

Behold
I make all things new. Revelation 21:5

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The Tidings



Dear Friends,

The month of May is such a beautiful month! Spring is in full swing! The flowers are blooming! Gardens are growing! The sunshine is warm! In Louisiana, it only means one thing! Hot summer is around the corner! Humidity, here we come!

But May is also filled with so many wonderful celebrations! Senior Adult Sunday, Graduates Sunday, in our association the Retired Ministers' Luncheon! But Mother's Day tops them all. How can we ever understand the value of our mothers to our lives? The Proverbs says that it is "far above rubies." They have lived for us the best of love. They have given us the best of care. They held us when we cried. They encouraged us when we were afraid. They challenged us to stand on our own. They are worthy of our praise and adoration.

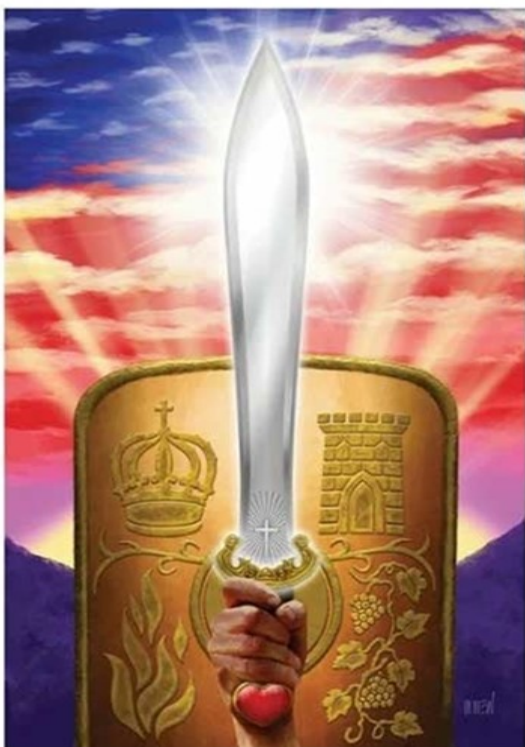
But if your mother exemplified the person and work of Jesus through her life, she is worthy of double honor. She has lived the example of faith. She has spoken the truth of His word. She has personified hope in the darkest of days. She has illustrated His love for us when we were at our worst. She has shown us Jesus.

I miss my mother dearly. But I know I will see her again better than she has ever been! Happy Mother's Day, Mom!
Bro. Barry

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

On behalf of our Director of Missions Search Committee, thank you for the confidence that you have placed in us to seek God's man for our association. As reported at the associational semi-annual meeting, we have begun our work together by praying, reviewing, and discussing God's direction. We are now receiving resumes for the position until June 30, 2024. If you know someone who would be a great candidate, ask him to submit his resume to the committee at cubadomsearch@gmail.com. Also, please ask your church to join us in prayer—especially the week of May 5—as we have begun this phase of receiving resumes. An intentional prayer strategy will be emailed to you soon that will help us focus our minds and hearts together. Again, the search committee is grateful for this opportunity to serve our Concord Union Baptist brothers and sisters, and we look forward to how the Lord is going to provide His leadership in this effort!

Reggie Bridges



LIFT UP THE WORD
LIGHT UP THE WORLD

2 SAMUEL 22:29-31
THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024



Our pledge of allegiance states that we are "one nation under God," and our currency says that it is "in God we trust." As we pray for our great nation, we want our fellow Americans to encounter and humbly seek God who rules over us. 2 Chronicles 7:14 says, "If my people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." As we diligently seek Him, we will be changed, and we will see a change in America through prayer!

JOIN US, your Spiritual Awakening Committee, at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 2nd at the Missions & Ministry Center as we unite in prayer for the seven centers of influence in our nation: government, military, media, business, education, church, and family.

Mission Opportunity July 7-12, 2024

We need you!

Yes, we've called it a mission "trip" before, but it is far more than a 'trip'! It's an opportunity to share JESUS with others, to touch lives, and make an impact in communities right here in our home state of Louisiana. We will use nails, hammers, Bible stories and games as we minister to others and we would very much like for you to join us! If you have an interest in the Concord Union Baptist Association Mission Trip to Houma, Louisiana, **please call us at the Missions & Ministry Center (318-255-9030) today!** We are seeking those who would serve on a CONSTRUCTION TEAM as well as a BACKYARD BIBLE CLUB TEAM. In addition to these two mission teams, Fellowship Baptist Church, Dubach, will provide leadership for the Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church of Raceland. We hope YOU will GO and serve with us!



RETIRED PASTORS, CHURCH STAFF, & SPOUSES LUNCHEON

**Monday, May 20th
11 A.M.**

**Please call the Missions & Ministry Center
255-9030 to RSVP**

**Temple Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall
1515 South Service Rd. West, Ruston**



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024

You have worked hard! You deserve our congratulations.
May GOD bless you as you move on toward
all He has in store for you.



