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The Tidings



Dear Friends,

Well, we come to the end of the journey together. We have travelled many miles. We have supported and sustained each other. You have brought encouragement to my life. I hope I have brought some encouragement to yours. We have rejoiced together. We have cried together. We have accomplished some wonderful ministry tasks together. We have provided some generous financial support to some great ministry partners together. We have been all over Louisiana doing work and sharing the love of Jesus together. We even made an impact in the country of Belarus together. God has allowed us to walk hand in hand for a long journey doing kingdom work together.

Thank you for allowing me to serve in your local Southern Baptist Association! It has been my great privilege to minister in the kingdom through Concord Union. I appreciate your prayers. I thank you for your trust. I am grateful for your unwavering support. Please do the same for the servant who comes after me. He will need your prayers. He will need your trust. He will only be sustained by your support. I know that you will love him as you have love me.

Thank you for a wonderful celebration night at Temple Baptist. I cannot put into words the encouragement and inspiration that I found during those hours. Thank you for all the churches and all the volunteers who put it all together. It was a night I will remember the rest of my days! Thank you for taking a few moments to come and celebrate with me and my family. Thank you for your words of well-wishing, your cards and gifts, and the extraordinary love gift from our association of churches! Wow! You have richly blessed me!

Now, on to what is ahead. I want what God desires for these senior years of my life. Pray that He will make use of my talents and my abilities till I see Him face to face! May the Lord continue to have His hand of blessing and guidance on Concord Union Baptists till He returns!

Bro. Barry



**WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS
and LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING
DECEMBER 1 - 8, 2024**



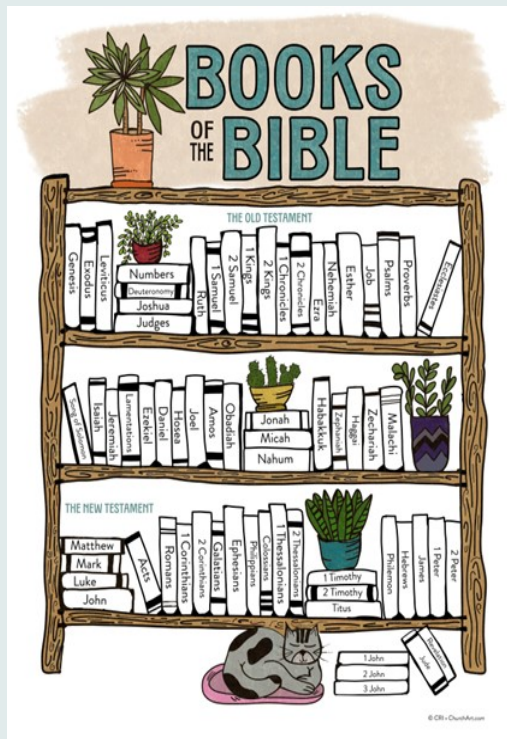
Calvary Baptist Church, Ruston
invites you to bring your children and join
them for

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.



CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PASTOR/STAFF CONFERENCE

10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

11 a.m.

Tuesday, December 10th

MINERAL SPRINGS
BAPTIST CHURCH

118 Pea Ridge Road, Dubach, LA 71235



PERSPECTIVES

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

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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

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

January 28, 2025

at FBC, Covington

Lunch and fellowship prior to
a time of worship with Selah.

Cost: \$15

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For further information: kevin.ulmer@louisianabaptists.org

Circle of Love Prayer List



December 1- 7, 2024

Antioch Baptist Church

Rev. Rubin Weaver, Pastor
3501 Hwy. 828, Farmerville, LA 71241

December 8 -14, 2024

Haile Baptist Church

Rev. Michael Murray, Pastor
351 Haile Baptist Church Rd., Marion 71260

December 22 - 28, 2024

Meridian Baptist Church

Bro. Glyn Nale, Pastor
624 Meridian Church Rd., Marion 71260

December 15 - 21, 2024

Crossroad Baptist Church

Rev. Jeff Freeman, Pastor
9027 Hwy. 143, Farmerville 71241

December 29-January 4, 2025

Bethel Baptist Church

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

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Lisa Allred
Mary Ruth Allred
Andrew Aswell
Mildred Brantley
Cassie Christmas
Kayla Coleman
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 the DOM Search Committee.**

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

10 - **Pastors/Staff Conference** (10 A.M.) and **Executive Board** (11 A.M.) meetings, Mineral Springs Baptist Church, Dubach

24 - Christmas Eve

25 - **CHRISTMAS**

31 - New Year's Eve

The Missions and Ministry Center will be closed from December 24th through January 1st.



DECEMBER 2024
CALENDAR OF EVENTS



MAGNIFIED is just one of the VBS themes revealed for SUMMER 2025, but I must say it looks exciting! This Lifeway curriculum encourages boys and girls to peer at the smallest of God's creation to discover the bigness of God. As your church plans for VBS 2025, please call the Missions & Ministry Center with the date selected.



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 "Learn More" to get additional information.

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[ConcordUnionBaptistAssociation .net](http://ConcordUnionBaptistAssociation.net)

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Mailing Address:

P. O. Box 606, Ruston, LA 71273

Missions & Ministry Center

Office Hours: 8 AM - 4 PM

Monday thru Thursday; *Closed Fridays*

Granberry Counseling Centers

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DENA M. MELNA,
LPC

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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...

Congratulations Rev. Joseph & Mrs. Mary Fowler on the birth of your new baby boy, Judah. Bro. Joseph is Pastor of Cook Baptist Church, Ruston.

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@ fbcspearsville@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@dmbaron.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.



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