

# EASTERN LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## Executive Board Meeting

Monday, February 1, 2010

Christ's Community Baptist Church

The Executive Board of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association met in regular session on Monday, February 1, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ's Community Baptist Church with the following in attendance.

Billy Pruett, Gray's Creek	Carl Sullivan, Gray's Creek	Bob Ingalls, Christ's Community
Ralph Willie, Pine Grove	Trey Cowell, Faith	James Cowell, Emmanuel
Andrew Voss, Satsuma	Mary Broussard, Hebron	Vivian Broussard, Hebron
Johnny Morgan, Live Oak	Howard Turner, Live Oak	Jay Hodges, Judson
Max Landry, Emmanuel	Wiley Perkins, Emmanuel	Henry Foster, Emmanuel
Jerry Ballard, Satsuma	Bullard Jones, Agape'	David Brown, AMC
Dawn Pope, Judson	Larry Badon, Carroll	Keith Zachary, New Covenant
Richard White, Northside	Fred Dyess, Victory	Willis Easley, Christ's Community
Calvin Brown, Grt. Third Zion	William Rheams, Grt. Third Zion	Billy Carpenter, The New Beginnings
Freddie Arnold, AAMC	Chuck Ott, Clerk	

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, James Cowell. On behalf of the Board and the Association he thanked Christ's Community Church for hosting this evenings meeting.

Bro. James Cowell announced that Associational Annuals for year 2009 were available to be picked up during this meeting at the clerk's desk.

Bro. James Cowell led in our opening prayer.

Printed copies of the minutes from the September 14, 2009, Special Called Executive Board meeting were provided to members and after a time of review, the Moderator declared the minutes approved as printed without objection.

Printed copies of the minutes from the August 3, 2009 Quarterly Executive Board meeting were provided to members and after a time of review, the Moderator declared the minutes approved as printed without objection.

Bro. 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.)

Bro. Freddie Arnold the Associate Associational Missions Coordinator, gave a portion of his report and deferred the remainder until committee reports were being given, stating that a portion of his would be more timely at that point. (A copy of the AAMC's report has been attached and made a part of the original minutes.)

Bro. Richard White gave the Treasurer's report. Questions arose from the floor regarding how the Board would handle budget overruns. The group discussed the possible need for a future, Special Called Executive Board meeting to deal with any budget revision issues. The Finance Committee will meet and bring recommendations to the Executive Board as needed. (A copy of the Treasurers report has been made a part of the original minutes.)

Bro. James Cowell called for election of new Executive Board Members not listed on the ACP report and for any changes. The following changes were made: Deletions; James Cowell, Emmanuel; Julian Wood, Pine Grove; J.C. Palmer, Maurepas. Additions; Ralph Willie, Pine Grove; Max Landry, Emmanuel; Keith Sewell, First Denham Springs. Motion to approve

changes to Executive Board by Howard Turner, second by Trey Cowell. Motion carried. (A copy of Executive Board members for this Association and the above changes is attached.)

Bro. Bullard Jones was nominated by the ELBA Council to serve on the Nomination Committee. Members of the Executive Board approved the nomination.

Addition of Ms. Jenelle Brown to "Check Signing Authorization List" for the purpose of Missions and Ministry Center remodeling project, recommended by ELBA Council. On motion by Bro. Paul Taylor, Executive Board approved the addition of Ms. Brown. (A copy of the approved signature document has been made a part of these minutes)

David Galloway with Guide One provided handouts and explained the GAP insurance proposal to members of the Executive Board. (A copy of the handout has been made a part of these minutes.) On behalf of the ELBA council recommendation that we pursue the GAP (Group Affiliated Program) through Guide One for ELBA churches, Howard Turner made a motion to give Executive Board approval of said program. Motion carried.

Clerk encouraged Executive Board members to please pick up copies of the 2009 ELBA annual at the clerks desk at the end of the meeting.

Bro. Howard Turner reported on the Disaster Relief chain saw team's up-coming possible deployment to the mid US states impacted by the recent ice storms. Possible dates are the weeks of February 8<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>.

