

 <p>Hello Summer! Welcome VBS</p>	<p>A 2025 Publication of</p> 
<p>The Tidings</p>	 <p>June</p>

Vacation Bible School, Mission Trips, Camps...all these Summer opportunities lead to learning about and sharing JESUS!
Please pray for our churches and our ministry partners as we serve together this Summer sharing Jesus and leading people to Christ.

“Pastor, there is a new family in my community for you to go visit and invite to church”. “Pastor, I have an unchurched coworker for you to go see when you have time”. “Pastor, I have a friend I want you to go talk to”. Serving as a pastor for many years, I have had all these conversations, and more. In many churches, it is common for members to expect the pastor to carry the load when it comes to outreach and ministry. After all, we pay our pastor to do those things.

Outside the Holy Spirit of God and the Word of God, the greatest resource we have in our churches today for outreach and ministry is the people of God. Studies and surveys have shown that the overwhelming majority of people attend and join the church because a friend reached out and connected with them, not the pastor. Jesus established His church and uses His people to reach the unchurched and to minister to those in need. The responsibility of the pastor is clearly outlined by God in Scripture. Ephesians 4:11, 12- God told the pastors to, “equip the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.” In Acts 2:44-47, the members of the church were the ones that reached out to the people and ministered to their needs.

The words I have shared numerous times over the years with members are these: “When God lays someone on your heart or places someone in your life, it’s not so you can hand it off to the pastor or staff. God places people in your life and lays people on your heart because He wants you to be the one to reach out and minister to them”. When God places someone in your life or lays someone on your heart, see it as a privilege and opportunity to shine for Jesus.

In Christ,
Marty Black, DOM

Pastors, Church Staff & friends Two-Man Scramble Golf Tournament
9 A.M.

Monday, June 2, 2025
Meadowlake Golf Course,
Bernice, LA

Lunch served afterwards!



Please call the M&M Center 255-9030 to register! by May 29th.

JOB OPENINGS!



COTTAGE PARENTS
(Full & part-time positions available in Monroe)
Please Call Dr. Perry Hancock or Susan Nolan at 318.343.2244



LOUISIANA BAPTIST
Children's Home
& FAMILY MINISTRIES

Circle of Love Prayer Calendar

June 1 - 7

Crestview BC - Rev. Wayne Whiteside, Pastor
P. O. Box 242, Farmerville, LA 71241
Providence BC - Rev. Bruce McGee, Pastor
2396 Highway 552, Downsville, LA 71234

June 8 - 14

Ruston, First Baptist Church - Dr. Chris Craig, Pastor
200 South Trenton St., Ruston, LA 71270
Litroe Baptist Church - Rev. Chad Jackson, Pastor
C/o 942 Hwy. 826, Marion, LA 71260

June 15 - 21

Pisgah Baptist Church - Rev. Eric Harkins, Pastor
113 Pisgah Church Rd., Bernice, LA 71222
Cook Baptist Church - Rev. Joseph Fowler, Pastor
2000 Cooktown Rd., Ruston, LA 71270

June 22-28

Paron BC - Rev. Jeff Hurst, Pastor
676 Hwy. 2, Sterlington, LA 71280
Mineral Springs BC - Rev. Barry Joyner, INT Pastor
118 Pea Ridge Rd., Dubach, LA 71235

June 29 - July 5

Rock Corner BC - Rev. Larry Bullock, Pastor
824 Rock Corner Rd., Dubach, LA 71235
Beulah BC - Rev. Adam Holloway, Pastor
C/o 668 Beulah Church Rd., Farmerville, LA 71241



SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Lisa Allred	Rev. Caroll Holmes
Mary Ruth Allred	Rev. Bobby Kranz
Andrew Aswell	Rev. Mickey Manning
Mildred Brantley	Clay Mook
Rev. Harry Brown	Breck Owens
Hez Elkins	Rev. Paul Pearson
Imogene Frasier	Rev. Jeff Sanford
JoAnn Grafton	Ann Smith
Lynda Grafton	Mona Wilson
Nell Grafton	Rev. Jerry Whitman
	Karla Wood

Pray for our churches without pastors.

- 2 - Pastors, Church Staff & friends 2-Man Scramble Golf Tournament, 9 a.m. at the Bernice Golf Course.
- 5 - Spiritual Awakening Prayer Mtg, 2 p.m. at the Missions and Ministry Center
- 8-11 - SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION Dallas, Texas
- 15 - Father's Day
- 17 - Pastors Conference, 10 a.m. & Executive Board, 11 a.m. at New Hope BC
- 19 - Juneteenth
- 21 - Bethlehem Hispanic Outreach Event
- 23 - Concord Union Associational Calendar Planning meeting, 5:30 p.m. at M&M Ctr.

