

A Publication of Concord Union Baptist Association

October 2020

Dear Friends,

The year 2020 has surely been a wild ride! It reminds me of the amusement park ride that leads you from one terrifying moment to the next separated by short calms that allow you to catch your breath. We have been on the rocket rollercoaster of life this entire year! And we still have three months yet to go in 2020!

We come to an extremely important decision making time in our nation. In early November, we will choose a president to serve our county for the next four years. This has been an extremely ugly and accusation filled campaign by all who are involved. There seems to be little to which the candidates can actually agree upon. The political mud-slinging has been at its worst. I have never endorsed a political candidate, and have never told anyone how they should vote. I will not do so now. I believe that is a matter of individual conscience and personal conviction.

My encouragement to you is to be a part of the process of democracy. I encourage every registered voter to do their part in this enormous decision for our country. I only ask you to do one thing: pray and seek the will of God before casting your ballot. Paul encouraged us to "pray about all things." In the decision of who will be leading our nation, I surely think it is a matter worthy of our prayer. I trust you will be spending time before our Father seeking His guidance and direction. May the Lord's will be done as we select a president in November!

Bro. Barry

CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, October 12, 2020 6:30 PM

New Hope Baptist Church Choudrant, Louisiana

No meal will be served,
but there is much
business to attend to.
Please elect your
messengers and plan to
attend this important
meeting.

January Bible Study Preview
Living Assurance: John's Epistles
October 15, 2020
9:00 AM
Camp Harris
Dr. Argile Smith, Teacher

If you plan to attend please RSVP to 255-9030 so they will have the correct number for lunch.

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.



Fish Fry Dates to Mark Down:

SPRING

March 27 March 27 April 24 May 22 SUMMER/FALL

June 27
July 25
August 22
September 26
October 24

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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.

I would like to thank everyone for their continued prayers for me and my family at this time. I have done very well after surgery and hope to be back in the office the week of October 5-8. I will see the Oncologist on Thursday, October I, to see if treatments will be necessary. I would appreciate your continued prayers for me as I take this journey with God feeling His peace and assurance.

Mt. Union Baptist Church Spearsville, Louisiana Invites you to their

Halloween Blood Drive &

Trunk or Treat

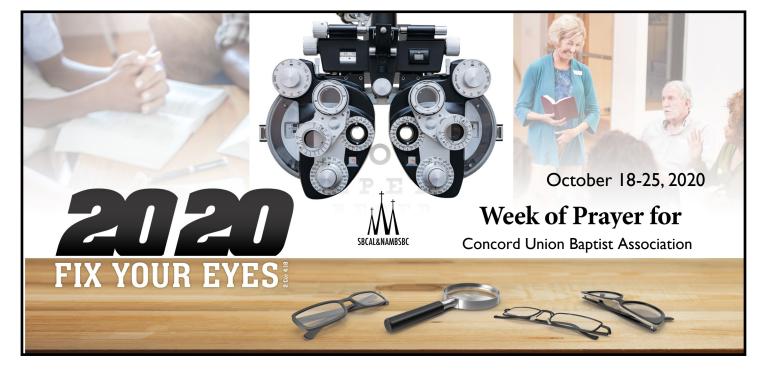
October 31, 2020

In the church parking lot.

Blood Drive from 1:00-5:00 PM

Trunk or Treat from 5:00-7:00 PM

Bitsy



Circle of Love Prayer List

September 27-October 3, 2020
Pisgah Baptist Church
Brother Eric Harkins, Pastor
113 Pisgah Church Rd., Bernice, LA 71222

October 4-10, 2020
Cook Baptist Church
Rev. Jeff Smart, Pastor
2000 Cooktown Rd., Ruston, LA 71270

October 11-17, 2020
Paron Baptist Church
Rev. Matt Coker, Pastor
676 Hwy. 2 W., Sterlington, LA 71280

October 18-24, 2020
Mineral Springs Baptist Church
Rev. Greg Tipton, Pastor
118 Pea Ridge Rd., Dubach, LA 71235

October 25-31, 2020
Rock Corner Baptist Church
Rev. Larry Bullock, Pastor
260 Rock Corner Rd., Dubach, LA 71235

October Calendar of Events

Spiritual Awakening Committee Prayer Meeting; 2 PM; Missions & Ministry Center

An Evening with..Rev. Wayne DuBose; 6 PM; Mt. Union

- 12 Annual Meeting; 6:30 PM; New Hope
- 15 January Bible Study Preview; 9 AM Camp Harris
- 18-25 Week of Prayer for State Missions

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.

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" ${\bf Dear\ Friends}$

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!

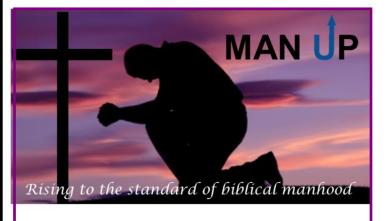


Karen Sistrunk Charlie Futch Betty Ward Rev. Jerry Whitman Mildred Brantley Mary Bowen-Miller Rev. Mickey Manning June Young Rev. Johnny Miller Rev. Paul King Rev. David Harrell Connor Evans Rev. Joe Aulds Homer McGee Kent Smith Martha Miller Bitsy Martin Sandra Nale

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

We extend Christian sympathy to the family of Rev. Paul King.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Men's Conference

January 29, 2021

Farmerville Rec Center

John Stroup, Speaker

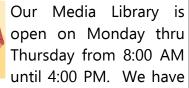
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M&M Center Office Hours 8 AM - 4PM Monday - Thursday



a wide variety of Bible studies, CD's, DVD's, and books available to be checked out.

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

Church Happenings...

Churches without Pastors:

Nazareth; Litroe; Mt. Tabor; Conway; Salem; Liberty; Enterprise

Ministry Changes:

Rev. Michail Baldwin is the new pastor of Weldon Baptist Church.

Music Ministers Needed:

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. Caroll Holmes at 353-2230 for more information.

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

Other:

Emmanuel Baptist Church is seeking a Children's Intern to help coordinate children's ministry. If interested, please contact the church office at 318-255-0446 or email to Emmanuel@ebcruston.org.