

## *From the President*

We are officially over halfway through the 2021 year! Many of us are back full swing with both church work and our personal lives. As I am working on this newsletter, I can't help but get butterflies of excitement for March 2022! I truly missed everyone, and I know my fellow officers missed you all too! As saddened as I was to postpone our conference, I am glad that we made that decision. I am looking forward to what God has in store for all of us not just the remainder of 2021, but for the conference in 2022.

Please be in prayer for your officers as we continue to plan and organize details. Please pray for our Conference Leader, Sara Bible, and our Worship Leader, Zach Clark, that both will remain healthy and that God will bless their preparation time. Please continue to pray for your fellow ladies in ministry. Please pray for their health so that everyone will be able to attend.

We look forward to seeing you all in March! Mark your calendars; line up your babysitters; and get ready to spend a few days learning just how important you are to God...so important that you were "Created on Purpose" by Him for a specific purpose on earth.

Serving Along with My Fellow Sisters,  
Elizabeth Smith, President



## *Nominations*

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find a Nomination Form for 2022-2023 AABS Officers. If you know someone that you feel would make an awesome AABS Officer, please fill out the nomination form and return it to Sarah Lanier, c/o Evergreen Baptist Church, 107 Park Street, Evergreen, AL 36401 or ebcsecretary.sarah@gmail.com. Nominees will be presented for election at the 2022 Conference. If you have questions about this procedure or for more details of what each officer's duties are, please feel free to contact one of your current AABS officers.

## *Important Info*

Conference registration begins on Sunday, March 6, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. The conference concludes on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. We encourage you to be with us for the entire conference to get the full benefit!

All registration is handled through Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center. To register, simply complete the enclosed registration form and return to Shocco with your payment. You may register online at [www.shocco.org](http://www.shocco.org). Online registration opens on Monday, September 20, 2021. There is a special drawing for those who register **BEFORE** December 31, 2021.

## *Find Us Online!*

Be sure to check our Facebook page (Alabama Association of Baptist Secretaries) and website ([alabamabaptistsecretaries.com](http://alabamabaptistsecretaries.com)) for updates as they become available. The full conference schedule will be available on our website as breakout leaders continue to confirm.

## *T-Shirts*

T-Shirts will be available for \$15 (all sizes) Sizes available for purchase are small - 4XL. The shirts will be short sleeve. To guarantee your size, your order must be received by February 11, 2021.

## *Evaluations*

We are listening! Each year we ask you to give us feedback on what you thought about the conference, and you are always faithful in giving us good, honest evaluations. We try to make the adjustments each year to present to you the smoothest, relevant, and most helpful conference so as to make the best use of your time and resources. We thank you for your input!



## *59th Annual Conference*

**March 6-9, 2022**

Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center  
Talladega, AL





**General Conference  
Leader**  
**Sara Bible**

Sara’s resume includes a B.A. in Religious Studies from Judson College and a Graduate Certificate in Discipleship from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. She is currently a Ministry Assistant and has previously served as an officer with AABS. She continues to pursue opportunities to serve as a Christian and Pro-Life Speaker.

At her core, Sara is simply a girl who loves Jesus! She believes we were all created in the image of Christ: mind, body, and soul. She is pursuing wellness in every aspect of her life. She runs on essential oils, ice water (heavy on the ice), and chocolate. Her favorites include reading, Netflix, cozy blankets, and Auburn Athletics.

**Worship  
Leader**

**Rev. Zach Clark**



Zach is currently serving at FBC Enterprise as the Middle School Pastor. He is originally from Albertville, AL, where he graduated from high school in 2014. He received his Bachelors in Christian Studies from North Greenville University in South Carolina, and is currently working on his Masters of Christian Education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Zach started leading worship in 2016 while he was at North Greenville, but started singing while in high school. While Zach was still in high school, his Student Pastor pushed him to pursue music and is the reason he is leading worship today.

**2022 Breakout Sessions**

This year, the list of breakout sessions include:

- QuickBooks
- Benevolence
- InDesign
- Security in the Church Office
- Morning Prayer Walk
- Word/Excel/Publisher
- Life Lessons from Mayberry
- Certification Courses taught by Jane Barrett:
  - Managing the Administrative Task of the Church
  - Knowing What Your Denomination Believes & Why
  - Leadership
- And many more!

*Updated list will be available on our website closer to conference.*

**2022 Mission Project**

*We will once again collect items for the Alabama Baptist Children’s Home. This year we will bless the Dothan campus. A detailed list will be posted on social media & our website closer to conference.*

**Why should you attend?**

*See what last year’s conference attendees said:*

- \* Wonderful!! This is my 3rd year and this was the best one yet! Loved Rita!
- \* FANTASTIC!!!!
- \* Loved it! Relaxed & ready to tackle what is piled up on my desk.
- \* Wonderful - Encouraging - Informative

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