

"For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the LORD GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations." Isaiah



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The Tidings



A word from Bro. Marty

Dear Ministry Partners,

Together, for the Kingdom of God and for His glory. In order for churches to work and serve together in a collective effort, we must be willing to see beyond our walls and out into the world to those that need Jesus. We must willingly embrace the mission together, understanding it's all about Jesus.

At Concord Union Baptist Association, not only are we investing in one another and our communities, together, we are investing in some amazing ministries together. Over the past several weeks, I have had the privilege of sitting down with our mission partners that we invest in together through our finances, prayers, resources, and time (**BCM Tech, BCM Grambling, Camp Harris, Freedom 13, Rolling Hills**). I have listened as each one shared with great enthusiasm their heart and what God is doing in the lives of those they serve. Through our BCM partnerships, together, we are impacting the lives of thousands of students from around the world. Through Camp Harris, together, we are impacting the lives of thousands of boys and girls. Through Freedom13, together, we are impacting the lives of women and children that have been battered and bruised by this world. Through Rolling Hills, together, we are impacting the lives of many after disaster strikes, their lives are shattered, and they are trying to figure out a way forward. We have some of the most passionate leaders serving us in these ministries.

As your Director of Missions, I am thankful for our mission partners and the countless lives that are being impacted by the love and Gospel of Jesus Christ. Invite them to come share what God is doing in and through their ministry.

What a joy it is for me to be part of Concord Union Baptist Association. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Director of Missions.

In Christ,
Marty Black, DOM

"For they have gone out for the sake of the name...

Therefore, we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth." 3 John 1:7-8

MARCH 2-8 is the WEEK OF PRAYER for NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS and ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

STEP INTO THE STORY is the 2025 theme! **GOAL: \$78 Million**

Read their stories at NAMB.net and give through your church to support our missionaries.



Concord Union Baptist Association

Choir Festival

Monday, March 3, 2025

Cook Baptist Church
2000 Cooktown Rd., Ruston

6:30 p.m.

*Come enjoy an evening of
praise and worship.*

Missions Market 2025!

FUNDRAISER FOR
CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION WMU/WOM



THIS FUNDRAISER FOR LOCAL MISSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE
SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025 8AM-2PM
AT TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL, RUSTON, LA

Featuring market items created by local volunteer crafters, artisans & bakers for this local missions fundraiser event.

Have fun browsing & shopping for unique things such as kitchenware, household items, gifts, seasonal décor, jewelry, crafted wooden items, and outdoor decorations as well as home-baked and homemade canned goods!

CASH & CHECKS ACCEPTED.

Morning coffee & refreshments, as well as a soup lunch will be available!

For more information call Harriet Jones, (318)614-2959

SUMMER
MISSION TRIP
Interest Meeting
March 10 at 6:30 p.m.
at the Missions & Ministry Center



Do you need to know the dates for CHILDRENS CAMP to be held at Camp Harris this Summer?

Do you need to know the dates for RHM's upcoming DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING?

Does your church need a preacher to fill the pulpit in the absence of your pastor?

YOU CAN FIND ANSWERS to these questions and others at:
concordunionbaptistassociation.net



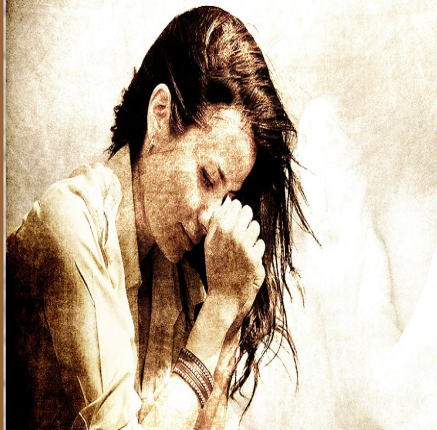
Concord Union Baptist Association Vacation Bible School Clinic

hosted by FBC, Dubach
Monday, April 1, 2025 at 6 p.m.

Have you sought out those gifted individuals within your church who love to teach children, lead music, or provide instruction for crafts at VBS?
IT'S TIME!

The associational **VBS CLINC** is just a few weeks away. **MAGNIFIED** Psalm 34:3 is the theme of the Lifeway curriculum to be introduced at the clinic. Breakout sessions will be offered for: **Directors and Pastors; Music; Missions; Crafts; PreK & Kindergarten; 1st & 2nd Grade; 3rd & 4th Grade; and, 5th & 6th Grade.** A meal will be served at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall, followed by a brief joint worship in the sanctuary. Participants will then go to breakout sessions for their specific area or age group. Please put April 1st on your church calendar, enlist your VBS faculty, and encourage each leader to attend the clinic.

