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The Tidings



A WORD FROM BRO. MARTY

Acts 1:12-14- 12 *Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey.* ***13*** *And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James.* ***14*** *These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.*

Acts 2:1- *When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*

Acts 2:46, 47- 46 *So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,* ***47*** *praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.*

Acts 4:23, 24- 23 *And being let go, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them.* ***24*** *So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them,*

Acts 5:12-14- 12 *And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch.* ***13*** *Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly.* ***14*** *And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,*

Within the first 5 chapters of Acts, we find the early disciples and church coming together in "one accord". When you look at the context of these verses, each time as the early church came together, they were in prayer, serving the Lord and others, being a bold witness for Jesus Christ. The church, not **a** church but **the** church, came together in one accord carrying out the mission Jesus gave them. God did not call any one church to stand alone, isolated from other churches and believers of like faith, in carrying out the mission. Regardless of church size, when churches are serving Jesus together in one accord, that is when we are having the greatest impact on God's Kingdom.

One of the greatest blessings God has allowed me to have over the past 2 years is being able to witness churches that work and serve well together. Every week, I see churches joining hands and hearts together to reach our communities and further the Gospel. I see pastors encouraging one another in the faith. Not only do our churches come together to serve and encourage one another, we also partner together in supporting several ministries that impact children, youth, college students from around the world, prisons, families and communities when unexpected tragedy strikes, and individuals that have personal challenges they are dealing with daily. To all our churches in Concord Union Baptist Association, run the race, stay the course, fight the good fight, **TOGETHER**. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Director of Missions.

In Christ,

Marty Black
Director of Missions



FELLOWSHIP OF LOUISIANA CHURCHES
and Non-Profit Religious Organizations

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LA Fellowship is exploring an **insurance solution for Louisiana churches and religious nonprofits** to share risk, gain more control and pursue **more predictable costs.** Help us explore this new option for your church by participating in our free feasibility study. Data you submit stays with the study team, and you'll receive the results when the study is complete. Sharing data creates no obligation to join.

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Tuesday, December 15, 2026
5PM CST

Ask your insurance agent if you need help obtaining your data. Contact David Crigler (david_crigler@ajg.com) or Megan Ferrington (megan_ferrington@ajg.com) at Arthur J Gallagher with questions about the feasibility study for LA Fellowship.

FELLOWSHIP OF LOUISIANA CHURCHES has plans to begin writing policies mid-year of 2027. The above-mentioned free feasibility study provides more information to enhance buying power. Churches can help build the solution by providing the requested information.

NOVEMBER 2026

1 – Day Light Saving Time ends

5 - Spiritual Awakening Prayer Meeting, 2 PM at the Missions and Ministry Center.

10 – Louisiana Baptist Convention ANNUAL MEETING at Trinity Baptist Church, Lake Charles, LA

11 – VETERANS DAY

13-14-15 – Chauvin Mission Weekend Pray for Team Emmanuel as they travel and serve.

22-23 – Youth Evangelism Conference Laborde Earles Coliseum, Alexandria, LA

*26 – **THANKSGIVING***



this SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st

Culbertson Baptist Church
3286 Hwy. 151, Farmerville, LA 71241

HOMECOMING

Sunday, November 22, 2026
Worship Service: 10 AM

There will be special recognition of Danny & Peggy Frasier for 45 years of service in Deacon Ministry

Bro. Jared Jennings, Guest Speaker
Ronald Smead, Worship Music Leader

Lunch to be served at Noon.

Rev. J. Kelly Coleman, Pastor

Camp Creek Baptist Church
177 Camp Creek Church Road, Spearsville, LA

HOMECOMING

NOVEMBER 1, 2026
WORSHIP: 11 AM

MEAL and FELLOWSHIP afterwards

***Guest Speaker*: Danny Hall**
***Special Music*: Candi Hall**

Rev. Eddie Schexnaydre, Pastor

Circle of Love Prayer Calendar

November 1 - 7, 2026
Holmesville BC - Rev. 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

November 8 - 14, 2026
First Baptist, Spearsville - Rev. Neil Everett, Pastor
P. O. Box 85, Spearsville, LA 71277-0085
University BC - Rev. Jeff Sanford, Pastor
C/o 3175 Hwy. 167, Lot #3, Dubach, LA 71235

November 15 - 21, 2026
Fellowship BC - Rev. Thomas Patton, Pastor
6476 Hwy. 151, Dubach, LA 71235-2264
Weldon BC - Rev. Michael Brookover, Pastor
15059 Hwy 2, Alt, Bernice, LA 71222

