

Pray for students and teachers as they return to school.



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The Tidings



A Word from Bro. Marty

Over the past several months, God has given me a front row seat to witness the perfect example of what it means to be part of an association. In March, Antioch Baptist Church went to Chauvin, planted seeds and made several connections with the locals. In April, a team from Temple Baptist Church went to Chauvin. While ministering over the weekend through a block party and worship service, a man gave his heart to Christ. That same weekend a young lady came to the event and the Gospel was clearly presented to her. In May, Paron Baptist Church carried a team to Chauvin. The young lady that had the Gospel presented to her in April came back. She said that she had been under conviction for a month, and that weekend she was saved. In June, Culbertson Baptist Church went to Chauvin, planted seeds and made connections with the locals. In July, a team from Sharon went to Chauvin. The young lady that was saved in May was baptized, and her daughter was saved. Don't miss this next part: The churches that God used in Chauvin over the past several months have stayed connected with locals in the community through calls, text messages, Bibles, and discipleship materials. Relationship are being developed.

In July, we had 41 people from 9 churches within Concord Union Baptist Association (Antioch BC, Bernice FBC, Dubach FBC, Farmerville FBC, Fellowship BC, Sharon BC, Spearsville BC, Saint Rest BC, and Temple BC) as well as one young "stow-away" from First West, West Monroe, that went for the week-long associational mission trip to Chauvin and Raceland. This is a partnership with Bayou Baptist Association and Bro. Joe Arnold that goes back many years. Between the 2 ministry sites, well over 100 people were ministered to and served. The Gospel and the love of Jesus were clearly presented. Every month for the remainder of the year, we have teams from First Baptist Bernice, Evergreen Baptist Church, Culbertson Baptist Church, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Temple Baptist Church, and First Baptist Church Farmerville traveling to Chauvin in south Louisiana. Please be in prayer for the teams and the work God has called us to and allowed us to be part of. By the way, there is room for more if you feel led to participate.

What an awesome God we serve that allows us to partner and serve; **TOGETHER**. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Director of Missions.

In Christ,
Marty Black, DOM



Circle of Love Prayer Calendar

July 26 - August 1, 2026

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

August 2 - 8, 2026

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

August 9 - 15, 2026

Hopewell BC, Spearsville - Rev. Dewayne Ramsey, Pastor
C/o 1592 Lem Rd., Spearsville, LA 71277
Mt. Ararat BC, Downsville - Rev. Mel Stephens, Pastor
798 Hwy. 552, Downsville, LA 71234

August 16-22, 2026

Hico BC, Dubach - Rev. Connor Evans, Pastor
653 Hwy. 152, Dubach, LA 71235
New Hope BC, Choudrant - Rev. Werner Aswell, *Interim*
339 New Hope Rd., Choudrant, LA 71227

August 23 - 29, 2026

Crestview BC, Farmerville - Rev. Wayne Whiteside, Pastor
P. O. Box 242, Farmerville, LA 71241
Providence BC, Downsville - No Pastor
2396 Hwy. 552, Downsville, LA 71234



2 - *Spiritual Awakening Committee Prayer Meeting, 2 PM at the Missions & Ministry Center. All are welcome to attend.*

8 - *ReGROUP Conference, 9 AM - Noon at Temple Baptist Church, Ruston*

14-16 - *Chauvin Mission Weekend. Please pray for "Team" FBC, Bernice as they serve.*

AUGUST 2026



ReGROUP
CONFERENCE

**Transform your small groups
by reproducing disciple makers.**

Louisiana Baptists ReGROUP Conference will be on **August 8, 2026**, at Temple Baptist Church, Ruston. **EQUIPPING DISCIPLE MAKERS** is the theme with breakout sessions offered for all small group ministries, pastors/staff and worship leaders.
\$15 per person.

Register at LouisianaBaptists.org/ReGroup26



"SEND RELIEF SERVE TOUR MONROE" is described as "something powerful: hundreds of believers preparing to meet needs, share the gospel, and show what bold compassion looks like **in action!**"

WHEN: August 21-22, 2026
WHERE: Monroe, Louisiana

If you're looking for a way to get your church or a small group or Sunday School class involved in missions visit: office@nela-morehouse.org or visit SENDRELIEF.org.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Lisa Allred
Sue Ambrose
Andrew Aswell
Grace Avant
Andy Ballard
Rev. Harry Brown
Ty Colvin
Courtney Cowling
Brent Crawford
Cheryl Durrett
Hez Elkins
Imogene Frasier
JoAnn Grafton
Lynda Grafton
Nell Grafton
Anna Lou Greene
Carol Hartwell

Angela Hoffman
Trudy Joiner
Donald Kimbell
Rev. Bobby Kranz
Mike Lazenby
Emmaline Lee
Rev. Randy Lee
Cole McKaskle
Clay Moock
Breck Owens
Rev. Paul Pearson
Cameron Ray
Rev. Jeff Sanford
Ann Smith
Linda Smith
Lux Smith
Susan Sturdivant

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Lisa Weaver, wife of Pastor Kenneth Weaver, Dayspring Baptist Ministry, Ruston.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Rev. Jerry Whitman, who pastored in our association for well over 40 years.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A NIGHT OF JOY!

