

Mobile Baptist Association
Executive Committee Report
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Responding to Temptation

In 1 Sam. 13:14, the young David was described as a man after God's own heart. Years later, 2 Samuel 13-14 presents that same man being lured into lust. King David acted on his lust and committed adultery. The attempt to hide his adultery escalated into murder. David showed his desire for God's heart when he confessed his sin, repented, and accepted the consequences of his sin. Each believer is lured, tempted, daily to sin. Every minister needs accountability to protect ourselves from being lured into sin that leads to committing sin. As you know, it is difficult to lead our people to be more like Christ than we are.

MBA Property Sold

The MBA property on Navco Road has been sold to Community Church as approved last year. That \$130,000 will be deposited in the New Work fund.

Communicating Cooperative Missions

Please include in your yearly planning the Week of Prayer for Associational Mission, May 20-25. It is an excellent opportunity for our members to see the differences between local and national cooperative missions and the independent or societal mission churches.

Budget

Your members can have absolute confidence that the MBA is an excellent steward of their gifts. Our Finance Committee in these last two years has updated our financial processes to ensure accountability and efficient stewardship.

Church Receipts Required per Month	43,968.41
Church Receipts Required to Date	43,968.41
Church Receipts Received Year to Date	38,408.44
Variance Year to Date	-5,559.97
Given Year to Date	46,344.75
Actual Expenses Year to Date	36,959.68
Net Income	9,385.07

Mardi Gras Evangelism

We had over 35 members of West Mobile and Government Street churches involved in an evangelistic outreach at Mardi Gras. We had 118 decisions on follow up cards. The events included power band bracelets, helium balloons with the gospel personalized on each balloon, illusions, puppets, and tract distribution. Almost half of the children I shared with in that setting had no understanding of the basics of the gospel message.

3rd Party Trailer Arrives

Moffett Road has joined West Mobile and Shiloh Baptist as hosts of an MBA Evangelistic Party Trailer. Our next training is March 26 from 4-6 p.m. in the gym at Union Baptist Church (rain or shine). Please let us know you are coming so we can have enough manuals and snacks.

Camp Whispering Pines Repairs and Separate 501(c) 3

Please visit www.campwhisperingpines.com for updates on the buildings and current building team needs. We currently need sheet rock teams, cabinet, toilet and light fixture installers. We need about \$60,000 dollars to complete the hotel and about \$50,000 to complete the chapel. Our Camp Committee continues discussion about creating a separate non-profit status for the Camp. This will help us expand the camp to neighboring churches, reduce liability to the MBA, but ensure it remains an MBA ministry.

Seeking Volunteer Coordinators

Please announce in you church newsletter that we are looking for these volunteer or MSC leadership positions: to help plan MBA disaster relief preparation and response; to lead the planned MBA school of theology; to consult with African American Churches; and to lead in our Church Planting emphases.

Pastor Changes

Myers Memorial has called Joel Smith as their pastor.

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, Central (BV), Citronelle FBC, Crawford, Navco (BV), Pine Springs (BV), and Trinity (BV).

Still Looking for Dave Baker's Replacement

The Church Development Assistant and Receptionist position is available. We are looking for a person wanting to minister through their job. Responsibilities include the web page, newsletter, new alerts, and greeting guests. Please help us get the word out to your members.

Upgraded Web Site

The Lord led brother Gordon Fields and the dear folks at Digital Creations to donate the upgrade to the look of our web pages. Please visit www.mobilebaptists.org We are looking for a volunteer webmaster to help us maintain content.