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A Word from Bro. Marty

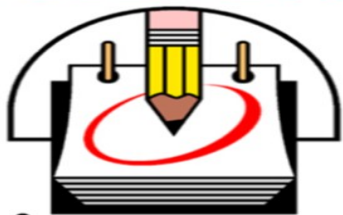
Ephesians 4:11-13 11 *“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ”.*

Tessa and I love pastors and their wives. Having served as a pastor in 3 churches for over 20 years, I have a great appreciation for pastors and the work they do in their calling. Tessa understands what it’s like to be a pastor’s wife, while at the same time raising a family. There is no way I can put into words the load that a pastor carries mentally, emotionally, and spiritually, as he shepherds those God places in his care. I have said many times, only a pastor understands the weight another pastor carries. Having said that, pastors willingly embrace their calling and the load that comes with that call.

We have some of the greatest pastors in our association who love the Lord and those they serve. October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Let me encourage all of our churches to make sure you recognize your pastor this month, and let him know how much you love and appreciate him. Pastors don’t serve for recognition, but as churches honoring and recognizing God’s call upon their life makes a statement to our church family and community that we appreciate them.

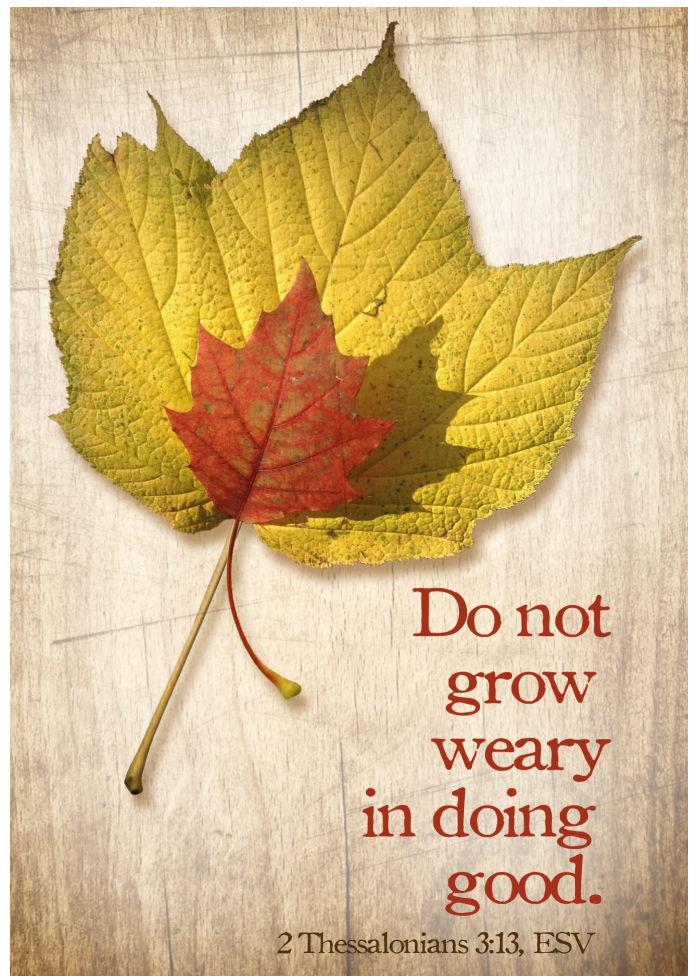


ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 20th



**Is it on your
CALENDAR?**

The **ANNUAL MEETING** of Concord Union Baptist Association will be held **Monday, October 20, 2025**, at First Baptist Church of Farmerville. A meal will be served beginning at **5:15 PM**, and the worship service will begin at **6:30 PM**, followed by the business session. Two important matters of business include the proposed 2026 Budget and a proposal concerning revisions to the Bylaws, more specifically directed at changing the Pastors Conference and Executive Board meetings to quarterly meeting beginning with the January 2026 meeting. Please elect messengers from your church and come be a part of the Annual Meeting fellowship, worship, and business.



2 Thessalonians 3:13, ESV

Circle of Love Prayer Calendar

September 28 - October 4

Meridian BC - Rev. Glynn Nale, Pastor
624 Meridian Church Rd., Marion, LA 71260
Bethel BC - Rev. Phillip Farris, Pastor
1048 Bethel Church Rd., Lillie, LA 71256

October 5 - 11

Salem BC—Rev. Michael Devillier, Pastor
109 Salem Church Rd., Farmerville, LA 71241
Enterprise BC - No Pastor
C/o 501 Garris Rd., Farmerville, LA 71241

October 12 - 18

Shiloh BC - Rev. Scott Scallan, Pastor
C/o 12784 Hwy 2, Bernice, LA 71222
First Baptist, Dubach - Rev. Eddie Robison, Pastor
P. O. Box 340, Dubach, LA 71235

October 19 - 25

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

October 26 - November 1

Temple BC - Dr. Reggie Bridges, Pastor
1515 South Service Rd., West, Ruston 71270
Pleasant Hill BC, Farmerville—No Pastor
10267 Hwy. 143, Farmerville 71241



SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Pray for our churches without pastors.

Christian Sympathy is extended to Rev. J. Kelly Coleman, Pastor of Culbertson BC, and family in the death of Bro. Kelly's mother, Mrs. Florece Coleman.



