

EASTERN LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting
Monday, February 4, 2008
Burning Bush Baptist Church

The Executive Board of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association met in regular session on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 6:15 p.m. at Burning Bush Baptist Church with the following in attendance.

Steve Stewart, Red Oak	Andrew Voss, Satsuma	Richard White, Northside
Billy Carpenter, New Beginnings	Mark Carroll, Burning Bush	Craig James, Don Avenue
Sam Raney, Guest	Howard Turner, Live Oak	Larry Hubbard, Riverside
Trey Cowell, Faith	Frank Valenzano, One Life	Bullard Jones, Agapé
Richard Blue, Walker	Merelin McCon, Judson	Mary Broussard, Historian
Elmer "Buck" Holmes, Treasurer	Tommy Shipp, Moderator	David Brown, AMC
Sherri Palmer, Clerk		

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Tommy Shipp.

Howard Turner led in opening prayer.

The Clerk made a motion that the minutes from the previous meeting be approved as printed and by general consent and there being no corrections, the Moderator declared the minutes approved.

David Brown gave his Associational Missions Coordinator's report. He introduced Sam Raney, Executive Pastor, Greenwell Springs Baptist Church, who invited the churches of ELBA to participate in Reign Down USA, a prayer emphasis to be held April 26, 2008 in Washington, D.C. (A brochure has been attached to the original minutes.) The AMC asked representatives of our new churches to give a report on their ministry. Frank Valenzano, Mark Carroll, and Howard Turner gave reports for One Life, Burning Bush and Life Giving, respectively. (A copy of the AMC's report has been made a part of the original minutes.)

The financial report ending December 31, 2007, was presented by the Treasurer, Elmer "Buck" Holmes, with a motion the report be approved as printed. By general consent and there being no corrections, the Moderator declared the financial report approved. (A copy of this report has been made a part of the original minutes.)

Howard Turner made a motion, second by Richard Blue, that the following change is made to the Executive Board: Addition of Bullard Jones, Pastor, Agapé Baptist Church.

David Brown gave a short report in behalf of the ELBA Missions Team and was followed by a recommendation by Trey Cowell, Missions Team Leader, that a grant be made to One Life Baptist Church, a mission of Walker Baptist Church, in the amount of \$8,000.00 to be used for costs related to the start up of the work in Port Vincent. The funds would be used for the following items: sign, materials, and supplies for clean-up of the facility, moving expenses for the temporary building, ramp and stairs for the temporary building, flooring, and permits. These total \$4,353.61. The remaining \$3,646.00 to be used for plumbing and electrical work that must be done by licensed professionals. Any funds remaining after the above items are completed would be used for church outreach and ministry functions. The recommendation was approved.

There was no old business.

The following reports were given:

- Crisis Ministry Team – Howard Turner gave a report on the team’s response to the crisis in Joplin, Missouri.
- Evangelism Team – Larry Hubbard reported on the Angola Prison Ministry at Riverside, Dr. Josh Moody, New Haven, Connecticut, to be at Minister’s Conference, April 7, 2008, and prayer time for spiritual awakening at the associational office on the third Tuesday of each month.
- Missions Team - Trey Cowell reported on funding to One Life, church strengthening, student missionaries for 2009, and the mission builders team.
- Clerk – Sherri Palmer reported on the status of the associational annuals.
- Historian - Mary Broussard announced a couple of upcoming history conferences and provided a short history moment on William Earl Sibley, Moderator, of the founding ELBA.
- Long Range Planning Committee – Merelin McCon reported that the committee’s report that was adopted at the annual meeting is in the process of being put in place and the team will be getting back together to do an accountability study of committee members’ assignments.

There being no further business, a motion was offered by Richard Blue, second by Merelin McCon, to adjourn.

Merelin McCon led in closing prayer, and the Moderator declared the meeting adjourned.

Sherri Palmer
Clerk

EASTERN LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, May 5, 2008

First Baptist Church Head of Island

The Executive Board of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association met in regular session on Monday, May 5, 2008, at 6:15 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Head of Island with the following in attendance.