November 22-28, 2026
Union Grove BC - Rev. Bhrett Farrar, Pastor
P. O. Box 23, Lillie, LA 71256-0056
Bethlehem Hispanic Church - Rev. Cleto Perez, Pastor
5073 Hwy. 167, Ruston, LA 71270-6948

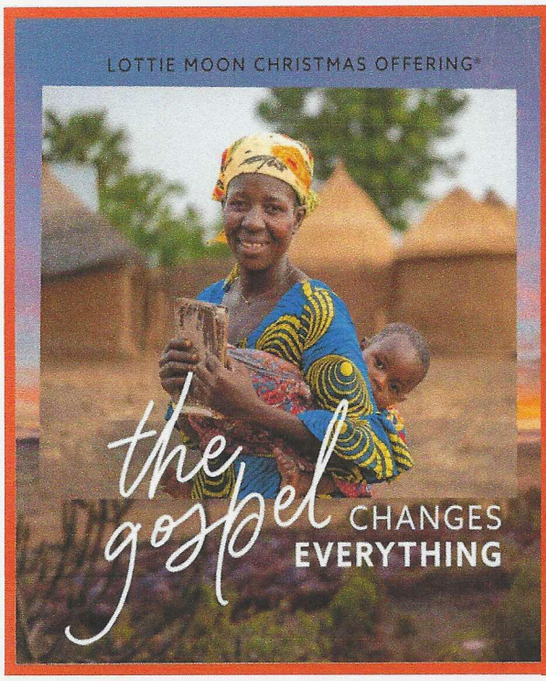
November 29 - December 5, 2026
Nazareth Hispanic Church - Rev. Diego Roman, Pastor
P. O. Box 843, Bernice, LA 71222-0843
Iglesia Jesucristo Es El Camino - Rev. Juan Martinez
C/o 1610 Owl Creek Rd., Farmerville, LA 71241-8089





SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Jerri Abernathy
Lisa Allred
Sue Ambrose
Andrew Aswell
Grace Avant
Rev. Harry Brown
Rev. Greg Clark
Courtney Cowling
Brenta Crawford
Cheryl Durrett
Hez Elkins
Imogene Frasier
JoAnn Grafton
Lynda Grafton
Nell Grafton
Angela Hoffman
Rev. Bobby Kranz
Mike Lazenby
Emmaline Lee
Cole McKaskle
Clay Moock
Breck Owens
Rev. Paul Pearson
Cameron Ray
Rev. Jeff Sanford
Rev. Eddie Schexnaydre
Ann Smith
Linda Smith
Lux Smith
Susan Sturdivant



NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 6, 2026

WEEK OF PRAYER for INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

For eight days, Southern Baptists pray together for the peoples of the world. We pray for missionaries who are physically present in each region, and the billions who are yet to hear the gospel.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING
Goal: $215 Million

CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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

PASTORS/MINISTERS/STAFF NEEDED:

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.

SENIOR PASTOR – New Chapel Hill Baptist Church, West Monroe, LA. A conservative, multi-generational SBC congregation of approximately 250 seeks a full-time Senior Pastor with a clear call, the biblical qualifications of 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1, and a shepherd's heart for faithful preaching, pastoral care, staff leadership, and evangelism. Send résumé, testimony, statement of call to ministry, and references by **December 31, 2026**, to **PastorSearch2026@NewChapelHill.org**. All inquiries confidential. Learn more at newchapelhill.org.

CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

New Hope BC* **Providence BC***

** Interim Pastor*

Church Happenings

SANDRA GEORGE has resigned her position in children's ministry at **CALVARY BAPTIST, RUSTON** to accept a position at the LOUISIANA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME, Monroe, LA, effective November 15, 2026.

FBC BERNICE has welcomed **JOSH WHITNER** as **YOUTH MINISTER** effective September 16, 2026. JOSH and his wife, Maranda have three sons: William, Brycen, and Jessop.

Pastors/Ministers/ Staff Needed

FIRST RUSTON (LA) seeking a full-time Men's Minister (position includes benefits). Please send resume to ed@fbcruston.org.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, Ruston is seeking a full-time Church Ministry/Financial Secretary. Interested individuals should send their resume to paul@ebcruston.org.

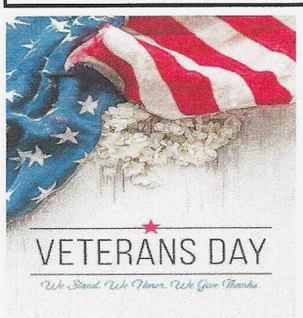
DaySpring Baptist is seeking a pianist. Please contact Bro. Kenneth Weaver (318) 243-1331, if interested.

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.

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