

EASTERN LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting

February 6, 2006

Satsuma Baptist Church

The Executive Board of the Eastern Louisiana Association met in regular session on Monday, February 6, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at Satsuma Baptist Church with the following in attendance:

Jack Muse, Live Oak	Mary Broussard, Hebron	David Brecheen, Amite
Steve Stewart, Red Oak	Joe Starns, Salem	Jerry Ballard, Satsuma
Elmer "Buck" Holmes, Hebron	David Brown, AMC	Steve Jones, Red Oak
Richard Blue, Walker	Frank Valenzano, Walker	Richard White, FBC-Livingston
Thomas Adams, Amite	James "Bubba" Courtney, New Bethlehem	Jerry Poston, Carroll
Tommy Shipp, FBC-French Settlement	Richard Wallace, Magnolia	Russell Hinson, Beech Ridge
Howard Turner, Live Oak	Don Tuttleton, Christ's Community	Ralph Bryson, Satsuma
Roger Dunlap, Macedonia	Fred Dyess, FBC-Denham Springs	Larry Hubbard, Riverside
Joe Alain, Hebron	Ronnie Palmer, Gray's Creek	Sherri Palmer, Gray's Creek

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Richard Wallace, and Tommy Shipp led in opening prayer. The Moderator expressed appreciation to Satsuma Baptist Church for hosting the meeting.

The minutes from the previous meetings of August 1, 2005 and September 19, 2005 were reviewed. A Motion was made by Richard Blue, second by Howard Turner, to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Two churches from the association were recognized for their outstanding efforts in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. David Brown, Associational Missions Coordinator, presented certificates from the International Mission Board to Walker Baptist Church for "Top Per Capita Giving for 2004" and to Amite Baptist Church for "Top Giving Church for 2004."

The Associational Missions Coordinator provided members with copies of his written report and showed a PowerPoint presentation of photos taken of the devastation of Grand Isle caused by Hurricane Katrina. (A copy of this report is attached to the original minutes.)

Elmer "Buck" Holmes, Treasurer, presented the financial report with a Motion that the report be approved as printed, second by Paul Taylor. 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, second by Larry Hubbard to add Joe Alain, Hebron; Ralph Bryson, Satsuma; and Richard White, First Baptist Church, Livingston. Motion carried.

Under old business, Jack Muse, Chairman, brought the following recommendations of the Nominating Committee:

- That Mark Thompson, a member at Magnolia Baptist Church, be elected to fill the unexpired term of Huland Miley on the Finance Committee.
- That the terms of the members of the Finance Committee be assigned as follows:

Merelin McCon	Term expires 2006
Robert "Red" Holden	Term expires 2007
Mark Thompson	Term expires 2008

- That Evelyn Barnett, a member at Walker Baptist Church, with term expiring in 2007 and Larry Devall, a member at New Bethlehem Baptist Church, with term expiring in 2008 be elected to the Associational Scholarship Committee.

The recommendations of the Nominating Committee were approved.

Under new business, Richard Wallace brought a recommendation from the Association Council that an Associational Constitution and By-Laws Revision Committee of five (5) members, namely; Jack Muse, Mary Broussard, Chuck Ott, Larry Hubbard, and Fred Dyess, be appointed to review and make recommendations concerning the updating of our present documents to be presented to the Association in our next annual meeting scheduled for October 15-16, 2006. After discussion, Richard Blue moved to question, the matter was brought to a vote and approved.

Phillip Rush, Team Director, brought a recommendation from the Missions Team that the Association approve a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to be made available to Christ's Community Baptist Church to be used toward debt retirement and/or their building. After discussion on said recommendation, the Motion was made to table by Tommy Shipp, second by Howard Turner, until the next Executive Board Meeting on May 8, 2006. Motion carried.

A recommendation of the Missions Team was brought by Phillip Rush, Team Director, that \$200 per month be allocated to the Filipino Bible study to continue until August 2006 at which time it will be reviewed with the option to renew. Recommendation was approved.