Johnny Morgan, Live Oak	Howard Turner, Live Oak	Billy Pruett, Gray's Creek
Mike Smith, FBC Head of Island	Bullard Jones, Agapé	Lisa Hinson, Beech Ridge
Carl Sullivan, Gray's Creek	Russell Hinson, Beech Ridge	Joe Alain, Hebron
Richard Blue, Walker	Elmer "Buck" Holmes, Treasurer	Tommy Shipp, Moderator
Leon Carpenter, FBC Head of Island	Terry Simoneaux, FBC Head of Island	
David Brown, AMC	Sherri Palmer, Clerk	

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Tommy Shipp.

Russell Hinson led in opening prayer.

Printed copies of the minutes from the previous meeting were provided to members and the Clerk made a motion that the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting be waived and that they be approved as printed unless there were corrections, Elmer "Buck" Holmes second. The waiving of the reading of the minutes was approved. After board members were given time to peruse the minutes, Howard Turner made a motion that the minutes be approved as printed with a second from Richard Blue, and the motion carried.

David Brown gave his Associational Missions Coordinator's report. (A copy of the AMC's report has been made a part of the original minutes.)

The financial report ending March 31, 2008, was presented by the Treasurer, Elmer "Buck" Holmes, with a motion the report be approved as printed. Motion carried. (A copy of this report has been made a part of the original minutes.)

The Moderator called for the election of new Executive Board Members not listed on the Annual Church Profile and for any corrections. Howard Turner made a motion, second by Richard Blue, that the following changes are made to the Executive Board: Addition of Johnny Morgan, Live Oak and the deletion of Jack Muse, Live Oak. Motion carried. Russell Hinson made a motion, second by Elmer "Buck" Holmes, that the latest Executive Board member listing, inclusive of these changes, be approved. Motion carried.

Howard Turner brought the following Associational Council Recommendation: The Associational Council recommends that the Executive Board endorse the Empowering Kingdom Growth Initiative and adopt the proposed EKG Calendar (attached) and authorize a new line item in the budget for our EKG-ELBA Initiative in the amount of \$6,000.00. Funds would be used to: cover the costs related to the information meetings, provide funding for Steering Committee expenses, training, assistance to churches needing financial help to conduct the Initiative, the September 7, 2008 rally expenses, and other miscellaneous expenses. The recommendation was approved.

Russell Hinson brought the following recommendations from the Missions Team.

Missions Team Recommendation No. 1:

The Missions Team recommends that the Executive Board approve a grant in the amount of \$1,200.00 to the annual Emmanuel/Faith Baptist Church Mission trip to Pikeville, Kentucky, July 12-19, 2008. The cost will cover transportation of the team there and back. Funds shall come from the ELBA Mission Project line item. The recommendation was approved.

Missions Team Recommendation No. 2:

The Missions team recommends that the Executive Board approve a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 to First Baptist Church of Head of Island to assist them with the repair of their roof. The funding shall come from the Disaster Relief Fund. The recommendation was approved.

The following reports were given:

- Youth Ministry Team – Johnny Morgan reported that The Forge has been scheduled for August 22-23, 2008, at Amite Baptist Church. John Schaffner, BCM, Southeastern Louisiana University will be guest speaker. This year's theme will be Fishers of Men with a focus on reaching out.
- Nominating Committee – A written report was submitted by the Nominating Committee of their recommendation of those individuals to serve in leadership positions for the 2008-2009 Associational Year. Richard Blue made a Motion, second by Elmer "Buck" Holmes to accept the report. Motion carried. Report is as follows: Moderator – James Cowell; Vice Moderator – Tim Norris; Clerk – Sherri Palmer; Treasurer – Elmer "Buck" Holmes; Historian – Mary Broussard; *Christian Social Services Team Leader – KaRetha Kelly; *Church Planting Team Leader – Merelin McCon; *Church Enrichment Team Leader – David Chelette; Bible Drill Leader – Frances Welch; *Prayer Ministry Team Leader – Larry Hubbard; *Missions and Ministry Center Team Leader – Willis Easley; Personnel Committee (Term expires 2010) – Bill Holifield; Personnel Committee (Term expires 2011) – Andy Granger; Scholarship Committee (Term expires 2011) – Reid Terry; Finance Committee (Term expires 2010) – Kelly Harris; Finance Committee (Term expires 2011) – Glynn Reine. [* denotes that this is a new position.]
- Scholarship Committee – Lisa Hinson reported that the recipients of this year's scholarships are: Miss Tiffani Norris, Mr. Michael Wilkes, and Mr. Luke Hand.

