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The Tidings

A Word from Bro. Marty

October 17-19, a team of 13 from 4 of our churches drove down to Chauvin. On Saturday, we went door to door in the community handing out New Testament Bibles and tracts. We started at the church and worked our way out connecting with the homes closest to the church. Our team was asked to take notes on conversations they were able to have in the community, along with addresses of those that responded positively to our visit. After introducing ourselves, we asked 2 questions: **One**, are you currently attending a church? **Two**, we are looking at planting a new church in Chauvin. Is that something you would like to see happen? And, would you be interested in attending? What we discovered, was that God has already been working in the hearts and lives of the people in the community.

Our team wasn't even able to scratch the surface with the many homes in the Chauvin area, but with the few homes we were able to connect with, we discovered the following. Fourteen families expressed an interest in either having or attending a church in their community. Here are 2 stories.

Missy and her family live in Chauvin. She said we came by at just the right time. She asked for prayer for her sons and grandkids. We prayed and she was very emotional. Missy and her family are interested in coming to the church.

Toby gave his life to Jesus 5 years ago and he has totally turned his life around. He has been sober and started his own business. Toby is interested in attending a church in Chauvin.

If all these families lived in **our** area, there would be a number of churches we would recommend for them. We have churches on almost every corner. In Chauvin, however, a town of 2,600, there is not one evangelical church. If you extend the circle out to a population of 12,000 people, there are 2 small non-denominational churches and 1 small Baptist church.

Our plans in 2026 are to carry a team down every other month. We have several churches already signed up to go. If your church is interested in going down and you have not communicated that to me, just let me know and we will work on plugging you in. The Louisiana Baptist Convention and the North American Mission Board are currently seeking a church planter that we can partner with as we move forward. If you know someone that might feel led to be that person to plant a church, please let me know.

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

In Christ,
Marty Black, DOM

CELEBRATE GOD'S WORK

As we move toward the seasons of thankfulness and giving, we as Southern Baptists have much to be grateful for. We should celebrate God's work in 2024 as reported by International Mission Board missionaries and national partners:

3,577

Missionaries on the Field

68,628

Baptisms

84,430

New Leaders

2,409

Churches Planted

144,969

Professed Faith in Jesus

1.6

Million Heard the Gospel Presentation

"The annual Week of Prayer for International Missions is the first week of December. For 2025, the **Week of Prayer** is **November 30 - December 7**. Full stories and resources for each day can be found at imb.org/week-of-prayer. Thank you for your continued prayer support and generosity that allows Southern Baptists to address the world's biggest problem — lostness — with the gospel."

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WEEK OF PRAYER
for International Missions

Circle of Love Prayer Calendar

November 2-8, 2025

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

November 9-15, 2025

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

November 16-22, 2025

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

November 23-29, 2025

Culbertson BC - Rev. Kelly Coleman, Pastor
3286 Hwy. 151, Farmerville, LA 71241
Longstraw BC - Rev. Andy Allred, Pastor
1799 Styles Ranch Rd, Choudrant, LA 71227

November 30-December 6, 2025

First Baptist Church, Farmerville - Rev. Kurt Auger, Pastor
P. O. Box 296, Farmerville, LA 71241
Sharon BC, Dubach - Rev. Jeff Roberts, Pastor
2769 Hwy. 152, Dubach, LA 71235



SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

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| Lisa Allred | Rev. Caroll Holmes |
| Mary Ruth Allred | Trudy Joiner |
| Andrew Aswell | Rev. Bobby Kranz |
| Mildred Brantley | Mike Lazenby |
| Rev. Harry Brown | Clay Moock |
| Ty Colvin | Breck Owens |
| Cheryl Durrett | Rev. Paul Pearson |
| Bobby Elkins | Rev. Jeff Sanford |
| Hez Elkins | Janice Savage |
| Imogene Frasier | Ann Smith |
| JoAnn Grafton | Linda Smith |
| Lynda Grafton | Rev. Jerry Whitman |
| Nell Grafton | Karla Wood |
| Anna Lou Greene | |

Pray for our churches without pastors.

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

8 - VBS Preview event at Louisiana Baptist Convention, Alexandria. Register via email: StephanieMcNaughton@louisianabaptists.org

10 - LBC Pastors Conference, Alexandria
11 - LBC Annual Meeting, Randolph River front Center, Alexandria

23-24 - Youth Evangelism Conference, Alexandria

27 - **Thanksgiving**

NOVEMBER 2025
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DEACON ORDINATION

Pine Grove Baptist Church, Bernice will ordain **JAMES CHRISTIAN** to Deacon Ministry on Sunday, November 2, 2025. An Ordaining Council will meet at 2 PM, with the Ordination Service to follow at 3 PM.

