



Madison Baptist Association

THURSDAY,
MAY 16,
2019

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

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE 99 CLUB 2018-2019

By: Harold Chandler, Chairman

HUNTSVILLE IS EXPECTED TO BE THE LARGEST METROPOLITAN AREA IN ALABAMA IN ABOUT FIVE YEARS!

As you probably know that **several thousand people will be coming to Huntsville to work at the two very large car manufacturing plants** that are now being built. Several other companies will be coming to Huntsville. The size of a family here averages almost three people.

Also, **the FBI world headquarters will be moving to Huntsville** (Redstone) from Washington, D.C. A city leader has said that approximately three service jobs will be needed to accommodate each person in this large number of workers.

So you can readily see that we desperately need many new churches in additions to our existing churches to accommodate this huge number of newcomers to Madison County.

Last October one new church was added to our Association; **Clements Huntsville Baptist Church** (previously Mountain View), **Rev. Tim Anderson, Pastor**. **The Gospel Center** remains under watchcare, **Rev. Donné Houston, Pastor**, meeting at University Baptist Church.

We now have **91 congregations** in our association: 88 churches, 3 churches meet on two campuses, and some have multiple worship services.

When a new church is ready to buy land, for every \$1.00 given by the 99 Club, the Cooperative Program matches it with \$2.50! What a wonderful return on laying up treasure in heaven. The Madison Baptist Association has been a leader in new church starts for over a quarter of century. An average of almost one new church a year has been coming into our Association since 1988!

It is estimated that over **161,000** people in our county are **un-churched!** With few exceptions, new or recent church starts win people to Christ at a greater ratio of people to members than long established churches. According to reports in *The Alabama Baptist*, 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 **purpose** of the 99 Club is to provide funds to new churches to purchase property for new church facilities. We started the 99 Club 26 years ago and provided \$5,000 for each qualifying church. Since then we have raised the amount **up to \$10,000**. The Alabama Baptist State Convention has increased the amount that they provide **up to \$25,000**. Obviously, this means that we drastically need to **double** our 99 Club membership in order to adequately support our new church starts. Individuals, mission organizations, Sunday School classes and churches are also encouraged to join.

We are truly grateful to all who are already members of the 99 Club! Some of our loyal supporters have already given \$300, \$500, \$1,000, \$2,500 or more. **If you are not yet a member, please prayerfully consider agreeing to give \$99 a year for at least 3 years (or \$297 if you prefer).** You may do so by completing the form below and mailing it with your check to the Madison Baptist Association for the 99 Club to the address below. **IF YOU ARE ALREADY A MEMBER, NOW IS THE TIME TO SEND IN YOUR GIFT. THANK YOU! (Your gift is tax deductible!)**

Your Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

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Church Membership: _____

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Minister's Fish Fry

Thursday, May 16

11:00 AM at Camp MACOBA!
Join us for a great time of food,
fellowship and fun!
Call 256-536-0015 for directions.



May 16 Minister's Fish Fry
(Camp MACOBA, 11 AM)
May 17-18..... Soul Stock
(Pt. Mallard Park, Decatur)
May 27 Memorial Day
(MBA Office Closed)
Jun 6..... Minister's Conference
(MBA, 10:30 AM)
Jun 9-10..... WMU, SBC Celebration/Annual Meeting
(Birmingham, AL)

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