

EASTERN LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting

February 2, 2004

Riverside Baptist Church

The Executive Board of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association met in regular session on Monday, February 2, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at Riverside Baptist Church with the following in attendance:

Elmer "Buck" Holmes, Hebron	Howard Turner, Live Oak	Sanford Sherman, Colyell
Gerald Martin, Riverside	Jerry Ballard, Satsuma	Merelin McCon, Judson
Ernest M. Graham, Amite	Tom Adams, Agape	David Brecheen, Guest, Agape
Richard White, FBC-Livingston	Joseph E. Starns, Salem	Tim Norris, FBC-Livingston
Wayne Talley, Eden	Richard Wallace, Magnolia	Steve Jones, Judson
Richard Blue, Walker	Rob Burns, Hebron	Phillip Rush, Carroll
Jerry Poston, Carroll	Steve Stewart, Red Oak	Steve Jones, Red Oak
Billy Sutton, Guest, Eden	Pete Galliano, Riverside	Tommy Shipp, FBC-French Settlement
Andrew Voss, Satsuma	Ronnie Palmer, Gray's Creek	Sherri Palmer, Gray's Creek

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Howard Turner, and Wayne Talley led in opening prayer.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed, and a motion was made by Richard Blue, seconded by Wayne Talley, that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

The Treasurer, Elmer "Buck" Holmes, presented the financial report and moved that the report be approved with the addition of Salem Baptist Church to the listing of contributing churches on page two (2) of the report. The motion received a second by Richard Blue, and 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. A motion was offered by Tim Norris and seconded by Rob Burns to add Pete Galliano, Riverside, who was inadvertently omitted from the church's ACP; to remove Arthur LaCaze, Beech Ridge, who has gone home to be with the Lord; and remove Paul Taylor, Emmanuel, who has resigned as pastor. Motion carried.

The Moderator informed the Board of the appointment of the following members to the Director of Missions Search Committee: Ernest Graham, Amite; Wanda Henderson, FBC-Denham Springs; Virginia Marshall, Riverside; Charles McCants, Midway; Tim Norris, FBC-Livingston; Jerry Poston, Carroll; Sandy Sherman, Colyell; Carl Sullivan, Gray's Creek; and Richard Wallace, Magnolia. [This committee met on Thursday, February 5, 2004, and elected Tim Norris, Chairperson, and Virginia Marshall, Secretary.]

The Moderator notified the Board of the appointment of the following to the Transition Team: Richard Blue, Walker; Rob Burns, Hebron; Merelin McCon, Judson; Keith Rowe, FBC-Livingston; Mickey Seale, Amite; and Howard Turner, Live Oak.

The Moderator announced that Amy Rush, Carroll, has been appointed to the 2004 Program Committee, and that Patty Higginbotham, Judson, will serve a three-year term on the Scholarship Committee ending at the close of the annual meeting for the year 2006.

Steve Jones made a recommendation from the Baptist Collegiate Ministries Advisory Board at SLU that the association provide \$2,000 to help fund a portion of a ministry library at Southeastern. The monies would help in the purchase of computers, computer accessories and software, and other resource materials needed for the library. The Board approved a \$2,000 line out item for the year for this purpose.

Steve Jones brought a recommendation from the Associational Council to make the following changes to the Louisiana College Scholarship Committee Policy:

- 1) That students desiring to attend or attending the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary be allowed to apply for scholarships based on the same criteria as students attending Louisiana College.
- 2) That in years where there are applicants from both NOBTS and LC that one scholarship be awarded to a student attending at each school. Should there be years in which there are applicants from only one school, both scholarships can go to a single school.

- 3) The name of the scholarship program be changed from Louisiana College Scholarship Committee to the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association Scholarship Committee.

The changes were approved.

Richard Blue brought a recommendation from the Transition Team requesting approval of a 1,000 square foot addition to the existing associational office using as much volunteer labor as possible. He informed the Board that the estimated cost of the project is \$25,000, but by using as much volunteer labor as possible, the cost may be brought down closer to \$15,000. Letters will go out to the churches asking for volunteers. Recommendation was approved.

