

Mobile Baptist Association  
**Executive Committee Report**

September 12, 2006

Brother Thomas Wright, Associational Missionary

**Biblical Truth is Always Better Than Emotion and Opinion**

Jesus, Paul and the early church were accustomed to conflict with religious groups in first century Israel. Many conflicts developed when personal opinion replaced the Word of God. Some conflicts developed because emotional attachments were imposed on the Word of God. Then and now, the Word of God is the only safe place to stand. We have to be careful of attempts to reinterpret the word of God to meet contemporary, politically correct standards. Our Membership Committee and Moderators have diligently determined that our constitutional standards of affiliation are biblical and clear. We will be dealing with those standards today.

**Partnership Missions to Ukraine, Guatemala and Maine**

Ed and Anne Adams from Moffett Road have come on board as volunteer Partnership Missions Coordinators. Please help us inform those who can participate in these trips:

- a) We need four more people on my team to Odessa, Ukraine October 25-November 1. We will be working with a Church Planter teaching English, doing VBS, and Prayer-walking.
- b) Brother Terry Stephan is leading a team of 10 to Guatemala, November 13-20, to work with our partner, Canaan Baptist Church. The team will be helping with construction and VBS.
- c) Mike Bedford, Art Burroughs and Mike Staton are leading teams to Maine, July 14-21, 2007. They will be conducting evangelistic sports camps and other ministry.

**MBA Churches 106 and 107**

Forest Hill began services on September 10 at Forest Hill Elementary. Pastor James Jones, and the Highpoint Praise Choir, led over 150 people in worship. Contact Pastor James if you know of believers who would help serves in their core group. FHBC is an African-American Mission Church of Moffett Road, Highpoint, Crawford and New Generation. Their block party, on Saturday, had over 400 people and 34 professions of faith.

We will hear a recommendation today from the Membership Committee that New Home Baptist Church, in Citronelle, be placed under watchcare. Pastor Jeff Bryan is leading this congregation to new excitement in outreach and growth.

**Evangelistic Ministries and Party Trailer Trainings**

We continue to seek the Lord to call Evangelistic Ministry Leaders in each of our churches. The next classes are scheduled on October 24. The classes help church leaders to develop an evangelistic ministries strategy that permeates the church and community. The next Party Trailer Training is October 17 at Shiloh. We will reschedule those classes if we do not have the needed ten people to unload and set up the trailer contents. I will teach the classes twice each day, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Please encourage your leaders to join us.

### **Disaster Relief Preparations**

See Chuck's report for updates on our preparations for the next storm. Be sure to download your copy of the *MBA Pastor and Church DR Guide*.

### **Welcome Vincent Turner, Biblical Prayer Coordinator**

Brother Vincent Turner is leading our goal of enlisting and training biblical prayer ministries in all of our congregations. The next morning and evening training is Oct. 12. Please encourage your leaders to attend and let us know they are coming.

### **Camp Whispering Pines Katrina Repairs**

Note Kevin's report that we are making progress replacing the building destroyed due to Katrina damage. The new building is under roof. We need volunteer teams to help us build the building and we need memorial donations from churches and individuals to furnish a room.

### **Seeking Volunteer Coordinators**

Do you have someone in your church that would be interested in a volunteer or MSC leadership position? The following MBA positions are needed: someone to help plan MBA disaster relief preparation and response; someone to lead the planned MBA School of Theology; someone to consult with African-American Churches.

### **Budget**

We can continue to monitor spending based on income to keep us in the black financially. Even though we are under in income by \$28, 837.10, we are under spent on the budget by \$3,160.17. Thank you for your faithfulness to support the MBA. Please continue to interpret for your congregation the importance of local cooperative missions.

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| Budget Requirements per Month         | 49,471.33  |
| Budget Requirements to Date           | 395,770.64 |
| Given Year to Date                    | 368,475.96 |
| Church Receipts Required per Month    | 43,368.41  |
| Church Receipts Required to Date      | 348,630.96 |
| Church Receipts Received Year to Date | 319,793.86 |
| Given Year to Date                    | 368,475.96 |
| Actual Expenses Year to Date          | 365,315.79 |
| Net Income                            | 3,160.17   |

### **Pastoral Changes in the MBA**

Bethel has called Brother Stan Clayton from Citronelle as pastor

Riverside has called Dr. Randall Ingram from Talladega, Alabama, as pastor

Navco Pastor, Jim Warren, retired August 28

Northpoint Community (now Gateway Baptist) called Wes Hall as pastor in July

FBC Mobile Pastor, James Walters, has announced his retirement for the end of 2006

West Jordan Pastor, Charlie Watts, is now full-time

**Churches Seeking Pastors**

Continue to pray for the eight churches we have listed as seeking a pastor. Please let us know when their status changes: Airport Boulevard, Central (BV), Crawford, Highpoint, FBC Mobile, Myers Memorial (BV), Navco (BV), Pine Springs (BV) and Trinity(BV). I have helped train four of these Pastor/Search Committees so far.