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Baptist Association

PRAY FOR EDUCATORS AND STUDENTS AS A NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS!

# The Tidings



Live Oak BC, Pointe Aux Chenes  
Backyard Bible Club



Live Oak BC, Pointe Aux Chenes

## Mission Trip 2024... nothing short of amazing!



FBC Raceland VBS



Food Distribution at Chauvin



Construction Team at Chauvin

**“Nothing Short of Amazing!”** It truly was a wonderful week in the heart of “Louisiana’s Bayou Country”. The Fellowship Baptist Church team led Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church, Raceland and had the pleasure of teaching 25 boys and girls about Jesus. The Backyard Bible Club team, a group of eight individuals from different churches, served at Live Oak Baptist Church, Pointe Aux Chenes, and had 27 boys and girls from ages 3 through 19 years old. Just two years ago, when the mission team hosted a Block Party at Live Oak no one came; not one! So what a blessing to have a “tree full” of kids anxious to listen and learn about Jesus! On Thursday morning, bright and early, the BYBC Team drove south to Chauvin and assisted with the food distribution project of Bayou Baptist Association. For over two hours the team worked alongside others to distribute fresh vegetables and much needed groceries to folks lined up and waiting. It was hard work and we were grateful that the rain held off until just after the last car was loaded. Bro. Randy Ray and his Construction Team worked throughout the week on multiple projects at various locations and ended the week at Chauvin. “Thank you” Mission Team members for giving of your time to share Jesus right here in our home state. Our heartbeat for the Week of Prayer for State Missions and the Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering is stronger because our teams saw first hand what Louisiana Missions is all about!

After returning to Ruston, it was on Sunday afternoon when a text message was received from Kayla, a faithful member of Live Oak BC, who, with the help of her daughter, had driven 11 children to BYBC every night. Live Oak hosted a full day of activities on Saturday after our team departed on Friday. **The children all came back AND with them were their parents!** On Sunday morning, the mother of four of those children came to church and asked, **“How can I know Christ?”** May GOD bless the efforts of those who served and those who continue to serve Bayou Baptist Association.

Nancy Collie





Pray that your BCM will reach the 2000 freshmen coming to Louisiana Tech in September!  
70+ students are headed with staff to Collegiate Week August 4-8!

**\*THERE'S STILL TIME to give a \$100 scholarship to send MORE students to Collegiate Week.\***  
Pray also that students are ready for spiritual growth, abiding in Christ and for BCM!

Thanks for your continued prayer and support for BCM.

**SOUL FOOD PREVIEW DAY** at the LA Tech BCM is September 3rd. The BCM is cooking Jambalaya! The BCM is asking for help with *salad*, *bread*, or *desserts*. The Soul Food Calendar was mailed from the BCM on Monday, July 22nd. If you would like to receive a calendar or can help at SOUL FOOD, please call (318) 548-3360 and visit with Rene Sanders.

## 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



**September 8-15, 2024**

**State Goal: \$1,750,000.00**

*Concord Union Baptist Association*

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP PLANNING/TRAINING

**AUGUST 19, 2024**

**Antioch Baptist Church**

*3501 Hwy. 828, Farmerville, LA*

The **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.

# Circle of Love Prayer List



## **July 28 - August 3, 2024**

DaySpring Baptist Ministry  
Rev. Ken Weaver, Pastor  
3191 S. Vienna St., Ruston, LA 71270

## **August 4 - 10, 2024**

Downsville Baptist Church  
Rev. Trey Roberson, Pastor  
P. O. Box 87, Downsville, LA 71234

## **August 18-24, 2024**

New Prospect Baptist Church  
Rev. Marvin Winham, Pastor  
3438 Hwy. 167, Dubach, LA 71235

## **August 11 - 17, 2024**

Spencer Baptist Church  
Rev. Mickey Manning, Interim Pastor  
C/o 5796 Hwy. 143, Sterlington, LA 71280

## **August 25-31, 2024**

Calvary Baptist Church  
Rev. Bill Reid, Pastor  
5200 Hwy. 167, 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.

