

Mobile Baptist Association
Executive Committee Report

May 8, 2007

Brother Thomas Wright, Associational Missionary

Righteousness and Godliness

In Luke 6:45, Jesus said, "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good . . . For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks" (NKJV). Ministers must set the standard for godliness and righteousness. It has been heartbreaking to see those who would choose to manipulate misinformation instead of presenting the entire truth that allows people to make informed decisions. If you have any question about the process followed in response to the audit findings, please contact James Mercer, Personnel Committee Chair; Mike Bedford, Finance Committee Chair; or Garry Harred, International Ministries Committee Chair. The process has been conducted with complete approval of those committees and the MBA moderators. From day one, they have attempted to work biblically and redemptively. If you have been told anything different, then you need to talk to one of them to get all of the information.

Associational Missions Week

The month of May provides opportunity to emphasize associational missions in your church. I have posted an *Introduction to the MBA* PowerPoint on our web page. There also are two handouts you can print that will explain the role of the association and the DOM. Please take the opportunity to share with your members about the need for cooperative missions in Mobile and beyond. All of our staff is available to you year round to fill the pulpit or provide training and consultation. This is particularly important with the misinformation that has been presented to our churches about the audit response.

Budget

Your members can have absolute confidence that the MBA is an excellent steward of their gifts. Our Finance Committee in these last three years has updated our financial processes to ensure accountability and efficient stewardship. Those guidelines were acknowledged by each staff member and allowed us to find the problems at the IMC.

Budget Requirements per Month	49,471.33
Budget Requirements through March 07	148,413.99
Given Year to Date	146,723.14
Variance Year to Date	-1,690.85
Given Year to Date	146,723.14
Actual Expenses Year to Date	129,742.37
Net Income	16,980.77

Partnership Missions to Guatemala

An MBA team is going to Guatemala, November 3-10, 2007, for evangelistic ministry with Canaan Baptist Church. Contact me or Terry Stephan, 533-1142, for information about taking one or more members.

Motor sports Park Evangelistic Ministry Planning

Several Churches in the Saraland area are meeting to identify ways to provide evangelistic ministry to drivers, families and guests. Let Thomas or Stacie know of your interest.

Addine Maynard Offering for WMU

The Addine Maynard WMU Offering is collected to help support the local WMU and is managed by their leadership council. Check with your area WMU representative for a copy of the WMU budget and the ministries these funds support.

Camp Whispering Pines Repairs and Separate 501(c) 3

Please visit www.campwhisperingpines.com for updates on current building team needs. We currently need skilled and unskilled teams that can install sheet rock, vanities, toilets and light fixtures. We need about \$75,000 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 also maintain the relationship with the MBA.

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

Navco has called Glenn Taylor (BV) as their pastor.

Fellowship Pastor Jerry Henderson has announced his retirement for the end of May

Churches Seeking Pastors

Continue to pray for the nine churches we have listed as seeking a pastor. Please let us know when their status changes: Airport, Central (BV), Citronelle FBC, Crawford, Pine Springs (BV), Fellowship, St. Elmo, and Trinity (BV).

Looking for MBA Staff

We are looking for four people wanting to minister through their job. Please help us get the word out to your members and let me know if you have members who would be interested.

The Church Development Assistant and Receptionist: Responsibilities include the web page, newsletter, new alerts, and greeting guests.

We have been approved for a new NAMB US/C2 Missionary position to serve at the IMC. This renewable 2-year position will help us to reach seafarers and begin new language work.

The Personnel Committee has approved a new building and grounds person to help maintain the IMC, the MBA office and CWP as time permits.

We have received 29 resumes for the new IMC Director, 11 of them are former IMB Missionaries. We have multiple excellent candidates. We anticipate the Personnel and International Missions Committees will make a final decision in June. The NAMB appointment process can take three months, so we anticipate the new director being on the field in October.