Between 30-35 people from ELBA churches attended the recent D R Roundtable training meetings at Camp Living Waters. These training sessions support Disaster Relief teams.

Bro. Howard Turner to go on a medical mission trip to Haiti. Bro. David led the body in prayer for Howard and other team members as they serve God by serving the needs of others.

Ms. Broussard gave an interesting historical sketch on Bro. J.T. Ott, one of our early church and association moderators. (A copy of this sketch is attached as part of these meeting minutes.)

Bro. Freddie Arnold gave the Missions and Ministry Center Team report. (A copy of this report is attached as part of these meeting minutes.) Dawn Pope was introduced as the Prayer Committee chairman. Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Cockerham were introduced as the co-chairpersons of the Meals Committee. Mr. Fred Hart will Chair the Go-Fer Committee. One additional committee chairman is needed. The above team chairpersons will head up their respective committees in support of Baptist Builder team work on the Missions and Ministry Center as it is remodeled.

Bro. Richard White made the following motion: **"I make a motion that we approve a transfer of up to \$100,000.00 from LBF-Operating Account to an ELBA Special Account for the Missions and Ministry Center."** Second by Keith Zachary. Motion carried.

Bro. Trey Cowell reminded Board members in attendance of the Scholarship form that is on the Associational Web page that may be used to apply for Scholarship funds for the upcoming school sessions. Scholarships will be issued in May.

Bro. Trey Cowell, Missions Team Chairman addressed present asset allocations now under the directions of the Missions Team. Churches are encouraged to utilize the party trailer at church sponsored events.

Upcoming mission oriented events sponsored by the Association Missions Team are the OMC (On Mission Celebration) and the Summer Mission Trip. Both events need local church involvement to be a success. OMC is scheduled for May 1 & 2. The OMC Rally will be held with the Amite Baptist Church. The Summer Mission Trip is scheduled for July 18-23. Churches and individual members are encouraged to participate. (A copy of the Mission Trip flyer is attached as part of these meeting minutes.)

Update on Life Giving Church: Life Giving has decided to separate themselves from Mission designation under the direction of Live Oak Baptist Church. If they decide to petition ELBA for admission in the future they will fall under the Watch care program. Bro. David Brown has met with them regarding these matters.

Johnny Morgan gave a Youth Ministry Team update on the “Forge” for the summer. Events will have a new, fresh look. Bro. Lonnie Cook, Hebron Baptist will be the new Co-chair for the Youth Ministry Team.

Bob Ingalls from FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) gave an update on the new District 4, of which we in Livingston parish are a part of. FCA now has 4000+ members here in District 4.

Bro. Freddie in wrapping up his AAMC report reminded attendees of the upcoming Sunday School Leadership training called “Jump Start”. Freddie encouraged Board members to work toward strengthening their local Sunday Schools with this quote: “So goes Sunday School, So goes Church”. (A copy of this flyer is attached as part of the meeting minutes.)

Other areas for training and enrichment for senior adult will be Senior Fest 2010 to be held March 2 at the NOBTS campus. (A copy of this flyer is attached as part of the meeting minutes.)

Those wishing to be a part of ministering to the Haitian people may do so on an individual level or a church level by ministering through the, “Buckets of Hope” program. All buckets must be filled and on site at the ELBA office by March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Cost to fill a bucket is approximately \$30 + \$10 shipping. Instructions are available through the ELBA office. (A copy of the “Buckets of Hope” flyer is attached as part of the meeting minutes.)

2010 Vacation Bible School Training, “Saddle Ridge Ranch” will take place at the Judson Baptist Church on April 13. (A copy of the “Saddle Ridge Ranch” flyer is attached as part of the meeting minutes.)

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was called for.

Bro. Carl Sullivan, motion to adjourn.

Bro. Bullard Jones led the Board in a closing prayer.

Chuck Ott, Clerk  
(29 persons attending this meeting)

# EASTERN LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, May 10, 2010

Faith Baptist Church

The Executive Board of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association met in regular session on Monday, May 10, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church with the following in attendance.

