



# *Tennessee Baptist Missionary & Educational Convention, Incorporated*

## **The** **Laymen's Ministry**

**March 21**

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**MISSION:** To work with Pastors throughout the TBM&E Convention to establish, organize and motivate men and boys to get more involved in the Ministry of Jesus Christ. To develop and deliver local, District and Regional workshops that will train and encourage men and boys to more effectively minister to the unsaved and those in need.

Developing And  
Deploying Men As  
Good And Faithful  
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To the Laymen and Supporters

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome each of you to the Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention Inc. Laymen's Ministry website.

The Laymen's Ministry is an Auxiliary of the Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, Inc. This Ministry is affiliated with the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. National Baptist Laymen's Movement.

Our main purpose is to enlist men and boys of the Christian faith for fellowship and service through the local church. Additionally, our purpose is to bring unsaved men and boys into a spiritually vital relationship with Jesus Christ through a personal commitment to Him.

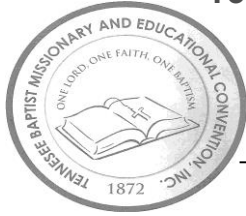
Also, promote work with boys in the local congregations, District Associations, State and National Conventions. This work will cause them to learn and participate in the ministries of the church and develop leadership skills for the future.

Again, welcome to our website. It is our prayer that as you browse, you will find information that will reward you and your ministry.

Yours in Christ

*Ozell Wright*

Ozell Wright, President  
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**The Laymen's Ministry**

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## **Our Scriptural Base**

21 His Lord said unto him, well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. Matthew 25:21

## **Our Theme**

Developing and deploying men as good and faithful servants of Jesus Christ.

## **Our Vision**

The Christian men and boys of Tennessee are fully engaged in the ministry of Jesus Christ within their local church, their District and the TBM&E Convention Laymen's Ministry. Their work is effectively attracting unsaved men, women, boys and girls to redemption and salvation in Jesus Christ.

## **Our Purpose**

Encourage the Men and Boys of Tennessee to be more involved in the Ministry of Jesus Christ within their Family, Church and Community.

## **Our Mission**

To work with Pastors throughout the TBM&E Convention to establish, organize and motivate men and boys to get more involved in the Ministry of Jesus Christ. To develop and deliver local, District and Regional workshops that will train and encourage men and boys to more effectively minister to the unsaved and those in need.

## **Our Goals**

1. Increase the participation of men and boys in the Ministry of Jesus Christ within their local Church.
2. Create in the Districts within the Convention Outreach Ministries that include Jails and Prisons, Homeless Shelters, Street Witnessing, and Adopt-A-School.
3. Establish Regional Workshop within the Convention to assist men and boys better understand their role in this spiritual work and provide information on effectively leading, organizing and operating a Men's Ministry.
4. Establish within the Convention a Boys Bible Study via the Bible Bowl Competition that begins in the local Church and concludes with a Statewide and Regional Competition.
5. Increase the participation of men and boys in financial support of the State Convention and the National Baptist Laymen Movement

## TBM&E Convention LAYMEN'S MINISTRY HISTORY

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Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, Inc. has always given Laymen a prominent place in the activities of the Convention. In the early days of the Convention, Laymen were active in the organization of several departments. They have sought definite knowledge concerning the work of the Convention, and their responsibilities in their churches, and how they can effectively pursue their interest.

The Laymen's Convention was organized in 1915 at the Berean Baptist Church in Jackson under the inspiration of Rev. William Collier. At the first meeting, twelve farmers were present and donated \$2.00 each to contribute to the work of the Convention. Brother S. M. Pruitt of LaGrange, was elected President; Brother W. H. Johnson, of Demark, served as Secretary; and Reverend William Collier, served as Director General.

In 1919, the Convention Minutes state, "The Convention suspended business for the Laymen to hold their meeting as per the Program." In this session Professor E. T. Brown of Nashville was elected President, Brother J. M. Easterling of Chattanooga, served as Secretary; and Reverend Joe Dark of Memphis served as Director General. A constitution for the Laymen's Department was adopted in 1920.

Through the years the Laymen's Department of the Convention has attracted many great Christian men to its leadership ranks. Their leadership strongly supported the Departments and activities of the Convention. Educators, physicians, attorneys, farmers, and business owners were strong in Church affiliation, which in turn brought strength to the Convention. The list of such men is long, but collectively they represented a tower of strength for the Christian cause.

In recent years the following men have served as President of the Laymen's Department which in later years became the Laymen's Ministry. Brothers S. H. McVay of Milan; Countee Bond of Jackson; J. E. McKinnie of Bolivar; and Clifton Satter of Memphis. Brother R. L. Radford of Trenton served as Vice President. Brothers Roy T. Perkins of Georgetown; Gregory Ridley of Nashville; and S. F. Dobbins of Decaturville served as Regional Vice Presidents.



