




<p>Stop and consider the <b>WONDROUS</b> works of God. Job 37:14</p> 	<p>A 2025 Publication of</p> 
<h1>The Tidings</h1>	

“The moment I stepped off that train in New Orleans in 1901, something stirred in my soul. I was new to Louisiana—this beautiful, complex tapestry of cultures and landscapes—but the Lord had prepared my heart for what would become my life’s calling.

I still remember my first Sunday at First Baptist Church of New Orleans. The congregation welcomed me warmly, but I couldn’t help noticing how much work remained to be done. So many souls in this vibrant city had yet to hear the Gospel, and beyond the city limits stretched countless communities across the state where Christ’s message needed to reach.

People often ask what drove me to travel those difficult miles across Louisiana. The answer is simple: love. Love for my Savior and love for the people of this remarkable state. When I accepted the position as the first Executive Director and Treasurer of the Woman’s Missionary Union, it wasn’t about a title—it was about having a platform to mobilize believers across Louisiana.

The challenges we faced were numerous. Transportation was difficult, funding was scarce, and not everyone understood why missions in our own state mattered so much. But I would often remind my fellow believers: “How can we reach the world for Jesus if we haven’t first reached our neighbors here in Louisiana?” Louisiana is not merely where we live—it is our mission field. And though the journey may not always be easy, I can assure you from my own experience: there is no greater joy than seeing a soul come to Christ and no greater purpose than following His Great Commission.

Let us begin here. Let us begin now. Let us begin with Louisiana.”

— Georgia Barnette

4.6 million people call Louisiana home. There are many people in our state that do not know Jesus Christ as their Savior. As

we do missions all over our country and around the world, and we should, let’s not forget about the lostness and need in our communities and our state. Give to the Georgia Barnette state missions offering. The churches of Concord Union Baptist Association have always been at the top when it comes to per capita giving. Thank you for your faithfulness.

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

In Christ,  
Marty Black, DOM

**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**




## CHAUVIN MISSION WEEKEND

**Friday, October 16  
thru Sunday, October 18**

The Missions Committee is coordinating a weekend mission trip back to Chauvin, Louisiana for the purpose of hosting an outreach event on Saturday, October 17th and a worship service on Sunday, October 18th. This will be the first weekend of what our mission committee hopes will be a once-a-month, long-term ministry to this community. Chauvin has been determined to be one of the most unreached areas of our state. Church groups or individuals who desire to participate should contact Bro. Marty Black, Director of Missions. Bro. Marty and Mrs. Tessa will plan to lead as many teams as possible. Teams will likely be 6 to 8 persons per trip. Please pray about this new ministry opportunity in our home state.

# Circle of Love Prayer Calendar

## August 31 - September 6

Union Grove BC—Rev. Ken Reeves, Pastor  
P. O. Box 23, Lillie, LA 71256  
Bethlehem Hispanic Mission—Rev. Cleto Perez, Pastor  
C/o 1300 McDonald Ave., Ruston, LA 71270

## September 7 - 13

Nazareth Hispanic Mission - Bro. Diego Roman, Pastor  
P. O. Box 843, Bernice, LA 71222  
Iglesia Jesucristo es el Camino—Rev. Juan Martinez, Pastor  
C/o 1610 Owl Creek Rd., Farmerville, LA 71241

## September 14 - 20

The Springs - Rev. George Lee, Pastor  
1601 S. Barnett Springs Ave., Ruston, LA 71270  
Antioch BC - Rev. Rubin Weaver, Pastor  
3501 Hwy. 828, Farmerville, LA 71241

## September 21 - 27

Haile BC - Rev. Michael Murray, Pastor  
351 Haile Baptist Church Rd., Marion, LA 71260  
Crossroads BC - Rev. Jeff Freeman, Pastor  
9027 Hwy. 143, Farmerville, LA 71241

## September 28 - October 4

Meridian BC - Rev. Glynn Nale, Pastor  
624 Meridian Church Rd., Marion, LA 71260  
Bethel BC - Rev. Phillip Farris, Pastor  
1048 Bethel Church Rd., Lillie, LA 71256



## 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 Mook
Ty Colvin	Breck Owens
Bobby Elkins	Rev. Paul Pearson
Hez Elkins	Rev. Randy Ray
Imogene Frasier	Rev. Jeff Sanford
JoAnn Grafton	Janice Savage
Lynda Grafton	Ann Smith
Nell Grafton	Cheryl Stapleton
Anna Lou Greene	Rev. Jerry Whitman
	Karla Wood

**Pray for our churches without pastors.**

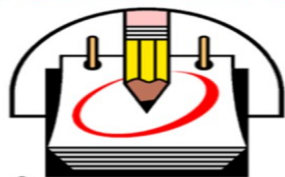
## BACK FORTY BLUEGRASS GOSPEL BAND

will be at **Mt. Patrick Baptist Church**  
**Saturday, September 20th at 6 PM**

*Come hear some great music!!*

Mt. Patrick Baptist Church  
1232 Patrick Church Road, Bernice

## ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 20th



**Is it on your  
CALENDAR?**

The **ANNUAL MEETING** of Concord Union Baptist Association will be held **Monday, October 20, 2025**, at First Baptist Church of Farmerville. A meal will be served beginning at **5:15 P.M.**, and the worship service will begin at **6:30 P.M.**, followed by the business session.

