

EASTERN LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting

February 7, 2005

Live Oak Baptist Church

The Executive Board of the Eastern Louisiana Association met in regular session on Monday, February 7, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at Live Oak Baptist Church with the following in attendance:

Michael Smith, Eden	Howard Turner, Live Oak	Johnny Morgan, Live Oak
Steve Stewart, Red Oak	Stephen Jones, Red Oak	Jack Muse, Live Oak
David Guitrau, Colyell	Kenny Morrison, Colyell	James Courtney, New Bethlehem
Elmer Holmes, Hebron	Richard Wallace Magnolia	Merelin McCon, Judson
Jerry Poston, Carroll	Phillip Rush, Carroll	Bruce McKenzie, Southside
Richard Blue, Walker	Wayne Talley, Eden	Carl Sullivan, Gray's Creek
Andrew Voss, Satsuma	Ken Brown, Agapé	Richard White, FBC-Livingston
Jeff Johnson, Magnolia	Joseph Starns, Salem	Tim Norris, FBC-Livingston
Willis Easley, Judson	Jenelle Brown	Ronnie Palmer, Gray's Creek
David Brown, ELBA		Sherri Palmer, Gray's Creek
Danny Henderson, FBC-Denham Springs		

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

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed, and a Motion was made by Dr. Richard Blue to approve the minutes as printed, second by Tim Norris. Motion carried.

The Treasurer, Elmer "Buck" Holmes, presented the financial report and moved that the report be approved as written, second by Carl Sullivan. Motion carried. The Treasurer noted that the associational building addition cost \$26,680.40.

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 Wayne Talley and second by Dr. Richard Blue to add Jeff Johnson, Magnolia, in the place of Bill Herbert; to add Leroy Ousley, Salem; and to remove Dr. Johnny Presley, Hebron, who has gone to First Baptist, Ponchatoula. Motion carried.

Tim Norris, Associational Council, made a motion that Roger Dunlap, Macedonia, be appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee for a term that will expire at the close of the annual meeting in 2007, second by Phillip Rush. Motion carried.

Merelin McCon, Associational Council, made a motion that the Association begin the process of recruiting a Disaster Relief Chainsaw Team, and if there is adequate response for participation, that the Association provide \$5,000 to front this unit, second by Tim Norris. Motion carried.

Willis Easley, Associational Council, made a motion that Moderator Howard Turner and Vice-Moderator Rob Burns be given the authority to appoint a long-range planning team for ELBA, who will prepare a mission purpose statement to be presented at the May 2, 2005 Executive Board Meeting, second by David Guitrau. After discussion, Motion carried.

David Brown, Associational Missions Coordinator, gave his report expressing his enjoyment of his position at ELBA. (A copy of his report is attached to the original minutes.)

Willis Easley, Team Leader, gave the report of the Church Development Team, noting upcoming events: AIM Conference at Walker Baptist on February 15, 2005 and "How to Double Your Sunday School in 2 Years or Less" with Josh Hunt at First Baptist-Livingston on March 10, 2005; and encouraged pastors to get their folks to these conferences. He also reported that the Church Development Team is working on the 2005 VBS Clinic and asked for help with people to serve on the VBS team.

Tim Norris, Team Leader, gave the report of the Evangelism Team. He reported that a theme has been made from Richard Wallace's message from our last annual meeting, "1005 baptisms in 2005." He will be asking for input from all the pastors at the upcoming minister's conference. The team is looking at the Livingston Parish Fair for an evangelistic appeal, and also an

evangelistic appeal through an ELBA website. He introduced Evangelism Team members and announced that a demographic study will be given at the AIM Conference in Walker.

Phillip Rush, Team Leader, gave the report of the Missions Team. He reported that Bible studies are now taking place with several groups of peoples; namely, rodeo, Hispanics, Filipino, and racing groups. The team is working on doing a mini-probe as a follow-up on the previous probe, noting that new subdivisions and streets have been added to our area since that probe. He reported that James Leydecker is continuing to work with the Hispanic Bible study and ministry. He stated our churches can help by praying for wisdom and strength or help by providing food for this study.