The Moderator, Howard Turner, informed the Board that it has come to the attention of the Association that Sonshine Baptist Church may no longer be congregating. Tim Norris made a motion, and was seconded, that the Moderator be authorized to form a Credentials Committee to look into this matter and report back to the Board. The motion carried. The Moderator appointed to the Credential's Committee, Joe Starns, Salem, and Richard Wallace, Magnolia, with a third member to be appointed at a later date.

Phillip Rush, Missions Team Leader, gave a written report (copy attached to original minutes) from the Missions Team on the Hispanic work, and made a motion to create a new line item to the budget to include a line item of \$5,700 to cover the salary of James Leydecker, the Spanish Missions Catalyst Strategist, noting that Mr. Leydecker will handle his own taxes. Motion carried.

The Board was asked by Phillip Rush, Missions Team Leader, to confirm the appointment of James Leydecker as the Spanish Missions Catalyst Strategist. The appointment was approved.

Other reports from Ministry Team Leaders and Officers were: Steve Jones, Youth Team, shared about "Reality," student led Bible studies. Ernest Graham gave the Church Development Team report and announced that the Associational Bible Drills will be held on April 18th at Riverside Baptist Church and the Associational VBS Clinic will be May 1st at Walker Baptist Church. The Clerk announced that the Associational Annuals are now available. The Moderator noted the following corrections and additions to the annuals: September 13th, the Minister's Conference will be at New Covenant and not Hebron; October 18th, the Annual Meeting will be at Carroll and not Magnolia; and February 16th, the addition of the AIM Conference at Walker Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m.

The Moderator gave the following reports of the North Shore Strategy Team, the Transition Team, and the Director of Missions Search Committee.

- 1) The North Shore Strategy Team has been dissolved.
- 2) The Transition Team will be meeting the upcoming week and a letter was mailed a few weeks ago giving information about their work. At the present, the team is working on the job description of the Director of Missions. He stated ELBA will remain in communication with North Shore Baptist Association with ministry and missions input until the end of 2004.
- 3) The Moderator informed members that the DOM Search Committee will be meeting for the first time on Thursday of this week.

Since announcements were made during reports and there being no further business, a motion was made by Tom Adams and was seconded, to adjourn.

Joe Starns led in closing prayer.

Sherri Palmer, Clerk

EASTERN LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting

May 3, 2004

Red Oak Baptist Church

The Executive Board of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association met in regular session on Monday, May 3, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at Red Oak Baptist Church with the following in attendance:

Rob Burns, Hebron	Elmer "Buck" Holmes, Hebron	Howard Turner, Live Oak
Gerald Martin, Riverside	Richard White, FBC-Livingston	Richard Blue, Walker
Jack Muse, Live Oak	James Courtney, New Bethlehem	Steve Jones, Red Oak
Billy Sutton, Eden	Willis Easley, Judson	Carl Sullivan, Gray's Creek
Joseph E. Starns, Salem	Steve Stewart, Red Oak	Don S. Bassett, Red Oak
Roger Dunlap, Macedonia	Phillip Rush, Carroll	Reggie Bergeron, Judson
Mary Hughes, Red Oak	Steve Jones, Judson	Ronnie Palmer, Gray's Creek
Sherri Palmer, Gray's Creek		

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Howard Turner, and Richard Blue led in opening prayer.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed, and a motion was made by Joe Starns, seconded by Richard Blue, that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

The Treasurer, Elmer "Buck" Holmes, presented the financial report and moved that the report be approved as written, seconded by Rob Burns, and motion carried. The treasurer noted that the building addition to the Associational Office is now framed up with \$2,006.96 spent so far on its construction, and asked for prayer for Jimmy Bell.

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. A motion was offered by Richard Blue and seconded by Don Bassett to add Ken Brown, Agapé, Keith Zachary, New Covenant, and Rhett Major, Calvary; and to remove Jeff Pardue, Pine Grove, who has resigned as pastor. Motion carried.

Joe Starns gave the Credentials Committee Report on Sonshine Baptist Church with a recommendation that the Executive Board take no action and leave things as they are for a year. Recommendation was approved.

