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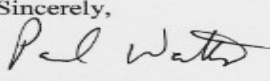
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December 19, 2024

Dear Member Churches of the Concord Union Baptist Association,

This letter is being sent to inform the churches of the Concord Union Baptist Association of a Special Called meeting of the association at First Baptist Church of Farmerville on January 14, 2025, at 5:30 pm for the purpose of receiving and acting upon the recommendation of the Director of Missions Search Committee (this procedure is outlined in Article VII of the C.U.B.A. constitution.) The identity of the committee’s recommendation will be released on January 6 via email and letter sent to the churches along with a bio of the candidate. There will be an informal light supper at 5:30 pm. The business session will be called to order promptly at 6:30. This is a called meeting and therefore an Executive Board meeting of the association. Article XIII of our constitution clearly states that each church is entitled to elect **three** ministerial staff (paid or volunteer) and **three** lay persons to the Executive board. The meeting will be open to any of our associational church members, but **only** Executive Board members will be eligible to vote.

I am so thankful for the prayers and the hard work of our Director of Missions Search Committee! Please continue to pray for them, our prospective candidate, and our association. See you on January 14!

Sincerely,

Rev. Paul Watts
Moderator
Concord Union Baptist Association



SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON
January 28, 2025
at FBC, Covington
Lunch and fellowship prior to a time of worship with Selah.
Cost: \$15

MONDAY AFTERNOON
1:30 p.m. - WeRcalled, Mike Courtney, Bill Blackmon (Testimony), Leroy Fountain
6 p.m. - A Night of Worship, Waylon Bailey

TUESDAY MORNING
9 a.m. - WeRcalled, Carl Bradford, Martha Bailey (Testimony), Tim Dowdy

TUESDAY AFTERNOON
1:30 p.m. - WeRcalled, John Sullivan, Selah, Jeff Iorg



For further information:
kevin.ulmer@louisianabaptists.org



FREEDOM13 MINISTRIES will hold
A QUEEN'S CELEBRATION

on **January 25th** from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Temple Baptist Church, Ruston. The celebration is a day for F13 to pour out love, hope, and encouragement for those that will be a part of this special day. Women from all over North Louisiana will gather for this celebration and experience a day fit for a QUEEN. F13 provides opportunities for women to feel the love of Jesus, see the love of Jesus, and learn of the support this community has to offer. A Queen's Celebration will include a time of worship and Gospel-centered teaching followed by a meal and meaningful activities.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

SPONSORS (\$60 for one lady) and **VOLUNTEERS** are needed. **DONATIONS** are needed of

Gently Used: Purse/Totes, Jewelry, Scarves.

New: Bath Products, Body Wash/Gel/Lotion, Body Spray and Soaps.

Visit ConcordUnionBaptistAssociation.net and scroll down to Freedom13 Ministries then click on

Calvary Baptist Church, Ruston

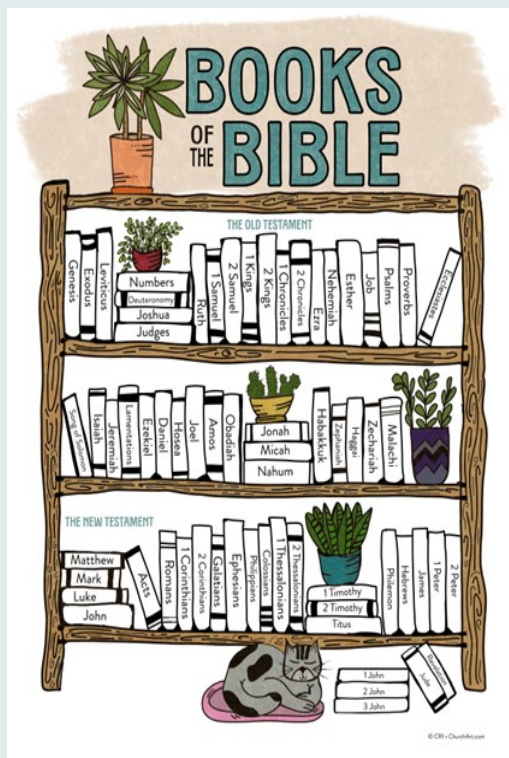
invites you to bring your children and join them for

**Bible Drill
 One-Night Retreat**

for Grades 4, 5, and 6
 Friday, January 10, 2025
 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

with well-known
 Bible Drill expert, Cathy Weeks!
 It's going to be a great evening
 of Bible drill fun and pizza.

