



The Tidings



A Word from Bro. Marty

Luke 2:1-20-1 And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. 3 So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. 4 Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. 6 So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. 8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. 10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" 15 So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. 17 Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. 18 And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. 19 But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

Growing up in church, this was the most memorable passage of Scripture that was shared during Christmas. Today, every time I read this passage, it brings back so many sweet memories of years past in that small rural country church where I grew up in Union Parish with my friends and family. I remember the Christmas plays and songs we sung. We did the same play and sung the same songs every year with the shepherds, wise men, Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus. Some of you might remember this: My costume consisted of a bath robe, old rag tied around my head, with long white tube socks and tennis shoes. When you grow up where I did, you improvised. As I look back, Christmas was simpler. We didn't have all the lights, 7 Christmas gatherings to attend, the 5 gift exchanges, and all the other things we have added over the years. It was family, close friends, church family, and a heart filled with gratitude and worship for our Savior Jesus Christ, who left heaven, came to earth, born of a virgin, and went to the cross for our sins that we can be saved. Could it be that keeping Christmas simple, doing less not more, has a greater meaning and is more impactful than all the things we have added over the years?

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Director of Missions.



"The purpose of Freedom13's QUEEN'S CELEBRATION is to pour out love, encouragement, and hope for women in our community. 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."

FREEDOM13 MINISTRIES is excited to announce the 11th Annual Queen's Celebration!

This annual event will be held on **Saturday, January 24, 2026**, at Temple Baptist Church in Ruston. **Are there women in your church who have never experienced A Queen's Celebration?** F13 invites them to attend, first, as a guest, and then return to volunteer for future Queen's Celebrations down the road. The cost for guests is completely FREE, but guests are asked to register for AQC ahead of time.

A Queen's Celebration is funded through local businesses AND individual sponsorships. Each \$60 sponsorship represents one AQC guest. This is what allows F13 to not charge a ticket price for guests. Sponsorships also offset event costs AND serve as one of two Freedom13 fundraisers for the year. Would your church, a group within your church or perhaps individuals and/or business owners within your church consider a sponsorship?

AQC's **White as Snow Boutique** is a most enjoyable part of the Queen's Celebration experience! See the attached list of Donations Needed to stock the boutique.

Please visit Freedom13's website to learn more about A Queen's Celebration and sign-up to sponsor, register and/or volunteer for the event. <https://freedom13ministries.com/a-queens-celebration/>

DONATIONS NEEDED



Gently used:

- PURSE/TOTES
- JEWELRY
- SCARVES

Unopened:

- BATH PRODUCTS
- BODY WASH
- LOTION
- SOAP
- SOCKS
- BLANKETS



Circle of Love Prayer Calendar

December 28 - January 3, 2026

Hopewell BC - Rev. Dewayne Ramsey, Pastor
C/o 1592 Lem Rd., Spearsville, LA 71277-2374

Mt. Ararat BC - Rev. Mel Stephens, Pastor
798 Highway 552, Downs ville, LA 71234-5214

January 4 - 10, 2026

Hico BC - Rev. Connor Evans, Pastor
653 Hwy. 152, Dubach, LA 71235-2866

New Hope BC - No Pastor
339 New Hope Rd., Choudrant, LA 71227-3514

January 25 - 31, 2026

Pisgah BC - Rev. Eric Harkins, Pastor
113 Pisgah Church Rd., Bernice, LA 71222-4833

Cook BC - Rev. Joseph Fowler, Pastor
2000 Cooktown Road, Ruston, LA 71270-2116

January 11 - 17, 2026

Crestview BC - Rev. Wayne Whiteside, Pastor
P. O. Box 242, Farmerville, LA 71241-0242

Providence BC - Rev. Bruce McGee, Pastor
2396 Highway 552, Downs ville, LA 71234-2902

January 18 - 24, 2026

Ruston, First BC - Dr. Chris Craig, Pastor
200 South Trenton St., Ruston, LA 71270-4434

Litroe BC - Rev. Chad Jackson, INT Pastor
C/o 942 Hwy. 826, Marion, LA 71260-3330



SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Lisa Allred
Mary Ruth Allred
Andrew Aswell
Mildred Brantley
Rev. Harry Brown
Ty Colvin
Brent Crawford
Cheryl Durrett
Hez Elkins
Imogene Frasier
JoAnn Grafton
Lynda Grafton
Nell Grafton
Anna Lou Greene

Rev. Caroll Holmes
Jessica Jackson
Trudy Joiner
Rev. Bobby Kranz
Mike Lazenby
Rev. James Miller
Clay Mook
Breck Owens
Rev. Paul Pearson
Rev. Jeff Sanford
Janice Savage
Ann Smith
Linda Smith
Rev. Jerry Whitman

Pray for our churches without pastors.



1 - New Year's Day. Welcome 2026

8 - Spiritual Awakening Prayer Meeting, 2 PM at the Missions & Ministry Center.

13 - Pastor's Conference (10 AM) followed by Executive Board (11 AM) at DaySpring Baptist Ministry, Ruston

19 - MLK Day

24 - F13 Ministries "A Queen's Celebration" at Temple Baptist Church, Ruston. Register to attend or volunteer on F13 website.

26-27 - LBC EVANGELISM CONFERENCE (ECON) at FBC, Lafayette

JANUARY 2026



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING for International Missions
The Week of Prayer has past; the need for prayer and giving has not.

