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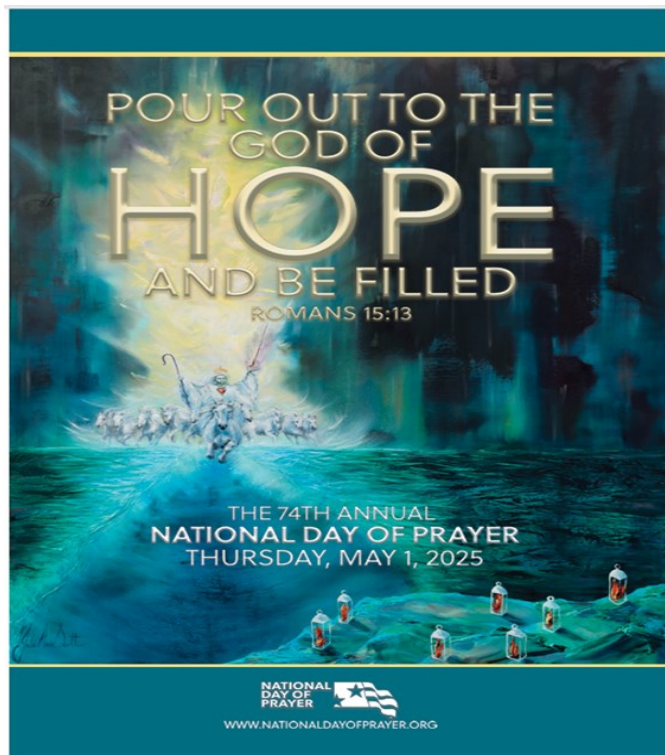
One of the greatest privileges I have as Director of Missions is serving so many great churches, pastors, and ministry partners. Since coming on board the last half of January, I have had the privilege of being in 32 of our churches and look forward to being in all 65. I have had the opportunity to preach numerous times, assist with pastor and deacon ordination services, participate in revivals, serve and fellowship with a number of our churches, pastors, and ministry partners. What a blessing it has been to witness God moving in our churches and within our ministry partners. People are coming to faith in Christ, many are rededicating their life to Christ, and God is bringing encouragement and healing people in the faith.

Although many of our churches have similarities, every church has its own personal set of fingerprints. Just as God created us all differently, every church is unique in its own personal way. The purpose of the church to worship, fellowship, and honor Jesus doesn't change. The mission of the church to reach people with the Gospel and to make disciples doesn't change. At the same time, our personalities, ministries, and programs make us all different. However, the one thing we all have in common is found in our DNA. The blood of Jesus unites us all together.

Because of Jesus, we can come together collectively as churches and serve. When we say, together, we can do more than we can individually, it's true. Regardless of the weekly attendance in your church, the number of ministries you support, or the size of your budget, when we invest together, we are accomplishing more than we can individually. As I continue to serve, I look forward to being in all of our churches and allowing God to use me for His glory.

Thank you, for allowing me to serve as your Director of Missions. I consider it a great honor.

In Christ,
Marty Black, DOM



Join the Spiritual Awakening Committee for
PRAYER

Thursday, May 1st at 2 P.M. at
the Missions & Ministry Center

RETIRED MINISTERS, CHURCH STAFF, & SPOUSES LUNCHEON

Join us at
NEW PROSPECT BAPTIST CHURCH
3438 Hwy 167, Dubach

**Monday, May
19, 2025
at 11 AM**



***Come enjoy a de-
licious meal,
fellowship with
dear friends,
and a good time!***

Circle of Love Prayer Calendar

April 27 - May 3

Canaan BC - Rev. Brian Williams, Pastor
502 Canaan Church Rd., Spearsville 71277
Zion Hill BC - Dr. Daniel T. Hall, Pastor
1098 Cypress Creek Rd., Farmerville 71241

May 4 - 10

Rocky Branch BC - Rev. Paul Pearson, Pastor
109 Roan Rd., Farmerville, LA 71241
Evergreen BC - Rev. Daniel Barnes, Pastor
1380 Evergreen Rd, Bernice, LA 71222

May 11 - 17

Choudrant FBC - Rev. Gil Arthur, Pastor
P. O. Box 217, Choudrant, LA 71227
Bernice FBC - Rev. Reagan Colvin, Pastor
P. O. Box 567, Bernice, LA 71222

May 18 - 24

Hopewell BC - Rev. Dwayne Ramsey, Pastor
C/o 1414 Lem Rd., Spearsville, LA 71277
Mt. Ararat BC - Rev. Mel Stephens, Pastor
798 Hwy. 552, Downs ville, LA 71234

May 25 - 31

Hico BC - Rev. Connor Evans, Pastor
653 Hwy. 152, Dubach, LA 71235
New Hope BC - Rev. Michail Baldwin, Pastor
339 New Hope Rd., Choudrant, LA 71227



SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

- Lisa Allred

Mary Ruth Allred

Andrew Aswell

Mildred Brantley

Rev. Harry Brown

Hez Elkins

Patricia Evans

Imogene Frasier

JoAnn Grafton

Lynda Grafton

Nell Grafton

Barbara Green
- Rev. Caroll Holmes

Rev. Bobby Kranz

Rev. Mickey Manning

Clay Mook

Breck Owens

Rev. Paul Pearson

Rev. Jeff Sanford

Ann Smith

Mona Wilson

Rev. Jerry Whitman

Dale Williams

Karla Wood

Christian Sympathy is extended to Rev. Paul Pearson and family, as well as the Rocky Branch Baptist Church family, in the death of Mrs. Joyce Pearson, wife of Pastor Paul Pearson.

