

Mobile Baptist Association  
**Executive Committee Report**

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

### **A Hole in the Head!**

Genesis 28:16 reads, When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he said, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it” (HCSB). The Bible consistently shows the spiritual flaws of even the heroes of the faith. If we pause long enough to look, we will see the Lord is in the place where we are, even though we may not know it. This is incredibly encouraging for us. It is true that our commitment and consistency evidently leak out of the holes in our head. Satan hates what we do for a living and every day he seeks to discourage and defeat us. But look up! The Lord is in this place and we know it!

### **Bulletin Inserts Online**

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

### **Constitution and By-laws is Your Legal Instrument**

The Christian Legal Association recommends you update your Constitution and By-laws every three to five years ([www.christianlaw.org](http://www.christianlaw.org), click on legal protections link and scroll down to sample C&BL). This is the sole and primary legal document that directs and protects your congregation. Agenda groups in our culture are targeting churches with incomplete By-laws and demanding ordination, membership, and inclusiveness. Where our C&BL are silent, then the local laws take precedent.

### **Mardi Gras Evangelism**

There is a Mardi Gras Training **on February 17, 6:30 p.m. at the MBA office**. Topics will include how to share your faith using: balloons face painting, illusions, evangelism bracelets, and other approaches we have seen work each year at Mardi Gras. In 2008, we had almost 300 signed decision cards. It is a lot of fun, and it has eternal consequences. Come join this fun, evangelistic opportunity!

We will be sharing Jesus on **February 23, 2009, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the International Ministries Center for breakfast and shuttle over to the two sites at Spanish Plaza and near Fort Conde. Two shifts are needed this year, 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Sign up to work a shift, or come whenever you can, to supplement the team members. The IMC will run a shuttle every two hours, or you can easily walk from the IMC. Contact Bro. Charles Gibbs at West Mobile Baptist, 639-9952, or Vicki Willis at Government Street Baptist, 660-7444, for more information, or help in locating another spot for your church's team. People are needed to prepare breakfast and lunch at the IMC for the

workers. Contact Bro. Charles Gibbs to help prepare meals, and to join a team that will be sharing throughout the day.

### **Partnership Missions Trips to Japan, Uruguay, Maine, Guatemala**

Chuck will be presenting our Uruguay, World Changers, info. Lyle has asked for another team the last week of July until the first of August, which I will lead. Gerald has more information about a trip to Japan, June 1-7; Maine, July 11-18 for a Sports Camp; and Maine the second or third week in June for a Construction Project. 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.**

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).

### **Gambling Responses**

The Sound Off section of the newspaper gives us a pretty good barometer on the biblical illiteracy of our culture in regards to gambling. A good resource is at [www.alcap.com](http://www.alcap.com). Click on the biblical resources link.

### **Budget Challenges**

All ministry areas ended the year in the black! Just barely! 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. That impacts the ministry areas, just as it does in your churches.

	Budget Requirements to Date	\$608,497
	Given Year to Date	\$556,546.67
	Actual Expenses Year to Date	\$556,320.54
	Net Income	\$226.13
	Variance Year to Date	(-51,950.33)

### **Pastoral Changes**

Welcome, Tom Boone as new pastor at FBC South Mobile, Dong Kim to International Baptist Church, Justin Woulard to FBC Creola, and Bruce Moseley as bi-vocational pastor of Zion. Please pray for the churches we have listed as seeking a pastor, and please let us know when their status changes: FBC Bayou La Batre, Central (BV), Cypress Shores, FBC Dawes, Dayspring, Fellowship, Orchard, Sage Avenue, FBC Semmes, and FBC Theodore.