

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

David Cullison, Chairman of the Board

This has been an exciting year in the life of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana. It has been a time of **adjustments in our staff** with Bobby Pell accepting a pastorate in Evansville and John Horn coming on as our new Church Planting Team Leader. Dale Eakes filled the position of regional catalyst for Southwestern Indiana that John Horn left. There is great confidence in these individuals as they help lead us to accomplish Kingdom work throughout our state. Since Dale was our Executive Board Chairman, that position was vacated when he took his new assignment. I was serving as the Vice Chairman and was asked to fill the Chairman position for the remainder of the term.

At the time of writing this report in August, we are well on our way to **selling the property** at the North High School Road location in Indianapolis. A lot of work and preparations are necessary to facilitate the transition to the Highland Lakes campus. God is working in every area using dedicated servants to accomplish His will.

It is a joy to hear our state staff and our regional workers **report on ministries** throughout Indiana. The Executive Board has sought to wisely use the resources and finances God provides to best penetrate lostness and impact our state with the gospel. It is a joy to work with the state staff and represent Southern Baptist churches in Indiana. Our goal is to inform, guide and support our combined efforts to reach Indiana for Christ.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Cecil W. Seagle, Executive Director

I think you will find this report enormously encouraging.

The Cooperative Program, life line for missional advance, is showing signs of stability. For the first time since 2008, January through May's Cooperative Program receipts exceeded previous year receipts of the same period. We are praising our Father for faithful people with Kingdom concerns.

SCBI personnel changes continue as we pursue Kingdom advance. **Bobby Pell** resigned as SCBI's Church Planting Team Leader. His tenure has been marked by strong leadership, wonderful church planting, and the establishment of a strong partnering relationship with SEND Indy and the North American Mission Board. John Horn was elected to serve God and SCBI in this position during the March 2015 Executive Board meeting. **Dale Eakes** was called to serve as Church Planting Catalyst for South-west Indiana and is currently on site leading this work.

High Impact Leader Labs (HILL) – Fifteen SCBI pastors completed a week-long journey in what I think is a premier leader development process. So grateful to **Steve McNeil** for his heart for and expertise in leading this new and exciting effort to accomplish the Ephesians 4:11 calling. Another HILL is set for Spring 2016.

Summer Camps continue to grow in number and impact. Our best summer ever is going on as I develop this report for you. Countless numbers are being saved, lives changed and the call of God to follow Him in surrendered service marked each camp. Thanks to our SCBI Team – **Sarah Bohrer, Allison Kinion, Steve Blanchard and Pastor Steve Davidson** for such powerful investments in young lives.

SCBI office relocation is slowly developing. We are seeing interest in our High School Road property. **Kyle Brennan, Jim Shields and Rick Porter** are pursuing next steps in the development of an office center located at Highland Lakes. A draft of renovations to an existing HLBC facility will be ready soon for review and decision. Your patience with this process is duly noted! Thank you.

Highland Lakes Baptist Camp continues to lead the way in Kingdom impact. The log cabin is complete and in use. What a wonderful addition. Renovations to current facilities expanded bed space considerably. The conference space was made possible because of the work of **Jim Shields and Rick Porter** as two mobile units were moved on site, renovated and turned into wonderful conferencing/teaching space. The kitchen and dining area on the rustic side has been fully renovated by our team led by **Rick Porter**. The space is both useable and beautiful – what a great team.

Thirteen Pastors' Gatherings were scheduled across Indiana. The highest attended year so far. So appreciated the conversations related to *The Church in Crisis*. Outcome expectations – that Indiana Baptists will face and address the looming crisis facing every Evangelical congregation during this time of major culture shifts.

Prayer has been powerful and profitable across Indiana. A prayer summit at Highland Lakes as well as a 15 X 5 – 15 cities, towns and villages in five days – proved to be powerful events. The 15 X 5 event was all about prayer, nothing but prayer. The SCBI team met two and three times a day with pastors and lay leaders to assault heaven on behalf of earth. One hour in concentrated prayer in all 15 locations were blessed of God forever. Thankful!

Thank you, Indiana Baptists, for allowing me to serve Him and you!

Cecil W. Seagle