

BUSINESS AND INFORMATION SERVICES TEAM

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The Business and Information Services Team serves as a support group for all the work of the LBC State Missions Services. The team provides expertise in the areas of financial accounting, information technology, facilities maintenance, office services, and human resources as well as providing hosting and program services for conferences and camps through Tall Timbers. Our goal is to enhance and support the work of all LBC Teams, so they accomplish the missions and ministry goals of the Convention.

In addition to coordinating the Annual Church Profile (ACP) process for the state, Shana Johnson serves as **Information Services** Support Manager and is responsible for the overall information technical support systems of the Convention and provides assistance to several state entities that are housed within the Baptist Building. In cooperation with other SBC state conventions and national SBC entities, Information Services has been instrumental in developing an online database of all SBC congregations and leadership. This program has become the national database for all SBC congregations and all SBC entities, both state and national. The database consists of all information collected through the ACP each year, as well as information directly communicated to the office. All information is retained to maintain historical statistical and leadership information for each reporting congregation. Through her team's effort along with assistance from the entire State Mission Services Staff, ACP reporting of all Louisiana Baptist congregations maintains an above average reporting percentage within the SBC network of congregations.

The LBC **Accounting Team** provides competent tax and accounting information to Louisiana Baptist churches. In addition to supporting the finances of State Missions Services, we assist with questions on Budgeting, Accounting, Payroll Taxes, and Church Accounting issues. We are here to help you! Our contact information can be found on the LBC website. In addition, consistent with prior years, the Louisiana Baptist Convention received an excellent review on our Annual Audit Report.

Tall Timbers experienced no programmed summer camps in 2020 due to the pandemic – the first time in camp history. In addition, the campground sustained wind and flood damages from Hurricanes Laura and Delta respectively in the fall of 2020. However, director, Josh Bumgardner, and a reduced staff worked through the year to improve the facilities while hosting much fewer guests. The staff trusted in God's provision through the hardships of 2020, knowing that the need would be great for guests to reconnect at retreats and summer camps in 2021! Hotel room renovations will resume in 2021, as well as the completion of a new cabin, and the start of construction of a new swimming pool.

The Business and Information Services Team considers all of its various areas of support work as ministry unto the Lord. We count it a privilege to serve our Lord by serving our colleagues and Louisiana Baptists in the work of reaching Louisiana for Christ and strengthening our churches.