

EASTERN LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting

February 5, 2007

Calvary Baptist Church

The Executive Board of the Eastern Louisiana Association met in regular session on Monday, February 5, 2007, at 6:15 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church with the following in attendance:

Tommy Shipp, Moderator	Mary Broussard, Historian	Vivian Broussard, Hebron
Pete Galliano, Riverside	Carl Sullivan, Gray's Creek	Jerry Ballard, Satsuma
Merelin McCon, Judson	Billy Pruett, Gray's Creek	Joe Alain, Hebron
Jerry Poston, Carroll	Elmer "Buck" Holmes, Treasurer	Howard Turner, Live Oak
Phillip Rush, Carroll	Calvin Brown, Greater 3 rd Zion	Robert Mullins, Greater 3 rd Zion
James Cowell, Vice-Moderator	Tim Norris, FBC-Livingston	Scott Munson, FBC-Livingston
Larry Hubbard, Riverside	Steve Stewart, Red Oak	Chuck Ott, Northside
Paul Taylor, Pine Grove	Roger Dunlap, Macedonia	David Brown, AMC
Larry Badon, Reg. Strategist, Greater B.R.	Dr. David Hankins, Ex. Dir., LBC	Sherri Palmer, Clerk
Reuben Dangan, Pastor/Filipino Bible Study		

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Tommy Shipp. He expressed the Board's appreciation to Calvary Baptist Church for hosting the meeting.

Carl Sullivan led in opening prayer.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed, and a Motion was offered by the Clerk, Sherri Palmer, to approve the minutes as printed, second by Merelin McCon. Motion carried.

David Brown, Associational Missions Coordinator, gave his report on the mission and ministry work of the association. (A copy of this report is attached and made a part of the original minutes.) During this report the AMC called upon the following:

- The Vice-Moderator, James Cowell, who introduced the pastor of the Filipino Bible Study, Reuben Dangan.
- Team Leader, Edith McCon, who provided a written report of the Women's Ministry Team along with a financial report in connection to the association's Women's Enrichment Weekend from January 19-20, 2007, hosted by Live Oak Baptist Church. Ms. McCon, also, provided information on the upcoming ELBA 2007 Women's Retreat, which is scheduled for June 8-10, 2007, at the Judson Retreat Center, Jackson, LA, with Mrs. Pattie Hankins, as guest speaker. Pastors were given a registration form to bring back to their respective churches regarding the retreat. (A copy of this report is attached and made a part of the original minutes.)
- Larry Badon, Regional Strategist, Greater Baton Rouge, who announced and provided information on a state program, "*Empowering Kingdom Growth – Louisiana, A Call to the Kingdom of God.*" Mr. Badon made available to the Board pamphlets with more information regarding this spiritual journey. (A copy is attached and made a part of the original minutes.)
- Mary Broussard, Historian, who gave a short synopsis on Louisiana Baptist History and Heritage and provided a handout of book titles and Internet articles for further reading on this subject along with a listing of the early Louisiana forts. (A copy is attached and made a part of the original minutes.) Ms. Broussard, also, announced that the Library Conference is scheduled for March 23-24, 2007, at the Judson Retreat Center, and encouraged pastors to send their church librarians.

In addition to his written report, the AMC reported that the association VBS Clinic has been scheduled for April 19, 2007 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Gray's Creek Baptist Church. He, also, provided more information on the LifeBox ministry to our military personnel, noting that informational packets have been provided to the churches and are available at this meeting.

Elmer “Buck” Holmes, Treasurer, presented the financial report with a Motion that the report be approved as printed, and after a second, the Motion carried.

The Moderator called for election of new Executive Board Members not listed on the Annual Church Profile or for any correction to the existing Board. He reminded the Board that with the adoption of the new Constitution at our last annual meeting, “Article VIII - Executive Board” provides that “The Association shall have an Executive Board consisting of one pastor (or his designee) and one lay member from each church or mission.” He noted that we have four churches that exceed this number, namely; Carroll, Judson, Live Oak, and Red Oak, who will have to have their respective church bodies take action in this matter. The following changes to the Executive Board were offered: Add Scott Munson, First Baptist Church-Livingston; add Chuck Ott, Northside; add Ralph Willie, Pine Grove; remove Julian Woods, Pine Grove; and add Robert Mullins, Greater 3rd Zion. A Motion was offered by Carl Sullivan, second by Paul Taylor to approve these changes to the Executive Board. Motion carried.