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We're looking for your Church's

Crafters & Bakers

Donations are Needed for
Concord Union Baptist Association WMU\WOM
Missions Market 2026

THIS FUNDRAISER FOR LOCAL MISSIONS WILL BE HELD
MARCH 21, 2026
AT TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL, RUSTON, LA

Please consider helping by donating something from your handmade creative efforts such as (but not limited to):

APRONS
ARTWORK
BABY BLANKETS
BIRD HOUSES/FEEDERS
BOOKMARKS
CANDLES
CROCHET ITEMS
EMBROIDERY ITEMS
JEWELRY
LIVE PLANTS

POT HOLDERS
QUILTS
SEASONAL ITEMS
(SPRING, EASTER, PATRIOTIC)
TABLE RUNNERS
THROW PILLOWS
WALKING CANES
WOODEN BOWLS
CUTTING BOARDS
WREATHS

Or from your kitchen, freshly baked goods including cakes/pies/cookies/brownies/cinnamon rolls or canned goods such as jelly/jam/preserves/pickles/salsa.

Contact: Call or Text Harriet Jones - 318-614-2959

CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



Friday, February 6, 2026

6 PM

at Antioch Baptist Church

3501 Highway 828
Farmerville, LA 71241

**ENJOY A GREAT MEAL!
DOOR PRIZES**

WORSHIP: Bro. Kevin Berry
Antioch Baptist Church, Farmerville

SPEAKER: Dr. Reggie Bridges
Pastor, Temple Baptist Church, Ruston

Circle this date on your calendar and when you come, bring a friend or two.

Highlights of the December Chauvin Mission Weekend



Chauvin community Food Distribution



State of Alabama WMU sent the backpacks & did an amazing job! Some of these packs weighed over 10 pounds and the children were so excited!



What a Blessing!



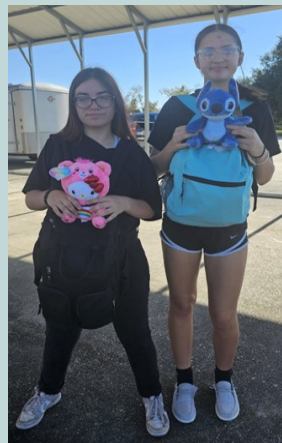
Sunday worship was led by Culbertson BC ladies. Bro. Kelly Coleman preached.



Bro. Marty shares at the Backpack distribution!



Children playing and enjoying the Nativity Scavenger Hunt and, showing off new backpacks! Children from 2 years to 18 years came.



Waiting for bowls of gumbo! SO GOOD!



CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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Missions & Ministry Center

Office Hours: 8 AM - 4 PM

Monday thru Thursday; Closed Fridays

CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

Calvary BC
Litroe BC
New Hope BC

Enterprise BC
Mt. Tabor BC
Spencer BC*

Liberty BC*
Nazareth Hispanic*
Pleasant Hill BC,
Farmerville*

* Interim Pastor

Church Happenings

Pastors/Ministers/Staff Needed

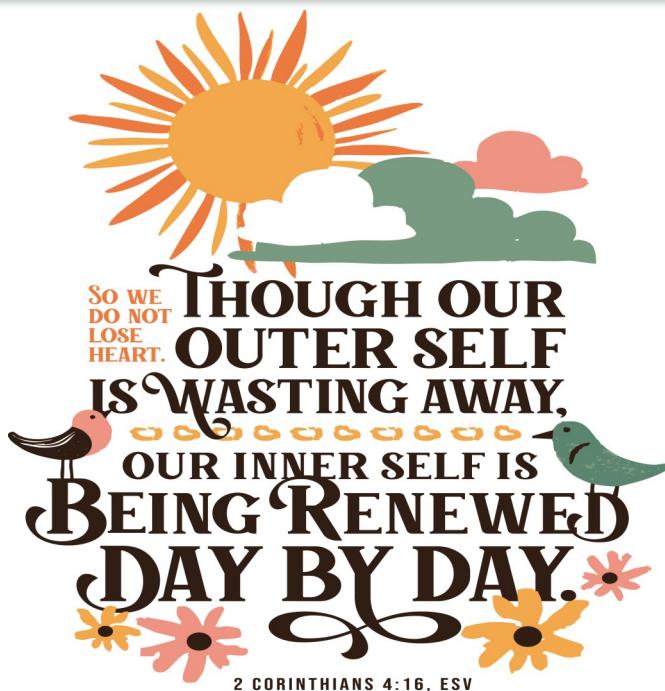
New Hope Baptist Church, Choudrant is seeking a full-time Pastor. Interested individuals should send resumes to nhbcpastorsearch26@gmail.com

Calvary Baptist Church, Ruston is seeking a Minister to Youth. Interested individuals can visit www.calvaryruston.org or send a resume to calvaryyouthpastor71270@gmail.com.

Marion First Baptist Church is seeking a Minister of Music. Interested individuals should send resumes to the church address: P. O. Box 350, Marion, LA 71260 or contact Bro. Bubba Hoggatt, pastor.

Simboro First Baptist Church is seeking a part-time individual to fill the Bi-vocational Minister of Music position. Resumes should be sent to the church address: 133 Tiger Drive, Simsboro, LA 71275.

Hopewell Baptist Church, Spearsville is seeking a pianist. Contact Bro. Dewayne Ramsey (318) 620-8933, if interested.



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