Richard White, Team Member, gave the report of the Youth Team. He informed members of a Youth Conference scheduled for March 14, 2005 at Live Oak Baptist and a workshop type event planned for April 9, 2005 at Walker Baptist with topics and individuals facilitating the sessions to be given at a later date.

The Moderator reported that the 2004 Annuals are available. Each church may have up to five annuals at no cost to the church, but if more copies are needed, they may be purchased at \$1 per annual.

The ACM, David Brown, gave the Women's Report in lieu of Edith McCon, noting the event hosted for Jenelle Brown and the Women's Prayer Retreat scheduled for April 23, 2005.

In the matter of miscellaneous reports, David Brown informed members of Area Wide Tax Issues Seminars to be held March 24, 2005 at the Associational Office.

Following the reports, the Moderator called for announcements not listed on the agenda. The following announcements were given:

- Ordination of Henry Geter on February 13, 2005, at 4:30 p.m. at Eden
- Live Oak Baptist will be holding deacon training in early April and has opened this training to the smaller churches
- Celebrate Recovery is held on Thursday nights at Judson.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Tim Norris, FBC-Livingston, second by Dr. Richard Blue, Walker, to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Howard Turner led in closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Palmer, Clerk

EASTERN LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting

May 2, 2005

Red Oak Baptist Church

The Executive Board of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association met in regular session on Monday, May 2, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at Red Oak Baptist Church, Livingston, with the following in attendance:

Richard White, FBC-Livingston	Don S. Bassett, Red Oak	Roger Dunlap, Macedonia
Elmer "Buck" Holmes, Hebron	Jack Muse, Live Oak	Paul Taylor, Pine Grove
Larry Hubbard, Riverside	Howard Turner, Live Oak	Willis Easley, Judson
Johnny Morgan, Live Oak	Steve Stewart, Red Oak	Carl Sullivan, Gray's Creek
Jerry F. Poston, Carroll	Jeff Johnson, Magnolia	Ronnie Palmer, Gray's Creek
Phillip Rush, Carroll	Richard Wallace, Magnolia	Sherri Palmer, Gray's Creek
James "Bubba" Courtney, New Bethlehem		

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

After the minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed, a Motion was made by Carl Sullivan, Gray's Creek, with a second by Richard Wallace, Magnolia, to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

The Treasurer, Elmer "Buck" Holmes presented the financial report with a Motion that the report be approved as written, second by Jack Muse. 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 Elmer "Buck" Holmes and second by Carl Sullivan to remove Rob Burns, Hebron; remove Paul Taylor, Emmanuel, and add Paul Taylor, Pine Grove; remove Gerald Martin and replace with Larry Hubbard, Riverside. Motion carried.

Jack Muse, Chairman, Nominating Committee, gave a report from the Nominating Committee recommending the following individuals to leadership positions of the Association for the 2005-2006 year. Moderator: Richard Wallace, Magnolia; Vice-Moderator: Tommy Shipp, First Baptist-French Settlement; Clerk: Sherri Palmer, Gray's Creek; Treasurer: Elmer "Buck" Holmes, Hebron; Historian: Mary Broussard, Hebron; Evangelism Team Director: Tim Norris, First Baptist-Livingston; Ministry Team Director: Paul Williams, Walker; Mission Team Director: Phillip Rush, Carroll; Youth Team Director, Steve Jones, Judson; Finance Committee: Merelin McCon, Chairman, Judson, Robert "Red" Holden, Riverside, and Huland Miley, Amite; and Personnel Committee: Sherri Ellis (2006), Walker, and David Brecheen (2008), Amite. Recommendation was approved. Bro. Muse noted the Church Development Team Director vacancy and reported that someone has been asked to fill the position and will give an answer soon.

The Moderator informed the Board that an individual has also been asked to fill the position of Nominating Committee Member, but has not given an answer at this time.

The Board approved the appointments coming from the Association Council of the following: Andy Granger, Don Avenue, and Tommy Shipp, FBC-French Settlement, to the Program Committee; and Barry Dunlap to the 2008 term of the BCM, SLU Advisory Board.

