



*The purpose of the Association is to encourage, support and strengthen leaders who belong to Grace Brethren Churches, and to engage in activities for the benefit of its members as may be determined by the board of directors.*

The Association of Grace Brethren Ministers is currently led by a twelve man board of directors. These directors meet annually at conference and handle business throughout the year electronically. In mid year the Executive Committee meets to handle the business related to the Association and to provide strategy for our future.

## **Association Membership**

Currently our membership is a little over 400 pastors and ministry leaders

There are 30 new members who were examined or certified in the previous year and have received a complimentary one year membership.

We are encouraging men in our association to mentor younger men in the ministry of the FGBC. If a young man is in an acceptable mentoring program he will receive a complimentary membership for the first year. After the first year his membership would be \$50 until he is certified, licensed or ordained.

## **Notable Enhancements**

Ethics document

We now have an Ethics document that has been approved by the Board of Directors as a guideline for pastors and churches.

Certification Document

We also have approved standards for examining boards to use as they license and ordain men. This will give uniformity and provide protection in our process of examination.

New Web Page

It has been a desire for some time to upgrade our Web-page. After Equip last year Jerry Young met with Gabe Taviano to set up the structure so we can begin to do some of the things we desire through this means of communication. Jerry Young has the page up and running and we

will continue to make additions that will help us in ministering to those who pastor in our Fellowship.

## Annual Awards

Lifetime Achievement: E. William Male

Excellence in Ministry: Kent Good

Pastor of the Year: Greg Howell

## Works in Progress

Producing standards for churches to follow in their relationships with pastors, especially as they relate to the search and selection process, compensation, continuing education sabbaticals and conflict resolution

To develop a broad geographical network of trained individuals who can help with conflict resolution, offer comfort and counseling to pastors and their churches which are struggling because they are unable to resolve conflicts or achieve stability in ministry.

Develop a better system for ongoing communication among our members