

EASTERN LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting
Monday, February 2, 2009
South Walker Baptist Church

The Executive Board of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association met in regular session on Monday, February 2, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. at South Walker Baptist Church with the following in attendance.

Mary Broussard, Historian	Vivian Broussard, Hebron	Elmer "Buck" Holmes, Treasurer
Jerry Ballard, Satsuma	Henry Foster, Emmanuel	Carl Sullivan, Gray's Creek
Joe Alain, Hebron	Richard Blue, Walker	Billy Carpenter, New Beginnings
Andrew Voss, Satsuma	Tim Norris, FBC-Livingston	Fred Dyess, Victory
Don S. Bassett, Red Oak	Steve Stewart, Red Oak	Robbie Isom, Judson
Frank Valenzano, One Life	Mark Carroll, South Walker	Willis Easley, Christ Community
David Chelette, Riverside	Bill Holifield, Colyell	Jerry O. Haws, MSC/Ch. Renewal
J.C. Palmer, FBC-Maurepas	Billy Pruett, Gray's Creek	Mary Kennard, South Walker
David Brown, AMC	James Cowell, Moderator	Sherri Palmer, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, James Cowell. He expressed Board's appreciation to Mark Carroll, Pastor, and South Walker for hosting the meeting.

Pastor Carroll recognized the following church members for their service in the following capacities for tonight's meeting: Great Aunt Mary Kennard for cooking the gumbo and Diana Daughtery and Leslie Davis for the nursery.

Tim Norris led in opening prayer.

Printed copies of the minutes from the previous meeting were provided to members and after a time of review, the Moderator declared the minutes approved as printed.

David Brown gave his Associational Missions Coordinator's report. He also noted the following not included in the written report: Information on the website, www.whatvaluemost.com, encouraging members and their people to put their own testimony on the site, and asked for prayer for the associational chainsaw unit in route to those in need due to the ice storm damage in north Arkansas. He asked John Schaffner, BCM-SLU, to give a report on the mission to China. (A copy of the AMC's written report has been made a part of the original minutes.)

John Schaffner told members of last year's mission trip to China while showing pictures by power point presentation. Eric, a SLU student who went on the mission, also shared a report from a student's perspective. John Schaffner ended the presentation by praying for China, the pastors of ELBA, and for a great awakening.

The financial report ending December 31, 2008, was presented by the Treasurer, Elmer "Buck" Holmes and received by the Board. (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. The following changes were presented to the Executive Board:

Addition of Steve Stewart, Red Oak; Reid Terry, FBC-Livingston; and Robbie Isom, Judson, and the deletion of Steve Jones, Red Oak; Gerald Hull, Macedonia; and Danny LeBlanc, Life Giving. A Motion was offered by Elmer “Buck” Holmes, that the latest Executive Board member listing, inclusive of these changes, be approved. Motion carried.

The following reports were given:

- Associational Council – Sherri Palmer reported (A) the appointments of Tommy Shipp and Andrew Voss to the Nominating Committee, with terms to expire 2011 and (B) the appointments of Chuck Ott, Richard Blue, and Larry Hubbard to the Constitution & By-Laws Committee
- Historian – Mary Broussard gave a history on Frederick Clark, a former moderator who served Eastern in 1843 and 1846. She also gave the pastors a “Ministers Biography Data Form” to fill out and return. (A copy of this form has been made a part of the original minutes.)

The Moderator called for miscellaneous business and there being none, he introduced Jerry Haws, NAMB Service Corp. Mr. Haws gave members information and brochures on the Church Renewal Journey, a process of awakening, equipping and discipling the church.

There being no further business, a motion was offered by Richard Blue, second by Elmer “Buck” Holmes, to adjourn.

The Moderator asked for prayer for sister churches, the AMC, David Brown, led in closing prayer, and the meeting adjourned.

Sherri Palmer, Clerk
(27 persons attended this meeting)

EASTERN LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, May 04, 2009

Agape' Baptist Church

The Executive Board of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association met in regular session on Monday, May 04, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. at Agape' Baptist Church with the following in attendance.