JUNE 2025
CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Thursday, July 17, 2025
First Baptist Church, Ruston
6 p.m.

Come enjoy fellowship with others, a delicious meal, & words of encouragement.
Mrs. Tessa Black, guest speaker



ONE STEP HIGHER

Gospel group from First Baptist, Farmerville will sing at
Mt. Patrick Baptist Church
Saturday, July 19th
at 6 p.m.

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

Come hear some great gospel music.



The SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION will convene the 2025 Annual Meeting and Pastors' Conference June 8th - 11th in Dallas, Texas. Please be in prayer for those traveling to and participating in this event.



Pastors and Executive Board Members are encouraged to join us at NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025 PASTORS' CONFERENCE 10 A.M. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 11 A.M. Lunch will be served afterwards

New Hope Baptist Church
339 New Hope Road, Choudrant



We sincerely thank the classroom teachers, administrators, and the homeschool educators who have worked diligently this school year to teach and give guidance to our children! THANKS!

Concord Union Baptist Association
MISSION TRIP
July 6 - 11, 2025

School is coming to a close and summer is about to begin. For most of us, summers are filled with a lot of activities with church and family. For several years, Concord Union Baptist Association has partnered with Bayou Baptist Association in the Houma, Louisiana region of our state to work with the association and several churches to facilitate mission projects. Our mission trip this year is scheduled for July 6-11. We will be involved in light construction, VBS, and a Backyard Bible Club. Several weeks ago we had an interest meeting with 21 people in attendance from 8 of our churches. Now, the time has come to finalize our teams and prepare for what God would have us do in south Louisiana. A block of rooms has been reserved at the LaQuinta Inn in Houma and the cost for a room is \$86.22, per night. Breakfast is available at the LaQuinta Inn and then mission team members will be responsible for the cost of lunch and supper. Let's prepare our hearts for what God would have us do regarding this opportunity. Pray. Seek His will and, if you plan to go, call the Missions & Ministry Center today.



REVIVAL
WELDON BAPTIST CHURCH

*The law of the Lord is perfect,
REVIVING THE SOUL;*
— Psalm 19:7

Please Join Us!

Sunday, June 8 at 11am
Bro. Michael Brookover

Sunday, June 8 at 6pm
Bro. Tony Walton

Monday, June 9 at 6:30pm
Bro. James Hester

Tuesday, June 10 at 6:30pm
Bro. Reagan Colvin

Wednesday, June 11 at 6:30pm
Bro. Barry Joyner



Music Leader
Callie Matte



15059 Highway 2 Alt, Bernice, LA 71222

**THE HARVEST ALWAYS
FOLLOWS THE PLOWING.**

I get in lots of trouble being curious. But I also learn so much. The best stories begin with a simple question, "I noticed you. . ." Most folks are more than happy to share their story. I saw him in the busy Atlanta airport. Reading the back of his T-shirt, I hurried to catch up. "I hope you're not offended, but I noticed your shirt." He smiled. "You like it?" Sure. What's the story?"

He nodded at his wife. "We're farmers in Indiana. We're returning from a conference on the East Coast. The shirt was my brother's idea.

"I like it. What's the verse below? II Chronicles 15:7?" "Read it. You'll like it."

We shook hands. He continued on toward Indiana while I resumed my journey to Dry Creek.

I didn't get his name. Didn't think to take a photo of he and his wife. But I won't forget his shirt. For some reason, at this stage of my life journey, the saying resonated with me. **Everyone wants a harvest. But few will plow.**

Everyone wishes for the reward. The good crop. But few will plow, sow, tend, weed, water. We want things and we want them quick. That's not how it works in the farming world. I'm not sure it works well in the real world. Good things take time. Commitment. Perseverance. Sacrifice.

The team that lifts the world championship trophy in a joyous locker room has paid a price to get there. Lots of plowing, sweat, self-denial, teamwork, countless practices. **Commitment. What a good word.**

"But you, take courage. Do not let your hands be weak for your work will be rewarded."
II Chronicles 15:7

Just like a towering tree, good things take time.

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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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Missions and Ministry
Center**

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SCHEDULE by calling

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CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

Downsville BC

Litro BC

Nazareth Hispanic*

Spencer BC*

Enterprise BC

Mineral Springs BC*

Pleasant Hill, Farmerville

Weldon BC

Liberty BC*

Mt. Tabor BC

** Interim Pastor currently serving*

Church Happenings...

Rev. Keith Jesselink has resigned as Pastor of **Mt. Tabor Baptist Church**, Bernice, LA. Please be in prayer for Bro. Keith and the Mt. Tabor Church family as they seek the Lord moving forward.

PASTORS/MINISTERS/STAFF NEEDED:

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

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@ fbcspearsville@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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