The Moderator called for old business, and there was none.

The following recommendation was presented in written form from the Budget & Finance Committee. (Committee Members: Richard White, Robert “Red” Holden, and Mark Thompson) “The Advisory Council for the SLU Baptist Collegiate Ministry has recommended that the BCM Director, John Schaffner, engage a student intern. The intern will assist John with outreach activities on campus, create an increased on-campus presence, assist with communications, weekly table set-up for meals, advertising, and website maintenance, etc. The Council has approved the request and is in the process of approaching the participating associations for funding. The Finance Committee endorses this action and recommends that Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association provide \$2,000 designated for funding the intern position and ministry budget. Funds would be provided from our general operating funds as a non-budgeted expense and debited from the BCM line item as shown on the ELBA Budget.” The recommendation was approved.

The following Ministry Team Leaders and Officers gave their reports:

- The Moderator for the Association Council recommending the appointment of Rhett Major to the Nominating Committee, and the recommendation was approved.
- Larry Hubbard for the Evangelism Team, noting that the team will be meeting the last Monday of February.
- Phillip Rush for the Missions Team, reading from Philippians, Chapter 4, and expressing the need for workers on the field.
- The Clerk on the status of the Associational Annuals.
- Mary Broussard, the Historian, expressing the importance of our churches recording their church history in written form and filing them not only with the state, but also, the associational office.

Under miscellaneous business, Merelin McCon, gave a brief report on the work of the Long Range Planning Committee, noting that the Committee desires to provide a full report and project a vision this Fall *en masse* at the annual meeting, and therefore, recommends that the Monday, October 15, 2007, meeting be dedicated to the Long Range Planning Committee Report and that the meeting place be changed from Pine Grove Baptist Church to the larger facility of Judson Baptist Church. He further noted that Paul Taylor, Pastor of Pine Grove, has been contacted, and he has given his blessing. The recommendation was approved.

There being no further business and announcements having been made during the reports, a Motion was offered by Phillip Rush, with a second from Paul Taylor that we adjourn. Motion carried.

Joe Alain introduced Dr. David Hankins, Executive Director of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, as the guest speaker for the Minister’s Conference which will follow the Executive Board Meeting, and led in closing prayer and for the speaker.

Sherri Palmer, Clerk

EASTERN LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting

May 7, 2007

Pine Grove Baptist Church

The Executive Board of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association met in regular session on Monday, May 7, 2007, at 6:15 p.m. at Pine Grove Baptist Church, Livingston, with the following in attendance:

Billy Pruett, Gray's Creek	Pete Galliano, Riverside	Lisa Hinson, Beech Ridge
Russell Hinson, Beech Ridge	Tom McLaughlin, Calvary	Mary McLaughlin, Calvary
Bruce McKenzie, Southside	Mary Broussard, Historian	Vivian Broussard, Hebron
Paul Taylor, Pine Grove	A.L. Palmer, Eden	Craig James, Don Avenue
James Cowell, Emmanuel	Calvin Brown, Greater 3 rd Zion	Edith McCon, Judson
Jack Muse, Live Oak	Howard Turner, Live Oak	Johnny Morgan, Live Oak
Steve Jones, Emmanuel	Elmer "Buck" Holmes, Treasurer	Ralph Willie, Pine Grove
David Brown, AMC	Sherri Palmer, Clerk	

The Vice Moderator, James Cowell, called the meeting to order and led in opening prayer.

Paul Taylor, Pastor at Pine Grove, welcomed members and guests.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed, and a Motion was offered by the Clerk, Sherri Palmer, to approve the minutes as printed, second by Paul Taylor. Motion carried.

