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A Word from Bro. Marty

On November 27, families and friends will gather to celebrate Thanksgiving. In 1621, the first Thanksgiving took place in Plymouth, Massachusetts, following a challenging first year for the Pilgrims who arrived on the Mayflower in 1620. After enduring a harsh winter that resulted in the death of nearly half of the original settlers, the remaining Pilgrims celebrated their successful harvest with a feast. The feast was attended by approximately 50 Pilgrims and around 90 members of the Wampanoag tribe, including their leader Massasoit. The Wampanoag played a crucial role in the survival of the Pilgrims by teaching them essential agricultural techniques and providing assistance during their first year in the New World. Notably, Squanto, a member of the Wampanoag, acted as a translator and guide for the Pilgrims, having learned English after being captured by European explorers.

The event was not called "Thanksgiving" at the time; it was a harvest celebration that included feasting, games, and military exercises. The exact date of the feast is not known, but it likely occurred between late September and mid-November. The celebration lasted for three days and was characterized by a spirit of gratitude and cooperation between the Pilgrims and the Native Americans. While the first Thanksgiving was a significant event, it was not until 1863 that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday, designating the last Thursday in November as a day of thanks.

For Christians, every day should be a day of Thanksgiving. On Thanksgiving Day, how much more should we gather as friends and family and celebrate what Christ did for us on the cross over 2,000 years ago. How much more should we pause and give thanks for His love, goodness, kindness, mercy, grace, and even the way He provides and cares for us each day. How much more should we be thankful for the future God has promised us. As God's people, the lost world should see our gratitude for the One who sacrificed and saved us. This Thanksgiving, spend time with family and friends and celebrate our Savior and Lord; who we are and what we have in Him.

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

In Christ,
Marty Black, DOM



SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Lisa Allred
Mary Ruth Allred
Andrew Aswell
Mildred Brantley
Rev. Harry Brown
Ty Colvin
Cheryl Durrett
Hez Elkins
Imogene Frasier
JoAnn Grafton
Lynda Grafton
Nell Grafton
Anna Lou Greene

Rev. Caroll Holmes
Trudy Joiner
Rev. Bobby Kranz
Mike Lazenby
Rev. James Miller
Clay Moock
Breck Owens
Rev. Paul Pearson
Rev. Jeff Sanford
Janice Savage
Ann Smith
Linda Smith
Rev. Jerry Whitman

Pray for our churches without pastors.

Christian Sympathy is extended to:

the family of **Mr. Billie Nutt**;
the family of **Mr. Bobby Elkins**; and
the family of Ruston Fire Chief, **Chris Womack**,
as well as the Ruston Fire Department.

Harlin & Karen Knight and Mission Team as they travel to Arizona & New Mexico to deliver the Gospel and Christmas Shoeboxes December 6th through 12th.

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Circle of Love Prayer Calendar

November 30 - December 6, 2025

Farmerville, First Baptist - Rev. Kurt Auger, Pastor
P. O. Box 296, Farmerville, LA 71241-0296
Sharon Baptist Church - Rev. Jeff Roberts, Pastor
2769 Hwy. 152, Dubach, LA 71235=3711

December 7-13, 2025

Canaan Baptist Church - Rev. Brian Williams, Pastor
502 Canaan Church Rd., Spearsville, LA 71277-3710
Zion Hill Baptist Church - Dr. Daniel T. Hall, Pastor
C/o 1098 Cypress Creek Rd., Farmerville, LA 71241-8230

December 14-20, 2025

Rocky Branch Baptist Ch. - Rev. Paul Pearson, Pastor
109 Roan Rd., Farmerville, LA 71241-5764
Evergreen Baptist Church - Rev. Daniel Barnes, Pastor
1380 Evergreen Rd., Bernice, LA 71222-5426

December 21 - 27, 2025

Choudrant, First Baptist—Rev. Gil Arthur, Pastor
P. O. Box 217, Choudrant, LA 71227-0217
Bernice, First Baptist - Rev. Reagan Colvin, Pastor
P. O. Box 567, Bernice, LA 71227-0567



2026 CIRCLE OF LOVE PRAYER CALENDAR

Please save for reference throughout the coming year.

