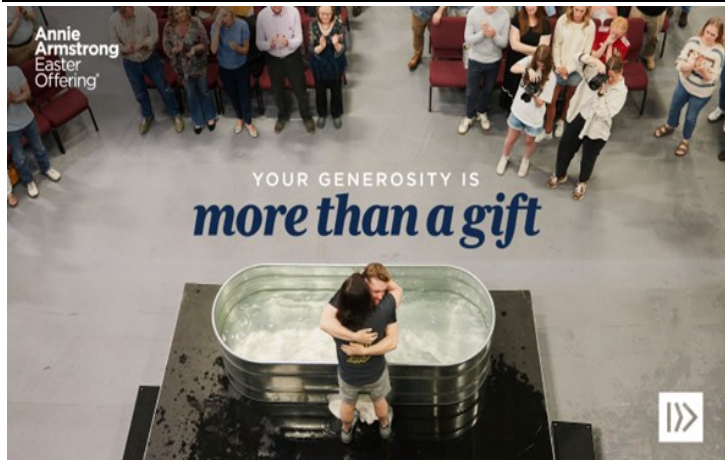




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**WEEK OF PRAYER
for NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS**
Sunday, March 1 - Sunday, March 8, 2026
and the
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
National Goal: \$80 Million

"Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us—to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

A Word from Bro. Marty

Matthew 5:3- 6- 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit. For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled." Several years ago, as I was studying through these verses of Scripture, I prayed: Lord, where are men who are broken, men who seek after your heart, men who desperately desire to make a difference in our homes, churches, and communities? Where are the men that will step up in the future and make a difference for Christ Jesus.

There was a time when I struggled to see hope for our homes, churches, and communities in America. Then, God, in His marvelous grace, began to open my eyes to see a work He was doing in the heart and lives of men, not only around me; but, also across our communities and beyond. Over the past 10 years I have witnessed Godly men being called out and raised up by God to make a difference in our homes, churches, and communities. I am so thankful for men who are not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but who boldly stand up and proclaim truth.

Not only have I witnessed that first hand over the past few years, then on February 6, 500 hundred men gathered at our associational Man-Up conference at Antioch Baptist. I had the privilege of witnessing God move in the hearts of men, young and old. Numerous commitments to Christ were made. Thank you, Antioch Baptist Church, for the many hours your folks spent grilling chicken and pork and all the fixings. An evening led and anointed by the Lord, Kevin Berry and Reggie Bridges did a great job leading in worship and preaching God's Word. Weeks were spent in prayer and preparation for the event.

All honor and praise to our Lord Jesus Christ for the great things He is doing in the lives of His people and in the lives of those He is drawing to Himself. God is gracious and is raising up a people in these last days to stand in the truth of His Word.

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

In Christ,
Marty Black, DOM



2026

Circle of Love Prayer Calendar

March 1 - 7, 2026

Downsville BC - Dr. Alan Miller, Pastor
P. O. Box 87, Downsville, LA 71234-0087
Spencer BC - Rev. Mickey Manning, Int. Pastor
C/o 5764 Hwy. 143, Sterlington, LA 71280-2938

March 8 - 14, 2026

New Prospect BC - Rev. Marvin Winham, Pastor
3438 Hwy. 167, Dubach, LA 71235-3030
Calvary BC - No Pastor
5200 Hwy. 167, Ruston, LA 71270-6936

March 15 - 21, 2026

Marion, First Baptist - Rev. Bubba Hoggatt, Pastor
C/o P. O. Box 376, Marion, LA 71260-0376
Mt. Tabor BC - No Pastor
P. O. Box 336, Farmerville, LA 71241-0336

March 22 - 28, 2026

Holmesville BC - Rev. Ricky Houck, Pastor
P. O. Box 250, Downsville, LA 71234-0250
Conway BC - Rev. Will Englerth, Pastor
P. O. Box 454, Farmerville, LA 71241-0454

March 29 - April 4, 2026

Spearsville, First Baptist - Rev. Neil Everett, Pastor
P. O. Box 85, Spearsville, LA 71277-0085
University BC - Rev. Jeff Sanford, Pastor
C/o 3175 Hwy. 167, Lot #3, Dubach, LA 71235-3027



- 1-8 - Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.
- 2 - Concord Union Baptist Association Choir Festival, 6:30 P.M. at Temple Baptist Church, Ruston.
- 5 - Spiritual Awakening Committee Prayer Meeting, 2 p.m. at Missions & Ministry Ctr.
- 8 - Church Bible Drills
- 13-15 - Chauvin Mission Weekend
- 20-21 - RA Congress at Tall Timbers
- 21 - MISSIONS MARKET 2026, Temple BC Ruston beginning 8 AM until 2 PM
- 24 - Concord Union Vacation Bible School Clinic, 6 P.M. at Pisgah BC, Bernice
- 29 - District Bible Drill