- 2 - **Spiritual Awakening Prayer meeting**, 2 PM at the Missions & Ministry Center.
- 5 - *Cooperative Program Sunday*
- 15 - **WMU North Region meeting**, 10 AM, at Evergreen BC, Bernice.
- 17-19 - **Chauvin Missions Weekend**
- 20 - Concord Union Baptist Association **ANNUAL MEETING** at FBC, Farmerville
- 23 - **WMU South Region meeting**, 10 AM, at Culbertson BC, Farmerville
- 26-1 **WEEK OF PRAYER** for **CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**
- 30 - **Children's Ministry Roundtable**, 6 PM at the **M&M Center**

**OCTOBER 2025
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

*Week of Prayer for
Concord Union Baptist Association
October 26-November 1*



**OUR CHURCHES
OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS**

Together

in our MISSION ENDEAVORS

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)*

BULLETIN INSERT PRAYER GUIDES SHOULD BE PICKED UP AT THE ANNUAL MTG.

DEACON ORDINATION

Paron Baptist Church, Sterlington will ordain **CLINT FREEMAN** and **BRANDON PIERCE** to Deacon Ministry on Sunday, October 5th. The ordination service is scheduled for 5 PM.



RAISE THE ROOF GOSPEL SINGING *Fundraiser*

Mt. Patrick BC, a small country church located at 1232 Patrick Church Road, Bernice, needs a new roof. A **fundraiser** will be held **October 11** at 2 PM with music by Bro. Tim Post and Katherine Tubbs as well as Sanctuary Quartet. Come join us for great music so we can "raise the roof" at Mt. Patrick.

CHAUVIN MISSION WEEKENDS

The first is October 17-19, 2025



The Missions Committee is coordinating, what we hope will be once-a-month, weekend mission trips to Chauvin, Louisiana for the purpose of hosting outreach events on Saturday and worship on Sunday. The first of these trips is October 17-19th. A good team is in place for the October trip but it is not too late if you wish to go. Chauvin has been determined to be one of the most unreached areas of our state and long-time ministry is needed. Church groups or individuals who desire to participate in future trips should contact Bro. Marty Black, Director of Missions. Bro. Marty and Mrs. Tessa will plan to lead as many teams as possible. Teams will likely include 6 to 8 persons per trip. Please pray about this new ministry opportunity in our home state.

154 Years of Ministry

New Prospect Baptist Church, Dubach will celebrate 154 years of ministry on Sunday, October 5th. Bible study at 9:45 AM followed by Worship at 10:30 AM. Bro. Clovis Sturdivant will preach and music will be led by Mary Aulds, Lane Brown, and The Roberson Family. Meal served in fellowship hall afterwards. New Prospect extends a heartfelt personal invitation to friends and family of NPBC to celebrate with them on this very special occasion.

3438 Hwy. 167, Dubach, LA 71235
Rev. Marvin Winham, Pastor



We wish to express sincere appreciation to the Church Clerks, Pastors, Ministry Assistants, Treasurers or any other leaders who assisted in the completion of the Annual Church Profiles submitted on behalf of the churches of Concord Union Baptist Association. It has been a joy to work with each of you!

The CHURCH LEADERSHIP portion of the ACP will be printed in the Book of Reports that will be distributed at our associational annual meeting on October 20th. The STATISTICAL data is also included, but is limited to only a portion of the data provided.



Poinsettia Trees

Temple Baptist Church, Ruston has available two Poinsettia Trees (stands) that will no longer be used in their sanctuary Christmas décor. The trees are each 7 to 8 feet tall and each will hold approximately 50 poinsettia plants. Any church interested in the stands, should contact Lisa Barr at (318) 245-2530.

Dean Baptist Church

Homecoming

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Rev. Glenn Nale, Speaker

Music starts at 9:30 AM, with the Worship Service to begin at 10:30 AM. 125 YEARS of service will be celebrated. The 125 Year Anniversary Cookbook will be available to purchase, \$20, all proceeds go to the Youth Ministry.

Christmas Shoebox Ministry



What an opportunity, what a ministry and one that God has blessed for 30 years! As Karen writes in her letter, it is hard to think of Christmas with this hot weather, but it is that time! It is time to *"spread the love and message of God one shoebox at a time"* as we plan and prepare 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**

(318) 267-4788

CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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P. O. Box 606, Ruston, LA 71273

Dr. Marty Black,
Director of Missions

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Nancy Collie,
Ministry Assistant

New Email:

admin@concordunionbaptistassociation.net

Office Phone: (318) 255-9030

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concordunionbaptistassociation.net

Missions & Ministry Center

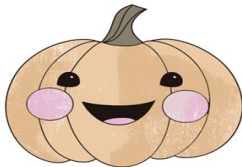
Office Hours: 8 AM - 4 PM

Monday thru Thursday; Closed Fridays



North Region
October 15th
10:00 AM
Evergreen BC

South Region
October 23
10:00 AM
Culbertson BC



P. O. BOX 606
RUSTON, LA 71273-0606

CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

Calvary BC

Liberty BC*

Mt. Tabor BC

Pleasant Hill, Farmerville

Downsville BC

Litroe BC

Nazareth Hispanic*

Enterprise BC

Mineral Springs BC*

Spencer BC*

Church Happenings

Rev. Bill Reid, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Ruston has announced his retirement effective October 5, 2025.

Bro. Brian Britt, Youth Minister of Calvary Baptist Church, Ruston resigned to serve as Pastor of a church in South Fork, Colorado.

Weldon Baptist Church, Bernice voted on Sunday, September 7th to extend a unanimous call to **Rev. Michael Brookover** to serve as their Pastor.

Pastors / Ministers / Staff Needed:

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.

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@ fbcspcarsville@yahoo.com

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

HELP!! Our LOUISIANA TECH BCM is in need of a golf cart to use on Saturday, October 18th between the hours of 2 PM and 8 PM. If you can help Bro. Kevin Inman with this need, please call him at (318) 680-0534

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