



Illinois Baptist State Association

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of this Association is to assist in establishing and developing effective Baptist churches in their context. This Association shall engage in other related activities it considers relevant to its corporate fellowship.

VISION STATEMENT

We see Jesus as our Master, His Great Commission as our mandate, and healthy, multiplying churches as our primary means of making disciples throughout Illinois, our nation, and world.

With compassion for spiritually lost people and anticipation of Jesus' return, we will work cooperatively with local associations and other partners to:

- **Strengthen** existing churches in fulfilling their biblical purpose;
- **Start** healthy new churches designed to reach new groups of people;
- **Send** believers into local, state, national and world mission fields to proclaim the Gospel and serve others in the name of Christ; and
- **Stimulate stewardship** among churches so that God's resources flow faithfully and generously through His people to His worldwide redemptive mission.

2010 GOALS

• Strengthen existing churches in fulfilling their biblical purpose, through:

1. **Leadership** – Identify, enlist, and develop at least 300 gifted leaders to assist in strategic ministry training and coaching throughout the state, and effectively network with a wider “leadership community” of 1,000 or more.
 - 2009 – By equipping at least 18,000 ministry leaders through National, Statewide, Regional, Associational, Church and Individual training events.
 - By facilitating 20 existing affinity groups and identifying 10 additional groups of church leaders across the state, providing opportunities for them to exchange ideas, information, resources, concerns and needs.
2. **Equipping** – Train at least 22,500 participants in priority church ministries, and consult with at least 500 churches through 2,500 or more personal, e-mail or phone consultations.
 - 2009 – By equipping at least 18,000 ministry leaders through National, Statewide, Regional, Associational, Church and Individual training events.
 - 2009 – By providing at least 2,000 direct consultations with at least 450 IBSA churches.

- 2009 – By developing an effective system for delivering online training to IBSA churches via the IBSA web site.
3. **Evangelism** – Encourage and facilitate prayer, renewal, and revival among IBSA churches that lead to evangelism, providing direct training and resources to at least 200 churches, and praying that the number of baptisms reported on the 2010 Annual Church Profile increases by at least 3% over 2009.
 - 2009 – By directly equipping 150 churches in developing effective evangelistic strategies, while promoting evangelism among all IBSA churches, praying that the number of baptisms reported on the 2009 Annual Church Profile will be at least 3% higher than 2008.
- **Start healthy new churches designed to reach new groups of people, through:**
 4. **Advocacy** – Cultivate a healthy, informed climate for church planting and an increased interest in church planting, resulting in 200 churches and 2000 people involved in direct church planting activity in Illinois.
 - 2009 – By enlisting at least 100 churches and 800 individuals in direct church planting involvement in Illinois.
 5. **Partnership Planting** – Partner with at least 24 local associations to assist in starting 45 new churches among multiple people groups and generations, including ministries on at least 10 new college campuses.
 - 2009 – By partnering with at least 6 additional local associations to develop written, association-based church planting strategies, and to update written strategies with the 12 associations enlisted in 2007 and 2008.
 - 2009 – By starting 45 new churches among multiple people groups and generations.
 - 2009 – By establishing new ministries on 10 Illinois college campuses as part of an association-based, next generation church planting strategy in those communities.
 6. **Assimilation** – Nurture and assist all churches started with IBSA assistance toward strong cooperation and self-support, guiding at least 40% of those started prior to 2009 to affiliate with IBSA by the 2010 IBSA Annual Meeting.
 - 2009 – By assisting at least 43 of the 85 churches planted 2005 through 2007 in becoming self-supporting, constituted and affiliated with IBSA.
- **Send believers into local, state, national and world mission fields to proclaim the Gospel and serve others in the name of Christ, through:**
 7. **Associations** – Develop and implement shared mission strategies with 5 additional associations, and continue to evaluate and strengthen the written strategies developed with (28) associations during 2007 through 2009.
 - 2009 – By developing and implementing shared mission strategies with at least 6 additional associations, and to follow through with implementation, strengthening, and evaluation of written strategies developed with 22 associations during 2007 and 2008.
 8. **Missions Awareness** – Develop and implement at least 24 strategic missions awareness events involving at least 7 associations and 75 churches, and engage at least 100 Illinois churches in the development of balanced Acts 1:8 missions strategies.

- 2009 – By developing and implementing at least 24 mission awareness events designed to involve and inform at least 7 associations and 75 churches, and to mobilize at least 300 individuals into strategic on-mission living.
 - 2009 – By enlisting, encouraging, and equipping at least 100 Illinois churches in the development of balanced “Acts 1:8” missions strategies, with special focus on facilitating the “Judea” or Illinois portion of those strategies.
9. **Missions Involvement** – Assist at least 200 churches directly in the mobilization of mission volunteers beyond their local setting and promote missions involvement among all IBSA churches, praying that at least 525 churches will report Acts 1:8 mission project participation totaling at least 22,500 on the Annual Church Profile.
- 2009 – By directly involving at least 120 churches in the mobilization of mission volunteers beyond their local church setting, and promoting missions involvement among all IBSA churches, praying that at least 575 churches will report Acts 1:8 mission project participation totaling at least 25,000 on the Annual Church Profile.
- Stimulate stewardship among churches so that God’s resources flow faithfully and generously through His people to His worldwide redemptive mission, through:
10. **Income** – Inform, inspire and challenge Illinois churches to stronger SBC missions giving, praying for a 2% increase in Cooperative Program giving and a 3% increase in the Illinois Missions Offering over the previous year.
- 2009 – By informing, inspiring and challenging Illinois churches to stronger SBC missions giving, including a 2% increase in Cooperative Program giving and a 3% increase in the Illinois Missions Offering over the previous year.
11. **Connectivity**– Facilitate effective communication between IBSA leadership and churches, increasing annual circulation and readership of print and electronic resources, enlisting Annual Church Profile participation of at least 92%, and measuring shared vision and priorities through increasingly positive feedback on IBSA’s church needs assessment survey.
- 2009 – By implementing a comprehensive communication plan that increases awareness of IBSA’s priority strategies among key audiences as measured by benchmarked improvements in IBSA’s annual communication survey, and by increased circulation and readership of IBSA print and electronic resources over the previous year.
 - 2009 – By improving “connectivity” between IBSA leadership and churches through proactive written, telephone and personal contact, resulting in at least 90% ACP reporting for 2009.
12. **Expenses/Operations** – Operate cost-effectively within IBSA’s established policies, Business and Financial Plan, and budget, resulting in a clean annual audit from an outside firm and improved, strategic use of properties and resources owned/operated by IBSA.
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