There being no further business, a motion was offered by Richard Blue, second by Howard Turner, to adjourn.

Carl Sullivan led in closing prayer, and the Moderator declared the meeting adjourned.

Sherri Palmer, Clerk

(16 persons attended this meeting)

EASTERN LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, August 4, 2008

Riverside Baptist Church

The Executive Board of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association met in regular session on Monday, August 4, 2008, at 6:15 p.m. at Riverside Baptist Church with the following in attendance.

Randy McKee, New Bethlehem	David Brecheen, Amite	Tommy Shipp, French Settlement
Bullard Jones, Agapé	Richard Blue, Walker	Elmer "Buck" Holmes, Hebron
Larry Hubbard, Riverside	Robbie Isom, Judson	Willis Easley, Christ's Community
Billy Pruett, Gray's Creek	Carl Sullivan, Gray's Creek	Jenelle Brown, FBC Livingston
Donelle Severio, Faith	Trey Cowell, Faith	Howard Turner, Live Oak
Bill Rogers, Riverside	Nathan Powell, One Life	Frank Vallenzano, One Life
Mary Broussard, Hebron	Vivian Broussard, Hebron	J. C. Palmer, Maurepas
Andrew Voss, Satsuma	David Chelette, Riverside	David Brown, FBC Livingston (AMC)
Jerry Ballard, Satsuma	Richard White, Northside	Sherri Palmer, Judson (Clerk)

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Tommy Shipp, and special prayer requests were received.

Carl Sullivan led in opening prayer and for the prayer requests.

Printed copies of the minutes from the previous meeting were provided to members and the Clerk made a motion that the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting be waived and that they be approved as printed unless there were corrections, Howard Turner second. The motion carried and the minutes were approved as printed.

David Brown gave his Associational Missions Coordinator's report. He noted the following not on the report: Berkley Boyd has been called to pastor at Magnolia and Roger Dunlap as interim pastor for Eden. (A copy of the AMC's report has been made a part of the original minutes.)

The financial report ending June 30, 2008, was presented by the Treasurer, Elmer "Buck" Holmes, with a motion the report be approved as printed. Motion carried. (A copy of this report has been made a part of the original minutes.)

The Moderator called for the election of new Executive Board Members not listed on the Annual Church Profile and for any corrections. Members requested that the following changes be made to the Executive Board: the addition of Robbie Isom, Judson; David Chelette, Riverside; Donelle Sevario, Faith; Chuck Ott, Northside; Willis Easley, Christ's Community; Gerald Hull, Macedonia; Berkley Boyd, Magnolia; Roger Dunlap, Eden; and the deletion of Pete Galliano, Riverside; Don Tuttleton, Christ's Community; Danny Henderson, FBC Denham Springs, Willis Easley, Judson. Motion carried. Richard Blue made a motion, second by Howard Turner, that the latest Executive Board member listing, inclusive of these changes, be approved. Motion carried.

The Moderator presented the following calendar recommendation from the Council: "The Council recommends that on the months when the Executive Board meets, the Pastor's conferences be dropped and that the times be changed to 5:45 p.m. for the fellowship meal with the Executive Board meeting to follow at 6:30 p.m. The Executive Board dates for 2009 are as follows: February 2, May 4, and August 3." The recommendation was approved.

Trey Cowell brought the following recommendation of the Missions Team. “The Missions Team recommends that Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association:

1. Provide \$3,666 (one third of the total cost of \$11,000) toward the purchase of a 12’ x 56’ mobile unit to be used by One Life Baptist Church in Port Vincent.
2. Purchase the facility in the name of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association. If the association purchases the facility, when One Life no longer needs it, the building could be used for other church starts or to assist a church needing temporary educational space.”

The recommendation of the Missions Team was approved. David Brown, AMC, noted that insurance on the facility would be included on the association’s existing insurance with Church Mutual at a premium between \$150 and \$300 a year and will cover the facility only.