GOSPEL MINISTRY ORDINATION

Paron Baptist Church, Sterlington will ordain **KYLE LOWERY** to the Gospel Ministry on Sunday, November 2, 2025. The ordination service will begin at 5 PM.



Louisiana Baptist Convention
PASTORS CONFERENCE & ANNUAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 10 & 11, 2025
Randolph Riverfront Center
Alexandria, LA



Youth Evangelism Conference
NOVEMBER 23 & 24, 2025
Laborde Earles Coliseum
Alexandria, LA
Get all the details at lbc.org



ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The Twenty-Second Annual Meeting of Concord Union Baptist Association was held Monday, October 20th at First Baptist Church, Farmerville. After a wonderful time of fellowship around the tables, we gathered in the sanctuary for a time of worship. The hymns and special music were beautiful. The offering, received for the Louisiana Tech BCM, was generous with a total of \$622.00 received. Rev. Kurt Auger, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Farmerville, brought a very challenging message.

Rev. Paul Watts, Moderator, guided the business session through an agenda which included reports from our Missions Ministry Partners, our Director of Missions, the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home, and the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

In new business, messengers approved the proposed **2026 Budget**. The total budget for the new year beginning January 1, 2026 will be \$387,460.80.

The **Sessions Committee** proposed that beginning in 2026, the association move to quarterly Executive Board meetings rather than bi-monthly. This would have the association meeting 4 times a year rather than 6 times a year, with the meetings scheduled in January, April (*Semi-Annual*), July, and October (*Annual*); and, require changes in the current by-laws. The motion passed. The association will not have the December, 2025 Executive Board Meeting since we will begin the newly approved schedule with a January Executive Board meeting to be held at Day-Spring Baptist Church, Ruston, on January 13, 2026. A recommendation from the **Nominating Committee** proposed no longer filling the Men and Boys Director in that men's ministry has been placed under Evangelism to focus more on outreach and events targeting men. The proposal passed and this change will be revised in the current by-laws. A recommendation from the **Committee on Committees / Nominating Committee** proposed that the VBS Director serve as Chairperson for the Children's Committee. Currently, the VBS Director does not serve on the Children's Committee and the associational VBS clinic is our main children's ministry event. The proposal passed and this change will also be revised in the current by-laws.

Christmas Shoebox Ministry

What an opportunity; what a ministry and one that God has blessed for 30 years!

It is time to "spread the love and message of God one shoebox at a time!" Bro.

Harlin and Karen Knight are preparing for this year's Christmas Shoebox Ministry Mission Trip to the Native American Children on Indian Reservations in New Mexico and Arizona. The most important piece of information we all need is the **collection date** for this year, which is **Thursday, November 6th**, between 8 AM and 6 PM. All gifts should be delivered to **Sardis Baptist Church Gym, 367 Sardis Church Road, Farmerville, LA 71241**. Gifts can be: shoebox gifts, coats, winter clothing, blankets, school supplies, candy, or money that will be used for fuel to deliver the gifts or for food to be given to families through their local Native American churches. The food boxes are made up of staple food items: 20-pound bags of Blue Bird flour, 15-pound bags of pinto beans, and 4-pound bucket of lard. There is a great need for food on the reservations. The average cost of a set of 1 of each of these items is around \$35.00. Checks should be made payable to the Christmas Shoebox Ministry. Shoebox gifts are requested for BOYS and GIRLS in the following age groups: Birth-1 Year; 2-4 Years; 5-7 Years; 8-10 Years; 11-14 Years; and 15-18 Years. Boxes should be wrapped securely and marked Boy or Girl and the age group for which the gift is given. If the Christmas Shoebox Ministry is new to you and you need additional information, please contact Karen or Harlin Knight (318) 267-4788.



"This year's trip will be December 6th through 12th. Anyone is welcome to follow along with us. If you would be interested, just be sure to contact me and I will give you the information you will need." **Harlin or Karen Knight**

CAMP HARRIS 3rd ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT READ ALL ABOUT IT!



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Tee Box Sponsorship Still Available.

CONTACT INFO

(318) 927-3708 Camp Office
(318) 455-5012 CAMP MANAGER, (HARRY FROM HARRIS)
(318) 458-6100 TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR (MICHAEL).

