

Executive Committee Report

May 9, 2006

Brother Thomas Wright, Associational Missionary

Planted by Rivers of Water

King David begins the Psalms by reminding pastors and leaders that a person who delights in the Lord and meditates on His Word is "Like a tree, Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper." Psalms 1:3 (NKJV)

In these days of transforming lifeless ritual into vibrant relationship we need that assurance. We need to realize what to do when our leaves are beginning to wither. Satan's attacks are the same whether your church is large or small. God's provision is abundantly available for us to drink deeply.

Lessons from Franklin Graham

What did the Lord teach you and your folks from the Franklin Graham Festival? Did you notice how the invitation to accept Christ was the focal point of the message? Be careful to preach and teach like we expect someone to come forward. Did you notice how clearly Franklin explained what he wanted the lost to do and what would happen when they came forward? No matter what reason they came forward, they were walked through the plan of salvation. Did you notice the amount of planning it required to bring the lost, and to be prepared to respond to the lost?

Reaching lost people is a lot of work. People will come when they are invited, know they are welcome, and know when and where to come. Be sure to make contact with everyone in your community at least five times a year.

Associational Missions Encounter

Please join us tomorrow night, Wednesday, May 10, for the MBA Missions Encounter at the International Ministries Center from 5:30-7:00 PM. Your RA's, GA's and Awana's are invited to this Missions Treasure Hunt that will entertain and inform. The 12 booths will teach about missions in Mobile County including Seafarers, Disaster Relief, Biblical Prayer, and more. Children will be able to play with the games and bounce houses from the Evangelistic Party Trailer. The missions offering this year will be applied to the International Children's Camp at Camp Whispering Pines.

Evangelistic Ministries Trainings

We continue to seek the Lord to call evangelistic ministry leaders in each of our churches. The next classes are scheduled on May 11 at Fulton Road Baptist Church, and May 25 at FBC Grand Bay. The classes help church leaders to develop an evangelistic ministries strategy that permeates the church and community. A strategy focuses events, like the Festival, for long term effectiveness. I will teach the class twice, 9:30-11:30 AM and 6:30-8:30 PM. Please bring your deacons and join us.

Camp Whispering Pines Katrina Repairs

We are making progress in replacing the building destroyed due to Katrina damage. The Lord has provided a volunteer architect to create over \$14,000 worth of architectural plans for the new building. We are planning on pouring the foundation this month. Our church members have the opportunity to help in several ways:

1. We need a volunteer Construction Coordinator to serve as contractor and coordinator for the volunteer teams.
2. We need volunteer teams to help us build the building.
3. Churches and individuals can furnish a room for \$500 or help build a room for \$2,000. These gifts can be in honor of, or in memory of an individual.

In additional good news, the Camp Committee reports that CWP has been given a 2,000 square foot house. It appraises for about \$65,000 and we need to move it onto the property. To show God's additional provision, the Camp was given a grant of \$15,000 this week which will cover most of the estimated cost of about \$17,000 for lot preparation and moving costs. The new house will be used to house camp staff.

Seeking Volunteer Coordinators

Please join me in praying for the Lord to send us volunteer coordinators, whether MSC or otherwise, for these areas:

- to help enlist and train your Prayer Coordinator and Committees
- to help plan our disaster relief preparation and response
- to lead the new MBA school of theology
- to consult with African American Churches

Welcome Stacie Greene

The Lord has led Stacie Greene to serve as our Missions Service Corp Community Ministries Coordinator. She is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary and is a member of FBC Tillman's Corner.

Budget

We continue to monitor spending based on income rather than on budget. So, even though we are under in gifts by \$13,540.07, we are under spent on the budget by \$15,096.25. Thank you for your faithfulness to support the MBA and please continue to interpret for your folks the importance of local cooperative missions.

Budget Requirements per Month:	\$49,471.33
Budget Requirements to Date	\$197,885.32
Given Year to Date	\$184,345.25
Variance Year to Date	\$-13,540.07

Given Year to Date	\$184,345.25
Actual Expenses Year to Date	\$169,249.00
Net Income	\$15,096.25

Churches Seeking Pastors

Continue to pray for the seven churches we have listed that are seeking a pastor. Please let us know when their status changes: Bethel, Cambodian, Central, Highpoint, Myers Memorial, Riverside, and Trinity. Chuck and I are available to help train Pastor Search Committees.