One great example is that the Laymen's Department was among the first to envision reconstituting the educational work of the Convention in the 1940s. A group of Laymen in Memphis after conferring with President S. A. Owen used the credit of M. S. Stuart and Henry H. Humes to borrow \$500.00, paid as earnest money to obtain property, Vance Avenue and Orleans Street in Memphis, which became the site of Owen College. Laymen, Pastors and Churches worked together to provide funding to support the operation and growth of Owen College.

In more recent years, Laymen organized a group, "Friends to Education," with the objective of getting Laymen across Tennessee to donate at least \$100 per year to support Christian Education. Their efforts produced improvements to the College buildings, equipment for the Development Office of LeMoyne-Owen College, Scholarships for ministers and other students, as well as leadership and support for the annual fund-raising efforts of the College.

## Laymen's Ministry Officers

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## Who is a Layman?



When God constructed Man in the book of Genesis, He formed him physically from the dust of the Earth and made him a spiritual being by breathing into him God's own breath. Man is equally connected to Earth and God with a purpose of caring for the physical nature of one and sharing the spiritual nature of the other. No other creature of creation has this distinction. This can be interpreted as man's role in society is to provide for the physical and spiritual needs of his family, church and community.

A Layman can be described as a man who has a heart captured by Jesus, the Christ, with the purpose of building the kingdom of God, our Father, with the help of the Holy Spirit. The dictionary definition for layman is "a person, who is not a member of the clergy, is part of the laity." In the twenty-first century church it is defined as a person that is not an ordained minister. Of course, those in clergy began meaningful ministry work as a member of the laity; thankfully some of the clergy remain strongly connected to the Laymen's Ministry and its movement.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells the story of a Master who was about to travel to a far country and leaves his servants to manage his property. He gives to each servant responsibilities according to their ability. He returns from his journey to find that two of the servants had managed well their responsibilities, and one servant did not. The Master recognized the good work of the two responsible servants, and welcomed them to a generous reward. However, the servant that did nothing was sent to a place of suffering. The Layman is charged with being faithful and responsible for the Master's property (His Ministry).

A Layman strongly supports the vision and direction of the Pastor of their congregation. It has been said that Men can bring strength to ministry by envisioning the Pastor's vision. This simply means that the Laymen of the church work to ensure that ministry is effective and succeeds in expanding the kingdom of God.

When a Layman joins with other Men, the Laymen's Ministry is formed, may also be known as the Men's Ministry or Brotherhood, and is established to involve men and boys in the ministry of Jesus Christ. Men are positioned by God in the Church to bring strength to every ministry. Within the Church that means the men provide leadership or strength to ministries such as, Deacons, Trustees, Music, Ushers, and Christian Education in all its forms.

Also, in Genesis God gave man (Adam) stewardship of the Garden. Man remains responsible for God's property and is the steward God has entrusted with its care. Laymen use the Word of God to devise methods of supporting the Church. Tithing in all its forms (*Tissue, Time, Talents and Treasure*) is the method designed by God to support the Ministries of the Church.

Laymen lead or support the activities and events that cause the Church to engage with the community. This ministry is a strong outreach ministry that focuses on the unsaved, those that are in need and those seeking Christian guidance. In Matthew 28:19, Jesus commanded us to "*Go and make disciples*", the focus of an outreach ministry.

## TBMEC Calendar OF EVENTS 2016

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### JANUARY

January 1  
New Year's Day - Office Closed  
January 11-14 NBC Mid-Winter Board Meeting  
January 18 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday - Office Closed

### FEBRUARY

February 3-5  
Middle Region Annual Session  
February 8-10  
Eastern Region Annual Session  
February 15-17  
Western Region Annual Session

### MARCH

March 12  
TBM&E Convention Christian Education Leadership Conference

### APRIL

April 11-13  
Adjourned Session  
April 30  
Oratorical Contest

### MAY

May 22  
Missions Sunday | ALL ASSOCIATIONS

### Western Region Laymen Ministry Workshop

May 30 | Memorial Day - Office Closed

### JUNE

June 20-24  
NBC Congress of Christian Education  
June 27-July 1  
Youth Encampment

### TBD

### Middle Region Laymen Ministry Workshop

### THEME

The Gospel Proclaiming our Faith for Victory  
Matthew 28:20 "...and lo I am with you..."

### JULY

July 4 | Independence Day - Office Closed  
July 16  
Eastern Region Ushers Banquet  
July 18-21  
TBM&E Convention Congress of Christian Education

### July 29 to 31

**Walter Cade, Jr. Southwest Laymen Workshop – Dallas, TX** – See Information on the next page

### AUGUST

August 20  
TBM&E Convention Women's Conference

### TBD

### Eastern Region Legion Ministry Laymen

### SEPTEMBER

September 5 | Labor Day - Office Closed  
September 5-9  
National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. | Kansas City, Missouri

### OCTOBER

October 1  
Western Region Ushers Banquet  
October 17-20  
TBM&E Convention 144th Annual Session

