



Madison Baptist Association

“Assisting churches in fulfilling their mission, and providing them opportunities for fellowship and to work together in advancing the kingdom of God”

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THIS YEAR WE CELEBRATE THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 99 CLUB

By Harold Chandler, Chairman

The Madison Baptist Association continues to grow. Last October one new church was added to our Association, **Hobbs Island, Rev. Aaron Brown, pastor**. One new church came under watchcare, **Clements Baptist, Dr. Tim Anderson, pastor**, and **The Gospel Center** remains under watchcare, **Rev. Donné Houston, pastor**, meeting at University Baptist Church.

We now have **92** congregations in our Association: 89 churches, 3 churches meet on two campuses, and some have multiple worship services.

In a few years **The Greater Huntsville Area is projected to be the largest metropolitan area in Alabama**.

Dozens of our most generous members are now deceased, and we desperately need many new members to replace them. We will need increased funds with which to buy property for these new churches.

If you **agree to give \$99.00 a year for at least 3 years (or \$299.00 at once)** please mail checks to the **Madison Baptist Association, 2318 Whitesburg Drive, Huntsville AL 35801 for the 99 Club**. Please list your name, address, phone number and your church. With few exceptions, new or recent church stars win people to Christ at a great ratio of people to members than long established churches. The Madison Baptist Association churches had the second largest number of baptisms for several years in our state, second only to either the Birmingham or Mobile Associations.

THE FOUNDING OF THE 99 CLUB

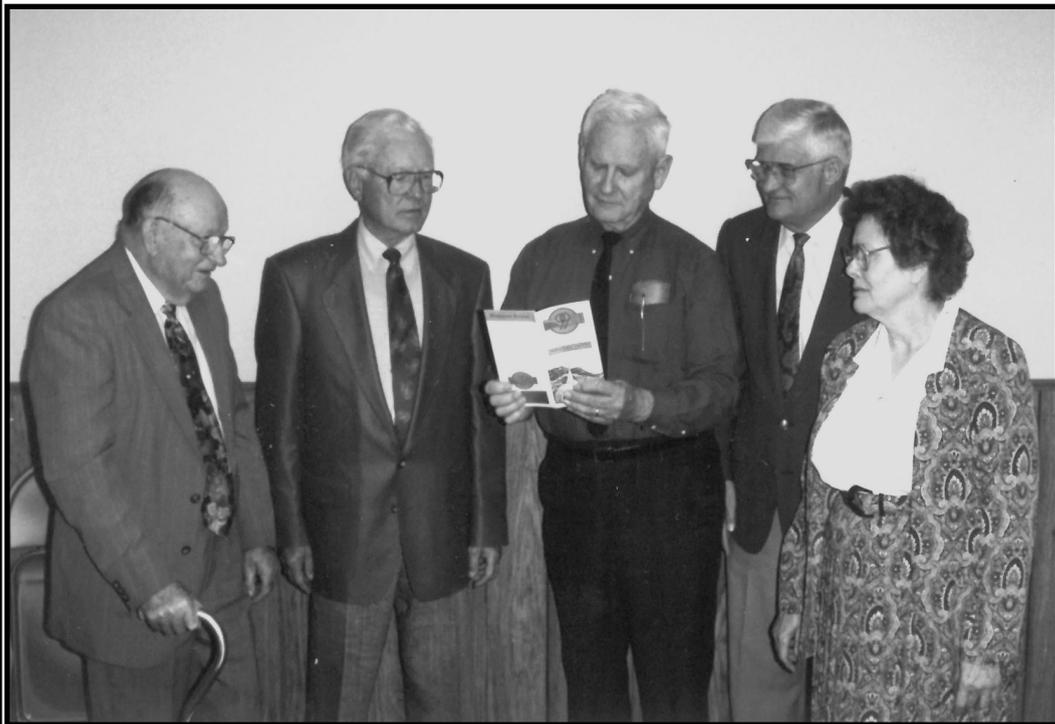
Between 1988 and 1993 five cluster churches were constructed mostly with volunteer labor in the Madison Baptist Association under the building management of Mr. Ed Hunt. Without volunteer labor, some or all of the churches could not have been built when and where they were.

These young churches found that these construction projects resulted in severe financial pressures caused by property costs, building payments, association loan payments and staff salaries.

To relieve some of this financial pressure on new churches, Mr. Bob Lewis (Willowbrook), came up with the idea of the “99 Club” which was adopted by the Madison Baptist Association in 1993 to enlist mission minded members to contribute \$99.00 a year for at least 3 years. These funds would provide \$5,000 to new churches to buy property on which to build their building. The Baptist State Board of Missions matched it with \$10,000—\$12,000. Due to increasing property prices the Association raised their amount to \$10,000 and the State Board raised their gifts to \$25,000. At least 12 new churches have received these grants in the last 25 years. Praise God from whom all blessings flow for all who have and are still contributing to the “99 Club”!

FOUNDERS OF THE 99 CLUB

The people in this picture were involved in the founding of the “99 Club”. Rev. Hoyt Vassar (Director of Missions, 1954-1965); Dr. Hugh O. Chambliss (Executive Director of Missions, 1966-1988); Mr. Bob Lewis (Willowbrook), who came up with the idea; Dr. G. Harold Chandler (Executive Director of Missions, 1989-2000); and Mrs. Margaret Hunt, the wife of Mr. Ed Hunt (who was the coordinator of volunteer laborers for all of the new churches as long as he lived).



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