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# The Tidings



Dear Friends,

We are living in some difficult times in our country. We all see such division among our citizens. We witness daily, such outbursts of anger with malicious intent. These can be troubling times, indeed! But we should not be surprised by such things. The Bible gives us clear indication that society as a whole will not be improving in its moral and ethical standards. The decline in righteousness and increase in sinfulness will only proliferate. We must be prepared for what is ahead.

Those faithful to Christ must resolve themselves to stand firm. We must hold fast to the truth within us when truth around us continues to crumble. Our God's promises are sure. Our God's deliverance of His children is certain. This world is not our home. There is coming a day of redemption and restoration that God is unfolding before us. We have every reason to hope in Jesus. We have every reason to continue to be faithful unto Him. We have every reason to encourage one another as we see the darkening clouds of judgement approaching. Let us be found faithful in the shadow of His coming!

Lift up our eyes! Our redemption is drawing near!

Bro. Barry

**Reminder!** The **Annual Church Profile (ACP)** for each of our churches should be completed after September 1 as to include membership, attendance, and financial records through the end of August. The Leadership Report should include those leaders who will serve beginning on September 1, 2024. Please do not delete leaders who will no longer serve; assign a stop date (the last day of their service) and add all new leaders. The deadline for filing your ACP online or returning a printed copy to the Missions & Ministry Center is September 16th. Thank you Church Clerks and Pastors for your help.

## **40 Years of Ministry!**

On Wednesday, September 5, 1984, the first class of **Friendship International** opened its doors to new students for conversational English as well as fun and fellowship with Baptist women from the Ruston community. There have been hundreds of internationals representing possibly one hundred or more countries that have attended this program. There have been just as many volunteers who have taught or served refreshments, provided childcare, or given support to the program that was begun by the WMU of (then) Concord Baptist Association. Friendship International remains an ongoing program which meets at Cook Baptist Church each Wednesday morning (9-11 AM) during the academic school year. The program provides conversational English instruction to any international who needs help or desires to practice their English while making friends.



**Congratulations Friendship International!**

**Reception honoring Friendship International and celebrating 40 Years of Ministry**

**September 15, 2024**

**3 P.M. until 4:30 P.M.**

**in the Fellowship Hall of Cook Baptist Church**

**2000 Cooktown Road, Ruston 71270**

*"We must GO to the nearby towns, so that I can TELL the good news to those people."* Marks 1:38 (CEV)



## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR LOUISIANA MISSIONS September 8-15, 2024 State Goal: \$1,750,000.00

### PRAYER GUIDE - DAY 5 - Rebuilding Homes and Lives

"Marvin and Debbie Savoie had no idea about all the places God would send them when they put their "yes" on the table. After years of International missions service, Marvin and Debbie landed in a place closer to home: Point-Aux-Chenes, Louisiana. They easily transitioned to their new mission field (home to members of the Pointe-au-Chien Indian Tribe) because Marvin's grandmother was a part of the United Houma Indian Nation. "I found some lost relatives I didn't know," Marvin explained.

This small community was devastated in the wake of Hurricane Ida. The storm destroyed 78 homes, so the need for compassion and the gospel was great. The Georgia Barnette Louisiana Missions Offering continues to repair homes and minister to the people of Pointe-aux-Chenes through the Disaster Relief Rebuild program. Rebuild provides building materials and coordinates the work and feeding of the volunteer crews.

As Rebuild site coordinators, the Savoies have been in Pointe-aux-Chenes for over a year. The community is slowly coming back and the Baptist church where Marvin and Debbie serve is experiencing a great awakening. "More and more people are coming to hear the Word," Debbie reported.

**Just a few weeks ago ... your Concord Union Baptist Association Mission Team served in Point-Aux-Chenes and had the privilege to meet Bro. Marvin and Mrs. Debbie Savoie! They greeted us upon our arrival and we saw first hand how God is using this couple to touch lives. Pray for The Savoies to have wisdom as they faithfully serve the Lord.**



**Churches of Concord Union Baptist Association,**  
Please be certain this date is on your church calendar as we gather to honor Bro. Barry Joyner upon his retirement as our Director of Missions. He has served our Lord and our association faithfully. Let us honor him well! Additional information is forthcoming.

**ROYAL AMBASSADOR CAMP-O-REE**  
**PREPARE 4 THE HUNT**  
A One night Boys Camp perfect for Fathers and sons, Ra Troops, and any Boys ministries!  
**SIGN UP HERE** [QR CODE]  
**September 27th & 28th**

**\$45.00 - TENT CAMP**  
**\$55.00 - FOR BUNK CAMP**  
**\$60.00 - FOR SHARED MOTEL ROOM**  
**\$90.00 - FOR SINGLE MOTEL ROOM**

Preparing for the Hunt and Life with Major Richie McCarthy, and about the RA Program with Judge Keith Gates.  
2 Days of Crazy Fun! Prepare for the hunting season, and spend time with JESUS!!!  
JUDGE KEITH GATES/HEAD OF THE NATIONAL RA ASSOCIATION

MAJOR RICHIE MCCARTHY  
LOUISIANA WILD LIFE & FISHERIES

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2000 Harris Rd, Minden LA 71055

**DON'T MISS THIS EVENT !!**

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**THANK YOU, ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH** for allowing Concord Union Baptist Association to pack your fellowship hall on Monday, August 19th for the 2024 Church Leadership Planning Conference. There were 140 conference participants representing 32 of our churches. What a marvelous evening of fellowship, absolutely delicious food, and learning together!



