

Mobile Baptist Association  
**Executive Committee Report**

July 10, 2008

Brother Thomas Wright, Associational Missionary

*Emphasizing Biblical Prayer, Evangelistic Ministries, Church Development,  
Church Planting, Partnership Missions*

**Climbing the Fences!**

We saw last week the tragic story of a young man that climbed two six foot fences at Six Flags and was killed by a roller coaster. News Outlets have reported the attorneys for the family are blaming Six Flags. Our culture has become conditioned to believe that individual rights supersede all laws and restrictions. Our creator has placed numerous fences for our protection; fences around immorality and perversion for instance. Our culture screams that we don't need a God that establishes fences to limit their freedom and choices. But then someone who chooses to ignore the fences gets hurt or killed. Then those same people are screaming about how badly God treats us. They expect God to bless them even when they choose to live in complete disobedience to the clear guidelines of Scripture. Obedience to biblical truth results in blessings and protection for us and for those we love.

**Bulletin Inserts Coming Soon**

Our staff is creating Bulletin Inserts to describe our ministry areas for your members. We eventually will have a dozen options listed on the web page under our resources area. Please print them off in color, or black and white, and include one every month or so, to help us communicate cooperative associational missions.

**Welcome USC2 Missionaries**

Doug's report includes more information about our new USC-2 Missionaries at the IMC. We also have another USC-2 Missionary coming to CWP. USC-2 Missionaries are appointed and subsidized by the North American Mission Board. They receive insurance and a stipend from NAMB. We provide housing, some expenses and a stipend.

**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 can't go please help provide a scholarship for your pastor or another pastor that would like to go.** Trips in 2008 include:

**Japan Trip** - October 27 to November 3, 2008

**Guatemala Trip** – November 10 to November 17, 2008

There are many local missions 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 office at 661-7111, or e-mail Gerald or Brenda at [burch.gerald@gmail.com](mailto:burch.gerald@gmail.com).

### **Camp Whispering Pines Repairs**

Brother John will be sharing more specific information in his report. Thank you very much to those of you who have responded to our pleas for help to complete the CWP hotel. The hotel is within \$37,000 of being completed. Please consider a special offering to meet the financial need. Please consider business contacts that can help with donations of tile, carpet, window blinds, mirrors, and single bed sheets. We need volunteer plumbers to run 400' of 4" and 2" water lines from the road to the hotel. We need one and two day youth and adult teams to finish the tape and mud work, caulk, paint, install light fixtures, lay tile, and carpet. Please check [www.campwhisperingpines.com](http://www.campwhisperingpines.com) for an updated list of projects and donations needed. Contact John Myrick to schedule your men's group or skilled older youth group.

### **Budget**

Brother Dennis will be sharing more from our Budget and Finance Committee. We know that research shows that churches that give to cooperative missions (modeling a "tithe") teach their people to tithe. As the economy impacts our churches, it impacts what we can accomplish in cooperative evangelistic ministries. Income to the MBA from our churches is down so far this year. 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	266,126.46
Church Receipts Received Year to Date	240,153.61
Variance Year to Date	-25,972.85
Given Year to Date	290,798.01
Actual Expenses Year to Date	260,289.90
Net Income	30,508.11

### **Pastoral Changes**

Welcome Robert Lutz Jr to Shiloh, Henry "Digger" Creel to FBC Chickasaw, Jay Robertson as Bi-vocational Pastor of Crawford, and John Shriver as Bi-vocational Pastor of Navco. Please continue to pray for the churches, we have listed as seeking a pastor. Please let us know when their status changes: Big Creek, Central (BV), Cypress Shores, FBC Creola, FBC Dawes, Dayspring, Heron Bay (BV), Orchard, Sage Avenue, St Elmo, Shadow Lawn, and FBC South Mobile.

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