

Mobile Baptist Association  
**Executive Committee Report**

January 10, 2006

Brother Thomas Wright, Associational Missionary

**Baptism Ratios**

MBA churches reported 1,031 Baptisms in the church year ending August 31, 2005. Our churches also reported 71,629 members. That means we had a baptism ratio of 69:1 or that it took 69 of us to reach one person for Jesus in the entire year. Our "best" year evangelistically in the MBA was the church year that ended August 31, 1996. That year MBA churches reported 1,793 baptisms and 77,707 members. That gave us a baptism ratio of 43:1. The biblical ratio is one to one. *What is the baptism ratio in your church?* Wouldn't it be great if all of our churches had a baptism ratio of one person for every ten active members? That ratio would give us over 7,000 baptisms a year across Mobile County. Even at that rate it will take us nearly 30 years to reach the 200,000 lost people in Mobile County.

**NEW MSC Evangelism Coordinator**

Dave Hudson has agreed to join our staff as Evangelism Coordinator. He is a Missions Service Corp Missionary (self funded and working a minimum 20 hours a week). He will beg contacting you to help begin or revitalize an Evangelistic Ministry Committee (team, council, etc) in your church. Many of you know Brother Dave from his 40 years of pastoral ministry in the Mobile area. He will begin planning training events for your Evangelistic Ministry Committee. Please let Dr. Hudson ([ramhud2@earthlink.net](mailto:ramhud2@earthlink.net)), and me, help your churches increase the emphasis on evangelistic ministries. Step one is to enlist and train evangelism committees in all of our churches.

**CrossOver Evangelistic Parties - Jan 21-22**

Our five children's festivals are a great opportunity for every church to be involved in an evangelistic outreach activity. These are excellent opportunities to involve your folks in a fun and effective evangelistic ministry. Please contact Ric Camp ([hogheaven@sonrisebaptist.net](mailto:hogheaven@sonrisebaptist.net)) for more information. A free training session will be Thursday night, January 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. at West Mobile Baptist Church.

**Vote on New Church Property**

The Finance and Church Planting Committees are proposing that our MBA churches pursue the purchase of 10 Acres of property at the new exit 10 interchange on I-10. The county is building a new school there; a developer is building 240 homes adjacent to the property and 30,000 people a day travel through that Interchange. The property is \$60,000 an acre and has excellent frontage on I-10. We will need sponsor churches to purchase an acre or two or a group of churches to purchase an acre. We also need to be looking at property in several other locations in the county. It will never get cheaper and much of it will not be available when the need comes. Please contact Dr. Cutrer ([terry@moffettroad.org](mailto:terry@moffettroad.org)), or me, for more information.

**Know Any Churches That May Want to Join the MBA?**

Many of you know pastors whose congregations are consistent with SBC theology and polity. Please invite them to meet with our Membership Committee to see the advantages of serving together to make an eternal difference. Please contact Dr. Bill Whitfield ([docwhit@bellsouth.net](mailto:docwhit@bellsouth.net)) or me for more information.

### **Church Prayer Committee Trainings Continue**

The next Biblical Prayer Training is January 26 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Every church that sends a representative receives a free copy of "Prayer Guide for Associations and Churches." Please contact Bill [macnmony@aol.com](mailto:macnmony@aol.com), or me, for details.

### **A Second Evangelistic Party Trailer**

We have over 120 people trained from 37 churches. We ask that churches that use the EPT have at least two people present who have been trained in how to set up and repack the trailer. Please let me know if you would like to have a training event at your church. The folks who are trained can schedule the trailer through Dave in our office at [rec@mobilebaptists.org](mailto:rec@mobilebaptists.org). The two trailers are hosted by West Mobile and Shiloh Baptist Churches.

### **Budget**

Thank you for the extra effort for us to meet budget in 2005. Thanks to your giving and our careful stewardship we ended 2005 with \$126.57 over budget. This is in spite of much higher utilities due to long hours and many volunteers in the office after Katrina and higher insurance costs at each of our ministry properties.

Please help your people see the role of the association in helping our churches after the hurricane and as we focus on our five emphases. Please allocate your missions tithe and offerings to cooperatively reach our Jerusalem.

Given 2005	680,092.72
Actual Expenses 2005	679,966.15
Net Income for 2005	126.57

### **Churches Seeking Pastors**

Continue to pray for the eight churches we have listed that are seeking a pastor. Please let us know when their status changes. Bethel, Boe Road, Central, Forest Lawn, Highpoint, Myers Memorial, Smithtown, Trinity.

### **One Year Down and Counting**

I have thoroughly enjoyed the first year as your Associational Missionary. I have visited in 61 of our churches so far and I am enjoying meeting our folks. Please let me know how to help you. We will continue to emphasize biblical prayer, evangelistic ministry, church development, church planting, and partnership missions so that we can serve together to make an eternal difference in Mobile county.