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The Tidings

A Word from Bro. Marty

VBS, YES, it is that time of year. VBS is still one of the greatest evangelism tools the church has today. During VBS this summer, the churches of Concord Union Baptist Association will have 2,000+ children come through the doors of our churches. Many of those attending VBS do not attend church on a regular basis. There will be many opportunities to share the love of Jesus and present the Gospel. The impact VBS will have on our children for years to come, only God knows. Even at my age, I have vivid memories of attending VBS growing up.

Yes, VBS usually requires all hands on deck. Yes, by the end of the week most everyone is exhausted. Yes, it requires a lot of time and work to prepare. Yes, carpet can be stained by KOOL-AID, walls mistaken for marker boards, holes found in sheet rock, and the pastor can get in the way (only hear-say). However, the seeds that are sown and the lives forever changed cannot be measured.

As you plan for VBS this year, don't view it as just another box to be checked, or event to get out of the way before summer sets in and everyone heads out of town with the kids for vacation. Bathe your VBS in prayer; praying for the workers, children, parents. Pray that people of all ages be drawn to Jesus. I believe it would be safe to say that many of the adults in our churches today came to faith in Christ during VBS. Don't underestimate the eternal impact of VBS.

Personal request: Would you, or someone from your church please text me (318-224-1083) the date and times for your VBS? I like to be able to drop in on as many as I can.

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

In Christ,
Marty Black, DOM

Concord Union Baptist Association
**CHURCH LEADERSHIP
TRAINING CONFERENCE**
**Monday, July 27, 2026
6 P.M.**
First Baptist Church, Ruston
200 South Trenton Street

A meal will be served at 6 PM with conferences to follow.
Save this date and plan to attend.



Concord Union Baptist Association
**PASTOR'S CONFERENCE (10 AM)
and
EXECUTIVE BOARD (11 AM)**
July 21, 2026
at First Baptist Church, Marion, LA
3097 Taylor Street

Circle of Love Prayer Calendar

May 31 - June 6, 2026

Mt. Union BC - Rev. Marcell McGee, Pastor
C/o 5583 Hwy. 15, North, Farmerville, LA 71241
Camp Creek BC - Rev. Eddie Schexnaydre, Pastor
177 Camp Creek Church Rd., Spearsville, LA 71277

June 7 - 13 2026

Temple BC - Dr. Reggie Bridges, Pastor
1515 South Service Rd., West, Ruston, LA 71270
Pleasant Hill BC, Farmerville - Rev. Michael Collins, Pastor
10267 Hwy. 143, Farmerville, LA 71241

June 14 - 20, 2026

Dean BC - Rev. Aleck Nyegaard, Pastor
2309 Hwy. 827, Marion, LA 71260
Sardis BC - Rev. John Rushing, Pastor
367 Sardis Church Rd., Farmerville, LA 71241

June 21 - 27, 2026

Iglesia Bautista Betel - Rev. Luis Garcia, Pastor
473 Ben Lowery Road, Bernice, LA 71222
Liberty BC - Bro. Jay McCallum, Interim Pastor
325 Liberty Baptist Church Rd., Marion, LA 71260

June 28 - July 4, 2026

Pleasant Hill BC, Ruston - Rev. James Ryals, Pastor
C/o 534 Null Road, Ruston, LA 71270
Saint Rest BC - Dr. Randy Ray, Pastor
C/o 4580 Hwy. 544, Simsboro, LA 71275



- 4 - *Spiritual Awakening Committee Prayer Meeting, 2 PM at the Missions & Ministry Center. All are welcome to attend.*
- 7-10 - *Southern Baptist Annual Meeting and Pastor's Conference, Orlando, FL*
- 12-14 - *Bayouside Ministries, Chauvin Mission Weekend*
- 19 - *Juneteenth*
- 21 - *Father's Day*

JUNE 2026

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

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| Lisa Allred | Rev. Carroll Holmes |
| Sue Ambrose | Jessica Jackson |
| Andrew Aswell | Trudy Joiner |
| Andy Ballard | Donald Kimbell |
| Mildred Brantley | Rev. Bobby Kranz |
| Rev. Harry Brown | Mike Lazenby |
| Ty Colvin | Emmaline Lee |
| Courtney Cowling | Rev. Randy Lee |
| Brent Crawford | Cole McKaskle |
| Cheryl Durrett | Rev. B.K. Miller |
| Hez Elkins | Clay Moock |
| Imogene Frasier | Breck Owens |
| JoAnn Grafton | Rev. Paul Pearson |
| Lynda Grafton | Rev. Jeff Sanford |
| Nell Grafton | Ann Smith |
| Anna Lou Greene | Linda Smith |
| Angela Hoffman | Susan Sturdivant |
| | Rev. Jerry Whitman |

Pray for our churches without pastors.

