

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE 99 CLUB 2020-2021

By: Gary Swafford, Chairman

Madison County is BOOMING!

Huntsville is now the LARGEST CITY IN ALABAMA!

As you probably know, **several thousand people are moving to Madison County to work at new hi-tech companies and manufacturing plants.** Several other companies including Amazon will be opening soon in Madison County. Huntsville is now the largest city in Alabama. The housing market is booming. Madison County now has a population of 388,153. This is a BIG opportunity for our churches to reach new people.

A summary report from www.usreligionscensus.org shows that the total “adherents” in ALL churches of ALL denominations in Madison County **still leaves 168,830 Un-churched!** Therefore, you can readily see that our **86 congregations** in the MBA association have a tremendous challenge to reach the Un-churched. Let’s welcome our new neighbors to our community and to Jesus! This is an “all hands on deck” or should we say an “all believers on knees” challenge! As our MBA churches continue to evangelize the lost and disciple the saved some will be called to start new churches.

For decades our MBA Churches have partnered in starting new churches. When God calls people to start new churches, they need help. This is why the 99 Club was started. The **purpose** of the 99 Club is to provide funds to new churches to help purchase property for new church facilities. We started the 99 Club 27 years ago & 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.** **When a new church is ready to buy land, for every \$1.00 from the 99 Club the Cooperative Program matches it with \$2.50! This partnership is a wonderful way to build God’s kingdom!**

Testimony of two of our pastors who have received 99 Club money.

1. Dr. Earl C. Johnson, Senior Pastor of Christ Community Church

Christ Community Church started with a vision and very minimal resources. As a new member of the Madison Baptist Association, we were introduced to the 99 Club. As the months became leaner with respect to financial resources, we appealed to the 99 Club for support. Without hesitation, Bro. Harold Chandler and the 99 Club members agreed to provide some financial resources to our church. Those resources contributed immensely to the then work of our church, and has contributed to the continued work of Christ Community Church."

2. Jimmy Brantley, Pastor of The Bridge at Moore’s Mill

"Our church received MBA funds provided by the "99 Club" that combined with ALSBOM grant allowed us to purchase our first property when we started. These gifts reduced the purchase price to something our new congregation could afford. Thanks!

Thankful for the generosity of those who give to the 99 Club." The grant for our first property enabled us to get over the hump and establish a permanent presence in our community.

We were able to pay-off our church property in full this past year --- all of this made possible by the 99 Club 'gift which enabled us to initiate the purchase. Thankful to be debt free, but could not have gotten here without the upfront help!"

The Madison Baptist Association has been a leader in new church starts for many years. Obviously, this means that we drastically need to **increase our 99 Club membership** in order to adequately help our new church starts. We gladly receive these gifts from 99 Club members. Individuals, mission organizations, Sunday School classes and churches are also encouraged to give designated gifts.

We are truly grateful to all who are already members of the 99 Club! Some of our loyal supporters have 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 mailing your check to the Madison Baptist Association at the address below.

**IF YOU would like to join the 99 Club or designate a gift, Please send YOUR GIFT to MBA.
THANK YOU! (Your gift is tax deductible!)**

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