*Please RSVP to Sandra George at
 Calvary Baptist Church (318) 255-3594.*



Calvary Baptist Church, Ruston invites you to participate in Perspectives, a discipleship course.



PERSPECTIVES

15 WEEK COURSE | JANUARY 13- APRIL 21 | MONDAYS 6PM-8:30PM

WHAT IS PERSPECTIVES?

Perspectives is a Discipleship Course. Perspectives is an awe-inspiring comprehensive study course that is rooted in the Scriptures. It's a multi-faceted learning experience.

WHY TAKE THE PERSPECTIVES COURSE?

God has a unique role for each Christian in His global purpose of evangelizing the nations. Perspectives isn't a course solely about world missions. It's a study program rooted in Scripture, clarifying each believer's remarkable opportunity to join God in His global purpose.

COST : \$225

SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP



Circle of Love Prayer List



December 29 – January 4, 2025

Bethel Baptist Church

Rev. Phillip Farris, Pastor
1048 Bethel Church Rd., Lillie, 71256

January 5 - 11, 2025

Salem Baptist Church

Rev. Michael Devillier, Pastor
109 Salem Church Rd., Farmerville LA 71241

January 12 - 18, 2025

Enterprise Baptist Church

No Pastor
c/o 501 Garris Rd, Farmerville, LA 71241

January 19—25, 2025

Shiloh Baptist Church

Rev. Scott Scallan, Pastor
C/o 12784 Hwy. 2, Bernice, LA 71222

January 26 - Feb 1, 2025

First Baptist Church, Dubach

Rev. Eddie Robison, Pastor
P. O. Box 340, Dubach, LA 71235

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Lisa Allred
Mary Ruth Allred
Andrew Aswell
Mildred Brantley
Cassie Christmas
Kayla Coleman
Mike Collie
JoAnn Grafton
Lynda Grafton
Nell Grafton
Barbara Green

Rev. Caroll Holmes
Rev. Bobby Kranz
Rev. Mickey Manning
Clay Mook
Veda O'Bannon
Rev. Paul Pearson
Rev. Jeff Sanford
Ann Smith
Rev. Jerry Whitman

**Pray for our churches without pastors.
Pray for our association,
the prospective candidate
for Director of Missions,
and for the DOM Search Committee.**

1 - *Happy New Year*

2 - **Spiritual Awakening Committee Prayer** meeting, 2 P.M. at the M&M Center. Anyone is welcome to attend.

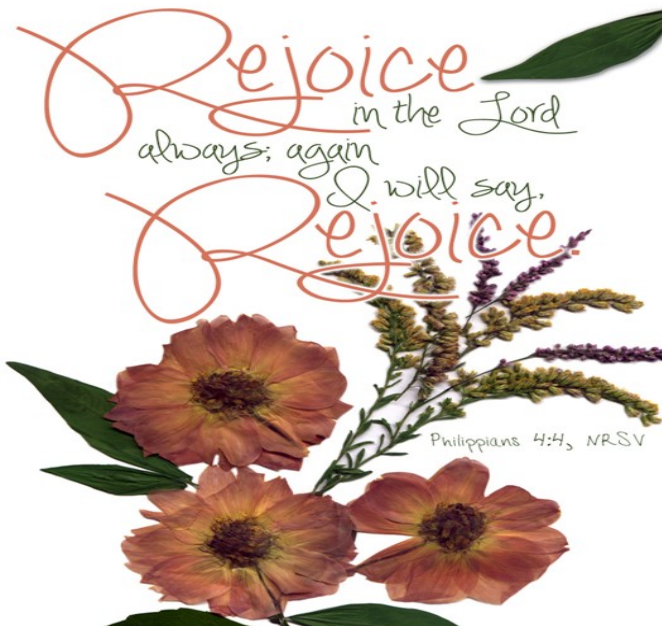
14 - **Special Called meeting of Concord Union Baptist Association** to be held at FBC, Farmerville, for the purpose of receiving and acting upon the recommendation of the DOM Search Committee
5:30 P.M. Informal Light Supper
6:30 P.M. Business Session