Don Bassett, Red Oak	Steve Stewart, Red Oak	Billy Pruett, Gray's Creek
Carl Sullivan, Gray's Creek	Bullard Jones, Agape	Tim Norris, FBC Livingston
W. C. Foster, Agape'	Trey Cowell, Faith	Bryan Morgan, Faith
Joe Alain, Hebron	KaRetha Kelley, Amite	David Brown, AMC
Ralph Willie, Pine Grove	Bill Holifield, Coyell	Max Landry, Emmanuel
Ralph Bryson, Satsuma	Andrew Voss, Satsuma	Jerry Ballard, Satsuma
Howard Turner, Live Oak	Frank Valenzano, One Life	Johnny Morgan, Live Oak
Bill Pianki, Colyell	Lorraine Pankey, ELBA	Richard Blue, Walker
Chuck Ott, Clerk		

1. The meeting was called to order by the Vice Moderator, Bro. Tim Norris. Bro. Tim welcomed all members and guests who were in attendance. Bro. Tim called upon Bro. Trey Cowell to speak to the group about the Pagan Fest scheduled for Livingston Parish. Bro. Trey informed the Board of the planned dates for the Pagan Fest in Livingston Parish of May 28, 29, 30 and 31. Bro Trey closed by asking the Board to pray to resist the evil in our area.
2. Bro. Howard Turner was called upon to lead the opening prayer. Bro. David Brown mentioned prayer request for Bro. Calvin Brown, who lost two aunts in twelve hours. Bro. Howard led in prayer.
3. Minutes from the last Executive Board meeting were called approved by the Moderator without objection by the Board.
4. Bro. David Brown gave his Associational Missions Coordinator report. Highlighted area of his report was the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force report. Bro. David read excerpts from the report concerning church giving and rate of baptisms in our state. Bro. David stated that he would be attending the Southern Baptist Convention meeting this summer and asked that we as an Executive Board pray for the Convention. Bro. Don Bassett led the body in prayer for the Convention and its upcoming meeting. (A copy of the AMC's written report has been made a part of the original minutes)
5. Bro. Freddie Arnold, the Associate Associational Missions Coordinator was absent. He is serving as an incident commander in the Disaster Relief program of the Southern Baptist Convention, in the flooded area of Nashville, Tenn. (A copy of the AAMC's report is attached as part of the original minutes.)
6. Election of new Executive Board members not listed on the 2009 Annual Church Profile or voted on at the February Board Meeting are as follows: Bryan Morgan, Faith, and Steve Stewart, Red Oak. Motion by Bro. Richard Blue to accept new Executive Board members, second, motion carried.
7. Reports:
  - The Finance Committee report was given by Bro. David Brown. Bro. David reviewed process that was followed to this point to come to the proposed budget.

The Council had asked that the Personnel and Finance Committees meet to come to an agreement regarding a proposed revised budget. Bro. Joe Alain asked Bro. David's opinion regarding the budget. Bro. Howard Turner requested to answer the question. Bro. Howard made the following motion: **I make a motion to amend the original budget by changing ELBA giving from a fix dollar basis to a percentage basis, to the six "outside" ministries ELBA supports, as follows: 1) Baptist Collegiate Ministry 6.6%, 2) Fellowship of Christian Athletes .435%, 3) La. Moral and Civic Foundation .435%, 4) Camp Living Waters 4.25%, 5) Child Evangelism .435%, 6) Family Resource Center .87%. These changes are retroactive to March 1.** Second by Bro. Don Bassett. Bro. Alain spoke against the motion. Bro. Bassett spoke for the motion. Bro. Blue asked if the budget was retroactive to March 1 or does it start tonight, Bro. Howard answered. Bro. Andrew Voss spoke against the motion. Bro. Ralph Bryson made comment only. Bro. Frank Valenzano spoke against the motion, citing the amount of funds in savings accounts indicating that we should use reserve funds to cover the shortage. Bro. Howard restated his motion for clarity. Vote count was 10 for and 7 against, motion carried. (A copy of Bro. Howard's calculations and presentation has been made a part of the original minutes.)