Mary Broussard, Hebron	Randy Powell, Walker	Willis Easley, Christ's Community
Vivian Broussard, Hebron	Robbie Isom, Judson	Brian Thomas, Central
Glynn Reine, Maurepas	Jerry Poston, Victory	Robert Peters, Central
Howard Turner, Live Oak	Fred Dyess, Victory	Russell Hinson, Beech Ridge
J. C. Palmer, Maurepas	Donald Rushing, Judson	Tommy Shipp, French Settlement
Mark Carroll, South Walker	Randall Flippen, Carroll	Trey Cowell, Faith
Larry Hubbard, Riverside	C. Bullard Jones, Agape'	Tim Norris, FBC, Livingston
Jerry Ballard, Satsuma	KaRetha Kelley, Amite	Billy Carpenter, The New Beginnings
James Cowell, Emmanuel	David Brown, AMC	Ginger Glascock, Acting Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, James Cowell. He expressed the Board's appreciation to Bullard Jones, Pastor, and Agape' Baptist Church for hosting the meeting.

Bullard Jones led in opening prayer.

Printed copies of the minutes from the previous meeting were provided to members and after a time of review, the Moderator declared the minutes approved as printed.

David Brown gave his Associational Missions Coordinator report. He expressed appreciation to Ginger Glascock for acting as Clerk in the absence of Sherri Palmer, Associational Clerk. He also encouraged all full time ministers and bi-vocational ministers who work at least twenty (20) hours per week to complete the health statement waivers for the Associational Health Insurance Group. In addition to the written report, a copy of which has been made a part of the original minutes, Brother Brown (1) displayed a plaque presented to Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association by the Louisiana Baptist Convention for securing Annual Church Profiles from 100% of the churches in the association; (2) announced that a Commencement Service to recognize and commend the membership of Eden Baptist Church for their courageous decision to help further the Kingdom of God by making the facilities available for multiple ministries through the Association; (3) gave information concerning legal issues pertaining to Eden Baptist Church. This Addendum to the AMC Report has also been made a part of the original minutes.

Due to the death on Friday, May 1, 2009 of Elmer "Buck" Holmes, Treasurer, the financial report ending March 31, 2009 was presented by David Brown and received by the Board. (A copy of this report has been made a part of the original minutes.)

In the absence of Richard White, Chairman of the Finance Committee, David Brown presented the Finance Committee Report regarding financial decisions concerning Eden Baptist Church. The following decisions were made in the Finance Team meeting March 24, 2009 regarding the property of the former Eden Baptist Church:

- ELBA has opened a special account to pay bills related to the facilities of Eden
- A transfer in the amount of \$15,000 was made from the ELBA general fund
- ELBA will make quarterly insurance payment to Guide One (\$2024.38). The initial payment has already been made.
- ELBA will make payment on all accounts with the exception of AT&T

- Lorraine Pankey is authorized to pay bills and expenditures that will come

The Moderator called for the election of new Executive Board members not listed on the Annual Church Profile or updated at the February 2009 Executive Board Meeting and for any corrections. The following changes were presented to the Executive Board:

Addition of Floyd Patterson, Carroll; Roger Dunlap, Macedonia; and the deletion of Phillip Rush, Carroll; Craig James, Don Avenue; Braxton Wells, Eden; Elmer “Buck” Holmes, Hebron; and Bruce McKenzie, Southside. Motion was offered by Howard Turner, second by Tim Norris, that the latest Executive Board member listing, inclusive of these changes, be approved. Motion carried.

The Moderator reported from the Associational Council the appointments of Roger Dunlap and Joe Alain to the Nominating Committee, with terms to expire 2012.

KaRetha Kelley, Christian Social Services, reported a quote of \$180.00 a year for services in connection with the charity tracker website, www.charitytracker.net, to use as a tool for tracking charity requests made at our churches. Reference was made that all our churches would need to be on board to have a “network” and that each church would be assigned a user name and password. Live Oak, Don Avenue, and Judson have volunteered to test the system and see whether it will be something that we want to be a part of.

Mark Carroll, Missions and Ministry Center Team Leader, presented six (6) recommendations from that team and gave a brief summary of each recommendation. Mark Carroll moved to accept each recommendation. The following motions were approved by the Board.