Circle of Love Prayer List



March 2 - 8, 2025

Pleasant Hill Baptist, Farmerville

No Pastor

10267 Hwy. 143, Farmerville 71241

March 9 - 15, 2025

Dean Baptist Church

Rev. Aleck Nyegaard, Pastor
2309 Hwy. 827, Marion, LA 71260

March 23 - 29, 2025

Iglesia Bautista Betel (Bethel)

Rev. Luis Garcia, Pastor
473 Ben Lowery Rd., Bernice, 71222

March 16 - 22, 2025

Sardis Baptist Church

Rev. John Rushing, Pastor
367 Sardis Church Rd, Farmerville 71241

March 30 - April 5, 2025

Liberty Baptist Church

Rev. Jay McCallum, INT Pastor
325 Liberty Baptist Church Rd., Marion
71260

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Lisa Allred
Mary Ruth Allred
Andrew Aswell
Mildred Brantley
Imogene Frasier
JoAnn Grafton
Lynda Grafton
Nell Grafton
Barbara Green

Rev. Caroll Holmes
Rev. Bobby Kranz
Rev. Mickey Manning
Clay Mook
Breck Owens
Rev. Paul Pearson
Rev. Jeff Sanford
Ann Smith
Rev. Jerry Whitman
Dale Williams



SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, April 24

Emmanuel Baptist Church

1200 Farmerville Hwy., Ruston

A meal will be served in the Family Life Center beginning at **5:15 p.m.**

The worship service, followed by the business Session, will begin at **6:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.



REVIVAL

Holmesville Baptist Church
301 Holmesville Road, Downsville, LA. 71234

MARCH 30-APRIL 2 | 6:00 PM

SPEAKER **LUKE HOCKENJOS** WORSHIP **ENRIQUE MAGANA**

"RESTORE US O GOD, LET YOUR FACE SHINE THAT WE MAY BE SAVED."
-PSALMS 80:3

- 2 - Gospel Ministry Ordination for Michael Brookover at Weldon Baptist Church. Council convenes at 3 p.m., Ordination Service at 4 p.m.
- 2-8 WEEK OF PRAYER for NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS and ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING
- 3 - Concord Union CHOIR FESTIVAL, 6:30 pm at Cook Baptist Church, Ruston
- 6 - Spiritual Awakening Committee Prayer Meeting, 2 p.m. at Missions & Ministry Ctr
- 9 - Church Bible Drills
- 10 - **Concord Union MISSION TRIP Interest meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Missions & Ministry Ctr.**
- 20 - Ordination Council at Culbertson Baptist Church, 6:30 p.m. for ordination of Billy Gene Rath and John Paul Hancock.

MARCH 2025
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Ordinations

Weldon Baptist Church, Bernice will ordain **Michael Brookover** to the work of the Gospel Ministry on Sunday, March 2, 2025. Ordaining Council will meet at 3 p.m. Ordination Service to follow at 4 p.m.

Culbertson Baptist Church, Farmerville will ordain **Billy Gene Rath & John Paul Hancock** to the office and work of Deacon, Sunday, April 13, 2025. Ordaining Council will meet March 20th at 6:30 p.m. at Culbertson Baptist Church. The Ordination Service will be held as part of the morning worship service, April 13th at 10:30 a.m.

Pastors and Deacons across Concord Union Baptist Association are invited to participate.



CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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Missions & Ministry Center

Office Hours: 8 AM - 4 PM

Monday thru Thursday; Closed Fridays

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DENA M. MELNA,
LPC

**Serving Concord Union
Baptist Association
Missions and Ministry Ctr**

Appointments are required.

SCHEDULE by calling

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

or via email: dena@lbch.org

Concord Union Churches without Pastors

Downsville BC

Litroe BC*

Nazareth Hispanic*

Weldon BC*

Enterprise BC

Mineral Springs BC*

Pleasant Hill, Farmerville

Liberty BC*

Mt. Ararat BC

Spencer BC*

* *Interim Pastor currently serving*

Church Happenings...

[Zion Hill Baptist Church](#) has called **Dr. Daniel T. Hall** as pastor.

[Fellowship Baptist Church](#) has called **Rev. Thomas Patton** as pastor.

[Mt. Tabor Baptist Church](#) has called **Rev. Keith Jeselink** as pastor effective February 23, 2025.

PASTORS/MINISTERS/STAFF NEEDED:

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Ruston has an open position for Minister of Music. This is a part-time position and interested individuals should email Rev. Paul Watts at paul@ebcruston.org.

Mineral Springs Baptist Church, Dubach is seeking a Pastor. Send resumes to: 118 Pea Ridge Road, Dubach, LA 71235 or email to msbaptistlouisiana@gmail.com.

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 phbc1026721@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@ fbcpearsville@yahoo.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.

Paron Baptist Church, West Sterlington is seeking a part-time WORSHIP LEADER. Resumes may be sent to paronoffice676@gmail.com.

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