# ABCD: Alabama Baptist Conference of the Deaf

## What is ABCD:

Alabama Baptist Conference of the Deaf is a Deaf State Conference under the State Board of Missions of Alabama. The Conferences is a centralized conferences held and operated by a selected and appointed Board through the Alabama Baptist Deaf Churches and Deaf Ministries.

## Mission & Goals:

The Mission & Goals of this conference shall be to encourage:

- Great Commission of our calling Matthew 28:16-20
- Church gathering and Christian services Hebrews 10:25, Matthew 18:20
- Teaching of God's Word 2 Timothy 4:2, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 1 Timothy 4:13
- Christian spiritual growth Philippians 4:9, 1 Thessalonians 5:11
- Christian training & discipleship Colossians 3:16, Titus 2:1
- Christian fellowship 1 John 1:3,
- Unity Galatians 6:2, 1 Peter 3:8, Philippians 2:2, 1 Corinthians 1:10
- Leadership 1 Timothy 3:1-7, Proverbs 11:14
- Christian Stewardship John 13:12-15, Galatians 5:13, 1 Peter 4:10
- Outreach to the lost Romans 5:6, John 14:6, John 3:16
- Establish and Recognize: New Board Members in the Alabama Baptist Deaf Churches and Deaf Ministries.

## By Whom & When:

The ABCD Board will operate the ABCD conference one time a year with the support and unity of all the Alabama Baptist Deaf Churches and Deaf Ministries.

### **DOCTRINE:**

ABCD is a Christian and faith base conferences. ABCD accepts the Holy Bible as the all-sufficient rule for faith and practice. ABCD agrees with the **Baptist Faith & Message 2000** as said by the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC).

### **Our COOPERATION:**

ABCD shall strive to the fullest cooperation with the Alabama Baptist Deaf Churches and Deaf Ministries with the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions (ALSBOM), the Southern Baptist Conference (SBC), and the Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf (SBCD). ABCD shall keep in mind the efforts of these conventions. ABCD shall not join with any group whose faith, doctrine, or practices are against those of the Southern Baptist Convention.