The Associational Missions Coordinator, David Brown, presented his report. (A copy is attached to the original minutes.)

Reports were given by the following Ministry Team Leaders and Officers: Willis Easley, Church Development Leader reported on recent training conferences, the AIM Conference at Walker Baptist, the Josh Hunt Sunday School Conference at First Baptist-Livingston, and the Associational Vacation Bible School Clinic at Don Avenue. Carl Sullivan, Evangelism Team Member, reported that the team is concentrating on prayer and asked board members to join their prayer effort and meet with the team on Tuesday mornings at the Associational Office. Richard White, Youth Team Member, reported that a Youth Pastor, Leader and Worker Conference will take place May 16, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist-Denham Springs with Kevin Boles as guest speaker. Roger Dunlap, Mission Team Member, reported that the team has been searching for areas to plant churches. The Clerk reported that the Associational Clerk's Training Conference will be scheduled soon and asked pastors to encourage their church clerk or the person responsible for completing their Annual Church Profile to attend.

The Moderator, Howard Turner, gave the report of the Disaster Relief Chain Saw Ministry and asked for recommendations of retired individuals who would be available in the event of disaster to begin the process and coordination of relief efforts, and also, for recommendations of ad hoc members to help set up equipment and trailer.

Richard Wallace gave the report of the Scholarship Committee, who recommends that scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each be awarded to Mr. Donnell Sevario, Carroll, an undergraduate student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and Miss Ashleigh Galliano, Riverside, a sophomore at Louisiana College. In addition to the scholarship recommendations, the Scholarship Committee requests that a third scholarship be funded for the coming school year for another deserving student. Both the scholarships recommendation and request was approved.

The Moderator reported that a Long-Range Planning Team has not been appointed at this time due to the departure of Rob Burns from the Association.

There being no further business, a Motion was made by Paul Taylor, Pine Grove, second by Roger Dunlap, Macedonia, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Larry Hubbard, Riverside, closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Palmer, Clerk

EASTERN LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Executive Board Meeting
August 1, 2005
Amite Baptist Church

The Executive Board of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association met in regular session on Monday, August 1, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at Amite Baptist Church, Denham Springs, with the following in attendance:

Carl Sullivan, Gray's Creek	Julian Woods, Pine Grove
Jerry Ballard, Satsuma	Tommy Shipp, FBC-French Settlement
Andrew Voss, Satsuma	Elmer "Buck" Holmes, Hebron
Pete Galliano, Riverside	Ken Brown, Agape
Paul Taylor, Pine Grove	Wayne Miley Amite/Lakeside RV Park
Richard White, FBC-Livingston	Frank Thompson, FBC-French Settlement
Richard Wallace, Magnolia	Richard Blue, Walker
Gill Zachary, New Covenant	Bruce McKenzie, Southside
Merelin McCon, Judson	D. Ray Watts, Colyell
David Guitrau, Colyell	Larry Hubbard, Riverside
Tim Norris, FBC-Livingston	Roger Dunlap, Macedonia
Stephen Jones, Red Oak	Steve Stewart, Red Oak
Jack Muse, Live Oak	Howard Turner, Live Oak
Terry Booth, Amite	Sherri Palmer, Gray's Creek
Jenelle Brown, ELBA	

The Moderator, Howard Turner, called the meeting to order and David Guitrau led in opening prayer.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed; Merelin McCon, made a Motion with a second by Carl Sullivan, that the minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

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

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

Jack Muse, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, gave the report of the Nominating Committee informing the Board that Andrew Voss has been appointed as Team Director of the Church Development Ministry Team.

David Brown reporting for the ad hoc Disaster Relief Committee made a recommendation that the Association establish an official Disaster Relief Team as one of its organizations with Rev. Tom Higginbotham as Team Director. After discussion the recommendation was approved.

The Moderator informed the Board that Bruce McKenzie has been appointed as member of the Nominating Committee until 2008.

