



### *A Word from Bro. Marty*

Over 20 years ago, Concord Union Baptist Association partnered with Bayou Baptist Association. Since that time, hundreds of people from all of our churches have gone where countless seeds have been sown and lives changed for the glory of God.

This year, 34 people, representing 9 churches in our association, made our way south and served through VBS, Backyard Bible Club, and construction. This was my first year to travel down. It was encouraging to see people from different churches lock arms and serve our Lord together. The fellowship and friendships established are lifelong. A more detailed account of our mission trip can be found on page 2 of our newsletter. The VBS team served at First Baptist Raceland. This was their 4<sup>th</sup> straight year serving there and they have built a great relationship with the church and community. The construction team and Backyard Bible Club team worked in Chauvin where connections were made with key people in the community. The church in Chauvin has not had Sunday services in several years.

At the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas last month, I had the opportunity to sit down with Jacob Crawford. Jacob is the church planting strategist for south Louisiana with the Louisiana Baptist Convention. I asked Jacob if he could give me some direction in some of the most needed areas in south Louisiana. Not knowing we were carrying a team to Chauvin, Jacob said: "One of the most needed and unreached areas we have in south Louisiana is a place called, Chauvin". In and around Chauvin, there are over 12,000 people with only 3 evangelical churches. The town of Chauvin, with a population of just under 3,000, has no evangelical church. The nearest evangelical church to Chauvin is 10 miles.

Based on what we saw, experienced, conversations we had with the Director of Missions and our state convention, and what God did and revealed, the mission team returned home realizing we need to be more involved moving forward in and around Chauvin. Let me share 3 things that we can be praying for together. **Pray** that God call out a church planter to serve at Chauvin. **Pray** that God will soften the hearts of the people to respond to the Gospel. **Finally, pray** that God will give us direction with how He wants to use us moving forward.

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

In Christ,  
Marty Black, DOM

# Circle of Love Prayer Calendar

## July 27 - August 2

New Prospect BC - Rev. Marvin Winham, Pastor  
3438 Hwy. 167, Dubach, LA 71235  
Calvary BC - Rev. Bill Reid, Pastor  
5200 Hwy. 167, Ruston, LA 71270

## August 10 - 16

Holmesville BC - Bro. 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

## August 24 - 30

Fellowship BC - Rev. Thomas Patton, Pastor  
6476 Hwy. 151, Dubach, LA 71235  
Weldon BC - No Pastor  
15059 Hwy. 2, Alt, Bernice, LA 71222-3425

## August 3 - 9

First Baptist Church, Marion - 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

## August 17-23

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



## SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

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

**Pray for our churches without pastors.**

**Pray for continued missions and ministry opportunities in south Louisiana.**

7 - Spiritual Awakening Committee Prayer Meeting at the M&M Center, 2 PM

12 - Pastor's Conference (10 AM) and Executive Board (11 AM) at Dean BC

18 - 27 - WMU Prison Ministry gift sets may be delivered to the Missions & Ministry Center between 8 A.M. and 4 P.M.

**Note: The M&M Center is not open on Friday and it is recommended that Noon hour deliveries be avoided so as to assure access to the building.**

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**AUGUST begins ACP time!**

Each of our churches and missions is expected to submit an Annual Church Profile. If you need additional information please call Nancy Collie at the M&M Center. **The deadline to return completed ACP's is September 15th.**

**AUGUST 2025**  
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

## MT PATRICK BAPTIST CHURCH

invites you to hear

**THE EASLEY KIDS**

*(from First Baptist Church, Farmerville)*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025**  
**6 P.M.**

*"Come and hear these kids; they are great!*

*Mt. Patrick BC is located at 1232 Patrick Church Road, Bernice, Louisiana."*

**Pastor/Staff Conference**  
**(10 AM)**

**Executive Board**  
**(11 AM)**

**August 12, 2025**

**2026 Proposed Budget review**

**Dean Baptist Church**

*2309 Hwy. 827, Marion, Louisiana*



September is designated as  
*"the month of prayer"*  
for Louisiana Missions and the  
Georgia Barnette Missions Offering.

**LOUISIANA BAPTISTS**  
Georgia Barnette Missions Offering goal:  
**\$1,800,000.00**

# South Louisiana Mission Trip

**Fellowship Baptist Church** had the privilege to serve alongside First Baptist Church, Raceland during the associational mission trip to South Louisiana. This was our fourth consecutive year to conduct VBS in Raceland. Seeds were planted and watered in the children who attended VBS; the pastor and church members were encouraged; and, our team members received a blessing by helping in their thrift store and getting to know our sister church better. It was a wonderful week!