David Brown, Associational Missions Coordinator, gave his report on the mission and ministry work of the association. (A copy of this report is attached and made a part of the original minutes.) During this report the AMC called upon the following:

- Keith Manuel, Evangelism Associate, Louisiana Baptist Convention, gave members information relative to "Block Party Trailers" and its use. After his presentation, the AMC suggested that our Evangelistic and other ministry teams look into whether ELBA should, in conjunction with BAGBR, take advantage of this venture and report back to the Executive Board.
- Ms. Frances Welch and Drillers from the Children and Youth Departments of Riverside gave a Bible drill demonstration. The children and teens did a wonderful job! Ms. Welch and leaders offered their assistance to any of our churches wanting to start this ministry.

The Treasurer, Elmer "Buck" Holmes, presented the financial report with a Motion that the report be approved as printed. Motion carried.

The Vice Moderator called for any changes or additions to the Executive Board. There were no changes or corrections.

The Vice Moderator explained an issue of conflict, as follows, that has been discovered in the Association's Bylaws.

Bylaw, Section 9, Committees, Nominating Committee is in conflict with Bylaw, Section 8, Associational Council, Responsibilities. From Section 9, Committees, the description of the Annual Meeting Arrangements Committee says it "Shall be a **SPECIAL** committee appointed at least three months prior to the present year's annual meeting..." From Section 8, Association Council, Responsibilities: the Council is responsible to "Appoint ad hoc and special committees as needed." From Section 9, Nominating Committee, the bylaws say the Nominating Committee is responsible for nominating the Annual Meeting Arrangements Committee.

The Vice Moderator informed members of the Associational Council's proposal to remedy this conflict by making the following change (*delete "the Annual Meeting Arrangements Committee (3) from Bylaw, Section 9, Committees, Nominating Committee*) to the Bylaws to be brought before the Association at the next annual meeting.

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE:

That Bylaw Section 9, Committees, be amended to read as follows:

"**The Nominating Committee** will be a standing committee consisting of six (6) members appointed by the Associational Council to serve rotating terms. This committee shall nominate the Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Historian. In addition, they shall nominate team leaders with the help and assistance of the above nominees as outlined in Article VII, ELBA Constitution. The Nominating Committee shall nominate members for the Finance Committee (3), Personnel Committee (3), and the Scholarship Committee (3). They shall also nominate Baptist Collegiate Ministry Representatives (2) Living Waters Baptist Assembly Trustees (4)."

A motion was offered by Howard Turner, second by Paul Taylor, to accept the recommendation of the Associational Council. Motion carried. The Vice Moderator noted that the proposed amendment is to be published twice in the associational newsletter (August & September 2007) as required by Article XII of our Constitution and will be presented in the first session of the annual meeting to be voted on before the close of the last session.

Tom McLaughlin, Nominating Committee, presented a report of the committee recommending the following individuals to leadership positions of the Association for the 2007-2008 year and moved for adoption.

Moderator: Tommy Shipp

Clerk: Sherri Palmer

Historian: Mary Broussard

Vacation Bible School Director: Linda Pearce

Evangelism Team Director: Larry Hubbard

Ministry Team Director: Bruce McKenzie

Youth Team Co-Directors: Steve Jones, Johnny Morgan

Baptist Collegiate Ministries Advisory Board Members: Barry Dunlap (2008), Red Holden (2009)

Living Waters Baptist Assembly Trustees: Cecil Dyess (2008), Elmer "Buck" Holmes (2009),
Ray McCon (2009), Glenda Bell (2010)

Finance Committee: Mark Thompson (2008), Richard White (2009)

Personnel Committee: David Brecheen (2008)

Scholarship Committee: Larry Devall (2008), Lisa Hinson (2009), Trey Cowell (2010)

Vice Moderator: James Cowell

Treasurer: Elmer "Buck" Holmes

Bible Drill Director: Frances Welch

Crisis Ministry Team Director: Howard Turner

Disaster Relief Chainsaw Director: Tom Higginbotham

Women's Ministry Director: Edith McCon

Vacancies were noted for the positions of Church Development Team Director and Mission Team Director at the present time. The recommendation received a second by Elmer "Buck" Holmes, and upon being brought to a vote, the recommendation of the Nominating Committee for our 2007-2008 leadership was approved. (A copy of the Committee's report has been attached to the original minutes.)

