



**A Publication of
Concord Union
Baptist Association**

The Tidings

July
2024

Dear Friends,
 I am always excited to see so many mission opportunities being fulfilled among our associational churches! Your bulletins and newsletters tell the tale of churches who feel the need and see the possibilities of going on mission in other places to be the hands and feet of Jesus. This summer will find many of you doing something "extra" in the role of missionary representing our Savior. I pray that God will bless your efforts. I pray that souls will be won for the kingdom. I pray that you will be the heart and voice of Jesus for others to know Him.

It is amazing how many individuals and couples from our geographical area have packed up and moved to a new place, a new city, even a new country to answer the call of God upon their hearts to make disciples of all the nations! I am always encouraged to see their names on your prayer list, to see your churches collecting items to help, and sending short-term missionaries to assist in the spreading of the gospel. Let us never forget, these are our missionaries. We owe them our prayers and our assistance. We do missions because it is in our DNA as Southern Baptist. We all have a little Annie and Lottie flowing through our veins. To the ends of the earth...

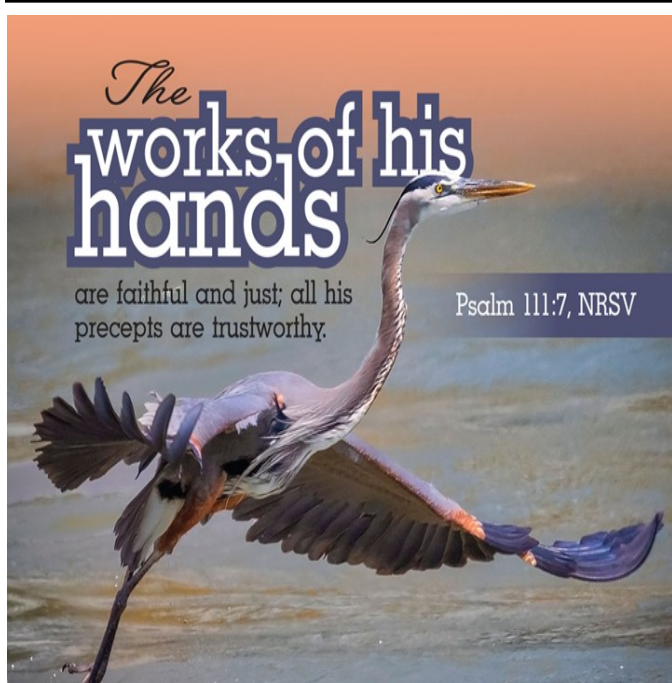
Bro. Barry

Concord Union Baptist Association
CHURCH LEADERSHIP PLANNING/TRAINING
AUGUST 19, 2024
Antioch Baptist Church
3501 Hwy. 828, Farmerville, LA

The associational **Church Leadership Training/Planning Conference** is scheduled to be held at Antioch Baptist Church on Monday evening, August 19th, beginning with a meal to be served at 6:00 P.M. Church Leaders are encouraged to attend and participate in conferences provided for these specific areas of ministry:

* Pastors	* Music	* Sunday School	* Deacons
* Children	* Youth	* Church Treasurers	* Prayer
* Church Clerks/ACP Contacts		* Baptist Men & Boys	

Please RSVP to the Missions and Ministry Center (255-9030) by Monday, August 12th to register the number of attendees from your church and the attendees conference choice.



We're headed south...
 please pray for our mission team as we travel and serve Bayou Baptist Association the week of July 7-12th.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 at First Baptist Church, Raceland

CONSTRUCTION
 with Bayou Baptist Association

BACKYARD BIBLE CLUB
 at Live Oak Baptist Church, Montegut

Concord Union Baptist Association
WMU / WOM presents
"THE MISSIONS MARKET
2025"

Saturday, March 22, 2025

8 A.M. until 2 P.M.

Temple Baptist Church, Ruston

A fundraiser for missions.
Crafters & Bakers needed!



**JUNE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
NOT RESCHEDULED**

The June Pastor's Conference and Executive Board meeting originally scheduled for June 11 at Mineral Springs Baptist Church will not be rescheduled. Associational Leaders made the decision to cancel the meeting after several in the church became ill. We want to express our sincere gratitude to Bro. Greg Tipton and the Mineral Springs Baptist Church family for going the extra mile in an effort to try and accommodate the meeting in the midst of a difficult situation.

Our next **Pastor Conference (10 A.M.)** and **Executive Board Meeting (11 A.M.)** will be held **Tuesday, August 13th** at **Evergreen Baptist Church**, 1380 Evergreen Road, Bernice, LA. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend! The Personnel Committee will present for approval the minimally "revised" Director of Mission's **Job Description**. We hope to have a good representation of our churches present.

*Congratulations
Rev. Larry Emory*

*upon your retirement from Pastoral Ministry
on June 30, 2024.*

*Bro. Larry has pastored for 35 years;
the last 16 years having faithfully served
Longstraw Baptist Church, Choudrant*

*Worship & Celebration June 30th
beginning at 10 A.M. at Longstraw*

ORDINATION SERVICE

Bro. Harlin Knight
will be ordained to the
GOSPEL MINISTRY
on **Sunday, August 11, 2024**

Ordination Council, 2 P.M.
Ordination Service, 3 P.M.

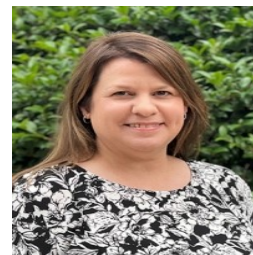
Rock Corner Baptist Church
824 Rock Corner Rd., Dubach, LA 71235

Granberry Counseling Centers

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

DENA M. MELNA
to the counseling staff.

