



BLBA Financial Story Looking Brighter

At our October, 2009 Annual Meeting, the Finance Committee reported that they had spent hundreds of hours working on the Treasurer's information. In doing this, they found that because the association was running without good information, it had overspent approximately \$26,000. They were able to get a 2010 budget ready to present and a promise to address this unexpected overspend. The plan was to meet regularly and to monitor our finances.

The BLBA Finance Committee is pleased to report that as of November 20, 2009, our liability accounts are \$8,000 less, now approximately \$18,000. This is due first to churches and individuals who have increased their giving and also to some reallocation of funds.

Our 2010 budget (which is already less than our 2009 budget) has been trimmed back a little over \$4,000. Bill Humphreys, a member of the

Finance Committee, pointed out that at the rate of regular giving of our churches, we should be able to meet this budget and trim back even more of the deficit. We are

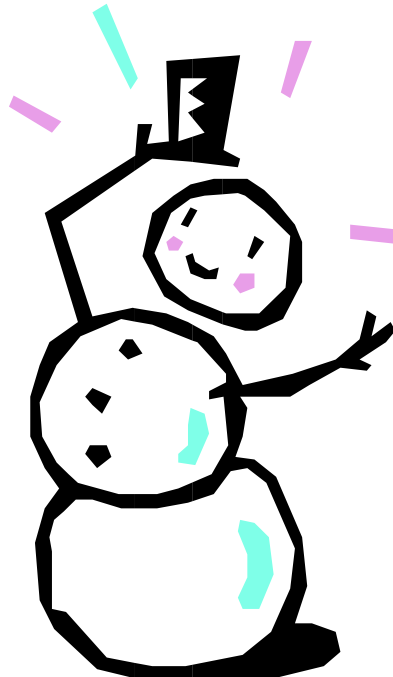
committed to honor all of our liability accounts. Hopefully, each of us can be faithful in these difficult times.

Another step in the Finance Committee's plan is to include last month's giving by the churches.

Thank you for your prayers and your generosity in this challenge.

The BLBA Finance Committee members are Bernard Ferguson, Chair, Bill Humphreys, Susan Schuelke, and Mark Russell, Treasurer.

Our deep gratitude to each one for their hard work and diligence.



Announcements

CALENDAR NOTE

Reserve the week of
June 27–July 3
For BLBA Camp

**Merry Christmas
Happy New Year**

**With Love from
Your Director of Missions
Dennis**

In an effort to cut expenses this winter, the BLBA office will be open on most Wednesdays and Thursdays, December through March. Call or email ANY day of the week—your phone call will connect to my cell.

Upcoming Events

- *Feb. 4-6 MWBC Pastor & Wife Retreat—all BLBA pastors invited and encouraged to attend*
- *The month of March is Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and Prayer for North American Missions.*
- *March 18-20 Empower*
- *Pastor Mentoring: 1/21; 2/18; 3/25*

Praying for one another

- Barb Casper still recovering from two back surgeries
- FBC Stevens Point and Mapledale Baptist in their search for a pastor
- Greenville Baptist Church in their search for a church planter