# Circle of Love Prayer List



## **September 1- 7, 2024**

First Baptist Church, Marion  
Rev. Bubba Hoggatt, Pastor  
P. O. Box 376, Marion, LA 71260-0376

## **September 8 - 14, 2024**

Mt. Tabor Baptist Church  
Rev. Tony Walton, Pastor  
P. O. Box 336, Farmerville, LA 71241

## **September 22 - 28, 2024**

Conway Baptist Church  
Rev. Williams Englerth, Pastor  
P. O. Box 454, Farmerville, LA 71241

## **September 15 - 21, 2024**

Holmesville Baptist Church  
Bro. Ricky Houck, Pastor  
P. O. Box 250, Downsville, LA 71234

## **September 29 - October 5, 2024**

First Baptist Church, Spearsville  
Rev. Neil Everett, Pastor  
P. O. Box 85, Spearsville, LA 71277

## 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  
Rev. Caroll Holmes  
Rev. Bobby Kranz  
Rev. Mickey Manning  
Clay Moock  
Veda O'Bannon  
Rev. Jeff Sanford  
Ann Smith  
Rev. Jerry Whitman

*Christian Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Katrina Alexander and son, Marty Alexander, and to the Enterprise BC family in the recent death of Rev. Mickey Alexander, husband, father, and pastor.*

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



### **Pastor Marvin Winham**

and the **New Prospect Baptist Church Family**

invite you to worship with them for their

### **FALL REVIVAL**

**September 27th - September 29th**

Services Friday and Saturday, 6 P.M.

Service on Sunday, 10:30 A.M.

Evangelist and international award-winning artist, Bro. Al Bohl, will create gospel artwork as he preaches the good news through the mediums of art and film animation. Do you have a lost friend in need of the Savior? Invite your friend to join you in worship to see and hear the gospel presentation through a quality visual experience. Leading music each night will be the NPBC worship team led by Mary Aulds and Lane Brown.

2 - Labor Day (The Missions & Ministry Center will be closed.)

5 - Spiritual Awakening Committee Prayer meeting, 2 P.M. at the M&M Center.

8-15 - Week of Prayer for Louisiana Missions and the Georgia Barnette Missions Offering

9-17 - WMU Collection dates for Women's Prison Ministry. Drop off at the Missions & Ministry Center Monday-Thursday, 8-4 PM

11 - *Patriot Day*



12 - Personnel Committee mtg., 2 P.M.

19 - Sessions Committee mtg., 2 P.M.

15 - Friendship International 40 Year Reunion Celebration at Cook Baptist Church, Ruston, 3-4:30 P.M.

16 - Annual Church Profile completion deadline.

27-28 - RA Camp-O-Ree at Camp Harris.

**SEPTEMBER 2024**  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Concord Union Baptist Association



## **ANNUAL MEETING**

**Monday, October 21**

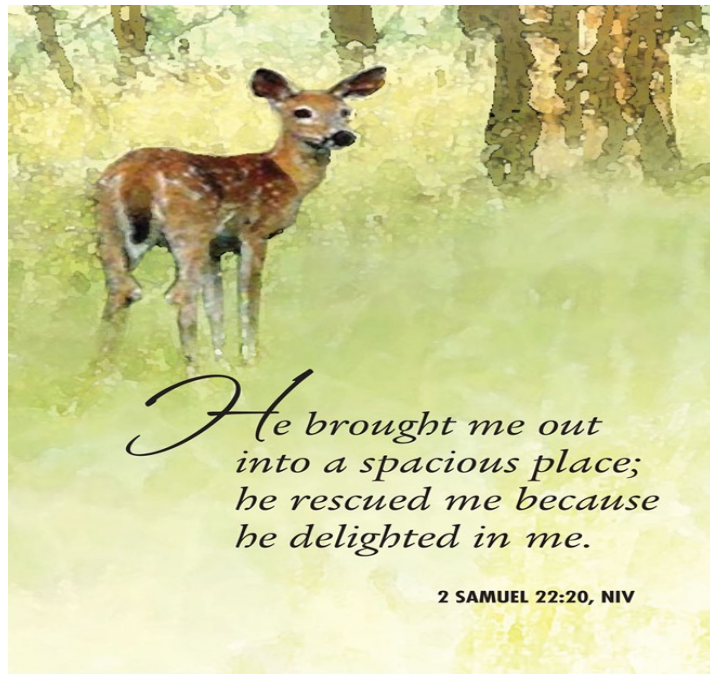
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**Calvary Baptist Church, Ruston**

Meal served, 5:15 PM

Worship/Business, 6:30 PM

*Elect messengers and plan now to attend this important meeting.*



## CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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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)**

He made THE moon  
**TO mark**  
THE seasons;  
THE sun knows  
**ITS TIME**  
FOR SETTING.

PSALM 104:19, ESV

### CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

Enterprise BC  
Liberty BC\*  
Mt. Ararat BC  
Spencer BC\*

Fellowship BC  
Litroe BC\*  
Nazareth Hispanic\*  
Weldon BC

First, Bernice  
Mineral Springs BC  
Pleasant Hill, Farmerville  
Zion Hill BC

*\*The church has an Interim Pastor.*

## Church Happenings...

### PASTORS/MINISTERS/STAFF NEEDED:

**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 [phbc@1026721@gmail.com](mailto:phbc@1026721@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](mailto:fbcspearsville@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@dmbarron.com](mailto: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](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.

## Taverns to Tabernacle

Gospel Group  
in concert at

**Mt. Patrick Baptist Church**

1232 Patrick Church Road, Bernice, LA 71222

**Saturday, September 28**

**6:00 P.M.**

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Ruston, Louisiana 71273-0606

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