- Ms. KaRetha Kelley spoke about the Christian Social Services Committees efforts to establish a counseling center in our Association. A day of prayer for the Counseling Center is set for August 8. (A copy of the Team's report has been made a part of the original minutes).
- Bro. Ralph Bryson updated the Board on the work progress at the Missions and Ministry Center. Lack of detailed DOTD drawings for the proposed traffic circle at the Eden Road and Florida Blvd. intersection; have forced Team members to recommend stopping the work on the Missions and Ministry Center. Final drawings for the proposed traffic circle are not due out until February 2012. No further plans have been made.
- Bro. Trey Cowell reported on the Mission Team effort. 44 people will be attending the mission trip to Broken Arrow, Okla. Bro. Trey also thanked all people involved in the On Mission Celebration, held recently at Amite Baptist Church.
- A Scholarship Committee report was also issued by Bro. Trey Cowell. The scholarships have been awarded and the committees work is complete for this year. Recipients of the scholarships are: Louisiana College – Emily Free; New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary – Charles David Ellzey, Wade Jordan Broyles, Anna Cook. (A copy of the committees' report has been attached and made a part of the original minutes.)
- Bro. Johnny Morgan gave an update from the Youth Ministry Team. The team is planning the activities for Forge 2010, to be held in August, at New Covenant Church. (A copy of the committees report has been attached and made a part of the original minutes.)
- Bro. Bullard Jones made a motion to accept the Nominating Committee Report as presented. Motion carried. (A copy of the committees report has been attached and made a part of the original minutes.)

**Officers elected:** Moderator – Tim Norris; Vice Moderator – Carl Sullivan; Clerk – Chuck Ott; Treasurer – Kelly Smith; Historian – Mary Broussard.

**Ministry Team Leaders elected:** Christian Social Services Team Leader – KaRetha Kelley; Church Planting Team Leader – Merelin McCon; Crisis Ministry Team Leader – Howard Turner; Disaster Relief Chain Saw Team Leader – Tom Higginbotham; Evangelism Team Leader – Bill Rogers; Media Resources & Communications Team Leader – Jay Hodges; Missions Team Leader – Trey Cowell; Prayer Ministry Team Leader – Tommy Shipp; Youth Ministry Team Leaders – Johnny Morgan, Lonnie Cook; VBS Director – Becca Bridevaux; Women’s Ministry Leader – Danna Cowell.

- Bro. Howard Turner made the following motion: **I make a motion to allow any newly nominated Finance Committee members nominated, be allowed to begin serving prior to election.** Second by Bro. Richard Blue, motion carried.
- Bro Howard Turner updated the Executive Board on the new work of the Disaster Relief Team going on in Nashville, Tenn. Bro. Freddie is already there serving as an incident commander. The Association will be sending other teams as needed.

8. No Miscellaneous Business.

9. Bro. Tim Norris called for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn by Bro. Trey Cowell, second by Bro. Johnny Morgan. Bro. Tim called for the Board to stand for prayer.

10. Bro. Carl Sullivan was asked to offer the closing prayer.

Chuck Ott, Clerk

(25 members and visitors in attendance)

# Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, August 2, 2010

Bethel Baptist Church

The Executive Board of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association met in regular session on Monday, August 2, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. at Bethel Baptist Church with the following in attendance.

Max Landry, Emmanuel	Wiley Perkins, Emmanuel	Allen Robards, Emmanuel
Bill Pianki, Colyell	Blaine Stafford, Doyle	Joe Alain, Hebron
Trey Cowell, Faith	Andrew Voss, Satsuma	Randy Powell, Walker
Carl Sullivan, Gray's Creek	Howard Turner, Live Oak	Billy Pruett, Gray's Creek
David Brown, AMC	Freddie Arnold, AAMC	Kelly Smith, Treasurer
Ralph Willie, Pine Grove	Fred Dyess, Victory	Jerry Poston, Victory
Steve Stewart, Red Oak	Tim Norris, FBC Livingston	Billy Carpenter, New Beginnings
Bill Holifield, Colyell	Wendell Dorman, Holden	Merelin McCon, Northside
Paul Taylor, Pine Grove	Jimmy Sasser, Bethel	Richard Blue, Walker
Robbie Isom, Judson	Charles Ellzey, Bethel	Willis Easley, Christ's Community
Chuck Ott, Clerk		