1. CONCERNING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE EDEN CHURCH PROPERTIES BY THE ASSOCIATION AND AUTHORIZING THE AGENTS TO SIGN DOCUMENTS

Whereas Eden Baptist Church, Inc., of Denham Springs voted unanimously in business meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, to dissolve the corporation and deed all assets to Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association;

Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Missions and Ministry Center Team that Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association, Inc., Walker, Louisiana, receive from Eden Baptist Church, Inc., of Denham Springs, Louisiana, the property, buildings, and assets of the church;

Be it further resolved that David E. Brown and James Cowell, agents of Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association, Inc., be hereby and they are hereby authorized and empowered for and on behalf of and in the name of Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association, Inc., of Walker, to execute and sign the transfer of the above described property and all other assets, and any other documents needed and required to carry out the intent and purpose of this resolution upon such terms and conditions they in their absolute discretion, shall deem fit and proper, so long as the same are not inconsistent herewith. (Sample Document Attached: *Minutes of the Meeting of the Members of Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association, Inc. Held on May 4, 2009*)

2. CONCERNING USE OF THE EDEN CHURCH PROPERTIES

The Missions and Ministry Center Team recommends that the Eden property be used as an Associational Missions and Ministry Center and Church Incubator facility.

Use of the facilities as a Missions and Ministry Center would mean using it to house the associational offices, provide space for our Disaster Relief Chainsaw Unit, our Associational Volunteer Builders Team, the Associational Party Trailer, and possibly providing space for the Louisiana Baptist Builders of the Louisiana Baptist Convention and any future ministries of the association.

Use of the facilities as a Church Incubator would mean using it to provide space for mission congregations or churches that do not have their own facilities. The use of the facilities would be governed by Church Incubator policies as adopted by the Association.

3. CONCERNING DRAFT POLICIES ON CHURCH INCUBATION OPERATIONS

The Missions and Ministry Center Team recommends that the attached “*Church Incubator Policies and Procedures*” be adopted as a draft version of the policies subject to continued study to be finally approved at a later Executive Board or Annual Meeting.

4. CONCERNING THE USE OF THE CHURCH INCUBATOR FACILITY BY CHRIST’S COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Missions and Ministry Center Team recommends that Christ’s Community Church be given use of the Church Incubator Facilities under the proposed policies.

Christ’s Community is a mission of Judson Baptist Church and has been meeting in the Denham Springs Junior High school. The School Board has notified Christ’s Community that they need to vacate the school by June 1, 2009. Therefore, the Missions and Ministry Center Team brings this recommendation to the Executive Board.

5. CONCERNING THE UPDATING OF THE EASTERN LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The Missions and Ministry Center Team recommends that the associational Constitution and By-laws Committee be asked to update the Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of clarifying who may receive property for the Association and the mechanism by which property may be received together with any other dated content that may not reflect the current operating position of the Association.

6. CONCERNING COMMENDATION FOR THE MEMBERS OF EDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

The Missions and Ministry Center Team recommends that the Association issue a letter of commendation to the members of Eden Baptist Church for their decision and action in order to further expand the Kingdom of God. We recommend that the Associational Missions Coordinator be authorized to prepare this letter.

Tim Norris commended the Missions and Ministry Center Team for their work.

Trey Cowell, Missions Team Leader, made the following motions which were approved by the Board.

1. The Missions Team of Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association moves that the Association plan and support an “On Mission Celebration” on May 1-2, 2010.
2. The Missions Team further moves that the Association sponsor an association wide mission trip in July 2010.

The Scholarship Committee Report was presented by Trey Cowell, Chairman. The recipients of the 2009-2010 Scholarships for \$2,000.00 per year are: Danielle Cormier, Louisiana College; and to Charles Ellzey, Justin Powell, and Michael Wilkes to the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. (The complete report has been made a part of the original minutes.)

Tommy Shipp made a motion to accept the Nominating Committee Report. Second by Willis Easley. Motion carried. (A copy of this complete report has been made a part of the original minutes.)

OFFICERS:

Moderator – James Cowell; Vice-Moderator – Tim Norris; Clerk – Virginia Marshall; Treasurer – Elmer “Buck” Holmes; Historian – Mary Broussard

MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS:

Christian Social Services Team Leader – KaRetha Kelly; Church Enrichment Team Leader – David Chelette; Bible Drill Leader – Frances Welch; VBS Director – Randy Powell; Women’s Ministry – Edith McCon; Church Planting Team Leader – Merelin McCon; Crisis Ministry Team Leader – Howard Turner; Disaster Relief Chain Saw Team – Tom Higginbotham; Evangelism Team Leader – Bill Rogers; Media Resources & Communications Team Leader – Jay Hodges; Missions and Ministry Center Team Leader – Mark Carroll (Interim) / Willis Easley; Missions Team Leader – Trey Cowell; Prayer Ministry Team Leader – Larry Hubbard; Youth Ministry Team Leaders – Steve Jones & Johnny Morgan

Donald Rushing, Co-Chairman of the Volunteer Builders Team of ELBA, reported that the team has already been active and he encouraged participation in the upcoming building project at Beulah Land Baptist Church in Bossier City, LA on June 8-12, 2009. (A copy of this complete report has been made a part of the original minutes.)

