

Mobile Baptist Association
Executive Committee Report

Sept. 11, 2008

Brother Thomas Wright, Associational Missionary

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

Spiritual Warfare!

September 11 reminds each of us that the world has become a dangerous place as we have become more “enlightened,” “inclusive” and autonomous from God’s standards of right and wrong. Luke 10:17-20 describes a spiritual warfare discussion between Jesus and a group of prayer walkers. Their obedience resulted in joy and an excited report that “Even demons are subject to us.” Jesus reminded them that He had seen Satan fall from Heaven and then summarized biblical spiritual warfare in verse 20. “Nevertheless do not rejoice ... that the spirits are subject to you, but that your names are written in Heaven” (NKJV).

Biblical spiritual warfare is won or lost in the conversion of people from darkness to light. Many people have been fooled by the cultural lies that come from Satan’s influence. Our effective participation in spiritual warfare comes from our prayer for the lost and evangelistic events that provide personal opportunities to present the truth of Jesus. Much of the contemporary spiritual warfare gives too much attention to Satan and his demons instead of focusing on seeking and saving those who are lost. This is the only way “that we may lead a quiet a peaceable life in all godliness and reverence” (I Tim. 2:2b, NKJV).

Bulletin Inserts Now Online

Visit our web page (www.mobilebaptists.org then click on News and Bulletin inserts) to find a variety of bulletin inserts that describes our ministry areas. We eventually will have over a dozen options. Please print them off in color, or black and white, and include one every month to help us communicate cooperative associational missions.

Welcome US / C2 Missionary Emily Toles

The Lord has brought Emily Toles as our US / C2 Missionary to CWP. US / C2 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. It is a very cost effective method of providing additional professional staff in the association.

Missions Summit September 15

Leaders and members for you Men’s Ministry, Women’s Ministry, Student Ministry and Missions/Evangelism Committees will want to join us at Saraland Baptist Church on September 15 at 5:30 p.m. for the State Sponsored Missions Summit. Come learn about local, state, national, and international options for your missions involvement.

Walk For Bible and International Ministries

It is exciting to see the incredible growth of our international ministries under Brother Doug Beck and the IMC staff. Expanded ministry comes with expanded financial needs. Please begin getting pledges and walk on October 18. In response to your requests, we now have

four locations for convenient and enjoyable walks; the IMC, Dauphin Island Baptist Church, University of Mobile, and FBC Citronelle. We even have churches in other cities and states that are participating! Join us in providing Bibles to Internationals, in addition to, supporting the ministries to seafarers, the language school and language church starting.

Partnership Missions Trips

We talk a lot about missions in the MBA and continue to provide opportunities in local, state, national, and International missions. Please prayerfully consider participation in any of our 2009 Missions opportunities: **If you can not go, please help provide a scholarship for your pastor, or another pastor that would like to go.**

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 .

Disaster Relief and Church Preparation

Please visit the web page for a copy of the Pastor and Church Preparation Guide, and a copy of the damage assessment form. This is how to get the repair process started should we have hurricane damage in Mobile County.

Budget

Brother Dennis will be sharing more from our Budget and Finance Committee on the 2009 Budget. 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 our net income is greater than the variance to date.

	Budget Requirements to Date	405,664.64
	Given Year to Date	383,306.80
	Variance Year to Date	(22,357.84)
	Given Year to Date	383,306.80
	Actual Expenses Year to Date	360,337.28
	Net Income	22,969.52

Pastoral Changes

Welcome Derrall Marshall as the new pastor at Shadow Lawn, Michael Soesby to St. Elmo, and David Albritton to FBC Herron Bay. Please 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, Orchard, Sage, and FBC South Mobile.