Dena will soon serve Concord Union Baptist Association by providing counseling one day per week (Tuesdays) at the Missions & Ministry Center.



Appointments are required.
APPOINTMENTS MAY BE SCHEDULED
by calling (318) 450-4660 or 1-877-345-7411
or via email: dena@lbch.org



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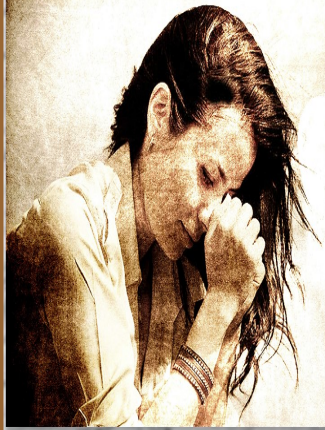
August 24, 2024

Cypress Baptist Church

4701 Palmetto Road, Benton, LA

Contact: sean.keith@louisianabaptists.org

Circle of Love Prayer List



June 30 - July 6, 2024

Beulah Baptist Church

Rev. Adam Holloway, Pastor

C/o 668 Beulah Church Rd., Farmerville

July 7-13, 2024

Emmanuel Baptist Church

Rev. Paul Watts, Pastor

1200 Farmerville Hwy., Ruston, LA 71270

July 14 - 20, 2024

Pine Grove Baptist Church

Rev. Steve Barrett, Pastor

P. O. Box 374, Bernice, LA 71222

July 21- 27, 2024

First Baptist Church, Simsboro

Dr. Jason Cole, Pastor

133 Tiger Dr., Simsboro, LA 71275

July 28 - August 3, 2024

DaySpring Ministry

Rev. Ken Weaver, Pastor

3191 S. Vienna St., Ruston, LA 71270

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Ray Hammons
Dr. Michael Hawley
Rev. Carroll Holmes
Rev. Bobby Kranz
Rev. Mickey Manning
Clay Moock
Veda O'Bannon
Rev. Jeff Roberts
Rev. Jeff Sanford
Ann Smith
Rev. Jerry Whitman

**Pray for our churches without pastors.
Pray for the DOM Search Committee.**

Mt. Patrick Baptist Church
invites you to hear

SANCTUARY QUARTET
Southern Gospel Quartet
Saturday, July 20th at 6 P.M.

Mt. Patrick Baptist Church
1232 Patrick Church Rd., Bernice, LA 71222

HICO BAPTIST CHURCH

653 Highway 152, Dubach, LA
announces

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



July 15-19
from
6:00-8:30 PM

- 2 - Spiritual Awakening Committee Prayer meeting, 2 P.M. at the M&M Center.
- 4 - **Independence Day**
(The M&M Center will be closed.)
- 7-12 - South Louisiana Associational Mission Trip
- 16 - Budget Committee meeting, 5 P.M. at the Missions & Ministry Center
- 17 - North Region WOM meeting at Marion FBC 10 A.M.
- 22 - Missions & Ministry Center Operations Committee meeting, 2 P.M. at the M&M Center
- 29 - Personnel Committee meeting, 2 P.M. at The M&M Center

JULY 2024
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CALENDAR DATE CHANGE

The **Spiritual Awakening Committee** had originally scheduled their **JULY PRAYER MEETING** for the last week of June so as not to conflict with **Independence Day**; however, the meeting was changed to **TUESDAY, JULY 2ND 2:00 P.M. at the Missions & Ministry Center.**

**VBS DIRECTORS,
PLEASE PROVIDE
CONCORD UNION BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
A COPY OF YOUR VBS REPORT!**

FROM THE VOICE OF A LITTLE ONE...

She's only 4 years old but, when she came home from Vacation Bible School for the first time, she had much to say. "Mommie, I learned that EVERYTHING in the Bible is true. And, you know what? Now, I have all these bones in my body AND JESUS IN MY HEART!"

THANK YOU

VBS Leaders for teaching children about Jesus!



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Missions & Ministry Center
Office Hours:
8 AM - 4 PM
Monday thru Thursday; Closed Fridays

Concord Union Baptist Association
Director of Missions Search Committee
will receive resumes at
cubadomsearch@gmail.com until June 30, 2024.

CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

Fellowship BC
Mt. Ararat BC
Pleasant Hill, Farmerville

Liberty BC*
Nazareth Hispanic*
Spencer BC*

Litroe BC*
New Hope BC
Zion Hill BC

**The church has an Interim Pastor.*

Church Happenings...

LONGSTRAW BAPTIST CHURCH, Choudrant has called **Rev. Andy Allred** as their new pastor.

HOLMESVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, Downsville has called **Bro. Ricky Houck** as their new pastor.

PASTORS/MINISTERS/STAFF NEEDED:

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

New Hope Baptist Church, Choudrant is seeking a Fulltime PASTOR. Please contact Kim Dugdale, chair, Pastor Search Committee at nhbcpssc2023@gmail.com.

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.

Alabama Baptist Church, Arcadia, LA, is seeking a Bi-Vocational or Full Time Pastor. Resumes should be sent to Pastor Search Committee, 305 Pinecrest Road, Arcadia, Louisiana 71001.

Ebenezer Baptist Church, Jonesboro, LA, is seeking to fill the position of financial secretary. This is a salaried position with flexible hours. The financial secretary is responsible for receptionist duties as well as all financial duties for the church. If interested, applications are available in the office or email. Call 318-259-8891 or email karen@ebenezerfamily.com if you are interested in the position.



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