Larry Hubbard made announcements concerning Angola Prison Ministry and trip to Israel.

David Brown, Associational Missions Coordinator presented the following resolution:

Whereas Elmer “Buck” Holmes was elected as the Treasurer of Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association in October of 2000 and has faithfully served in that position for these past eight and one half years;

And whereas he has served as one of the trustees for Camp Living Waters as a representative of Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association;

And whereas he has also ministered as a faithful servant of the Lord Jesus in distributing the Word of God through the ministry of the Gideons;

Be it resolved that the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association make a donation of \$1,000 to the ministry of the Gideons in memory of Elmer “Buck” Holmes in recognition of his faithful service to the Lord Jesus as Treasurer of this Association and that notice of this action be provided to his family.

Howard Turner made a motion that this resolution be passed, second by Randy Powell, and carried by the Board.

There being no further business, a motion was offered by Tim Norris, second by Randy Powell, to adjourn. Tommy Shipp led in closing prayer.

Ginger Glascock, Acting Clerk
(27 persons attended this meeting)

EASTERN LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, August 3, 2009

Faith Baptist Church

The Executive Board of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association met in regular session on Monday, August 3, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church with the following in attendance.

Howard Turner, Live Oak	Johnny Morgan, Live Oak	Tim Norris, FBC-Livingston
Steve Jones, Emmanuel	Billy Pruett, Gray's Creek	Carl Sullivan, Gray's Creek
Mary Broussard, Historian	Trey Cowell, Faith	Randy Powell, Walker
Jerry Poston, Victory	Chuch Ott, Northside	Floyd Patterson, Carroll
Fred Dyess, Victory	Randall Flippen, Carroll	Richard Blue, Walker
Bill Pianki, Colyell	Bill Holifield, Colyell	Willis Easley, Christ's Comm
J. C. Palmer, Maurepas	Larry Badon, Carroll	Billy Carpenter, New Beginnings
James Cowell, Moderator	David Brown, AMC	Freddie Arnold, AAMC
Sherri Palmer, Clerk		

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, James Cowell. He expressed Board's appreciation to Trey Cowell, Pastor, and Faith for hosting the meeting.

At this time, board members were informed that Retia Dukes, wife of NOBTS professor Dr. Jimmy Dukes, had passed away from injuries sustained after being struck by a vehicle in New Orleans this past April. Howard Turner reported that the Deloy Chapman family had also been involved in a serious accident, sustaining injuries that placed four of them in intensive care.

Trey Cowell led in opening prayer and for these families.

Printed copies of the minutes from the previous meeting were provided to members and after a time of review, the Moderator declared the minutes approved as printed.

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

Freddie Arnold, Associate Associational Missions Coordinator, gave his report and a PowerPoint presentation on "Jumpstart", a Sunday school leadership training workshop. (A copy of the AAMC's written report has been made part of the original minutes.)

Since ELBA is still without an associational treasurer, the financial report ending June 30, 2009, was presented by the AMC, David Brown, and received by the Board. During review, an inquiry was made relative to line item "Party Trailer" under Fixed Assets in the amount of \$10,450.49. Discussion ensued relative to party trailer fees and upkeep expenses in the areas of repairs, maintenance and insurance. In the end, the question was asked: "Do we need to lower fees?" The matter will be brought to the Finance Committee to address. The Moderator then noted the following corrections to the Expenses – Budget Vs Actual page of the financial report: Under the column "Sept '08 – Aug '09," within "Missions and Ministries" category, the line item Fellowship Christian Athletes in the amount of \$1,700.00 should be \$1,000.00 and under the same column within the Organization & Promotion category, the line item Youth (Children, Youth, College) in the amount of 3,839.86 should be \$4,539.86. (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. The following changes were presented to the Executive Board: Additions of Bill Pianki, Colyell; Johnny Morgan, Live Oak; Fred Dyess, Victory; Jerry Poston, Victory; and the deletion of David Guitrau, Colyell; and Jack Muse, Live Oak. A Motion was offered by Dr. Richard Blue, that the latest Executive Board member listing, inclusive of these changes, be approved; second by Steve Jones. Motion carried.