### NOVEMBER

November 24-25 | Thanksgiving - Office Closed  
November TBA  
Sunday School Publishing Board Conference of Christian Education  
November TBA  
Executive Council Planning Meeting

### DECEMBER

December 23-26 | Christmas Holidays - Office Closed

*Walter Cade, Jr. Southwest Laymen's Workshop*  
*"This Spiritual Journey Continues"*



The following states make up the Walter Cade, Jr. Southwest Laymen Workshop; Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas

The Workshop is designed to deliver national level knowledge, skills and exposure to local Laymen and their supporters. It is a three day event filled with preaching, teaching (also developing young people) and outreach ministries. It begins Friday evening with a meal that helps to refresh and restore after a day of travel. The evening then focuses on the young people of the Region. A young man will deliver a spirit filled message from the Word of God. The young people will bring song and dance, and will conclude with a Bible Bowl competition.

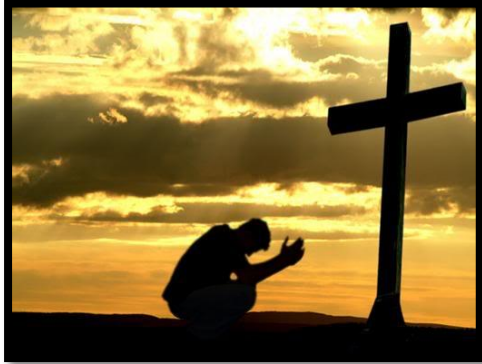
The Focus Saturday is Christian Education where twelve classes are offered for pastors, men, women, boys and girls. Additionally, there is a Women's Luncheon, including a Speaker. The afternoon is spent in a Street Witnessing service in the community. This service typically brings several souls to Christ and their baptism is planned with a local church in that community. Saturday concludes with a Banquet that recognizes Bible Bowl Competitors, songs from Regional Male Chorus and Layman as keynote speaker.

Sunday completes the Workshop with Breakfast and a Worship Service with a Pastor as Speaker.

The Walter Cade, Jr. Southwest Laymen Workshop has been on a long journey and it has a promising future. Many have travelled this Road of Destiny and they have set the direction, inspiration and the pace. We must follow their leadership example and carry the message and cause of Jesus Christ on into the future. Its rich past has been spiritually strong, brought enlightenment to many and sets the path for a promising future.



## The Laymen's Ministry in Action



The Laymen's Ministry must to be focused on God, our Father, His Son, Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit. The leadership has to keep this premise in front of the men at all times and in everything the men do. The work we do or the services we may provide cannot become the focus or our principle concern.

The Laymen's Ministry must be a ministry that attracts men to salvation, God's service and the work of the church. Salvation is our primary reason for touching the life of others, so that purpose is the overarching purpose for our Christian walk. Every meeting or fellowship is a

great venue for checking for or offering the path to salvation. Bible study, fellowship and food are always good things.

The Saturday morning meeting may be used to prepare men for life and to walk in the light of Jesus the Christ. It would be useful to add a short planning and review session to the meeting. In one of the meetings, develop a small planning team that could do more extended planning for the Ministry at another time. The planning team could be used to plan an annual calendar of the Ministry events and activities. The team would be responsible for designing the Ministry committees that would do the detail planning for the events or activities they have identified.

There are three broad categories of ministries men can be offered the opportunity to serve. The categories are; Inside the Church, Outside the Church, and Outreach Ministry.

1. **Inside the Church** includes ministries, events and activities such as participating in the music department, Devotion with Deacons, participating in Christian Education (Sunday School, Bible Study and Church Conferences or Institutes), Ushers, AV, and kitchen and dining room crew. The Men's Ministry may capture a Sunday and participate in all Sunday services from Sunday School through the Worship Celebration, and Ministry sponsored programs and activities. There must be an effort to spiritually develop young men and boys and involve them in ministry work. Tithing and sacrificial offering is a fundamental Biblical principle that men must provide consistent leadership in this area.
2. **Outside the Church** includes events and activities such as participating in the facility maintenance and repair, grounds care, parking lot and sign maintenance, and general custodial care of the church facility. Secondly, visit the sick and home bound of the Church, work with the Deacons to deliver Communion, visit the sick and shut-in, hospitals, jails and prisons, and develop a 'brushed with kindness' ministry that will assist the elderly of the Church with simple home repairs.
3. **Outreach Ministry** includes events and activities such as taking ministry to the men's shelters and to nursing homes. Interacting with the evangelism teams to plan and execute a street ministry, visit new members, and establish and invite a community to church campaign (neighborhood canvassing). Develop a program to adopt a hospital, a nursing home, a homeless shelter, and community center and participate in the Adopt-A-School ministry. While there, organize a brief worship service with prayer and scripture readings.

These events and activities bring something for everyone and the men can begin to understand and appreciate the spirituality in their gifts. 3M is not seen as trying to place the men in a particular box or limit their ability to share their gifts. The objective is to get the men involved in God's service that will result in the salvation of those who do not know the power of a loving God, His Son and the Holy Spirit.