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Greetings Fellow Church Administrators,

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Happy New Year...

I hope you are as excited about the promise and opportunity 2014 holds as I am. Around our home, there is a new sense of possibilities. Around my church, we are excited about our theme, *The Year of Good Health*, and about our construction plans for a new children's education center and a Christian community center in the center of Music City, Nashville, TN!

I'm excited to see you soon – are you planning to be with us at SBBOC meeting March 17, GuideStone Financial (see below), and NACBA July, Orlando, FL? I hope so – the agenda for each meeting is a DON'T MISS can't go wrong plan for church business administrators!!!

Tell me about what the Lord is doing in your life and church – send an email update, tom.crow@firstbaptistnashville.org. You personally – how can I pray for you and encourage you?

It's not too late to make 2014 your personal year of health adjustments – whether it includes physical health adjustments (workouts), emotional health adjustments (more fishing for me☺), spiritual health adjustments (can't miss daily prayer & devotion/Bible study times with God), or family health adjustments (more evenings with family), I know you can make the best effort

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for health living and serving our Lord. Let's spur one another on toward love and good deeds...

I'm equally excited about the year with SBCBAA. This year, we have several opportunities for growth:

Grow professionally and relationally by attending the SBOC meeting at GuideStone Financial, March 17-19, 2014, Dallas, TX – check it out, register today at

<http://www.sbboc.com/AnnualMeeting.aspx...among> other speakers and workshop offerings, presenters include Richard Hammer, Thom Rainer, Don Busby, and Gayla Crain will be with us this year, providing challenging, timely, profitable learning sessions.

Grow relationally and professionally by attending NACBA meeting, Orlando, FL, July 14-18; check it out, register today at www.nacba.net.

Renew or make new membership TODAY at www.sbcbaa.org with our Southern Baptist Church Business Administrators Association. It's only \$48 for a year of valuable relationships, learning from others, social media connecting and problem solving, and participation in our great meeting times.

Leap into the future as we present our proposed new organizational name – **BLN, or Baptist Leadership Network**. We will formally introduce this in the SBCBOC meetings this March, and vote on the name change in July at business meeting during NACBAA. Our officers believe it will be a very positive change and broaden our membership appeal. I think it has many positive possibilities for us! What are your thoughts?

Condolences to the family of our good friend and long-time active SBCBAA/NACBA member, *Charles Olive*. Charles, a resident of Dothan, Alabama, passed away January 18, 2014. He was a great friend to so many of us church administrators through his ministry with Ridgecrest Baptist Church. Following a 30-year career with NCR, he began a new career as Church Administrator with Ridgecrest Baptist Church, spanning 20-years. Charles loved his family, the church, the people of Ridgecrest, and the family farm.

Our deepest condolences and prayerful support are extended to his family, including Barbara Olive, his wife of 49-years. You may sign the family guest book at www.southernheritagefh.com.

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Proposed Name Change for the SBCBAA

The SBCBAA Executive Committee recommends that SBCBAA adopt the new name, Baptist Leadership Network. This gives the organization a new look and feel that will better capture who we are, services we provide, and the network of Baptists worldwide to serve in Baptist church administration.

Below is a preview of what will be proposed in March at our Business Session. If approved, the new name will be followed by more social media connections for our group to allow us to stay connected. More about this proposal as we approach the annual meeting at GuideStone Financial Services in Dallas, Texas, March 17-19. Make your plans now to attend and be a part of this momentous event!



Formally the SBCBAA

The *look and feel* of SBCBAA is streamlined through **BLN** to better capture and communicate our mission. Our mission is to connect Baptist leaders to one resource for training, fellowship, and networking. We are all about Church Administration: providing the Baptist Church Leader with the right tools to become effective and knowledgeable in his or her field.

What we offer:

- Centralized communication through social media
- Certification as a Certified Business Administrator, CBA
- Connections to training opportunities
- Camaraderie with church leaders all over the U.S.

Levels of church administration:

Local Level – Local chapters like the NACBA is a great place to connect locally with other church leaders where ever you live

National Level – National organizations like the NACBA are the perfect way to get up to date with church leader issues

Denominational Level- the Baptist Leader Network, BLN, is the best place to connect with other Baptist church leaders throughout the year

Membership Applications are now on line at www.sbcbaa.org. Membership runs from Jan to Dec each year so now is the time to join or renew! For 2014, the new membership rate is \$48, (only \$2 a month—less than .50 cents/week!). Watch for new added benefits of being a member as well as new resources to help you stay connected, trained, and informed.

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