David Brown brought a recommendation from the Personnel Committee. The ELBA Personnel Committee recommends that the Association establish the position of Associate Associational Missions Coordinator and approve the job description that is included with this recommendation. The position will be part-time. The associate will work a 20-hour work week. The Associational Missions Coordinator will interview and hire this individual. The 2008-2009 proposed budget includes funding for the position.

ASSOCIATE ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS COORDINATOR

PRINCIPAL FUNCTION:

The Associate Associational Missions Coordinator is responsible for providing leadership in ministry development and implementation, communications, church program support, and mission endeavors so as to benefit the member churches. The AAMC will be responsible to the Associational Missions Coordinator.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Assist the Associational Missions Coordinator in all areas of Association work as requested.
2. Cooperate with the Associational Missions Coordinator in planning, implementing, and promoting the work of the Association so as achieve its purposes and goals and benefit the member churches.
3. Assist the AMC in building the fellowship within the Association by visiting member congregations and meeting with church leadership in both formal and informal settings.
4. Enlist and supervise summer missionaries who come to work with congregations in the Association.
5. Enlist and coordinate mission teams functioning within the churches of the Association.
6. Assist in the planning, coordination, and implementation of Associational mission trips and projects.
7. Provide support and coordination of efforts of selected Ministry Teams within the Association.
8. Encourage and assist the committees of the association as needed.
9. Be responsible for website development and maintenance.
10. Be responsible for associational publicity and communications oversight.
11. Assist the AMC in keeping abreast of important developments pertinent to the association.
12. Provide supply and interim ministry to the churches as needed.

Examples of Specific Tasks:

- Church Planting
 - Church planting research
 - As available, attend meetings of the Parish Council, Chamber of Commerce, Civic Clubs, City and Town Councils, etc.
 - Secure and provide interpretation of parish demographics
 - Assist in identifying physical properties for potential church starts
 - Church plant feasibility studies
- Communications
 - Website oversight
 - Publicity and communications oversight
- Church Strengthening, Church Health, and Revitalization
 - Assist churches in identifying needed resources, programs, and events to be healthy, reproducing congregations

The recommendation of the Personnel Committee was approved.

Richard White presented the 2008-2009 Proposed Budget noting changes to line 107 Mission Support of Walker South Mission be changed to One Life and Filipino Bible Study Ministry be changed to Life Giving. The recommendation was approved and the 2008-2009 Proposed Budget was adopted.

There were no matters of old business.

Reports were given by:

- Richard Blue gave a report on the EKG emphasis noting that 74 people from 10 churches attended the meeting. The kick-off rally is set for September 17, 2008, at First Baptist Church Denham Springs with Ken Hemphill as guest speaker. Mailouts will be sent to the churches.
- Randy McKee gave the Child Evangelism Fellowship report. He noted the schools in Livingston Parish involved in Good News Clubs are North Live Oak, Middle Live Oak, Frost, and Eastside. Howard Turner recommended follow-up with children making professions of faith. (A copy of this report has been attached to the minutes.)
- Howard Turner gave the report of the Crisis Ministry Team. He expressed that help is always needed and that a call has been made to see where more training can be done.
- Trey Cowell and Jenelle Brown gave the Missions Team Report noting the proposed organization of a Volunteer Mission Builders Team from ELBA, a missions banquet under the leadership of the Associational WMU to promote the Week of Prayer for State Missions and the Georgia Barnette Offering, research for the need of an association effort toward a parish prison ministry, and increased support for two of our mission congregations: Live-Giving Church and One Life Baptist Church. (A copy of this report has been attached to the minutes.)
- The Moderator Tommy Shipp gave the Youth Ministry Report on “The Forge”, which will take place on August 22-23, 2008, at Amite.
- The Clerk reported that the annual church clerk training has been scheduled for August 11, 2008, at the Associational Office.
- Mary Broussard, Historian, gave a short history on C. E. Reid. She reported that two church history conferences were held this year in the areas of record storage, and research and writing.

There was no miscellaneous business.

There being no further business, a motion was offered by Richard Blue, second by Trey Cowell, to adjourn.

Howard Turner led in closing prayer, and the Moderator declared the meeting adjourned.

Sherri Palmer, Clerk
(27 persons attended this meeting)