3RD ANNUAL "CAMP HARRIS 4-PERSON SCRAMBLE" GOLF TOURNAMENT

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843 BOGAN LN, COUSHATTA, LA 71019

WHAT TO EXPECT:

1. A GREAT DAY OF GOLF WITH YOUR FRIENDS WHILE HELPING
2. MAKE CAMP HARRIS GREAT AGAIN.
3. END GAME GRUB, WE WILL HAVE YOU A LITTLE SUMTIN SUMTIN AFTER YOU PLAY THE BEST GAME OF YOUR LIFE.
4. TOP TEAM (1ST PLACE) WINS \$500.00
5. 2ND PLACE TEAM WINS \$200.00
6. CASH PRIZES FOR LONGEST DRIVE, AND A CLOSEST TO THE HOLE.
7. MULLIGANS FOR SALE, BUT LIMITED TO TWO PER PLAYER.

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WAYS TO HELP OR PARTICIPATE



1. **VIP SPONSOR - \$1000.00** (THIS LEVEL COMES WITH A 4 MAN SCRAMBLE TEAM PACKAGE)
2. **TEE BOX SPONSOR - \$500.00** (TEAM FEE NOT INCLUDED WITH THIS PACKAGE)
3. **GREEN SPONSOR - \$300.00** (TEAM NOT INCLUDED).
4. **CLOSEST TO THE HOLE SPONSOR - \$1200.00.** (SAME AS VIP PACKAGE WITH EVEN MORE AD COVERAGE)
5. **SPONSOR PACKAGES YOUR CHURCH OR BUSINESS NAME WILL BE ON A SIGN AT TEE BOX, LONGEST DRIVE, CLOSEST TO THE HOLE LOCATION AND ALL OVER OUR SOCIAL MEDIA HYPE.. DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE**
6. **TEAM PRICE: FOUR MAN SCRAMBLE (BEST BALL) TEAM 8:00 AM TEE-TIME - \$400. (\$600.00 GRAND PRIZE).**
7. **MULLIGAN ARE \$25.00 WITH A LIMIT TO 8 MULLIGANS PER TEAM/2 PER PLAYER**
8. **DONATIONS ARE FOR CAMP HARRIS**

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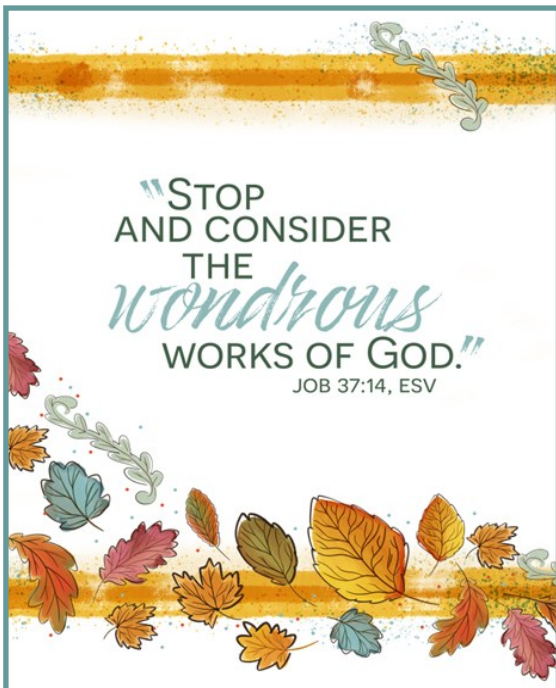
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Missions & Ministry Center

Office Hours: 8 AM - 4 PM

Monday thru Thursday; Closed Fridays



CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

Calvary BC
Litroe BC
Spencer BC*

Enterprise BC
Mt. Tabor BC
Pleasant Hill BC,
Farmerville*

Liberty BC*
Nazareth Hispanic*

* Interim Pastor

Church Happenings

MINERAL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH, Dubach voted on Sunday, October 5th to call to **REV. BARRY J. JOYNER** as their Pastor. Bro. Barry Joyner began serving as pastor Monday, October 6, 2025.

DOWNSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, Downsville voted on Sunday, October 19th to call **DR. ALAN MILLER** as their Pastor. Dr. Miller will begin his tenure as Pastor on November 16, 2025.

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Rocky Branch has called **REV. MICHAEL COLLINS** to serve as Interim Pastor.

Pastors / Ministers / Staff Needed:

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. Please 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



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