Reports were given by the following Team Leaders and Officers: Phillip Rush, Missions Team Director, gave a report on the Filipino work and asked for prayer on other new church starts and new works. The Clerk reported on the status of the Associational Annuals. The Historian, Mary Broussard, offered assistance to the churches wanting to set up histories and asked for volunteer typists to help with the typing of library records.

The Moderator appointed the following to the 2006 Program Committee: Tommy Shipp, Vice-Moderator; Tim Norris, First Baptist of Livingston; and Wayne Talley, Eden.

Announcements were made, and there being no further business, a Motion was brought by Phillip Rush, second by Paul Taylor that we adjourn. Motion carried.

James "Bubba" Courtney led in closing prayer.

Sherri Palmer
Associational Clerk

EASTERN LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting

May 15, 2006

Southside Baptist Church

The Executive Board of the Eastern Louisiana Association met in regular session on Monday, May 15, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at Southside Baptist Church with the following in attendance:

Howard Turner, Live Oak	Steven Jones, Judson	Willis Easley, Judson
Roger Dunlap, Macedonia	Tommy Shipp, FBC-French Settlement	Pete Galliano, Riverside
Elmer "Buck" Holmes, Hebron	Jerry Poston, Carroll	Joe Alain, Hebron
Ken Brown, God's Garden	Richard Blue, Walker	Tommy McLaughlin, Calvary
James "Bubba" Courtney, New Bethlehem	James Cowell, Emmanuel	Rhett Major, Calvary
Edward Smith, Guest	Don Tuttleton, Christ's Community	Ronnie Palmer, Guest
David Brown, FBC-Livingston, AMC	Sherri Palmer, Clerk	

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Moderator, Tommy Shipp, and Rhett Major led in opening prayer.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. A Motion was made by Buck Holmes, second by Ken Brown, to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Ken Brown presented the report of the Disaster Relief Task Force. He reported that three areas of concentration of the Task Force have been toward the following: 1) Cooking Unit, 2) Chainsaw Unit, and 3) Communications Unit. He referred to a survey that was sent to the churches from the DRTF in relation to the formulation of a plan of action in the event of future disasters. Board members were encouraged to respond to this survey. (A copy of the survey has been attached to the original minutes).

The Associational Missions Coordinator, David Brown, provided members with a written report. He especially remarked upon the growth of Livingston Parish, which presents a call to ELBA for church planting, and referred members to his report regarding this issue. (The AMC's report has been attached and made a part of the original minutes).

The AMC called upon Tommy McLaughlin, who shared about the continued work in the Grand Isle area. Bro. McLaughlin informed members of needs that can be of great help to the area along with the need for volunteers from the associational churches. This information is also available within the AMC's report.

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

The Vice-Moderator called for the election of new Executive Board Members not listed on the Annual Church Profile and for any corrections. Members were provided with the latest member listing since the last meeting. After receiving no response, Richard Blue made a Motion, second by Roger Dunlap, that the Executive Board Member listing be approved. Motion carried.

Roger Dunlap, Nominating Committee, brought the report of the committee recommending the following individuals to leadership positions of the Association for the 2006-2007 year.

Moderator: Tommy Shipp	Mission Team Director: Phillip Rush
Clerk: Sherri Palmer	Youth Team Director: Steve Jones
Treasurer: Elmer "Buck" Holmes	Finance Committee Member: Richard White (2009)
Historian: Mary Broussard	Personnel Committee Member: Carl Sullivan (2009)
Evangelism Team Director: Larry Hubbard	Scholarship Committee Member: Lisa Hinson (2009)
Ministry Team Director: Bruce McKenzie	

He also reported that the positions of Vice-Moderator and Church Development Team Director were vacant at this time. Vice-Moderator Shipp called the matter to a vote, and the recommendation of the Nominating Committee on our 2006-2007 leadership was approved. (A copy of the Committee's report has been attached to the original minutes).

Under new business, David Brown brought the recommendation of the Long Range Planning Team, who recommends the following Core Values, Mission Statement, and Vision Statement be adopted by Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association.

