

Mobile Baptist Association

Executive Committee Report

April 10, 2008

Brother Thomas Wright, Associational Missionary

Seeing People Saved!

I often share in churches that by cooperating with the MBA in 2007, they helped with 300 decisions at CWP, 180 saved at the IMC and 12 more at the Language School. Often, the whole church looks like I said “the square root of the hypotenuse is 12.” Beloved, we need revival when we get more excited about a ball game than when our cooperative missions results in over 492 changed lives! This can be quite an encouragement for our congregations that have not seen people saved in their church. It is one of the direct reasons that churches need to give and serve cooperatively through associational missions.

National Day of Prayer May 1

Our Biblical Prayer Committee has arranged for multiple churches across the county to be on May 1, open from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6 p.m.-8 p.m. to drop in for prayer. Each of us knows the *essential* role of prayer in our churches, in our community, and in our lives. We need to continue to seek an awakening for Mobile County. Our Biblical Prayer Committee is making a difference in continuing to enlist and train prayer leaders in each of our churches. Dr. Evans reports that in the last three years we have moved from four known Prayer Ministries to over 70.

Associational Missions Week May 18-24

Please emphasize and put on your calendar, Associational Missions during AMW. Watch the Web page and news alerts for promotional aids, including a bulletin insert.

Welcome Gerald and Brenda Burch, Missionaries in Residence

We are blessed to partner with the International Mission Board to have our first Missionaries in Residence in the 157 year history of our association. On April 1, Gerald and Brenda came to us from Japan to take leadership of our partnership missions’ emphases. Please provide them opportunity to meet with your Missions Committee to share ways to send at least one, or one more than ever before, in local, state, national, and international missions opportunities.

Partnership Missions Trips

We continue to provide opportunities in local, state, national, and International missions. Please prayerfully consider participation in these 2008 Missions opportunities: **If you cannot go, please help provide a scholarship for your pastor, or another pastor, that would like to go.** Trips in 2008 include:

- **Uruguay Vision Trip** - July 25 to August 1, 2008; (dates flexible) **Sign up by May 1.**
- **Japan Trip** - October 27 to November 3, 2008
- **Guatemala Trip** - November 10 to November 17, 2008

There are many local mission opportunities for youth and adults with the International Ministries Center (IMC), the International Language School, starting international congregations, in Disaster Relief, at Camp Whispering Pines and with Baptist Campus Ministries. Please call the MBA office at 661-7111, or e-mail Gerald or Brenda at burch.gerald@gmail.com.

USC-2 Missionaries

The MBA has been approved by NAMB for three USC-2 Missionary positions. Jarrod and Jessica Watts have just completed interviews to serve with Doug in International Ministries. They will live in the apartment at the IMC and will help with the Seafarer's Ministry, starting churches among the 42 language/culture groups in Mobile, and expanding the International Language School.

Emily Toles has applied with NAMB to serve at Camp Whispering Pines in evangelistic ministry, expanding programming, and assisting with Camp administration.

Camp Whispering Pines Repairs

The hotel at CWP is within \$50,000 of being completed. Please consider a special offering to meet the financial needs. Please consider business contacts that can help with donations of tile, carpet, window blinds, mirrors, and single bed sheets. We particularly need volunteer plumbers to run the sewage and water lines from the road to the hotel. We need one and two day construction teams to finish the tape and mud work, install interior doors and frames, install light fixtures and bathroom fans, lay tile, and paint. Please check www.campwhisperingpines.com for an updated list of projects and donations needed. Contact Bobby Morton to schedule your men's group or skilled older youth group.

Camp SMILE

We recently had some good publicity for our partnership with United Cerebral Palsy to host Camp SMILE at CWP. Glen Vernon began that ministry in 1972 and we have been partnering with UCP since 1997. The \$100,000 grant mentioned in the Extreme Home Makeover was given to UCP. We continue to work to be compatible partners in strategy and philosophy. Our purpose is to provide evangelistic ministry to physically challenged adults, children, their families and caregivers.

Budget

Income from our churches is down a bit for first quarter. Just as you see in your churches, it is good to remind our folks to please be faithful in our financial support. As usual though, we always spend based on actual income, not based on budget so we are healthy financially.

Church Receipts Required per Month	44,354.41
Church Receipts Required to Date	133,063.23
Church Receipts Received Year to Date	128,285.89
Variance Year to Date	-4,777.34
Given Year to Date	156,375.59
Actual Expenses Year to Date	127,743.86
Net Income	28,631.73

Pastoral Changes

Welcome to Ken Gibson at Trinity. Please continue to pray for the churches we have listed as they are seeking a pastor. Please let us know when their status changes: Berean, Big Creek, Central (BV), FBC Chickasaw, Crawford, FBC Creola, Dayspring, Heron Bay (BV), Orchard, Sage, St. Elmo, Shadow Lawn, and Shiloh