1. The meeting was called to order by Bro. Tim Norris, Vice Moderator. Bro. Tim welcomed all members in attendance.
2. Bro. Andrew Voss was called upon to lead the Executive Board in our opening prayer.
3. The minutes from the last Executive Board were called approved by the Moderator without objection by the Board.
4. Bro. David Brown gave his Associational Missions Coordinators report. Bro. David asked that churches pray for the work of the Christian Social Services Team on August 8 as they pray for Counseling Center space. Bro. David highlighted his experiences during the mission trip to Oklahoma and the work accomplished by the mission team at the Day Springs Villa Women's Center. This center is the only faith based center available to women in the area. (A copy of the AMC's written report has been made a part of the original minutes.)
5. Bro. Freddie Arnold gave his Associate Associational Missions Coordinators report. Bro. Freddie thanked Bethel Baptist Church for hosting the Executive Board meeting and for the wonderful meal prepared for the attendees. Bro. Freddie highlighted the "Bigger Breakfast" event planned of September 25 and hosted by Judson Baptist Church. He encouraged churches to take advantage of the "Blitz on the Bayou" training on August 14, at Greenwell Springs Baptist Church. Bro. Freddie asked churches in our Association to participate in the "Buckets of Hope" for south Louisiana residents. The Association will furnish 2 buckets to each ELBA church tonight. After tonight, buckets are first-come, first-serve at the Associational offices. Bro. Freddie gave a very informative report on Louisiana population growth statistics. Our 5 parish area along I-10 and I-12 will see a tremendous jump in population in the next 20 years. Statistics indicate that by the year 2030, eighty percent of the state's population will live along the I-10 and I-12 corridor across the southern part of our state. Bro. Richard Blue thanked Bro. Freddie for his report and expressed his surprise as well as that of the Executive Board at these finding. Bro. Richard led the Board in prayer asking God to lead us to restoration to see the need that this report has placed before us. (A copy of the AAMC's written report has been made a part of the original minutes.)
6. Bro. Tim Norris introduced the new Associational Treasurer, Mrs. Kelly Smith. Mrs. Smith gave a brief bio then called the Board's attention to the treasurer's report. The Board had no questions and accepted the report as printed. (A copy of the Treasurers report has been made a part of the original minutes.)
7. Bro. Tim Norris introduced the additions and deletions to the Executive Board, as printed. Other additions: Chuck Ott and Merelin McCon, Northside; Robbie Isom and Jay Hodges,

Judson; Jerry Poston, Victory. No other deletions. Bro. Tim asked new members to please stand and be recognized. Bro. Howard Turner made a motion to accept new membership changes to the Executive Board. Bro. Richard Blue, second. Motion carried. (A copy of the written report with changes has been made a part of the original minutes.)