1 - Labor Day (*The Missions & Ministry Center will be closed.*)

4 - Spiritual Awakening Prayer meeting, 2 p.m. at the Missions & Ministry Center

5-6 - Survivorman Camp at Acadian Camp

**15 - ACP DEADLINE.** All churches should have ACP complete and, either posted on-line or delivered to the associational office by this date.

18 - WMU/WOM Missions Market meeting of the at the Mission & Ministry Center, 2 PM

24 - Concord Union Baptist Association  
YOUTH RALLY, 5:30 PM at Cook BC

**25 - Pastors meeting with Ron Cathey, 6 PM**  
**Suicide Prevention Training at the M&M Center.**

26-27 - RA Camp-O-Ree at Camp Harris

**SEPTEMBER 2025  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

## ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILES ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 15TH

Twenty-three of our sixty-four churches were recently represented at the Church Clerk Conference on July 28th. The conference centered around the Annual Church Profile and the importance of this report. I want to thank each clerk who attended and picked up the packet for your church. I want to thank those pastors who also came and picked up the packet on behalf of your church. The ACP packets not picked up were mailed on Friday, August 1. If your church has not received an ACP Packet, please contact Nancy Collie. The reporting period for the Annual Church Profile is September 1, 2024 through Sunday, August 31, 2025.


**The deadline to submit the ACP on-line or return a handwritten copy to the associational office is September 15, 2025.**

*If you need additional information please call Nancy Collie at the M&M Center.*

# SAW YOU at the pole

youth Rally

BAND: WERCALLED  
SPEAKER: BRANDON DIGILARMO  
SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> @ 5:30PM (DINNER)  
@ 6:30 PM (SERVICE)  
COOK BAPTIST CHURCH  
2000 COOKTOWN RD RUSTON LA 71270



## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BERNICE

# REVIVAL

Worship Leader: Bro. Ricky Houck

Sunday, Sept. 7 @ 11AM **Michael McIntosh**

**Ricky Houck** Sunday, Sept. 7 @ 6 PM

Monday, Sept. 8 @ 6:30 PM **Michael Brookover**

**Jeff Roberts** Tuesday, Sept. 9 @ 6:30 PM

Wednesday, Sept. 10 @ 6:30 PM **Ben Walton**

First Baptist Church Bernice  
502 Cherry Street, Bernice, LA 71222



### ROCK CORNER BAPTIST CHURCH

## REVIVAL


WITH CHALK ARTIST  
RAYMOND DOMBECK  
**SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2025**  
Sunday 11:00 AM & 5:30 PM  
Monday & Tuesday, 6:30 PM  
260 Rock Corner Rd., Dubach 71235

## BETHLEHEM HISPANIC MISSION TRIP, SUMMER 2025



Bro. Cleto Perez, Pastor of BETHLEHEM HISPANIC MISSION, Ruston, recently lead a mission team of eight to LaGavia and San Luis Potosi, Mexico where they held Vacation Bible School and provided other mission opportunities. Lives were changed and several people came to faith in Christ. Those who made professions of faith were baptized and presented baptism certificates.


## Christmas Shoebox Ministry



*What an opportunity, what a ministry* and one that *God has blessed for 30 years!* As Karen writes in her letter, it is hard to think of Christmas with this hot weather, but it is that time! It is time to *“spread the love and message of God one shoebox at a time”* as we plan and prepare for this year’s Christmas Shoebox Ministry Mission Trip to the Native American Children on Indian Reservations in New Mexico and Arizona. The most important piece of information we all need is the **collection date** for this year, which is **Thursday, November 6th**, between 8 AM and 6 PM. All gifts, whether shoebox gifts, coats, winter clothing, blankets, school supplies, candy, or money that will be used for fuel to deliver the gifts or for food to be given to families through their local Native American churches, should be delivered to **Sardis Baptist Church Gym, 367 Sardis Church Road, Farmerville, LA 71241**.