MT ARARAT BAPTIST CHURCH
798 Highway 552, Downs ville, LA 71234

DEACON ORDINATION

Sunday, May 31, 2026
Service: 5 PM

These men will be ordained:
Gary Hagan **Ronnie Littleton**
Jacob Hughes **Drake Grier**

A reception will be held after the service.

MASTER'S REDEEMED MINISTRIES

CRUSADE REVIVAL 2026

"GOD'S CALL, MY ANSWER"



JUL 9 TOMMY KING
6 PM

LYLE HERN



JUL 10 6 PM



JUL 11 RICKY RAY
6 PM

CHRIS FRANKLIN



JUL 12 3 PM
Potluck fellowship meal to follow Sunday service

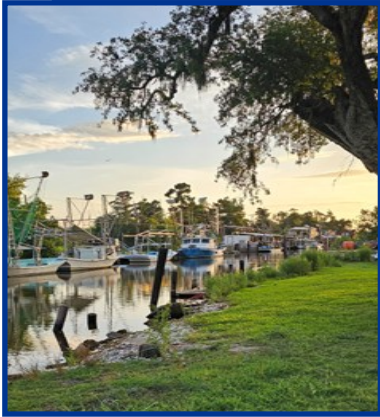
Crusade hosted at:
LOUANN COMMUNITY CHURCH
202 S. Main St, Louann, AR

For more info call
Ricky Ray 870.675.1538

New Prospect Baptist Church calls it
"YOUNG @ HEART"

ALL SENIORS ARE INVITED!

It will be June 16, 2026, at 10 A.M. at New Prospect BC in Dubach. We will have a devotion, play Bingo, and lunch will be served. All senior adults are invited for a great time of faith, friendship, and fellowship. Call Jan Clemons (318) 579-3050 if you have any questions.



MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

The *Concord Union Baptist Association* **SUMMER** week-long **MISSION TRIP** is scheduled for the week of **July 5 - 10, 2026!** The mission trip to South Louisiana is a long-standing mission opportunity which brings members of all of our churches together to serve on teams and share Jesus in the Houma, Louisiana region of our state. Vacation Bible School will be held at FBC, Raceland; Backyard Bible Club will be held at BayouSide Ministries, Chauvin; our teams will assist with Food Distribution in Chauvin on Thursday; and, our construction team will be hard at work. If you are interested in the Mission Trip, PLEASE CALL the Missions & Ministry Center (318-255-9030).



Southern Baptists will soon gather in Orlando, Florida for the 2026 Annual Meeting and Pastor's Conference. The dates are June 7-10, 2026, and all the information you need can be found at [SBC.net](https://www.sbc.net).



Come hear a great Southern Gospel Quartet!

SANCTUARY QUARTET

will sing at Mt. Patrick Baptist Church

Saturday, July 11, 2026

6 PM

Mt. Patrick is located at 1232 Patrick Church Road,
Bernice, LA 71222



PRAY FOR OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS



Lindsey Crawford, Director



Harry Brown, Director



George Lee, Director



Dena Melna, Counselor



David Abernathy, CEO



Kevin Inman, Director

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Office Hours: 8 AM - 4 PM
Monday thru Thursday; *Closed Fridays*

CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

Calvary BC
New Hope BC*

Enterprise BC
Providence BC

Liberty BC*
Spencer BC*

* Interim Pastor

Church Happenings

Rev. Ken Reeves has retired as Pastor of Union Grove Baptist Church, Lillie, effective Sunday, May 24, 2026.

Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Bernice has called Rev. Ben Walton to serve as their Pastor. Bro. Ben Walton will begin his pastoral ministry at Mt. Tabor Baptist Church August 2, 2026.

Rev. Bruce McGee has resigned as Pastor of Providence Baptist Church, Downs ville.

New Hope Baptist Church, Choudrant has called Rev. Werner Aswell to serve as their Interim Pastor.

Pastors/Ministers/
Staff Needed

First Baptist Church, Bernice is seeking a Bi-vocational Youth Minister. Resumes should be sent to FBCBernice@gmail.com or interested persons may contact Pastor Reagan Colvin @ (318) 608-6051.

DaySpring Baptist is seeking a pianist. Please contact Bro. Kenneth Weaver (318) 243-1331, if interested.

CHILDREN'S MINISTER - Thriving Children's Ministry of First Ruston, Ruston, LA seeking God's person to lead us to the next level. Full-time position with benefits. Please send resume to ed@fbcruston.org.

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

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.

First Baptist Church, Spearsville is seeking a part time Youth Minister. Please contact Bro. Neil Everett @ fbcspearsville@yahoo.com



There Is Freedom Here
A PATRIOTIC MUSICAL FOR EVERY CHOIR

Community Choir
Musical

Sunday, June 28
6 PM

Join us for a wonderful celebration!

A community choir made up of churches from the Bernice area will present the patriotic music, "There is Freedom Here" at FBC Bernice on Sunday, June 28 at 6 PM. Everyone is invited to celebrate America's 250th birthday with this musical to honor God and country.



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