth about accessing those funds for counseling. This is a confidential service. We are a resource to help you get the help you need.

Ralph announced he will be retiring in 2020. The A-Team will form a Task Force by mid-year to begin the search process.

- VIDEO: [Colorado Missions Offering - Nate Templin](#) The challenge to raise up leaders from within, and to send out disciple makers
- John Howeth, CPC, reminded us that the LPBA exists to be a resourcing group - in addition to the resource of counseling help, we have grant money like Overland received, and smaller amounts of grant money for evangelism and outreach events. Use the LPBA website to request those grants.

Additionally, John shared with us how explosively northern Colorado is growing right now: “North Severance”, “South Wellington”, and “South Windsor” for example, these towns are growing and growing quickly. We are celebrating 4 launches of new church plants in 2019 and have 2 replants as well. We have another planter coming on board soon, and we have Bill Tinsley working with our planters as their Church Planting Mentor. We will also be onboarding a “Sports Camp” trailer to assist with events; the trailer and equipment are donated by The Pursuit Church. John asked that we continue to pray the Luke 10:2 prayer for more workers for the harvest.

- VIDEO: [NAMB's “Who's Your One?”](#) Challenging us to evangelize the one.
- RECOGNITIONS: Ralph and John recognized
 - Pastor Sonny Castellija from Trinity Baptist Church (Longmont) for 10 years of service
 - Pastor Ken Mowery who retired from New Life Community Church (Greeley) in April
 - Pastor Conley Shelander who will retire from Fourway Baptist (Fort Lupton) on OCT 20

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- ELECTIONS Moderator Tree Cooper led us through voting for these two slates; the votes were approved unanimously
 - LPBA Officers:
 - Moderator: John Richardson
 - Vice-Moderator: Ed Stepp
 - Treasurer: Wade Pacheco
 - Executive Team At-Large Members:
 - Ray Adkins
 - Oscar de la Cruz, Sr.
 - Johnny Lee
 - Tom Macy
 - Chad Minne
 - Brandi Parrish
 - June Tate

- CELEBRATION OF BAPTISMS AROUND THE LPBA: [VIDEO Compilation of Photos sent in](#)

Ralph announced that there were 184 baptisms reported in our churches this past year. We are so excited by what God is doing in Northern Colorado.

5:17 pm Tree Cooper adjourned the meeting. He called Ralph up and we prayed over Ralph's ministry herein the LPBA and thanked God for his time with us. The meeting adjourned and we continue our celebration with fellowship and meal.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mann,
LPBA Clerk