

Whiter than snow,  
yes, whiter than snow;  
Now wash me,  
and I shall be  
whiter than snow.

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# The Tidings

February

## A Word from Bro. Marty

As I type my article for this month's newsletter, I am looking out my window at all the ice that fell over the past few days. The temperature this morning when I got up was 18 degrees. Of course, living in Louisiana we all know that by next week we could be in the 70's. In a few short months, school will be wrapping up for the year, kids will start their summer activities, and it will be in the upper 90's.

One of the activities most of our kids participate in each summer is camp. One of the places many of our youth and children attend camp every year is Camp Harris. Camp Harris is one of the ministry partners our churches support through giving to Concord Union Baptist Association. Each year, hundreds of kids of all ages attend the camp. During that time, a number of young people give their life to Christ and are saved. Some surrender to the call to ministry. For many young people camp is a turning point in their life. It's a time when God clearly speaks to them and they let go and surrender to Him.

Camp Harris is a place we know the Gospel is clearly presented and God's Word is proclaimed. Not only is the Gospel presented, through the many activities of camp young people have the opportunity to connect with one another and develop lasting relationships. When I was growing up, the one activity we all looked forward to at camp was swimming. Although that was many years ago, swimming is still a highlight for kids and part of the camp experience.

As some of you know, the swimming pool at Camp Harris was built in 1970. It has been patched on now for a number of years and is in desperate need of being replaced. The cost of a new swimming pool is going to run around \$350,000. In order to build a new swimming pool, we need financial commitments from churches, individuals, and businesses. \$350,000 is a lot of money, but if individuals and churches would come together and give, it is something that can be accomplished. If 300 people/churches/ businesses would commit to either a one-time donation of \$1,200, or \$100 a month over the next 12 months, enough money will be collected to build the pool. With all the churches and individuals that are and have been connected to Camp Harris over the years, this is a doable project.

Please pray and consider partnering in this need. You can go to the website at Camp Harris and give. On the website, there is a place you can sign up to become a member of the 300 club, or you can give an amount of any size. You can also designate and send money through the associational office and Nancy will take care of forwarding it to Camp Harris. A swimming pool won't save anyone, but it can certainly be used as a tool that brings people to camp where they will be introduced to Jesus and God's Word.

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

In Christ,  
Marty Black, DOM

CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**MAN UP**  
CONFERENCE

**Friday, February 6, 2026**

6 PM

at **Antioch Baptist Church**

3501 Highway 828  
Farmerville, LA 71241

**ENJOY A GREAT MEAL!**

**DOOR PRIZES, plus \$1000.00 Gift Card  
to Simmons Sporting Good**

**WORSHIP: Bro. Kevin Berry**

Antioch Baptist Church, Farmerville

**SPEAKER: Dr. Reggie Bridges**

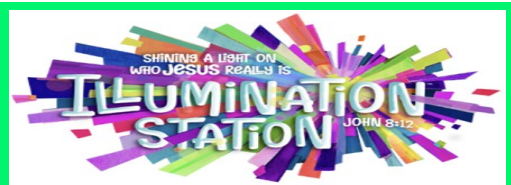
Pastor, Temple Baptist Church, Ruston

**Circle this date on your calendar and  
when you come, bring a friend or two.**



The Concord Union Baptist Association Choir Festival will, again this year, be a joint festival to include both small and large church choirs. The festival will be held at **Temple Baptist Church, Ruston**, on **Monday, March 2, 2026, at 6:30 PM**. Last year's festival was a wonderful night of worship and we look forward to the same this year. Music Ministers, there is specific information that Lynette Murphy, Association Worship Leader, needs if your choir is participating. Please contact Lynette via email at [arklagirl80@gmail.com](mailto:arklagirl80@gmail.com).

**And, we are just warming up!** Watch for additional information coming from Lynette Murphy regarding **PRAISEFEST**. Think Gaither homecoming or 5th Sunday Sing, but with all of our churches across the association gathered to hear a community choir, soloists, ensembles, and instrumentalists. Date to be announced soon.



**Concord Union Baptist Association  
VBS CLINIC  
Tuesday, March 24  
Pisgah Baptist Church, Bernice, 6 P.M.**

# Circle of Love Prayer Calendar

## February 1 - 7, 2026

**Paron BC** - Rev. Jeff Hurst, Pastor  
676 Hwy 2, Sterlington, LA 71280-3003  
**Mineral Springs BC** - Rev. Barry Joyner, Pastor  
118 Pea Ridge Road, Dubach, LA 71235-3371

## February 8 - 14, 2026

**Rock Corner BC** - Rev. Larry Bullock, Pastor  
824 Rock Corner Road, Dubach, LA 71235-3442  
**Beulah Hope BC** - Rev. Adam Holloway  
C/o 668 Beulah Church Rd., Farmerville, LA 71241

## February 15 - 21, 2026

**Emmanuel BC** - Rev. Paul Watts, Pastor  
1200 Farmerville Hwy., Ruston, LA 71270-3514  
**Pine Grove BC** - Rev. Steve Barrett, Pastor  
P. O. Box 374, Bernice, LA 71222-0374

## February 22 - 28, 2026

**Simsboro FBC** - Dr. Jason Cole, Pastor  
133 Tiger Drive, Simsboro, LA 71275  
**DaySpring Ministry** - Rev. Kenneth Weaver, Pastor  
3191 South Vienna St., Ruston, LA 71270-9605



5 - *Spiritual Awakening Committee Prayer Meeting, 2 P.M. at Missions & Ministry Ctr.*

6 - *MAN UP CONFERENCE, 6 P.M. at Antioch Baptist Church, Farmerville (See Page 1 for all the details.)*