Pray for our churches without pastors.

Happy Mother's Day

She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. Proverbs 31:25-26

- 1 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

- Spiritual Awakening Prayer Meeting at the Missions & Ministry Center, 2 p.m.
- 11 - Mother's Day
- 19 - Concord Union Retired Ministers, Church Staff and Spouses Luncheon 11 A.M. at New Prospect Baptist Church, Dubach
- 26 - MEMORIAL DAY

MAY 2025
CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- June 21, 2025

Bethlehem Hispanic Outreach Event
- July 17, 2025

Ministers Wives Fellowship, 6 p.m.
at First Baptist Church, Ruston
- September 25, 2025

Associational Youth Rally, 5:30 P.M.
held at Cook Baptist Church, Ruston

2026

- February 6, 2026

Man Up Conference, 6 p.m.
Antioch Baptist Church
- September 12, 2026

Man Up Conference, 5 p.m.
Temple Baptist, Ruston



FOR SALE BY SEALED BIDS

In the business session of the Semi-Annual meeting held Thursday, April 24th, a recommendation was presented by the Sessions Committee to sell the tent ministry trailer with the tent through sealed bids. The tent will go with the trailer and sealed bids are being received at the Missions & Ministry Center until May 30th. The trailer can be seen in the back parking lot of the M&M Center. The tent and trailer were donated to Concord Union by the LBC Evangelism Team some years ago. The tent is worn and used on average only once a year. The funds received from the sell of the trailer with the tent will be combined with \$1,173.98, currently in the Tent Ministry account and transferred into the designated Evangelism account to be used for evangelism purposes in our association.

Freedom13 Ministries

Freedom13 Ministries is seeking a House Manager to live and serve in the Freedom13 House.

This position includes overseeing the general maintenance of the house, overseeing the comings and goings of students, and helping with transportation as needed. THIS POSITION INCLUDES THE ABILITY TO KEEP YOUR CURRENT JOB and/or ATTEND SCHOOL.

REQUIREMENTS

- Must be at least 25 years old.
- Must have a high school diploma or GED.
- Must be willing to live on-site and oversee Residents.
- Must be able to maintain order, resolve conflicts and coordinate household responsibilities.

This is more than a role — it's an opportunity to walk alongside women in their journey to freedom. If you or someone you know is interested, reach out today!

Lindsey Crawford
Director, Freedom13 Ministries
(318) 242-1300

Pastors, Church Staff & friends Two-Man Scramble Golf Tournament

9 A.M.

Monday, June 2, 2025

Bernice Golf Course

Lunch served
afterwards!

***Please call the
M&M Center
255-9030
to register!***



DIVORCE CARE

An invitation from First Baptist Church, Ruston: Beginning on April 23, 2025, at 5:45 p.m., there will be a 13 week class led by Sharon Kilcoyne LPC-S and Pamela Cannon LPC-S. **DIVORCE CARE** offers a life-changing support group that welcomes and guides people to a path of recovery after separation or divorce, whether recent or years ago.

Over 1 million people have found comfort and hope through this study.

Sign up on our website at

www.fbcruston.org

and search under the Events tab.

The cost is \$20.

Send Network
RURAL
SUMMIT

A summit for all rural pastors, staff, church leaders in Louisiana Baptist Churches.

MAY 12-13, 2025

FBC, Natchitoches

Register at LouisianaBaptists.org/events

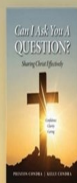
Wednesday, May 21

How to Start Gospel Conversations & Answer Objections to the Gospel

Guest Speaker



Preston Condra
Sufficient Word Ministries



Book for the training
A timeless tool for witnessing to
prepare Believers to start Gospel
conversations & answer objections.

First Baptist Church Spearsville
6:30 p.m.



SANCTUARY QUARTET

Mt. Patrick Baptist Church invites you to hear a great Southern Gospel Quartet! SANCTUARY QUARTET will sing

at Mt. Patrick Baptist Church

Saturday, June 7th at 6:00 P.M.

The church is located at 1232 Patrick Church Road,
Bernice, LA 71222

3481 Highway 33, Ruston, LA 71270
P. O. Box 606, Ruston, LA 71273

New Email:
dom@concordunionbaptistassociation.net

New Email:
admin@concordunionbaptistassociation.net

Office Phone: (318) 255-9030

Website:
concordunionbaptistassociation.net

Missions & Ministry Center
Office Hours: 8 AM - 4 PM
Monday thru Thursday; *Closed Fridays*

a ministry of the Louisiana
Baptist Children's Home



**DENA M. MELNA,
LPC**

**Serving Concord Union
Baptist Association
Missions and Ministry Ctr**

Appointments are required.

**SCHEDULE by calling
(318) 450-4660 or 1-877-345-7411
or via email: dena@lbch.org**



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

Weldon BC

*** Interim Pastor currently serving**

**Mt. Ararat Baptist Church has called Rev. Mel Stephens as Pastor.
Bro. Stephens will begin on May 11, 2025.**

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

Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Bernice is seeking a Youth Minister and is also in need of a Nursery Worker. If interested, please email resume to kieselink@farmerville.org.

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.

Brian Lassiter has a Ricoh copier from a family business that he would like to re-home (free) to a church in need. Brian says the copier is in “top shape as far as we know” and has an instruction book to go with it.

If you are interested, please contact Brian at (318) 278-2955.

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