COME READY TO LAUGH, WORSHIP & BE ENCOURAGED!

AT CULBERTSON BAPTIST CHURCH

AUGUST 7TH STARTING AT **6:00 PM**

SUPPER WILL BE SERVED!

GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

BRANDON DIGILORMO

COMEDIAN BOB SMILEY

WORSHIP BY: *Sould Out 151*

COST TO ATTEND: **\$25**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

ZACH SMITH (870) 312-6695

CARLEY HANCOCK 318-548-1399

FAITH. JOY. LAUGHTER. WORSHIP. TOGETHER. SEE YOU THERE!

Concord Union Baptist Association

PRAISEFEST

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
6:00 PM

Join us for an uplifting evening filled with heartfelt worship, cherished hymns, and songs of our faith.

COOK BAPTIST CHURCH
2000 Cooktown Road, Ruston, LA

If interested in singing in the Community Choir, contact Lynette Murphy at 501-318-8701.

JOIN
us for a

Ministers' Wives EVENT

6 PM

SEPTEMBER 17, 2026
Louisiana Tech BCM

Ladies
Mission Presentation

The Concord Union Baptist Association WMU warmly invites all ladies to attend a special mission presentation by Christine Gill, Women's Mission & Ministry Strategist for Louisiana Baptists.

Christine will be sharing firsthand stories, insights, and updates from her recent trip to Zambia.

It promises to be an uplifting and informative gathering, and all women are encouraged to come and support this wonderful event.

AUGUST 12, 2026
10 AM
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, FARMERVILLE

Lunch will be provided following Christine's presentation.

Griefshare
MINISTRY

Griefshare will begin at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Ruston on Sunday, August 23, 2026. Griefshare is a Christ centered, Biblically based hybrid program (part seminar, part share group) consisting of 13 DVD's. Each weekly session will run from 4:00 - 6:00 PM. A workbook is needed (\$25.00) which contains worksheets that follow the videos and a daily "From Mourning to Joy" Bible study to aid you through your journey. Scholarships are available upon request if needed for this cost. Griefshare will meet in the main building at Emmanuel Baptist Church at 1200 Farmerville Hwy., in room J100. For information or to register, call Emmanuel Baptist Church at 318-255-0446 or you may go online to www.griefshare.org.

NEW
Hope
BAPTIST CHURCH
NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
339 New Hope Road, Choudrant, LA.

REVIVAL SERVICES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026
10:30 AM & 6:00 PM

MON-WED, AUGUST 3-5, 2026
7:00 PM

Music:
RICHARD
AINSWORTH

Preacher:
GREG DUNN

**MT. ARARAT
BAPTIST CHURCH**

160th Year HOMECOMING

"Great is the LORD, and greatly
to be praised..." Psalm 145:3

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND

 **SANCTUARY QUARTET**
10:00 TO 11:00 AM

 **SERMON BY
BRO. MARTY BLACK**
11:00 AM

 **DINNER ON THE GROUNDS**
Following Service

*Remembering our past...
Celebrating God's faithfulness...
Looking to the future!*

CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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Missions & Ministry Center

Office Hours: 8 AM - 4 PM

Monday thru Thursday; *Closed Fridays*

CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

Enterprise BC
Providence BC

Liberty BC*
Spencer BC*

New Hope BC*
Union Grove BC

* Interim Pastor

Church Happenings

Pastors/Ministers/ Staff Needed

First Baptist Church, Bernice is seeking a bi-vocational Youth Minister. Interested individuals should send resumes to fbcbernice@gmail.com or contact Rev. Reagan Colvin (318) 608-0651.

DaySpring Baptist is seeking a pianist. Please contact Bro. Kenneth Weaver (318) 243-1331, if interested.

CHILDREN'S MINISTER - Thriving Children's Ministry of First Ruston, Ruston, LA seeking God's person to lead us to the next level. Full-time position with benefits. Please send resume to ed@fbcruston.org.

New Hope Baptist Church, Choudrant is seeking a full-time Pastor. Interested individuals should send resumes to nhbcpastorsearch26@gmail.com

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 @ fbcspearsville@yahoo.com

Calvary Baptist Church, Homer, LA is seeking a bi-vocational Pastor. Interested individuals may contact Ray Hanson (318) 475-0739 or Ronald Day (318) 245-6712 for how to submit a resume.

REVIVAL

First Baptist Church, Marion

397 Taylor Street

August 2 - 5, 2026

Sunday, 10:30 A.M.

Nightly, 7 P.M.

Scotty McDowell
Tim Post

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2026

@ NEW PROSPECT BAPTIST CHURCH
3438 HWY 167, DUBACH, LA 71235

FALL FOR JESUS

He never leaves

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

Guest Speaker: Tessa Black

Praise and Worship Music: Chanley Von Tress and
Jeannie Patterson

Registration/Breakfast 9:30-10:00am
Session 1 10:00-11:00am
Session 2 11:15-12:30pm
Lunch 12:30-1:30pm
Session 3 1:30-2:30pm

\$20.00 fee per person
Any questions, please contact
Becky Jiles at 318-614-5552.

Come hear some great gospel bluegrass music

BACK FORTY

BLUEGRASS GOSPEL

will sing at Mt. Patrick Baptist Church

Saturday, August 29, 2026

6 PM

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



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