8. REPORTS:

- A. Bro. Tim Norris gave his Associational Council report. As moderator, Bro. Tim appointed the following members to the Resolution Committee: Bro. Richard Blue, Walker; Bro. Howard Turner, Live Oak; Bro. Earnest Graham, Amite. As moderator, Bro. Tim also appointed the following members to the Annual Meeting Arrangements Committee: Bro. Larry Hubbard and Bro. David Chelette, Riverside.
- B. Bro. Andrew Voss addressed the proposed Finance Committee Budget for 2011. The proposed reductions in the budget proposal from 2010 to 2011 are \$40,000.00. The Finance Committee is in full agreement with these proposed budget cuts. Bro. Andrew made a motion to accept the proposed 2011 budget. Bro. Richard Blue commended the work of the Finance Committee and the Association Staff. Bro. Andrew commented that any increase in giving to the Association would go to give salary increases to the Association Staff. Bro. Tim Norris encouraged Board members to pray and encourage one another in this effort. The motion to accept the proposed budget carried. Bro. Andrew issued his Finance Committee report which included "Current trends in giving" report for years 2007-2009. Bro. Andrew recommended the book, "One Sacred Effort" as encouragement and explanation for our Cooperative Program giving effort. Bro. Richard Blue recommended that a copy of the Power Point Program used in this presentation be given to the Association. Bro. Andrew will provide a copy to the Association.
- C. The Church Planting Team report was given by Bro. Merelin McCon. The Church Planting Team is studying ways to revitalize churches within the Association. When we look at the projected population growth for our area it points to the fact that we need to be looking at new church plants to keep up with the projected growth of population in the parish. The Church Planting Team meets Wednesday, August 11, at 10:00 a.m. Bro. Merelin invites all pastors to attend. Bro. Merelin encouraged all member churches to invest in a church plant. "Growing churches do ministry while dying churches solve problems." Bro. Merelin asked for prayer for the Church Planting Team. Bro. David pointed out that demographics have been ordered for a 1.5 mile radius of each church within the Association. This information will help churches in the church plant decision making process.
- D. Bro. Freddie Arnold gave the Missions and Ministry Center Team report. Bro. Freddie reports that Ministry Center work is on hold until DOTD completes the planning work for the highway round-about planned for the intersection of Hwy.190 and Eden Church road. Planning is scheduled to be complete during 2011 with work to begin in 2012. The committee will keep the Association informed of the status of the DOTD work on this project.
- E. Bro. Bob Ingalls was granted time to give a FCA report to the Executive Board. Bro. Bob reported that there are now 4000 boys and girls involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, within this area. Their new name is, Southeastern Louisiana Fellowship of Christian Athletes. This year there have been 50 commitments to Christ made through the FCA. The 2010 theme has been, "Unleash the Power".

Point of Privilege: Bro. Tim Norris reports that Mrs. Mary Broussard's husband, Mr. Vivian Broussard fell and broke his leg. Bro. Tim called upon Bro. Joe Alain, the Broussard's pastor to pray for the recovery of Bro. Broussard.

- F. Bro. Trey Cowell gave the Mission Team report. Bro. Trey that all of the members of the mission trip team returned home safely. Bro. Trey introduced a short DVD of mission trip highlights, which showed team members enjoying serving our Lord on the mission field. Forty one people from ELBA churches participated from seven different churches in our Association. Two other attendees from a LaPlace church participated in the mission trip. Three professions of faith were made at VBS. Bro. Trey thanked all for their support, prayers and love offerings. The Mission Team will meet on August 15.
- G. Bro. Bill Pianki gave the Youth Team report. Bro. Bill reported on upcoming youth events. The Forge youth event will take place August 20-21 at New Covenant. The Youth Evangelistic Conference will be held at the Cajun Dome in Lafayette, LA, November 21-22. (A copy of the Youth Team written report has been made a part of the original minutes.)
- H. Bro. Chuck Ott gave the Clerks report. Bro. Chuck asked all Board members present to remind their church clerks and secretaries of the ACP deadline of September 16, and that a copy of the report needs to be sent to the ELBA office. There are several church annuals still available for churches that have not received theirs. They can be picked up at the Clerks desk at the close of the meeting.

9. No Miscellaneous Business.

Point of Privilege: Bro. Tim Norris recognized Bro. David Brown. Bro. David introduced the Associations two newest pastors; Bro. Blaine Stafford, Doyle and Bro. Wendell Dorman, Holden FBC.

Announcements:

- Hunting Seminar, August 12 at 7 p.m. at Gray's Creek, Bro. Carl Sullivan, pastor.
- Revival, August 29 through September 1 at Faith, Bro. Trey Cowell, pastor.
- Retooled for Jesus, September 11 at Walker, Bro. Richard Blue, pastor

10. Motion to adjourn by Bro. Richard Blue. Second by Bro. Trey Cowell. Motion Carried.

11. Closing Prayer and prayer for both new pastors, by Bro. Merelin McCon.

32 people present

Minutes taken by Chuck Ott