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The Tidings

Dear Friends,

We are in the midst of an election year that has been one for the record books! Could we expect anything less from 2020? As we come together as a nation to place our choices in the ballot box, it would be good to remember that it is just as important to conduct ourselves as good citizens after the ballots are counted. My rule of thumb as a minister has been (1) to encourage people to vote, (2) to vote their Christian values as far as possible, and (3) be good stewards of their faith no matter how the vote turns out.

I have voted in every election (local, state, and national) since I turned 18. I'll admit, I have won a few elections in my days. I know that I felt greatly affirmed when my candidate or my issue was approved. But I have also lost some decisions. I have felt the sting of defeat as my desires fell from the realm of possibilities. But in the midst of either scenario, I have sought to maintain a stance of good Christian citizenship. The mark of a great Christian is how they respond to the circumstances of life.

I cannot guarantee anything about the vote that we as a nation will undertake. I am not able to foresee the outcome. But I am obligated through my faith in Jesus to be the most Christ-like citizen that I can be no matter what the outcome of the vote. I have an obligation to pray for my president whether I voted for him or not. I have an obligation to be obedient to societal laws, as long as they do not contradict my faith. I have an obligation to show the rest of America what it means to serve Jesus in a lost world.

I love our nation! I pray that she will once again become one nation under God!

Bro. Barry

**CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD FELLOWSHIP**
November 12, 2020
6:30 PM
Fellowship Baptist Church
Dubach, Louisiana
A meal will be served.
Please RSVP to 255-9030.

**PASTOR/STAFF
CONFERENCE**
10:00 AM
EXECUTIVE BOARD
11:00 AM
December 8, 2020
Crestview Baptist Church
Farmerville, Louisiana



**Louisiana Baptist
Convention
Annual Meeting**
November 10, 2020
Guinn Auditorium
Louisiana College
Pineville, Louisiana

What a year it has been, but we've seen God's hand at work! For 14 years you have supported the ministries of Rolling Hills Ministries, and we are very thankful.

*We need donations! We ask for you to please donate to Rolling Hills Ministries as you sort through holiday items, clothes, whatnots, and any other items.

*RHM disaster relief ministry was a part of the feeding of over 210,000 meals and seeing over 200 saved in Lake Charles.

*We had 8 Hi-Set graduates and our classes are full of new students this year.

*While the virus kept many at home, many spent more time in the state parks which increased the attendance of our state park ministry.

Thousands of lives have been touched and seeds planted in communities across North Louisiana and Lake Charles. Donate, Volunteer, or Pray for Rolling Hills Ministries as we enter 2021!

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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

I want to once again express my appreciation for your love and support of Camp Harris this year. It has been remarkable to see God's faithfulness to sustain our camp this season and how He has continued to use the camp through this difficult year. I want to thank you again for your faithfulness to give to the Concord Union Baptist Association and to Camp Harris.

The Lord has blessed us with opportunities to still host some groups this year, and we have been able to see four teenagers' lives changed with the gospel this year. One of those teenagers is a young man in a boys home that we have been hosting due to Hurricane Laura. I want to ask that you continue to pray for us as we continue to host them until they are able to return to their facilities.

I want you to know we are planning and working on our calendar for 2021. We would like to invite you as a church to pray and see how Camp Harris can partner with you in ministry. We would love to host your church for a day event, retreat, or ministry opportunity for families. Or contact us if you would like for us to share with your church what God is doing at Camp Harris. We are ready to serve and encourage your church. Please let us know how we can serve you!

God bless,
Shawn Kaffka
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The Missions & Ministry Center Office will be closed on Wednesday, November 25, through Thursday, November 26, in observance of Thanksgiving.

If you would like to receive your copy of the newsletter by e-mail (and save your association some money), please contact Bitsy at bitsymartin@bellsouth.net or call the association office at 255-9030.

Circle of Love Prayer List

November 1-7, 2020

Beulah Baptist Church
Rev. Adam Holloway, Pastor
668 Beulah Church Rd., Farmerville, LA 71241

November 8-14, 2020
Emmanuel Baptist Church
Rev. Paul Watts, Pastor

1200 Farmerville Hwy., Ruston, LA 71270

November 15-21, 2020

Pine Grove Baptist Church
Rev. Steve Barrett, Pastor
1167 Pine Grove Church Rd., Bernice, LA 71222

November 22-28, 2020

First Baptist Church, Simsboro
Dr. Jason Cole, Pastor
133 Tiger Dr., Simsboro, LA 71275

November 29-December 5, 2020

DaySpring Ministry
Rev. J. E. Brown, Pastor
3191 S. Vienna St., Ruston, LA 71270

November Calendar of
Events

- 2 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
- 5 Spiritual Awakening Committee Prayer Meeting; 2 PM; M & M Center
- 8 Disaster Relief Appreciation Day
- 10 LBC Annual Meeting: LA College
- 12 Executive Board Fellowship; 6:30 PM; Fellowship
- 25-26 Office closed for Thanksgiving
- 29-Dec 6 Week of Prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon Offering



SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Gay Manning
- Rev. Glyn Nale
- Rev. Wayne Sistrunk
- Melissa Bruce
- Steven Blaney
- Celeste Post
- Rev. Robbie Robison
- Gaye Eubanks
- Bettye Auger
- Hez Elkins
- Lynda Grafton
- Deborah Seal
- Becky Sanders
- Melinda Darden
- Randy White
- Fred McAllister
- Nell Grafton
- Billy Grafton
- Rev. Steve Barrett
- Sunshine Elkins
- Gerald Bridges
- Rev. Jeff Sanford
- Dr. Connie Ward
- Shellia Dean

The Spiritual Awakening Committee meets at the Missions & Ministry Center at 2:00 PM on the first Thursday of every month for prayer for needs in our association and communities. Everyone is invited to join them for this powerful time of prayer.

- Karen Sistrunk
- Charlie Futch
- Betty Ward
- Rev. Jerry Whitman
- Mildred Brantley
- Mary Bowen-Miller
- Rev. Mickey Manning
- June Young
- Rev. Johnny Miller
- Rev. Paul King
- Rev. David Harrell
- Connor Evans
- Rev. Joe Aulds
- Homer McGee
- Kent Smith
- Martha Miller
- Bitsy Martin
- Sandra Nale

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX MINISTRY

c/o Harlin & Karen Knight
331 Redden's Camp Road, Farmerville, LA 71241
Karen's Cell - 318-267-4788

"Spreading the Love and Message of God One Shoebox at a Time"

Dear Friends,

Well I guess God has other plans for the Christmas Shoebox Ministry! Due to the response and concerns that we have received about not going to New Mexico this year, we have decided through lots of prayer, that Harlin & I will go to deliver whatever we get and see to it that the Native American people receive their food items. We will not do our regular trip or have any services or visits. We will just meet them at the grocery store for them to get their food and gifts.

So, we will be collecting gifts and money to purchase food items. If you would still like to make a gift or collect gifts from your church, we will deliver them. If you can't this year, we understand due to this covid 19 and so many people not working or us not having our regular church services. So please pray about this and do whatever God leads you to do.

Our collection day will be Thursday, November 5th from 8:00 AM until 6:00 PM. And our Deadline will be November 5th for gifts and December 1st for monetary donations. Please make your checks payable to Christmas Shoebox Ministry and mail to 331 Reddens Camp Road, Farmerville, LA 71241. If you cannot deliver on this date, please call me and I will meet you and get them. Or if you need to bring them before this date, just let me know and we will make arrangements to get them.

We thank you so much for your support each year. Without all of you, this Ministry would not be possible. So, thank you so much!

I hope each and everyone of you is staying safe from this epidemic. I am praying that it will all be over soon. God Bless each of you! Stay safe!

Harlin & Karen Knight

We extend Christian sympathy to Mrs. Lisa Allred in the loss of her mother, Mary Jordan, to the family of Mr. Stan Price, and to the family of Rev. Wayne Young.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Men's Conference
January 29, 2021
Farmerville Rec Center
John Stroup, Speaker

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M&M Center Office **Hours**

8 AM - 4PM

Monday - Thursday



Our Media Library is open on Monday thru Thursday from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM. We have a wide variety of Bible studies, CD's, DVD's, and books available to be checked out.

Granberry Counseling Centers

Justin Kelly, Ph D, LPC
318-450-4660
www.granberrycounseling.org

Church Happenings...

Churches without Pastors:

Nazareth; Litroe; Salem; Liberty; Enterprise

Ministry Changes:

Mr. Tony Walton is the pastor of Mt. Tabor Baptist Church.

Music Ministers Needed:

First Baptist Church, Simsboro, is seeking a part-time Minister of Worship. Please call the church office at (318) 247-6504 for more information.

New Prospect Baptist Church, located at 3438 Hwy. 167, Dubach, LA 71235 is accepting applications for a part-time Minister of Music. If interested, please contact Bro. Marvin Winham at 318-265-4907.

Paron Baptist Church, located in West Sterlington, is seeking a part-time worship leader. Resumes may be sent to paronoffice676@gmail.com.

Sharon Baptist Church is seeking a bi-vocational Music Minister. Contact Rev. Carroll Holmes at 353-2230 for more information.

Cross Roads Baptist Church, Farmerville is seeking a bi-vocational Music Minister.

Other:

First Baptist Church, Choudrant is seeking a part-time youth pastor. Please email a resume to fbcchoudrant@gmail.com or mail to P.O. Box 217, Choudrant, LA 71227.