The following reports were given:

Constitution and ByLaws Committee – Richard Blue reported that the committee has been addressing proposed changes to the Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of clarifying who may receive property for the Association and the mechanism by which property may be received. The committee meets Tuesday, August 4, 2009. Board members will be able to review the proposed changes in the next two issues of the associational newsletter.

Historian – Mary Broussard gave a history on Ezra Courtney (1771 or 1775 – 1855), a former moderator of the Mississippi Association, who served that association as a missionary to the needy regions of southeast Louisiana. She also showed members copies of a couple old photos, explaining their content along with giving description of a late 1800's minute book from Eden. (A copy her written report has been made a part of the original minutes.)

Missions Team – Trey Cowell gave the following report and recommendation of the Missions Team.

- The On Missions Celebration (OMC) leadership team will meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m., and the OMC emphasis has been set for May 1-2, 2010. More people are needed to help on the team and all ELBA churches are encouraged to participate. The ELBA mission trip is scheduled for July 17-23, 2010, to possibly Oklahoma or north Louisiana, with the mission budget going toward this trip.
- The Mission Team recommends that the association provide endorsement of Victory Baptist Church as a mission of Macedonia. This endorsement qualifies Victory to receive associational support in the amount of \$500.00 per month and church planting funds from the Louisiana Baptist Convention. Reconciliation letters from Victory Baptist Church and Carroll Baptist Church have been presented to the ELBA office and accepted by the Missions Team. The Moderator opened the floor for questions. The question was asked that if the recommendation passed when would it become effective, which received the response, "today." With no further questions, the Moderator called for a vote. After noting all those in favor by the saying of "amen", he noted one in opposition, and declared that the motion had carried.

(The written report and recommendation of the Missions Team has been attached to the original minutes.)

Nominating Committee - In the absence of committee member Rhett Major, the Moderator brought the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to make the following changes to leadership positions for the 2009-2010 associational year: Chuck Ott, Clerk; Rebecca "Becca" Bridevaux, VBS Director; Danna Cowell, Women's Ministry; and Robbie Isom (2012), Living Waters Baptist Assembly Trustee. The recommendation of the Nominating Committee was approved.

Scholarship Committee – Trey Cowell, Chairman, reported that scholarship recipient Danielle Cormier has left Louisiana College to pursue a nursing degree at Southeastern Louisiana University and that alternate, Emily Free, will receive the Louisiana College award. He presented 2010-2011 ELBA Scholarship Committee Policy, noting in particular the changes from present policy to article VI and the addition of article XII. (The written report has been made a part of the original minutes.)

He further reported that scholarship policies may change at a later date due to finances, and that scholarship packets are ready and can be obtained from Ginger Glascock at the association office. He moved that the 2010-2011 ELBA Scholarship Committee Policy be adopted. The Moderator opened the floor for questions and having none, he called for a vote and the policy was adopted.

Youth Ministry Team – Steve Jones gave the report of the Youth Ministry Team. Handouts were provided on the annual associational event, “The Forge”, for youth and youth leadership on August 21-22, 2009, at Live Oak. This year’s theme is “Organic”, Living the Christian Life without Any Unnecessary Additives!’ Schedules, fees, and other pertinent information will go out in the next couple weeks.

Finance Committee – In the absence of Committee Chairman, Richard White, David Brown presented the 2009-2010 Proposed Budget. A period of discussion ensued. Howard Turner made a motion to maintain the 2008-2009 Budget with increases in line items 203 Multi-peril insurance to \$11,400 and 415 Financial Secretary to \$8,000, and that line item 303 EKG-ELBA Initiative be deleted; second by Randy Powell. Motion carried.

Richard Blue offered a Resolution that the Finance Committee be commended for all their efforts and hard work in preparing the budget; second by Howard Turner. The resolution was approved.

Richard Blue moved to refer back to the Finance Committee to reconsider budget line items 300 Organization & Promotion less EKG, 105 Camp Living Waters, 110 Scholarships and to consider keeping these at 2008-2009 levels; Howard Turner second. Howard Turner spoke to the motion that key components be looked at to bring before the Executive Board and to look at going no more than three percent (3%) into reserves. Motion carried.