- 1 - Spiritual Awakening Committee Prayer meeting, 2 P.M. at the M&M Center.
- 9 - Associational YOUTH NIGHT, 6:30 P.M. For info call Zack Smith (870) 312-6695
- 13 - Pastor's Conference (10 A.M.) and Executive Board (11 A.M.) meeting to be held at Evergreen Baptist Church, Bernice.
- 19 - Church Leadership Planning/Training Conference. Meal served at 6:00 P.M.
- 20 - SEMINARY EXTENSION
- 24 - ReGROUP (North) at Cypress BC, Benton (see box ad for further details)

**AUGUST 2024**  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Pastor Conference (10 A.M.) and Executive Board Meeting (11 A.M.)**  
scheduled

**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.

## SAVE THE DATE

**FRIENDSHIP INTERNATIONAL**  
*40 Year Reunion Celebration*

**September 15, 2024**  
**3:00 P.M. until 4:30 P.M.**

**Cook Baptist Church Fellowship Hall**  
2000 Cooktown Road, Ruston, LA 71270

Looking for all teachers, students, and supporters to gather for celebration and refreshments!

## SAVE THE DATE

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!*



**RA CAMP-O-REE**

**SEPTEMBER 27 & 28, 2024**

Friday, 4:30 P.M. through Saturday, 12 Noon

This event for Royal Ambassadors (Boys, Grades 1-6) is a great time for boys to practice fun skills like **archery**, **BB guns**, **sling shots**, **knot tying**, and even **log sawing**! Boys, if ya beat the record YOU could be the new state champion. Hear stories from a missionary and enjoy being with friends!

Register online or call Camp Harris (318) 927-3706

Concord Union Baptist Association  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
will be

**Monday, October 21**  
at

Calvary Baptist Church,  
Ruston

Meal served, 5:15 PM  
Worship/Business, 6:30 PM

Plan now to elect messengers  
and attend.

**ReGROUP**  
CONFERENCE

Louisiana Baptists' North Region premier  
training for Sunday School and Small  
Group Leaders of all ages

**August 24, 2024**

**Cypress Baptist Church**  
4701 Palmetto Road, Benton, LA

Email: [sean.keith@louisianabaptists.org](mailto:sean.keith@louisianabaptists.org)  
for more information.



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**Missions & Ministry Center**

**Office Hours: 8 AM - 4 PM**

**Monday thru Thursday; Closed Fridays**

## Granberry Counseling Centers

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



**DENA M. MELNA,  
LPC**

**Serving Concord Union  
Baptist Association  
Missions & Ministry Center**

**Appointments are required.**

**SCHEDULE by calling**

**(318) 450-4660 or 1-877-345-7411**

**or via email: [dena@lbch.org](mailto:dena@lbch.org)**

## MT PATRICK BAPTIST CHURCH

*1232 Patrick Church Road, Bernice*

**INVITES YOU TO HEAR**

**the gospel group,**

**ONE STEP HIGHER,**

**along with THE EASLEY KIDS,**

**on Saturday, August 24th**

**at 6 P.M.**

*Come hear some great gospel music  
from these two groups out of FBC, Farmerville.*

**Concord Union Baptist Association  
Post Office Box 606  
Ruston, Louisiana 71273-0606**

## CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

**Fellowship BC**

**First, Bernice**

**Liberty BC\***

**Litroe BC\***

**Mineral Springs BC**

**Mt. Ararat BC**

**Nazareth Hispanic\***

**Pleasant Hill, Farmerville**

**Spencer BC\***

**Weldon 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

**NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH,** Choudrant *has called* Rev. Michail Baldwin as their new pastor.

**REV. GREG TIPTON** announced his retirement on Sunday, June 30th, effective July 31, 2024. Bro. Greg has served as Pastor of Mineral Springs Baptist Church, Dubach, for the past 19 years.

**REV. MICHAEL McINTOSH** announced his resignation as pastor of First Baptist Church, Bernice on Sunday, July 7, 2024. The effective date is pending. Bro. Michael has served as Pastor of First Baptist Church, Bernice since 2017.

## PASTORS/MINISTERS/STAFF NEEDED:

**First Baptist Church, Spearsville** is seeking a part time Youth Minister. Please contact Bro. Neil Everett@ [fbcspesville@yahoo.com](mailto:fbcspesville@yahoo.com).

**Fellowship Baptist Church, Dubach** is seeking a Full Time PASTOR. Please send resume and cover letter to [resumes@fellowshipbaptistchurchdubach.org](mailto: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](mailto:ed@fbcruston.org) or [brenda@fbcruston.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:karen@ebenezerfamily.com) if you are interested in the position.

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