One of our team members was able to present the Gospel to an individual and she accepted Christ. We also prayed with a couple of people who we came in contact with during our time there.

Please join us as we continue to pray for First Baptist Church of Raceland as they serve the Lord and the community around them.

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*It was exciting to see Fellowship Baptist Church work together as a multi-generational mission team! Their group included small children, teens, young couples and senior adults as well as their pastor. What a sight to behold as they came together to serve the LORD.*



It's a long drive from Ruston to Houma and pulling a utility trailer full of tools in a severe storm might have been a bit of a challenge, but not for our construction team leader!

**The Construction Team** worked on the Chauvin building installing AC window units, repairing and painting window trim, installing new doors throughout the building, and repairing a plumbing issue or two. They began each day quite early with breakfast at the hotel and then on to Chauvin to work. They wrapped up, generally, by 2 p.m., to allow the Backyard Bible Club to use the same space for their evening event. Sharing the space wasn't exactly easy, but our guys were exceptionally cooperative and helpful and accomplished all their assigned tasks. The building looked better when we left than it did when we arrived. And, there is more work that needs to be done, so why don't you pray about going with us next time?



The Backyard Bible Club team waited and watched on Monday evening, but no one came. The team had worked hard after the construction team departed Chauvin readying the building for children and preparing each of our areas for crafts, Bible stories, music, and the plan of salvation. Disappointed, we gathered for prayer and to encourage one another. A text message from our Director of Missions, reminded us that **"no work we do for Him is wasted time!"** Our prayer remained that God would send the children to us.

We arrived earlier on Tuesday to prepare for the children we'd prayed would come. Looking out the front entrance, I saw a car cross the draw bridge, turn in front of our building and pull off on the shoulder along the bayous edge. I watched with curiosity as the car doors flew open and out scrambled 5 young boys each holding a fishing pool! The driver never got out of the car. I called for Bro. Jeff to "come see!" His reply: **"Well, it looks like I need to go fishing!"** He strolled across the street and approached the driver still sitting inside the car and introduced himself. The boys were busy casting their lines. As I joined Bro. Jeff Roberts on the bank of the bayou and met "Hannah" we learned that "Ty" had been telling his mom he wanted to go fishing **"at the Chauvin Bridge."** They lived about a mile and a half up the bayou and he had plenty of fishing spots nearer to home and he even had a boat he could go out in with his cousins and friends. But Ty was persistent to the point of almost irritating his mother! Ty's persistence is why she was right there, just across from our building, with five barefoot young boys happily fishing! We shared with Hannah why we were there and invited each of the boys to Backyard Bible Club. We spent time getting acquainted with each young man and encouraged them to join us for an evening of fun, which included free snow cones! They went on fishing. Shortly, Hannah shouted out the car window to let us know she was running home to allow the boys to clean up and get their shoes before coming back; AND, SHE HAD CALLED HER SISTER, "Naomi" who was bringing other children!

From this initial encounter with Hannah, who invited her sister, Naomi; and, after Naomi invited her best friend, Patrice, the attendance at the Chauvin Backyard Bible Club grew from zero on Monday to 21 on Thursday evening, which number included the mothers of the children and two senior adults who simply needed the fellowship of others. The children ranged in age from 7 to 18. The Backyard Bible Club team rejoiced on Thursday evening when one of "our" precious little girls, "Gabby" made a commitment to Christ during our invitation presented by Bro. Jeff Roberts.

*It might be important to some to know that none of the boys caught fish at the Chauvin Bridge on Tuesday afternoon! Not a bite! But, on Wednesday morning, after attending BYBC the night before, they cast their lines a little closer to home and brought home enough red snapper and drum for supper.*



<< Yes!! That is our DOM in the box. He was hard at work!!

## CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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**Missions & Ministry Center**

**Office Hours: 8 AM - 4 PM**

**Monday thru Thursday; Closed Fridays**

### Granberry Counseling Centers

*a ministry of the Louisiana  
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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:

[FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, RUSTON](#) welcomed Ryan Colpitt as their new Youth Pastor on July 7, 2025. Ryan comes to Ruston from Branson, MO.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:fbcspcarsville@yahoo.com)

[Paron Baptist Church, West Sterlington](#) is seeking a part-time WORSHIP LEADER. Resumes may be sent to [paronoffice676@gmail.com](mailto:paronoffice676@gmail.com).



It once was September when our children returned to the classroom. Now, it is the month of August and early August, at that! Please pray for the children as well as teachers, principals, and support staff who will very soon return to their schools for another year of learning.



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