MARCH 2026

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Lisa Allred	Rev. Caroll Holmes
Andrew Aswell	Jessica Jackson
Mildred Brantley	Trudy Joiner
Rev. Harry Brown	Rev. Bobby Kranz
Ty Colvin	Mike Lazenby
Courtney Cowling	Emmaline Lee
Brent Crawford	Rev. James Miller
Cheryl Durrett	Clay Mook
Hez Elkins	Breck Owens
Imogene Frasier	Rev. Paul Pearson
JoAnn Grafton	Rev. Jeff Sanford
Lynda Grafton	Ann Smith
Nell Grafton	Linda Smith
Anna Lou Greene	Rev. Jerry Whitman
Angela Hoffman	

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Janice Savage.

Pray for our churches without pastors.

ORDINATION SERVICES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, DUBACH
DEACON MINISTRY ORDINATION for
MIKE BROWN and DAN SHANNON
and Installation Service for **RANDY PYLES**
Sunday, March 8, 2026
Ordination Council, 4 P.M.
Ordination/ Installation Service,
5 P.M.

All ordained pastors and deacons are invited and encouraged to participate in the council meeting and ordination service.



Concord Union Baptist Association
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLINIC
Tuesday, March 24 at 6 PM
Pisgah Baptist Church, Bernice,

One of the greatest evangelistic events is VBS! Yes; it's hard work and it takes commitment, but the rewards are eternal. We hope your church has a date set to hold Vacation Bible School this summer. The association is hosting this clinic to provide resources and training specifically for your leadership team. There will be sessions for each age group from Preschool through Grade 6. There will be sessions for missions, music, pastors/directors, as well as arts and crafts. **A meal will be served to those attending.** Please get together your VBS team for a fun night at the associational clinic. We would ask that you please call the Missions and Ministry Center (255-9030) to register the number attending from your church. Pisgah Baptist Church is located at 113 Pisgah Church Road, Bernice, LA 71222.

Another photo of our awesome MANUP CONFERENCE!





The Concord Union Baptist Association Choir Festival will be held Monday evening, March 2, 2026, at Temple Baptist Church, Ruston. The evening of worship and praise led by choirs from across our association will begin at 6:30 P.M. in the sanctuary. The festival will include two selections from each of the six (6) church choirs participating. The choirs, again this year, include both small and large church choirs. Congregational singing will be a part of the service as well. Please make a special effort to attend.

Missions Market 2026!

FUNDRAISER FOR

CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION WMU/WOM



THIS FUNDRAISER FOR LOCAL MISSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE
SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026 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

Follow us on Facebook @ Missions Market 2026

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
Spencer BC*

Enterprise BC
Mt. Tabor BC

Liberty BC*
New Hope BC

* Interim Pastor

Church Happenings

First Baptist Church of Marion has a new Minister of Music! FB Marion welcomed Bro. Mike Freeman as Minister of Music on January 14, 2026, after several weeks in an interim role. We join FB Marion in welcoming Bro. Mike and his wife, Phyllis to Concord Union Baptist Association.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Farmerville has welcomed Rev. Michael Collins as their new pastor. We join Pleasant Hill BC in welcoming Bro. Michael to Concord Union Baptist Association.

Calvary Baptist Church, Ruston has called Collin Carpenter to serve as Youth Pastor effective March 2, 2026. We join Calvary BC in welcoming Collin and his wife, Leslie to Concord Union Baptist Association.

Pastors/Ministers/Staff Needed

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



MARCH 20-21 • TALL TIMBERS

LOUISIANA BAPTISTS
LouisianaBaptists.org/RACongress

A great retreat weekend for boys in grades 1-6! RA Congress is a two-day event for young boys to connect with each other, and the joy of Jesus, through outdoor activities. **Any church can participate, not just RA Groups.** Join us for fun activities to include:

Log Sawing	Hatchet Throwing
Tent Pitching	Knot Tying
Hammering Nails	First Aid
BB Guns / Archery	Buddy Burner Use/Cooking
Tug of War	Fire Starting.

Register at LouisianaBaptists.org/RACongress

CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH, DUBACH

A meal will be served beginning at 5:15 P.M.

Worship and Business Session will begin at 6:30 P.M.

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