CORE VALUES

Core values are "the constant, passionate, biblical core beliefs that drive the ministry." (Aubrey Malphurs)

- **We value the preeminence of Christ**
- **We value the authority and application of Scripture**
- **We value people**

- **We value the primacy of the local church**
- **We value missions**
- **We value cooperation**
- **We value excellence in every endeavor**

MISSION STATEMENT

A mission statement is "A broad, brief, biblical statement of what the organization is supposed to be doing." (Aubrey Malphurs)

In order to serve God, the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association will involve and assist churches in a cooperative fellowship to do missions, evangelism, leadership, and ministry support to build the Kingdom of God.

VISION STATEMENT

A vision statement is "a clear mental image of a preferable future imparted by God to His chosen servants, and is based upon an accurate understanding of God, self, and circumstances." It is practical, realistic, and action oriented.'" (George Barna and Hugh Townsend, from the book, Set the Journey)

Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association, in the power of God's Holy Spirit, will be an association of vibrant, reproducing churches in Southeast Louisiana, strengthening one another, cooperating in planting new churches, developing leaders, partnering in mission endeavors in our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth, meeting the needs of people, and impacting the culture that desperately needs redemption.

Upon being brought to a vote, the recommendation of the Long Range Planning Team was approved.

Richard Blue brought a recommendation from the Missions Team that the Association approve a grant in the amount of \$10,000 be made available to Christ's Community to be used toward debt retirement or their building.

- *LBC Church Site Corp. has approved a grant in the amount of \$25,000.*
- *LBC Georgia Barnette State Missions offering grant has been approved in the amount of \$15,000.*
- *Both of these LBC grants must be used for actual building purposes and may not be used for land purchase or improvements, or debt retirement.*
- *Funds for this grant would come from the LBF – New Missions Work Funds as shown on the ELBA Balance Sheet which shows a December 31, 2005 balance of \$31,403.93.*

Upon being brought to a vote, the recommendation of the Missions Team was approved.

Vice-Moderator Tommy Shipp brought a recommendation from the Program Committee that the dates for the 2006 ELBA Annual Meetings be changed from Sunday and Monday, October 15 and 16 to Monday and Tuesday, October 16 and 17. The recommendation of the Program Committee was brought to a vote and approved.

Steve Jones, Director, reported for the Youth Team that they are looking at putting together family events in the areas of Mother/Daughter and Father/Son functions. He informed members that The Forge has been set for September 23, 2006, with the location to be announced at a later date. The Team also has plans for a conference for youth leaders and workers in the near future. (A copy of this report is attached to the original minutes).

The Clerk reported that the Associational Annuals are available.

The Clerk brought the report of the Scholarship Committee that ELBA offers two college scholarships annual in the amount of \$1,500 each for students attending either Louisiana College or New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Students must meet the qualifications of the Scholarship Committee Policy and are chosen on the basis of scholastic ability, aptitude, Christian character, conduct, and financial need. Preference is given to students pursuing church-related vocations. It is the recommendation of the ELBA Scholarship Committee that the two scholarships for the 2006-2007 school term be awarded to Mr. Johnathan Bush, a second-year student in the Master of Divinity program at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and Miss Ashleigh Galliano, a senior at Louisiana College, majoring in media communications. Johnathan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bush, Jr., and is a member of Judson Baptist Church. Ashleigh is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Galliano and is a member of Riverside Baptist Church. Upon being brought to a vote, the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee was approved. (The Scholarship Committee's Report has been attached to the original minutes).

Edward Smith, Representative of Victim Relief Ministries, gave a report on the ministries of the organization and informed members of a Victim Chaplain and Crisis Responder Certification Training to be held in Baton Rouge on June 9-10, 2006. Brochures regarding the ministry and pertinent to the training were made available to Board Members.

There being no further business, a Motion was made by Howard Turner, second by Willis Easley to adjourn. Motion carried.

James "Bubba" Courtney closed the meeting in prayer.