The Vice Moderator called for miscellaneous business. There was no miscellaneous business.

The following reports were given by Association Leaders and Committees:

- James Cowell, Associational Council, reported the following appointments to the Nominating Committee: Linda Burleigh (2007), Tom McLaughlin (2008), Karmen Smith (2009), Craig James (Remainder of 2007 to replace Roger Dunlap, and term ending 2010), and Virginia Marshall (2010).
- Steve Jones, Youth Ministry Team Leader, reported on the schedule for this year's associational youth and youth leaders' conference, "The Forge."
- Lisa Hinson, Scholarship Committee, reported that this year's associational scholarships would be awarded to Micah Forbes, daughter of Jim and Sherilyn Forbes, to Louisiana College, and to Kelli Blue, daughter of Dr. Richard and Vickie Blue, to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. (A copy of this report has been attached to the original minutes.)
- The Clerk reported that the annuals were in and for those churches that haven't picked theirs up were being made available at the meeting.
- Edith McCon, Women's Ministry Leader, reported on the schedule for the upcoming Associational Women's Retreat and handed out brochures, informed members of the upcoming Associational Ladies' Conference scheduled for January 2008 at Calvary remarking that information will be sent out to the churches soon, and asked for prayer relative to the speaker for the 2009 Associational Ladies' Conference.
- Mary Broussard, Historian, gave a brief history on Louisiana Baptists and provided a poster of the history of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

The Vice Moderator made the following announcements:

- May 20, 2007, Hebron/Burning Bush Celebration Service at Burning Bush at 2:00 p.m.
- May 22, 2007, Association Leadership Planning Conference, Kingsville Baptist Church, Pineville, LA
- June 8-10, 2007, Women's retreat Weekend, Judson Retreat Center, Jackson, LA
- July 7, 2007, Josh Hunt Conference, Amite Baptist Church

There being no further business, a Motion was offered by Edith McCon, second by Steve Jones, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Paul Taylor led in closing prayer.

Sherri Palmer, Clerk

EASTERN LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting

August 6, 2007

Hebron Baptist Church

The Executive Board of the Eastern Louisiana Association met in regular session on Monday, August 6, 2007, at 6:15 p.m. at Hebron Baptist Church with the following in attendance.

Stephen L. Jones, Red Oak	Steve Stewart, Red Oak	Nathan Johnson, New Covenant
Edith McCon, Judson	Merelin McCon, Judson	Mike Smith, FBC-Head of Island
C. Bullard Jones, Agapé	Fred Dyess, FBC-D.Springs	Karmen Smith, FBC-Head of Island
Joe Alain, Hebron	Destry McFearin, Hebron	Elmer "Buck" Holmes, Hebron
Bruce McKenzie, Southside	Phillip Rush, Carroll	Jenelle Brown, FBC-Livingston
Frank Valenzano, One Life	Willis Easley, Judson	Richard White, Northside
Steve Jones, Emmanuel	James Cowell, Emmanuel	Carl Sullivan, Gray's Creek
Billy Pruett, Gray's Creek	Jerry D. Ballard, Satsuma	A. L. LeBlanc, Hebron
Michelle Higginbotham, FBC-Head of Island	Rodney Higginbotham, FBC-Head of Island	
Tommy Shipp, Moderator	David Brown, AMC	Ralph Willie, Pine Grove
Sherri Palmer, Clerk		

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Tommy Shipp and James Cowell led in opening prayer.

The Clerk made a motion that the minutes from the previous meeting be approved as printed, second by Merelin McCon, and the motion carried.