PRAYER DATES	CHURCH	PASTOR	MAILING ADDRESS
DEC 28-JANUARY 3, 2026	HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH MT ARARAT BAPTIST CHURCH	Rev. Dewayne Ramsey Rev. Mel Stephens	C/o 1592 Lem Rd., Spearsville, LA 71277-2374 798 Highway 552, Downsville, LA 71234-5214
JANUARY 4-10, 2026	HICO BC NEW HOPE	Rev. Connor Evans NO PASTOR	653 Hwy 152, Dubach, LA 71235-2866 339 New Hope Rd., Choudrant, LA 71227-3514
JANUARY 11-17, 2026	CRESTVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH	Rev. Wayne Whiteside Rev. Bruce McGee	P. O. Box 242, Farmerville, LA 71241-0242 2396 Highway 552, Downsville, LA 71234-2902
JANUARY 18-24, 2026	RUSTON, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH LITROE BAPTIST CHURCH	Dr. Chris Craig Rev. Chad Jackson, INT	200 South Trenton St., Ruston, LA 71270-4434 C/o 942 Hwy. 826, Marion, LA 71260-3330
JANUARY 25-31, 2026	PISGAH BAPTIST CHURCH COOK BAPTIST CHURCH	Rev. Eric Harkins Rev. Joseph Fowler	113 Pisgah Church Rd., Bernice, LA 71222-4833 2000 Cooktown Rd., Ruston, LA 71270-2116
FEBRUARY 1-7, 2026	PARON BAPTIST CHURCH MINERAL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH	Rev. Jeff Hurt Rev. Barry J. Joyner	676 Hwy. 2, Sterlington, LA 71280-3003 118 Pea Ridge Rd., Dubach, LA 71235-3371
FEBRUARY 8-14, 2026	ROCK CORNER BAPTIST CHURCH BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH	Rev. Larry Bullock Rev. Adam Holloway	824 Rock Corner Rd., Dubach, LA 71235-3442 C/o 668 Beulah Church Rd., Farmerville, LA 71241-8158
FEBRUARY 15-21, 2026	EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH PINE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH	Rev. Paul Watts Rev. Steve Barrett	1200 Farmerville Hwy., Ruston, LA 71270-3514 P. O. Box 374, Bernice, LA 71222-0374
FEBRUARY 22-28, 2026	SIMSBORO, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH DAYSRING BAPTIST MINISTRY	Dr. Jason Cole Rev. Kenneth Weaver	133 Tiger Dr., Simsboro, LA 71275-3038 3191 South Vienna St., Ruston, LA 71270-9605
MARCH 1-7, 2026	DOWNSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH SPENCER BAPTIST CHURCH	Dr. Alan Miller Rev. Mickey Manning, INT	P. O. Box 87, Downsville, LA 71234-0087 C/o 5764 Hwy. 143, Sterlington, LA 71280-2938
MARCH 8-14, 2026	NEW PROSPECT BAPTIST CHURCH CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH	Rev. Marvin Winham NO PASTOR	3438 Hwy. 167, Dubach, LA 71235-3030 5200 Hwy. 167, Ruston, LA 71270-6936
MARCH 15-21, 2026	MARION, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MT. TABOR BAPTIST CHURCH	Rev. Bubba Hoggatt NO PASTOR	C/o P. O. Box 376, Marion, LA 71260-0376 P. O. Box 336, Farmerville, LA 71241-0336
MARCH 22-28, 2026	HOLMESVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH CONWAY BAPTIST CHURCH	Rev. Ricky Houck Rev. Will Englerth	P. O. Box 250, Downsville, LA 71234-0250 P. O. Box 454, Farmerville, LA 71241-0454
MARCH 29-APRIL 4, 2026	SPEARVILLE, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH	Rev. Neil Everett Rev. Jeff Sanford	P. O. Box 85, Spearsville, LA 71277-0085 C/o 3175 Hwy. 167, Lot #3, Dubach, LA 71235-3027
APRIL 5-11, 2026	FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH WELDON BAPTIST CHURCH	Rev. Thomas Patton Rev. Michael Brookover	6476 Hwy. 151, Dubach, LA 71235-2264 15059 Hwy. 2, Alt, Bernice, LA 71222-3425
APRIL 12-18, 2026	UNION GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH BETHLEHEM HISPANIC MISSION	Rev. Ken Reeves Rev. Cleto Perez	P. O. Box 23, Lillie, LA 71256-0056 5073 Hwy. 167, Ruston, LA 71270-6948
APRIL 19-25, 2026	NAZARETH HISPANIC MISSION IGLESIA JESUCRISTO ES EL CAMINO	Bro. Diego Roman Rev. Juan Martinez	P. O. Box 843, Bernice, LA 71222-0843 C/o 1610 Owl Creek Rd., Farmerville, LA 71241-8089
APRIL 26-MAY 2, 2026	THE SPRINGS ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH	Rev. George Lee Rev. Rubin Weaver	1601 S. Barnett Springs Ave., Ruston, LA 71270 3501 Hwy. 828, Farmerville, LA 71241-5319
MAY 3-9, 2026	HAILE BAPTIST CHURCH CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHURCH	Rev. Michael Murray Rev. Jeff Freeman	351 Haile Baptist Church Rd., Marion, LA 71260-4403 9027 Hwy. 143, Farmerville, LA 71241-5503
MAY 10-16, 2026	MERIDIAN BAPTIST CHURCH BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH	Rev. Glyn Nale Rev. Phillip Farris	624 Meridian Church Rd., Marion, LA 71260 1048 Bethel Church Rd., Lillie, LA 71256-3016
MAY 17-23, 2026	SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH ENTERPRISE BAPTIST CHURCH	Rev. Michael Devillier NO PASTOR	109 Salem Church Rd., Farmerville, LA 71241-8057 C/o 501 Garris Road, Farmerville, LA 71241-3820
MAY 24-30, 2026	SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH DUBACH, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	Rev. Scott Scallan Rev. Eddie Robison	C/o 12784 Hwy 2, Bernice, LA 71222-3120 P. O. Box 340, Dubach, LA 71235-0340