Sherri Palmer
Associational Clerk

EASTERN LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting

August 7, 2006

Judson Baptist Church

After a time of reminiscing and celebration with family and friends in recognition of Ginger Glascock's 30 years service as secretary and now administrative assistant, the Executive Board of the Eastern Louisiana Association met in regular session on Monday, August 7, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at Judson Baptist Church with the following in attendance:

Howard Turner, Live Oak	Larry Hubbard, Riverside	Elmer "Buck" Holmes, Hebron
Joe Alain, Hebron	David E. Brown, ELBA AMC	Tommy Shipp, FBC-Fr. Settlement
Steven Jones, Judson	Willis Easley, Judson	Merelin McCon, Judson
Edith McCon, Judson	Carl Sullivan, Gray's Creek	Phillip W. Rush, Carroll
Roger Dunlap, Macedonia	Frank Valenzano, Walker	Richard White, Northside
Jerry Poston, Carroll	Ronnie Palmer, Guest	Sherri Palmer, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Tommy Shipp, and Willis Easley led in opening prayer.

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

David Brown, Associational Missions Coordinator, gave his report on the following topics: Church Planting, Church Health & Revitalization, Free Computers, Disaster Relief Feeding Unit Training and the ELBA website. (A copy of his report is attached and made a part of the original minutes.)

Frank Valenzano was invited to give a report on the outreach and surveys that have already been conducted on the new plant on South Walker.

The Treasurer, Elmer "Buck" Holmes, presented the financial report and moved that the report be approved as written, second by Merelin McCon. Motion carried.

The Moderator informed the Board of known changes to the Executive Board as follows: add Trey Cowell to Faith, remove Ken Brown who has resigned from God's Garden, remove Richard White from FBC-Livingston, and add Richard White to Northside. Elmer "Buck" Holmes made a motion that these changes so named be made to the Executive Board, second by Phillip Rush. Motion carried. After which 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 none besides those that were known and previously voted on.

Jack Muse, Nominating Committee, made the recommendation that James Cowell be appointed to complete the unfinished 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 terms as vice-moderator. The recommendation was approved.

Tommy Shipp brought a recommendation from the Associational Council that the following be appointed as Living Water Trustees for the respective terms: Ray McCon-Walker (2009), Elmer "Buck" Holmes-Hebron (2009), Cecil Dyess-Carroll (2008), and Willis Easley-Judson (2007). The recommendation was approved.

Board members were informed that a Nominating Committee member is needed, and that someone has been asked to the position of BCM-SLU Advisory Board, but has not given a response at this time.

Merelin McCon, Budget & Finance Committee, presented the 2006-2007 proposed budget with a recommendation that it be adopted as printed. After a discussion period, the 2006-2007 budget was approved and adopted.

Reports from Ministry Team Leaders and Officers were given as follows:

- Steve Jones, Youth Ministry Team, reported the annual youth event, “The Forge,” will be held at Judson this Fall. He, also, reported that Mother and Father Events are being planned for the Spring. He asked for prayer for a new ministry taking place with high school juniors and seniors.
- Larry Hubbard, Evangelism Team, informed the Board that he will be contacting pastors by email for input for the revival of evangelism in our association. He shared some ideas for evangelism ministry and asked for prayer and input from other pastors.
- Phillip Rush, Mission Team, shared John 3:8 from Scripture and that we need to have eyes to see and ears to hear where God is moving in our churches. The team would like to hear from our churches and be a part of where God is moving and working. He, also, reported that Burning Bush is looking for a sponsor congregation, that there is interest in a Hispanic mission, the team is putting together policies in the areas of church planting and church starting, and reported on the possibility of NAMB summer student missionaries working within our association.
- The Clerk reported that the association’s Annual Church Clerk ACP Training Conference was held last month with eleven of our churches represented by their church clerk. The Annual Church Profiles (ACPs) were given to the clerks attending with the remainder mailed to those churches who were not in attendance.
- Edith McCon, Women’s Ministry, reported that a Women’s Prayer Emphasis is scheduled for January 19-20, 2007 and a Women’s Weekend Retreat is scheduled for June 8-10, 2007. She further reported that the possibility of a women’s day of missions and also a minister’s wives’ retreat and/or banquet are being considered as future events.

There being no further announcements, Elmer “Buck” Holmes made a motion that we adjourn, second by Joe Alain, and motion carried.

Jack Muse led in closing prayer.

Sherri Palmer, Clerk