David Brown, Associational Missions Coordinator, presented a written report on mission and ministry work of the association and made note also of the following:

- A plaque has been bestowed to ELBA from the Louisiana Baptist Convention in appreciation of partnership in extending God's Kingdom through church planting (Matthew 6:33 "Empowering Kingdom Growth").
- Missouri has presented a certificate of appreciation to the Disaster Relief Chainsaw Team for their ministry to them.
- The association has received a thank you note from Kelli Blue for the scholarship to NOBTS.
- The Church Revitalization Conference at the Leavell Center is scheduled for October 11-12, 2007 with Ed Stetzer as main speaker. (Brochures with more information were made available at the meeting.)
- The SLU BCM has provided pamphlets on the activities and events of the organization and these were also available at the meeting.

(A copy of the AMC report has been attached and made a part of the original minutes.)

Jenelle Brown, ELBA Missions, reported on the upcoming associational Missions Banquet scheduled for September 17, 2007, with Jeff Woodrich, LBC Builder Strategist, as guest speaker. The emphasis will be on State Missions. The location for the banquet will be the Judson Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Erin Woodrich will present special music.

The AMC also reported that Calvary has a Spanish group meeting with English as a second language. A training session in this area of ministry is coming up in New Orleans. Pastors were asked to contact ELBA if their church is interested in participating in English/Spanish training.

Elmer "Buck" Holmes, Treasurer, presented the financial report ending June 30, 2007, with a motion for approval. Motion carried.

Steve Jones made a motion, second by Bruce McKenzie, that the following changes are made to the Executive Board: Additions of Bill Holifield, Pastor, Colyell Baptist Church; Bobby Duncan, Pastor, Salem Baptist Church; and the deletion of Craig Forque from Colyell Baptist Church. Bro. Craig has accepted a position at another church in another association.

Richard White of the Finance Committee presented the 2007-2008 budget in the amount of \$215,635 for ELBA with a recommendation for approval. The budget was approved by members and declared adopted by the Moderator.

The Moderator presented the recommendation of the Nominating Committee that the following persons be elected to the ELBA Credentials Committee: Joe Alain, Fred Dyess, and Linda "Dinky" Burleigh. The Committee further recommended that these members volunteer to assign themselves to terms expiring in 2008, 2009, and 2010. The recommendations of the Committee were approved.

The AMC reported for the Missions Team in the following matter. Burning Bush Baptist Church became a mission of Hebron Baptist Church in May of 2007. Hebron is applying for a financial supplement from LBC in behalf of Burning Bush. Supplement requests require that the mission church, the sponsor church, the association, and missions coordinator provide endorsement for the request. Therefore, the Missions Team recommends that ELBA endorse the Hebron Baptist Church supplement request to the LBC for Burning Bush in the amount of \$7,000 annually (the actual supplement will be determined by the LBC Missions and Ministry policies). Motion was made by Ralph Willie to approve the Committee's recommendation, and the matter carried.

It was the further recommendation of the Missions Team that ELBA provide a supplement to Burning Bush Baptist Church in the amount of \$200 per month in keeping with the adopted ELBA New Church Work Assistance Funds Policies and Procedures. The funds would come from the ELBA budget, line item Mission Support and would begin with August 2007. Motion was made by Steve Jones to approve the Committee's recommendation, and the matter carried.

Steve Jones gave the joint recommendation of the Missions Team and the Youth Ministry Team and moved that ELBA purchase a block party trailer and that a set of policies governing the use of the unit be developed by the Associational Council to be approved by the association. After discussion, the motion carried.

The following reports were given:

- Steve Jones, Youth Ministry, reported on the "Just for Jesus" Rally scheduled for December 5, 2007.
- Sherri Palmer, Clerk, reported on the upcoming annual Church Clerk Training Conference scheduled for August 7, 2007 at the associational office.
- Edith McCon, Women's Ministry, handed members a written report on the association's women's ministry. (A copy has been attached to the minutes.)

There being no further business, a motion was offered by Bruce McKenzie, second by Steve Jones, to adjourn. The motion carried and the Moderator declared the meeting adjourned.

David Brown led in closing prayer.

Sherri Palmer
Clerk