6-7 - *Collegiate Evangelism Conference at Louisiana Christian University, Pineville*

8 - *Gospel Ministry Ordination Service at FBC, Choudrant for Richie Pittman.*

**FEBRUARY 2026**

## SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Lisa Allred  
Andrew Aswell  
Mildred Brantley  
Rev. Harry Brown  
Ty Colvin  
Courtney Cowling  
Brent Crawford  
Cheryl Durrett  
Hez Elkins  
Imogene Frasier  
JoAnn Grafton  
Lynda Grafton  
Nell Grafton  
Anna Lou Greene  
Angela Hoffman

Rev. Caroll Holmes  
Jessica Jackson  
Trudy Joiner  
Rev. Bobby Kranz  
Mike Lazenby  
Emmaline Lee  
Rev. James Miller  
Clay Mook  
Breck Owens  
Rev. Paul Pearson  
Rev. Jeff Sanford  
Janice Savage  
Ann Smith  
Linda Smith  
Rev. Jerry Whitman

*Christian Sympathy* is extended to Rev. Andy Allred and family in the death of his mother, Mrs. Mary Ruth Allred. The memorial service for Mrs. Allred scheduled for January 31st has been postponed due to travel complications for family.

Pray for our churches without pastors.

## DALE'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1 | 5 P.M.  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Come help us celebrate Dale & Sadel Oden on 50 years of ministry here at Temple Baptist Church!

REGISTER AT EVENTS.TEMPLE.LIFE



**Congratulations, Rev. Dale Oden on 50 years of ministry and faithful service to Jesus Christ, Our Lord through the ministry of Temple Baptist Church, Ruston**

**WEEK OF PRAYER for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**  
Sunday, March 1 - Sunday, March 8, 2026



## ORDINATION SERVICES

### IGLESIA BAUTISTA NAZARET

Nazareth Baptist Church  
190 Cedar Street, Bernice, LA

**GOSPEL MINISTRY ORDINATION SERVICE for PASTOR DIEGO ROMAN**  
Sunday, January 31, 2026  
1 P.M.

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### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CHOUDRANT GOSPEL MINISTRY ORDINATION for RICHIE PITTMAN

Sunday, February 8, 2026  
Ordination Council, 4:30 P.M.  
Ordination Service, 6 P.M.

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### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, DUBACH DEACON MINISTRY ORDINATION for MIKE BROWN and DAN SHANNON and Installation Service for RANDY PYLES

**Sunday, March 8, 2026**  
Ordination Council, 4 P.M.  
Ordination/ Installation Service, 5 P.M.

All ordained pastors and deacons are invited and encouraged to participate in these council meetings and ordination services.

# Family Focus Weekend

February 20-22 with  
**ABRAHAM HAMILTON**  
Simsboro First Baptist



Friday | 6:00 P.M.

Meal Provided

Testimony

Presented by Abraham & Maria Hamilton

Saturday | 10:30 A.M.

Meal Provided

Sessions:

"You Shall Love the Lord with All Your Mind"

"Who Is Influencing You?"

Sunday | 9:15 A.M.

Sessions:

"Fathers Are Essential"

"The Wife in the Ministry of Marriage"

Sunday | 10:30 A.M.

Session:

"The Family Is Central to God's Kingdom Agenda"

Register  
here:



## Fellowship Baptist Church

# Men's Wild Game Supper

Friday, February 27th 6:00PM

We're looking for your Church's

## Crafters & Bakers

Donations are Needed for  
Concord Union Baptist Association WMU\WOM  
Missions Market 2026

THIS FUNDRAISER FOR LOCAL MISSIONS WILL BE HELD

**MARCH 21, 2026**

AT TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL, RUSTON, LA

Please consider helping by donating something from your  
handmade creative efforts such as (but not limited to):

APRONS  
ARTWORK  
BABY BLANKETS  
BIRD HOUSES/FEEDERS  
BOOKMARKS  
CANDLES  
CROCHET ITEMS  
EMBROIDERY ITEMS  
JEWELRY  
LIVE PLANTS

POT HOLDERS  
QUILTS  
SEASONAL ITEMS  
(SPRING, EASTER, PATRIOTIC)  
TABLE RUNNERS  
THROW PILLOWS  
WALKING CANES  
WOODEN BOWLS  
CUTTING BOARDS  
WREATHS

Or from your kitchen, freshly baked goods including  
cakes/pies/cookies/brownies/cinnamon rolls or canned goods  
such as jelly/jam/preserves/pickles/salsa.

**Contact: Call or Text Harriet Jones - 318-614-2959**

## CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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*Director of Missions*

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**Nancy Collie,**  
*Ministry Assistant*

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Office Phone: (318) 255-9030

**Website:** [concordunionbaptistassociation.net](http://concordunionbaptistassociation.net)

**Missions & Ministry Center**

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

**Monday thru Thursday; *Closed Fridays***

## CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

**Calvary BC**

**Litroe BC**

**New Hope BC**

**Enterprise BC**

**Mt. Tabor BC**

**Spencer BC\***

**Liberty BC\***

**Nazareth Hispanic\***

**Pleasant Hill BC,**  
Farmerville\*

\* *Interim Pastor*

## Pastors/Ministers/Staff Needed

**New Hope Baptist Church, Choudrant** is seeking a full-time Pastor. Interested individuals should send resumes to [nhbcpastorsearch26@gmail.com](mailto:nhbcpastorsearch26@gmail.com)

**Calvary Baptist Church, Ruston** is seeking a Minister to Youth. Interested individuals can visit [www.calvaryruston.org](http://www.calvaryruston.org) or send a resume to [calvaryyouthpastor71270@gmail.com](mailto:calvaryyouthpastor71270@gmail.com).

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



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