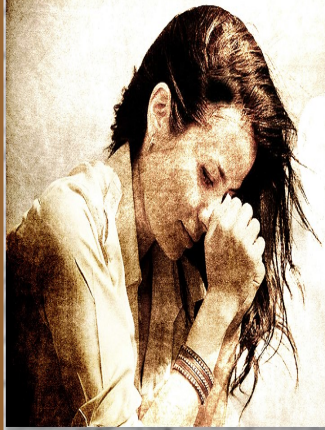
The PASTOR'S GOLF TOURNAMENT, an event planned for pastors and guests, will be held Monday, May 6th at 9 A.M. at the Bernice Golf Course.

Call to Missions & Ministry Center to sign up or come earlier to register.

Cost is \$30.00 per person.

Lunch will be served afterwards at First Baptist Church, Bernice at 502 Cherry Street.

Circle of Love Prayer List



April 28 - May 4, 2004

Crestview Baptist Church

Rev. Wayne Whiteside, Pastor
P. O. Box 242, Farmerville, LA 71241

May, 5 - 11, 2024

Providence Baptist Church

Rev. Bruce McGee, Pastor
2396 Hwy 552, Downsville, LA 71234

May 12 - 18, 2024

First Baptist Church, Ruston

Dr. Chris Craig, Pastor
200 S. Trenton St., Ruston, LA 71270

May 19 - 25, 2024

Litroe Baptist Church

Rev. Chad Jackson, Interim Pastor
C/o 942 Hwy 826, Marion, LA 71260

May 26 - June 1, 2024

Pisgah Baptist Church

Rev. Eric Harkins, Pastor
113 Pisgah Church Rd., Bernice, LA 71222

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Ray Hammons
Rev. Carroll Holmes
Rev. Bobby Kranz
Rev. Mickey Manning
Clay Mook
Verda O'Bannon
Rev. Jeff Sanford
Ann Smith
Rev. Jerry Whitman

Christian Sympathy - the family of Joy Carol Rowe

**Pray for our churches without pastors.
Director of Missions Search Committee.**

Rev. Jeff Roberts, Pastor,
and the church family of

SHARON BAPTIST CHURCH

2769 Hwy. 152, Dubach
invite you to

REVIVAL

May 5-8, 2024

Sunday Morning, 11 A.M.

Bro. Barry Joyner

Sunday Evening, 6:00 P.M.

Bro. Connor Evans

Monday Evening, 7:00 P.M.

Bro. Tony Walton

Tuesday Evening, 7:00 P.M.

Bro. Kurt Auger

Wednesday Evening, 7:00 P.M.

Bro. Michael McIntosh

Join us for these worship opportunities!

2 - National Day of Prayer

- Spiritual Awakening Committee invites others to join them for Prayer Meeting, 2 P.M. at Missions & Ministry Center.

5-11 - Prayer Strategy emphasis for DOM Search Committee

6 - Pastor's Golf Tournament at the Bernice Golf Course, 9 A.M. Cost: \$30 per person. Call the M&M Center to register or arrive early. Lunch will be provided afterwards at FBC, Bernice. This event is planned for Pastors and any guests.

12 - Mother's Day

20 - Retired Ministers/Church Staff & Spouses Luncheon, Temple BC, 11 A.M.

27 - Memorial Day (M&M Center closed)

28 - DOM Search Committee meeting, 3 P.M.

MAY 2024
CALENDAR OF EVENTS



As the month of May brings another school year to a close, we want to take this opportunity to say a very big "thank you" to the teachers who have taught our children in the classrooms of our schools across Union and Lincoln parishes or in the home classrooms for those who homeschool. It takes a huge heart and a whole lot of time and energy for classroom teachers to offer their very best to our children. We thank you and we appreciate your hard work!

Mt. Patrick Baptist Church

invites you to hear

**Back Forty Bluegrass Gospel
Saturday, May 4th at 6 PM**

and then, in June, come hear

**Louisiana Melody Boys Gospel Group
Saturday, June 15th at 6P.M.**

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

"Be of good cheer, I have
**overcome
the world.**"

JOHN 16:33, NKJV

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Missions & Ministry Center

Office Hours:

8 AM - 4 PM

Monday thru Thursday; Closed Fridays

LOUISIANA'S PREMIERE SOUTHERN GOSPEL TRIO

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BOYS

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HARVEST DAY EVENTS*ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS*WILD GAME SUPPERS

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BOOKING NOW FOR 2024

Contact: Mickey Alexander (601)660-1915
Email: office.louisianamelodyboys@gmail.com
Website: www.louisianamelodyboys.com

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Director of Missions Search Committee

will receive resumes at
cubadomsearch@gmail.com until June 30, 2024.

CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

Fellowship BC

Litroe BC*

New Hope BC

Spencer BC*

Holmesville BC

Mt. Ararat BC

Pleasant Hill, Farmerville

Zion Hill BC

Liberty BC*

Nazareth Hispanic

**The church has an Interim Pastor.*

Church Happenings...

PASTORS/MINISTERS/STAFF NEEDED:

Longstraw Baptist Church, Choudrant is in need of a full time/bi-vocational pastor. Resumes may be sent to longstrawbaptistchurch@gmail.com. Rev. Larry Emory has announced plans to retire June, 2024.

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 nhbcp2023@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.

First Baptist Church, Bernice is seeking a MINISTER OF MUSIC. Please contact Rev. Michael McIntosh (Email: wellsaid71222@gmail.com) for additional information.

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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