Richard Blue moved to refer back to the Finance Committee and the Personnel Committees to reconsider personnel salaries; second by Tim Norris. The Moderator opened the floor for question and discussion. Having none, he called the matter to a vote, and the Motion carried.

The Moderator opened the floor for any additional reports.

Bob Ingalls brought the report of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. The FCA has finished two camps. Thirteen children made commitments to Christ. FCA Louisiana has recently formed District 4, which takes in the parishes of Livingston, Tangipahoa, and St. Helena, and is in the process of building a financial base. Brochures were available outlining needs.

There being no further reports, the Moderator called for miscellaneous business. He reported the following changes to the 2009-2010 Associational Calendar: (1) moving the Associational Bible Drill from Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010 to Sunday, April 11, 2010, (2) the addition of the Associational Missions Trip on July 17-23, 2010, and (3) due to conflict with Associational Missions Trip, moving the Associational Council Meeting from July 19, 2010 to July 12, 2010. Steve Jones made a motion to accept the changes and the update to the 2009-2010 Associational Calendar; second by Richard Blue. The motion carried.

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

Moderator James Cowell led in closing prayer and the meeting adjourned.

Sherri Palmer, Clerk

(25 persons attended this meeting)

EASTERN LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2009
Christ's Community Church

The Executive Board of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association met in special session on Monday, September 14, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ's Community Church with the following in attendance.

Steve Stewart, Red Oak	Jerry D. Ballard, Satsuma	Carl Sullivan, Gray's Creek
Billy Pruett, Gray's Creek	Andrew Voss, Satsuma	Floyd Patterson, Carroll
Trey Cowell, Faith	Joe Alain, Hebron	Richard White, Northside
Fred Dyess, Victory	Robbie Isom, Judson	Randall Flippen, Carroll
Howard Turner, Live Oak	Willis Easley, Christ's Community	Ralph Willie, Pine Grove
David Brown, AMC	James R Cowell, Moderator	Sherri Palmer, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, James Cowell. He led in opening prayer and expressed Board's appreciation to Willis Easley, Pastor, and Christ's Community for hosting the meeting. The Moderator then recognized the clerk.

The clerk informed members that it is time for submission of the Annual Church Profile (ACP) and its importance. Pastors were asked to encourage the person responsible for completing the ACP in their respective churches to submit it as soon as possible.

The Moderator called for the election of new Executive Board Members not listed on the Annual Church Profile and for any corrections. The following changes were presented to the Executive Board: Deletion of Brian Thomas, Central; Jeffrey Hathorn, FBC-Holden; and Julian Woods, Pine Grove, and the addition of Vivian Broussard, Hebron; and Ralph Willie, Pine Grove. A Motion was offered by Howard Turner, that the latest Executive Board member listing, inclusive of these changes, be approved, second by Trey Cowell. Motion carried.

Richard White, Chairman, brought the recommendation of the Finance Committee on the 2009-2010 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$272,532.00 (a copy has been attached to the minutes) with these comments. The Finance Committee took into consideration the recommendation of the Executive Board from the August 3, 2009 meeting to reconsider key components going no more than three percent (3%) into reserves, but this request was not feasible when considering other requests. The budget's projected income was based on the last ten months receipts of \$237,072.00. Therefore, the committee will review income over expenses over the next three months and, if necessary, bring new figures to the next Executive Board meeting.

The Moderator called for comments or questions.

Trey Cowell commented that the proposed budget line item 111 has \$6,000.00 budgeted for scholarships. He stated that the Committee has already awarded scholarships in the amount of \$8,000.00 for next year as approved at the last annual meeting. He made a Motion that the

scholarship category be raised from \$6,000.00 to \$8,000.00. After discussion and question, the Moderator called for a vote and the motion carried.

Discussion, again, ensued over the 2009-2010 Proposed Budget. The Moderator called for any other comments, and after having the matter called to question, the Moderator called for a vote and the recommendation of the Finance Committee was approved and the 2009-2010 Proposed Budget was adopted.

Trey Cowell brought a recommendation from the Missions Team that an amount \$10,000.00 has been approved toward the On Mission Celebration (OMC) to be held May 1-2, 2010 from the operating budget, but that upon further consideration, the committee is recommending that amount be increased from \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00. After discussion, the Moderator called for a vote and the recommendation was approved.

There being no further business, Bullard Jones led in closing prayer, and the meeting adjourned.

Sherri Palmer, Clerk
(18 persons attended this meeting)