19 - Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

23 - WMU South Region meeting, 10 a.m. at Fellowship Baptist Church, Dubach

27-28 - ECON, FBC Covington, LA

JANUARY 2025
CALENDAR OF EVENTS



ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Concord Union Baptist Association Family:

As Christmas Day came to a close, Mike and I sat in our home, surrounded by our children and grandchildren. Our little 4 year old granddaughter climbed in my lap and joyfully began to sing her favorite song, "What a Mighty God We Serve!" What a moment to rejoice! Singing along with Lydia Kate I reflected upon the last eleven days: driving Mike to St Francis, receiving his unexpected diagnosis and waiting during his open-heart surgery. Through it all we have never felt such peace, love, and joy! We received so many text messages, phone calls, and had so many pray with us. *Thank you Concord Union family* for your prayers, love, and great encouragement.

Nancy & Mike Collie & family



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

*Where do people need
to hear the Gospel?*
EVERYWHERE!

*Every day 174,000 people will die
without Jesus Christ as their Savior.*

CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

*Pray for the man God would have as
Director of Missions*

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Missions & Ministry Center

Office Hours: 8 AM - 4 PM

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*a ministry of the Louisiana
Baptist Children's Home*



**DENA M. MELNA,
LPC**

**Serving Concord Union
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Missions & Ministry Center**

Appointments are required.

SCHEDULE by calling
(318) 450-4660 or **1-877-345-7411**
or via email: dena@lbch.org

CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

Downsville BC
First, Bernice
Mineral Springs BC
Nazareth Hispanic*
Weldon BC

Enterprise BC
Liberty BC*
Mt. Ararat BC
Pleasant Hill, Farmerville

Fellowship BC*
Litroe BC*
Mt. Tabor BC
Spencer BC*
Zion Hill BC

Church Happenings...

Robert Grafton has resigned as Minister of Music at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Ruston to serve **FBC, Bernice** as Minister of Music.

Frank Nihart has retired as Minister of Music at **FBC, Farmerville**.

PASTORS/MINISTERS/STAFF NEEDED:

Mineral Springs Baptist Church, Dubach is seeking a Pastor. Send resumes to: 118 Pea Ridge Road, Dubach, LA 71235 or email to msbaptistlouisiana@gmail.com

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church of Rocky Branch is seeking a permanent bi-vocational pastor to serve in our small community. Parsonage is included. If interested, please email resume to phbc1026721@gmail.com or contact Bro. Gary Chapman at 318-366-0540.

First Baptist Church, Spearsville is seeking a part time Youth Minister. Please contact Bro. Neil Everett@ fbcspcarsville@yahoo.com.

Fellowship Baptist Church, Dubach is seeking a Full Time PASTOR. Please send resume and cover letter to resumes@fellowshipbaptistchurchdubach.org.

First Baptist Church, Ruston is seeking a Full time YOUTH PASTOR, great opportunity leading a large youth ministry with lots of potential. Please send resume to Ed Colvin at ed@fbcruston.org or brenda@fbcruston.org.

Zion Hill Baptist Church, Farmerville is seeking a bi-vocational PASTOR. Resumes should be directed to Mr. David C. Farrar at 1098 Cypress Creek Road, Farmerville, LA 71241 or send via email to david.farrar@dmbarron.com. Mr. Farrar's cell phone is (318) 548-2559.

Paron Baptist Church, West Sterlington is seeking a part-time WORSHIP LEADER. Resumes may be sent to paronoffice676@gmail.com.

Looking ahead to important dates...

February 11th - Pastor's Conference (10 a.m.) and Executive Board (11 a.m.) at FBC, Spearsville

March 3rd - Concord Union Choir Festival (only one festival in 2025) will be at Cook Baptist Church, 6:30 p.m.

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