



## 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.

### 2009 GOALS

#### • Strengthen existing churches in fulfilling their biblical purpose:

1. By equipping at least 18,000 ministry leaders through National, Statewide, Regional, Associational, Church and Individual training events.
2. 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.
3. By providing at least 2,000 direct consultations with at least 450 IBSA churches.
4. 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.
5. By developing an effective system for delivering online training to IBSA churches via the IBSA web site.

• **Start healthy new churches designed to reach new groups of people:**

6. By assisting at least 43 of the 85 churches planted 2005 through 2007 in becoming self-supporting, constituted and affiliated with IBSA.
7. 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.
8. By starting 45 new churches among multiple people groups and generations.
9. By establishing new ministries on 10 Illinois college campuses as part of an association-based, next generation church planting strategy in those communities.
10. By enlisting at least 100 churches and 800 individuals in direct church planting involvement in Illinois.

• **Send believers into local, state, national and world mission fields to proclaim the Gospel and serve others in the name of Christ:**

11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.**

15. 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.
16. 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.
17. By improving “connectivity” between IBSA leadership and churches through proactive written, telephone and personal contact, resulting in at least 90% ACP reporting for 2009.
18. By operating cost-effectively within IBSA’s established policies, Business and Financial Plan and budget, resulting in a clean annual audit from an outside firm.