Merelin McCon, Chairman of the Financial Committee, presented the proposed 2005-06 Budget with a recommendation that the budget be approved. Recommendation was approved.

David Brown, Associational Missions Coordinator, presented his report. (A copy is attached to the original minutes.)

Reports were given by Tim Norris for the Evangelism Team; Richard White for the Youth Team; Sherri Palmer, Clerk; and Andrew Voss, for the Church Development Ministry Team.

David Guitrau gave the Disaster Relief report.

Merelin McCon made a Motion from the Associational Council that the May 1, 2006 Executive Meeting be changed to May 8, 2006 because of conflict with the Louisiana Baptist Convention Executive Board Meeting. David Guitrau seconded the Motion, and Motion carried.

Richard Wallace asked Board Members to note the open dates on the calendar for host churches of our Minister's Conferences and notify him if a church desires to host one of the open dates.

Carl Sullivan, Gray's Creek, made a Motion that the meeting be adjourned and with everyone in agreement to adjournment, Bro. Howard Turner led in closing prayer.

Sherri Palmer, Clerk

EASTERN LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Special Called Executive Board Meeting
September 19, 2005
Walker Baptist Church

The Executive Board of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association met in special emergency session on Monday, September 19, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at Walker Baptist Church, Walker, with the following in attendance.

Jerry Ballard, Satsuma	Delos Brown, Walker	Jeff Johnson, Magnolia
Joseph E. Starns, Salem	Leroy Ousley, Salem	Steve Stewart, Red Oak
Stephen L. Jones, Red Oak	Elmer "Buck" Holmes, Hebron	Richard Wallace, Magnolia
Johnny Morgan, Live Oak	Andy Partington, Amite	Michael Smith, Eden
Don Bassett, Red Oak	Howard Turner, Live Oak	Frank Thompson, FBC-Fr. Sett.
Carl Sullivan, Gray's Creek	David Guitrau, Colyell	Tommy Shipp, FBC-Fr. Sett.
Andrew Voss, Satsuma	Debra McGaughey, Walker	Richard Blue, Walker
Russell Hinson, Beech Ridge	Merelin McCon, Judson	Roger Dunlap, Macedonia
Jerry Poston, Carroll	Larry Hubbard, Riverside	Pete Galliano, Riverside
Ben Sibley, Walker	Jenelle Brown, FBC-Liv.-visitor	David Brown, AMC
Phillip Rush, Carroll	Wayne Talley, Eden	Ronnie Palmer, Gray's Creek
Sherri Palmer, Gray's Creek		

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

Elmer "Buck" Holmes, Hebron, led board members in singing "Amazing Grace" accompanied by Jenelle Brown on the piano.

The Moderator announced that the Associational Disaster Relief Unit will be leaving Wednesday morning for Pilgrim's Church, Covington, Louisiana, to assist in relief efforts there.

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 Carl Sullivan and second by Richard Wallace to add Johnny Morgan, Live Oak, and Willie "Braxton" Wells, Eden. Motion carried.

David Brown, Associational Missions Coordinator, gave a Report on Hurricane Katrina Response detailing ministries, assistance, resources, disaster relief, and future ministries. (*A copy is attached to the original minutes.*)

Andy Partington, Amite, gave the report of the ELBA Disaster Response Task Force with a Motion that the Board approve the amount of \$15,000 to be administered by the Associational Missions Coordinator David Brown and the Task Force to assist in disaster relief services to churches. After discussion, the Motion carried.

Pastors shared known needs to the Task Force along with services that are existing and available at churches.

Pastors Merelin McCon, Judson; Dr. Richard Blue, Walker; and Wayne Talley, Eden, gave testimonies of their respective church's involvement as shelters for hurricane evacuees and medical teams.

Prayer requests were shared, and David Brown, AMC, asked that the requests be taken back to the churches so that God's people could join members in lifting up these petitions. (*A prayer listing is attached to the original minutes.*)

Wayne Talley, Eden, made a Motion that the meeting adjourn with a second by David Guitrau. Motion carried.

Howard Turner, Live Oak, led in closing prayer.

Sherri Palmer, Clerk