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MAY 31-JUNE 6, 2026	MT. UNION BAPTIST CHURCH CAMP CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH	Rev. Marcell McGee Rev. Eddie Schexnaydre	C/o 5583 Hwy. 15, North, Farmerville, LA 71241-8361 177 Camp Creek Church Rd., Spearsville, LA 71277-2307
JUNE 7-13, 2026	TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH PLEASANT HILL BAPT CH, FARMERVILLE	Dr. Reggie Bridges Rev. Michael Collins, INT	1515 South Service Rd., West, Ruston, LA 71270 10267 Hwy. 143, Farmerville, LA 71241-5521
JUNE 14-20, 2026	DEAN BAPTIST CHURCH SARDIS BAPTIST CHURCH	Rev. Aleck Nyegaard Rev. John Rushing	2309 Hwy. 827, Marion, LA 71260-4855 367 Sardis Church Rd., Farmerville, LA 71241-7225
JUNE 21-27, 2026	IGLESIA BAUTISTA BETEL (Bethel) LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH	Rev. Luis Garcia Bro. Jay McCallum, INT	473 Ben Lowery Road, Bernice, LA 71222-5321 325 Liberty Baptist Church Rd., Marion, LA 71260-9628
JUNE 28-JULY 4, 2026	PLEASANT HILL BAPT CH, RUSTON SAINT REST BAPTIST CHURCH	Rev. James Ryals Dr. Randy Ray	C/o 534 Null Road, Ruston, LA 71270-1049 C/o 4580 Hwy. 544, Simsboro, LA 71275-3380
JULY 5-11, 2026	CULBERTSON BAPTIST CHURCH LONGSTRAW BAPTIST CHURCH	Rev. Kelly Coleman Rev. Andy Allred	3286 Highway 151, Farmerville, LA 71241-7466 1799 Styles Ranch Road, Choudrant, LA 71227-8903
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**4 - Spiritual Awakening Prayer Meeting,
2 PM at the Missions & Ministry Ctr.**

Reminder: There will not be a December Pastors Conference/Executive Board meeting. A newly revised schedule of these meeting was approved at the Annual Meeting. The next meeting is January 13, 2026 at DaySpring Baptist, Ruston.

12,13,14 - Chauvin Mission Weekend

15 - Tidings deadline for January newsletter.

24 - Christmas Eve

25 - Merry Christmas!

The Missions and Ministry Center will be closed from December 24th through January 1st.



**DECEMBER 2025
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Church Happenings

REV. MICHAEL BALDWIN has resigned as Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Choudrant, to serve Douglas Community Church, Ruston. Sunday, November 16, 2025 was Bro. Michail's last day at New Hope.

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. 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@ fbcpearsville@yahoo.com

**CONCORD UNION
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Director of Missions

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Missions & Ministry Center

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Monday thru Thursday; Closed Fridays

**CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS**

Calvary BC

Litroe BC

New Hope BC

Enterprise BC

Mt. Tabor BC

Spencer BC*

Liberty BC*

Nazareth Hispanic*

Pleasant Hill BC,
Farmerville*

* Interim Pastor



2026

February 6, 2026

**Man Up Conference, 6 p.m.
Antioch Baptist Church**



Merry Christmas from our hearts and homes to yours! Thank you for the blessing of serving our Lord through the ministry of Concord Union Baptist Association.

*Bro. Marty & Tessa
Nancy*



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