

Mobile Baptist Association
Executive Committee Report

April 20, 2010

Brother Thomas Wright, Associational Missionary

Emphasizing Biblical Prayer. Evangelistic Ministries. Church Development. Church Planting. Partnership Missions

Standing through the Storms

The recent spate of earthquakes, volcanoes, economic distress, and political turmoil sounds almost apocalyptic. Our people, and their leader, can become overwhelmed. Rev. 6:17: "Because the great day of their wrath has come! And who is able to stand?" Then in Jude 24-25: "Now to Him who is able to protect you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of His glory, blameless and with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority before all time, now, and forever. Amen."

Please take time to read the GCR report at www.pray4gcr.com. The call for revival and the focus on the lost can be embraced by most of us. Many other parts of the report are troubling. The articles at www.baptistpress.com seem to cover many of the issues.

Standing Against Satan's Agenda

Our Mobile representatives need your phone calls and emails of support for their "NO" vote on the corrupt gambling bill in the Alabama House. Find your representative's contact information at <http://www.legislature.state.al.us/house/house.html>. Evidently, they have been receiving many more calls in favor of the bill than against it.

Standing In the Gap for Our Missionaries and Staff

Please include your associational staff, IMB and NAMB Missionaries on your Wednesday and Sunday prayer lists. We need the prayer and your folks need the practice. Amy Wright will again spend the summer in a high security area, this time in the Balkans.

Standing Beside Our New Members, New Cowboy Church and Language Work

It is encouraging to see congregations that wish to serve together to make an eternal difference in Mobile. The Membership Committee met with Pastor Fred Wolf of Luke 4:18 Fellowship, and they unanimously recommends their Watchcare membership.

Pastor Cody Drews reports 40 in attendance last Tuesday night at Still Water Cowboy Church. The Membership Committee enthusiastically recommends his Watchcare membership as a mission of Haven Woods. Additional prayer sponsors and financial sponsors are needed.

See Doug's report for information about our April 29-May 1 "People Search." We are partnering with ALSBOM and NAMB Language Consultants to look for leaders and "people of peace" to start new work among five of the 40-60 groups we have identified in Mobile. We need sponsor churches, drivers, prayer warriors, and anyone interested in riding along.

Standing with the MBA in Budget Challenges

Budget and Finance Chair, Gene Kerr, will lead us in a discussion about measures taken to stay in the black, in light of an anticipated \$50-\$60,000 shortfall in 2010 budget receipts. As dollars grow tighter, we need to be more selective where our missions' dollars are invested. You can have absolute confidence in investing missions' dollars with ALSBOM and the MBA. Even if you have a yearly missions offering, do not forget to emphasize this season of prayer for our missionaries, and help teach your people the advantages to cooperative missions over societal missions.

Standing Behind Our Partnerships to Bangkok, Tokyo, Maine, and Washington D. C.

We continue to see marvelous progress toward the goal of each church sending one more than ever before in local, state, national and international missions. The International trips we sponsor and endorse work with IMB field missionaries. Southern Baptists can unapologetically support our missionaries.

Gerald and Brenda will help you participate in a planned trip or customize a trip for you.

Standing for Evangelism through GPS, ERC, Party Trailers

We had 29 of our churches participate in some, or all, of the "God's Plan for Sharing" simultaneous event. Our churches distributed over 30,000 pieces of material. Reports from many of the churches that participated indicate visitors, converts and other contacts.

We continue to train Telephone Encouragers through the ERC that can respond to spiritual help calls from the comfort of their home.

This year we are beginning the recertification of those who wish to use the Evangelistic Party Trailers. We also have had to add a refundable deposit. This will provide increased effectiveness and accountability for their use.

Standing By the Cooperative Program

I have created 15 minute and 45 minute PowerPoint presentations to help your members understand the purpose and function of the Cooperative Program to fund MBA and SBC Missions. Please email me, dom@mobilebaptists.org for a copy or let me know if it would be helpful for me to present it to your congregation on a Wednesday night, or at another time.

Pastoral Changes

Welcome Pastor Jerry Presnall to FBC Axis, Alben Gaston to FBC Semmes, David Gill to FBC Theodore, Jim Warren to Manor, Dino Danzy to Memorial, and Rocky Pugh to Emmanuel. Please pray for the churches seeking a pastor and please let us know when their status changes: FBC Bayou La Batre, FBC Creola, Dauphin Way, FBC Dawes, FBC Grand Bay, Lafitte, Lambert Grove, Sage Avenue, San Souci, Smithtown, Spring Hill, The Cornerstone, and Vietnamese Obedience. Pastor Charles Dent has led New Generation to withdraw membership from the SBC and the MBA.