The food boxes are made up of staple food items: 20-pound bags of Blue Bird flour, 15-pound bags of pinto beans, and 4-pound bucket of lard. There is a great need for food on the reservations. The average cost of a set of 1 of each of these items is around \$35.00. Checks should be made payable to the Christmas Shoebox Ministry. Shoebox gifts are requested for BOYS and GIRLS in the following age groups: Birth-1 Year; 2-4 Years; 5-7 Years; 8-10 Years; 11-14 Years; and 15-18 Years. Boxes should be wrapped securely and marked Boy or Girl and the age group for which the gift is given. If the Christmas Shoebox Ministry is new to you and you need additional information, please contact Karen or Harlin Knight (318) 267-4788) or you may request Karens’ complete letter with all instructions from Concord Union Baptist Association Missions & Ministry Center. A copy of this letter is also attached to the email containing the September newsletter.

*“This year’s trip will be December 6th through 12th. Anyone is welcome to follow along with us. If you would be interested, just be sure to contact me and I will give you the information you will need.”* **Harlin or Karen Knight**  
(318) 267-4788



## CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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*Director of Missions*

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*Ministry Assistant*

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**Website:**

concordunionbaptistassociation.net

**Missions & Ministry Center**

Office Hours: 8 AM - 4 PM

Monday thru Thursday; *Closed Fridays*

## CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

**Downsville BC**

**Enterprise BC**

**Liberty BC\***

**Litroe BC**

**Mineral Springs BC\***

**Mt. Tabor BC**

**Nazareth Hispanic\***

**Pleasant Hill, Farmerville**

**Spencer BC\***

**Weldon BC\***

*\* Interim Pastor currently serving*

## Church Happenings

**SHARON BAPTIST CHURCH**, Dubach will ordain **Alan Whitard to Deacon Ministry** on Sunday, August 31st. The Ordaining Council will meet at 2:30 PM, Ordination Service will be at 3:30 PM.

**REVIVAL SERVICES at PINE GROVE BC, BERNICE**

**September 14-17**

**Sunday morning, 11 AM; Evening Services 6 PM**  
**Bro. Scotty McDowell will preach. Music by Jay Ellerman.**

## Pastors / Ministers / Staff Needed:

**Camp Creek Baptist Church, Spearsville** is seeking a pianist. Please contact Bro. Eddie Schexnaydre (318) 243-7783.

**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.

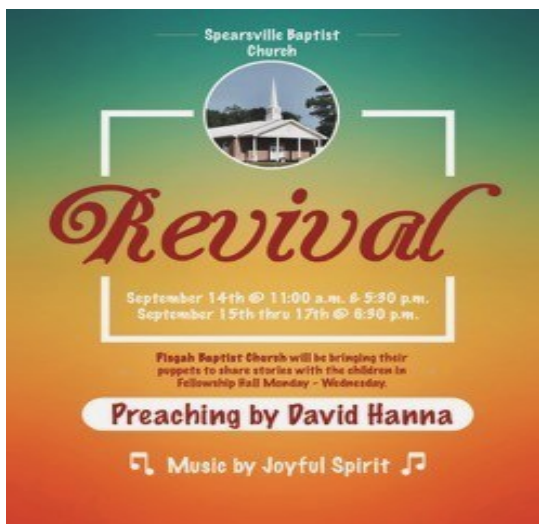
**Simboro First Baptist Church** is seeking a part-time individual to fill the BI vocational Minister of Music position. Resumes should be sent to the church address: 133 Tiger Drive, Simsboro, LA 71275.

**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@ [fbcspearsville@yahoo.com](mailto:fbcspearsville@yahoo.com)



Spearsville Baptist Church

**Revival**

September 14th @ 11:00 a.m. & 9:30 p.m.  
September 15th thru 17th @ 8:30 p.m.

Flagah Baptist Church will be bringing their puppets to share stories with the children in Fellowship Hall Monday - Wednesday.

**Preaching by David Hanna**

Music by Joyful Spirit



**CHURCH** Revival

**FARMERVILLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
SUNDAY EVENINGS IN SEPTEMBER  
AT 6 PM

Sept. 7 - Paul Watts  
Sept. 14 - Marty Black  
Sept. 21 - George Lee  
Sept. 28 - Craig James

400 North Main Street - Farmerville  
318-368-3848



## RAISE THE ROOF GOSPEL SINGING fundraiser

Mt. Patrick BC, a small country church located at 1232 Patrick Church Road, Bernice, needs a new roof. A **fundraiser** will be held **October 11** at 2 PM with music by Bro. Tim Post & Katherine as well as Sanctuary Quartet. Come join us for great music so we can "raise the roof" at Mt. Patrick.

Non-Profit  
US Postage Paid  
Ruston, LA  
Permit #37



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RUSTON, LA 71273-0606