Mary Hughes gave the report of the Scholarship Committee with the recommendation that the two scholarships to Louisiana College in the amount of \$1,500 each be awarded to students, Lisa Audiffred, Walker, and Aaron T. Norris, FBC-Livingston. Recommendation was approved.

Mary Hughes, Scholarship Committee, informed the board of a \$700 surplus from a previous year with the committee's suggestion that ELBA consider adding \$800 to award a third scholarship to another deserving student, Tiffani Norris, FBC-Livingston. Richard Blue made a motion that \$800 be taken from the General Fund and added to the \$700 surplus to provide a one-time scholarship to this student, Tiffani Norris, FBC-Livingston. Motion was seconded and carried.

Don Bassett gave a report from the Nominating Committee stating that since ELBA is in a state of transition it is their recommendation that the Moderator, Howard Turner, and Vice-Moderator, Rob Burns, remain in their positions along with the following individuals to leadership positions of the Association for the 2004-2005 year. Clerk: Sherri Palmer, Gray's Creek; Treasurer: Elmer "Buck" Holmes; Historian: Mary Broussard, Hebron; 2004 and 2005 Financial Committee: Merelin McCon, Chairman-Judson, Jerry Poston-Carroll, and Huland Miley-Amite; Personnel Committee: Jeff Pourciau, Live Oak (2005), Johnny Presley, Hebron (2006), and Wimp Ballard, FBC-Livingston (2007); Church Development Ministry Team Director: Willis Easley, Judson; Evangelism Ministry Team Director: Tim Norris, FBC-Livingston; and Youth Ministry Team Director: Steve Jones, Judson. Recommendation of the Nominating Committee was approved. (A copy of this report is attached to the minutes). Bro. Bassett noted the vacancies for Mission Ministry Team Director and Ministry Team Director, stating that individuals have been asked for the positions, but they haven't responded at this time.

Rob Burns, Associational Council, reported that an individual has been contacted for appointment to the BCM-SLU Advisory Board (2005), but has not given their answer at this time.

Reports were given by the following Ministry Team Leaders and Officers:

Ernest Graham, Church Development Team Leader, reported the success of the Association Bible Drill at Riverside Baptist Church with 20 churches represented and also, the Association VBS Clinic at Walker Baptist Church with a representation from 16 churches. He expressed gratitude to the host churches, respectively, for opening their doors to these events. The Executive Board expressed their thanks and appreciation to Bro. Ernest for his work in ELBA and their sadness at seeing him leave.

Carl Sullivan, Ministry Team Leader, reported that a ladies retreat will be held in September with Walker Baptist Church as the host church.

Phillip Rush, Mission Team Leader, reported that the original location for a Bible study for Hispanics fell through, but a new location behind Burger King in Walker has opened up for the Bible study. The Missions Team sees this only as a redirection of their focus and asked for continued prayer for Spanish Missions Catalyst Strategist James Leydecker, Mrs. Leydecker, and those individuals in the Bible study.

Steve Jones, Youth Ministry Team Leader, reported on the Youth Revival, upcoming youth events, Youth Minister's Banquet, and a forum of youth ministers for the planning of youth programs and events. He praised the Lord for the youth that are being saved.

Miscellaneous reports were given by the following: Transition Team, Director of Missions Search Committee, and a Building Addition Update. Details of these reports are: The Transition Team is still working with the process of transition from North Shore. Jerry Poston, DOM Search Committee, asked for continued prayer as the committee continues to study resumes and noted that today is the deadline for accepting resumes. On the Building Addition Update, the Moderator, Howard Turner, noted in addition to that brought out during the treasurer's report, if anyone can help with the building just show up, in particular, an electrician and plumber.

The Moderator called for announcements. Roger Dunlap announced Revival at Macedonia Baptist Church on May 19-21, 2004. Don Bassett thanked Jack Muse for all his help with the Nominating Committee.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Carl Sullivan, seconded by Rob Burns, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Johnny Presley asked for special prayer for Ernest Graham's wife and family.

Richard White led in closing prayer.

