

# TBCSA Officers 2016—2020

## Mary Sawyer, President



I have been the Ministry Assistant at Western District Baptist Association in Paris, TN since May 2004. My family and I attend Maplewood Baptist Church. Together with my husband, Will, we have 6 children: Hunter, Cody, Jacqueline, Charity, Michaela, and Tomas. We are the new Brady Bunch! If you are ever in need of entertainment, please come by our house! I couldn't be more thankful and blessed than to serve in a mission's office today to share God's love with everyone we come across.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president on the TBCSA team. TBCSA has grown me in many ways and I have met many new life-long sisters that have helped me become who I am today! I always look forward to and enjoy the work the Lord has for us to do! Jesus looked at them and said, *"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."* Matthew 19:26

## Starlete Cochran, Vice President



Starlete has been the Ministry Assistant at New Victory Baptist Church in Jonesborough since September 2007 and thoroughly loves her job. In 2008, she also began serving as the church treasurer and manages all finances for the church and different ministries. She is actively involved in many activities in the church, serving and filling in as needed. She plans banquets, events for senior adults and has now started leading the fellowship meal ministry, along with serving the Awana kids a weekly meal. Starlete was saved at the age of eight at First Baptist Church, Weber City, VA. They moved to Jonesborough in July 2006 and joined New Victory in October. Starlete and her husband Greg adopted their daughter Britney when she was six. Britney is very involved in the Children's Ministry at the church.

*I started going to the TBCSA conferences in 2008 and enjoy them greatly! They really help me, for as we all know, sometimes it's not easy being a church secretary. I have found these conferences to be so uplifting from being able to talk and share with other ladies that know exactly what I have experienced or have gone through. I love all the information that is available to us, and I always leave feeling so uplifted!*

## Heather Beard, Treasurer



Heather has served as Ministry Assistant for the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board since June 1998 and is a member of Rolling Hills Community Church, Franklin. She was saved when she was 15 at youth camp in Panama City, FL. Heather and her husband, George have been married since December 2007. They have one daughter Peyton who is six years old. She enjoys reading, listening to music, scrapbooking, spending time with her husband and daughter, and crafting.

*I am really enjoying being a part of TBCSA and being able to attend conferences, grow as a ministry assistant, grow in my relationship with Christ and to meet new people. I am proud to be the treasurer of TBCSA and enjoy serving other ministry assistants throughout the state.*

## Carol Church, East Tennessee Representative



Carol has served as Ministry Assistant and Financial Secretary at Calvary Baptist Church, Elizabethton since November 1999 and is an active member of University Parkway Baptist Church in Johnson City where she lives. She was saved at the age of nine. Carol and her husband, Gary were married in 1980. They have one daughter, Leslie, who is pursuing her B.C.B.A., a grandson, Kian, and a Weimaraner Lilly. She enjoys target shooting, riding bikes, and serving as Media Technician at the church she attends. She also is the Property Manager at the Baptist Village of Johnson City which is a ministry of the TN Baptist Adult Homes.

*The staff and congregation at Calvary has always encouraged me to be involved in TBCSA and NAMA (formerly NASBS) and attend the state and national conferences they offer. Through the training and encouragement I have received from being a part of these associations I have grown to be a more passionate follower of Christ and a more effective Ministry Assistant. This is why I want to serve my fellow Ministry Assistants through the TBCSA – to encourage them to be all they can be for the glory of God. “...whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” 1 Cor. 10:31.*

## JoAnn Howard, Middle Tennessee Representative



JoAnn is the Ministry Assistant/Church Program Strategist at the Nashville Baptist Association in Nashville, TN. She has been ministering at the NBA since June 2008. Her experience ranges from church secretary to almost every position held within a church body. This experience helps her to relate to the churches and their Secretaries/Ministry Assistants in the Nashville Association.

JoAnn and her husband David are active members of Antioch First Baptist Church, Antioch, TN. They have 3 grown children, Laura and spouse Jason; Dana and spouse Nick; and Phillip and spouse Caitlin and 4 wonderful grandchildren, Emmerson, Bennett, Adam and Aaron.

The TBCSA has been such a blessing to me and my life working at the NBA that I want others to see the benefits of attending the conferences. My prayer for you is that from attending these conferences, you will be encouraged, strengthened and renewed to minister in your position. You have been blessed with an amazing opportunity to serve.

## Suzanne Cunningham, West Tennessee

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