Sherri Palmer, Clerk

EASTERN LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Associational & Executive Board Meeting

August 2, 2004

Colyell Baptist Church

On Monday, August 2, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. messengers of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association met in a special called associational session in conjunction with the regular session of the Executive Board at Colyell Baptist Church, Livingston. Pre-session music was provided by Mrs. Glenna McCon of Colyell Baptist Church.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Howard Turner, and Bro. Turner led in opening prayer.

Bro. Mark Rodgers, Music Minister of Live Oak Baptist Church, led the congregation in singing "Because He Lives," accompanied by Mrs. Glenna McCon, Pianist.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed, and a motion was made by Wayne Talley, seconded by Tim Norris, that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

The Treasurer, Elmer "Buck" Holmes, presented the financial report and moved that the report be approved as written, seconded by Rob Burns, and 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. There were neither additions nor corrections. At this time, Wayne Talley made a Motion that all duly-elected messengers be seated for the purpose of carrying on Associational work, seconded by Joe Starns, and motion carried.

Rob Burns brought a recommendation from the Associational Council that Paul Williams be appointed to fill the October 2005 term of the BCM-SLU Advisory Board. Recommendation was approved.

Merelin McCon presented the 2004-05 proposed budget from the Budget and Finance Committee with the recommendation that the budget be approved. Recommendation was approved. [A copy of the 2004-05 proposed budget has been attached to the original minutes of this meeting.]

Tim Norris, Chairperson, recognized the Director of Missions Search Committee for their faithful work in seeking out God's man as our Associational Missions Coordinator. After testimonies from Search Committee members, Jerry Poston and Wanda Henderson, Tim Norris made a recommendation that Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association call David Brown of Corsicana, Texas, as our first Association Missions Coordinator. Before the vote, Bro. David Brown and wife, Jenelle, were introduced and the floor was opened for questions to the nominee. Bro. Brown addressed the congregation stating first and foremost he wants to do the will of the Father. The Moderator informed everyone that timing for the transition date will be near October 1, 2004. There being no questions and no further discussion, the Moderator called for a standing vote. The recommendation of the Search Committee to call David Brown as ELBA Association Missions Coordinator was approved unanimously.

The Moderator called for Ministry Team reports:

Phillip Rush gave the Missions Team Report and asked for prayer for those involved with the Spanish ministry of our association. A handout with the names of our Spanish Missions Catalyst Strategist, James

Leydecker, and his wife, Betty, along with the eight Spanish members of a Bible study, was given to the congregation as a reminder to pray for this ministry and those involved. [A copy of this handout has been attached to the original minutes of this meeting.]

Richard White of First Baptist Church, Livingston, reported for the Youth Team of an association youth conference, "The Forge," which will be held at Judson Baptist Church on September 17-18, 2004, and will be geared for both youth leadership and students. More information will be mailed to churches and their youth leaders this week.

Historian Mary Broussard reported that the state no longer supports the library and history divisions of our association and have cut funding. She offered her assistance to any churches desiring to start up a library or who needs help with an existing one.

Clerk Sherri Palmer reported that the annual association clerk training took place June 29, 2004, at Gray's Creek Baptist Church. She reported that the main topic of the training was the Annual Church Profile electronic reporting initiated by our state convention. She stated that ten of our churches were represented at this training by their respective clerks, and noted that the deadline for submitting the Annual Church Profile to the Associational Office is September 9, 2004.

The Moderator, Howard Turner, called for miscellaneous reports and gave the report on the building addition update of the associational office. He reported that the addition is nearly complete and is under our \$25,000 budget, having spent \$16,992.48 as of June 30, 2004, with more items to post.

Merelin McCon and Wayne Talley, Associational Council, recognized our Moderator, Howard Turner, for his faithful service to our association, and as an expression of appreciation from the association, a reservation at Lake Rosemound, a bed and breakfast near St. Francisville, LA, will be made for Bro. Howard and Mrs. Dolly on a date of his choosing.

Dr. Richard Blue moved that we adjourn, was seconded, and motion carried.

Our Association Missions Coordinator, David Brown, and his wife, Jenelle, were asked to stand in the middle of the sanctuary, encircled by all present, as Bro. Gerald Martin led in closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned and everyone joined in fellowship over refreshments provided by the ladies of Colyell Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Palmer
Clerk