



A Word from Bro. Marty

Luke 24- Now on the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain *other women* with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. ² But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. ³ Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. ⁵ Then, as they were afraid and bowed *their* faces to the earth, they said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but is risen!”

Easter Sunday is just a few weeks away. As churches and believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, we have the privilege of celebrating the resurrection of our Savior every day, not just on Sunday or Easter Sunday. Our salvation and the life that Jesus gives us is something we should rejoice in daily. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is proof that God accepted the sacrifice of His Son on the cross. Our salvation, redemption, and the church, are all proof that God accepted the sacrifice of His Son. Easter Sunday is an opportunity for every church to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those that might not attend church any other Sunday. But consider this: Every Sunday we should share the Gospel with those that walk through our doors, and every day we should share the Gospel with those out in the world that may or may not walk through the doors of our churches. Every day, celebrate Jesus and share what He has done for you. As God’s people, we are not among the dead, but in Christ Jesus we are among the living.

In Christ,
Marty Black, DOM

Concord Union Baptist Association Vacation Bible School Clinic hosted by FBC, Dubach Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 6 p.m.

“MAGNIFIED” Psalm 34:3 is the theme of the Lifeway curriculum that will be introduced at the clinic. Breakout sessions will be offered for: **Directors and Pastors; Music; Missions; Crafts; PreK & Kindergarten; 1st & 2nd Grade; 3rd & 4th Grade; and, 5th & 6th Grade.** A meal will be served at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall, followed by a brief joint worship in the sanctuary. Participants will then go to breakout sessions for their specific area or age group. **Please call the Missions & Ministry Center to provide a count of the VBS Leaders planning to attend from your church.**



On Monday evening, March 10th, twenty-one (21) folks, representing eight (8) different churches across Concord Union Baptist Association, gathered at the Missions & Ministry Center for an interest meeting on the 2025 Summer Mission Trip. There was a tangible excitement and joy filled spirit in the room as we reflected on past trips and anticipated the opportunities ahead for this summer. If you missed the meeting and would like information about the 2025 Mission Trip, drop my the Missions and Ministry Center or give us a call (318) 255-9030. We anticipate a minimum of three (3) teams: Vacation Bible School, Backyard Bible Club, and Construction. It is likely that the number of teams could increase. The mission trip dates are July 6-11, with some flexibility as it relates to leaving and returning. Please be in prayer for Bayou Baptist Association and Rev. Joe Arnold, DOM, as they look to the summer and prepare to receive mission teams.



SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, April 24

Emmanuel Baptist Church
1200 Farmerville Hwy., Ruston

Be sure your church is represented at the
Semi-Annual Meeting.
A meal will be served in the Family Life Center
beginning at 5:15 p.m.
The worship service, followed by the Business

RA CONGRESS '25
1 Corinthians 9:25 NASB

April 4-5 • Tall Timbers

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POUR OUT TO THE
GOD OF
HOPE
AND BE FILLED
ROMANS 15:13

THE 74TH ANNUAL
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025

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“Let’s face it: the enemy seeks to sow division, despair, and discord, but we are called to a higher purpose and place. We are called to detest what is evil and cling to what is good. In practical terms, this means believing God and His Word and extending love and grace, even when it is challenging, because that is how God calls us to live.” Kathy Branzell, President,
National Day of Prayer Task Force 2024

The Concord Union Baptist Association Spiritual Awakening Committee encourages pastors and churches to include the 74th Annual National Day of Prayer on your calendar. There will not be an associational event other than the already scheduled prayer meeting on Thursday, April 3 hosted by the Spiritual Awakening Committee at 2 p.m. here at the Missions & Ministry Center. Would you join us in prayer?

The Spiritual Awakening Committee has approved a change to the "Circle of Love" 2025 Prayer Calendar. Bro. Marty Black suggested the calendar be revised to include two churches each week, rather than just one. This change will allow for a more frequent rotation of our churches and will be effective the first full week of April - April 6-12, 2025. The prayer calendar has been a most useful tool in our association as we unite our hearts in prayer for our churches and missions. Thank you for your continued prayer support.

Circle of Love Prayer Calendar

April 13-19

Pleasant Hill BC - Rev. James Ryals, Pastor
534 Null Road, Ruston, LA 71270

Saint Rest BC - Dr. Randy Ray, Pastor
4580 Hwy. 544, Simsboro 71275

April 13-19

Culbertson BC - Rev. Kelly Coleman, Pastor
3286 Hwy 151, Farmerville 71241

Longstraw BC - Rev. Andy Allred, Pastor
1799 Styles Ranch Road, Choudrant, LA 71227

April 20 - 26

First Baptist, Farmerville - Rev. Kurt Auger, Pastor
P. O. Box 296, Farmerville, LA 71241

Sharon Baptist Church - Rev. Jeff Roberts, Pastor
2769 Hwy. 152, Dubach, LA 71235

April 27 - May 3

Canaan BC - Rev. Brian Williams, Pastor
502 Canaan Church Rd., Spearsville 71277

Zion Hill BC - Dr. Daniel T. Hall, Pastor
1098 Cypress Creek Rd., Farmerville 71241





**RATIO
CHRISTI**

**THURSDAY
APRIL
3RD**
11:30PM
TO
2:00PM

**CREATIONISM
SEMINAR**

SESSION ONE:
THE IMPORTANCE OF
GENESIS



SESSION TWO:
THE ULTIMATE PROOF
OF CREATION

guest speaker
DR. JASON LISLE
Biblical Science Institute
FREE ADMISSION
**LOCATION: THE TONK
(LA TECH STUDENT CENTER)**

Dr. Jason Lisle, is a Christian Astrophysicist who researches issues pertaining to science and the Christian faith. A popular speaker and author, Dr. Lisle presents a rational defense of a literal Genesis, showing how science confirms the history recorded in the Bible. Brought up in a Christian family, at a young age he received Christ as Lord, since then, Lisle has always desired to serve the Lord out of love and gratitude for salvation, and to spread the gospel message to all people.

Dr. Lisle double-majored in physics and astronomy with a minor in mathematics at Ohio Wesleyan University. He then went on to obtain a Master's Degree and Ph.D. in Astrophysics at the University of Colorado in Boulder. There, he used the SOHO Spacecraft to analyze the surface of the sun, and made a number of interesting discoveries, including the detection of giant cell boundaries. Since then, Lisle has worked in full-time apologetics ministry. He wrote a number of planetarium shows for The Creation Museum, including the popular "Created Cosmos." Dr. Lisle has authored a number of best-selling books on the topic of creation, including: Taking Back Astronomy, Stargazer's Guide to the Night Sky, The Ultimate Proof of Creation, Discerning Truth, and Understanding Genesis.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Lisa Allred	Rev. Carroll Holmes
Mary Ruth Allred	Rev. Bobby Kranz
Andrew Aswell	Rev. Mickey Manning
Mildred Brantley	Clay Mook
Patricia Evans	Breck Owens
Imogene Frasier	Rev. Paul Pearson
JoAnn Grafton	Rev. Jeff Sanford
Lynda Grafton	Ann Smith
Nell Grafton	Rev. Jerry Whitman
Barbara Green	Dale Williams

Pray for our churches without pastors.

- 1 - Concord Union VBS CLINIC**, 6 p.m. at FBC, Dubach. Be sure your VBS Leadership Team is there!
- 3 - Spiritual Awakening Prayer Meeting**, 2 p.m. at the Missions & Ministry Center.
- 4 - 5 - RA CONGRESS** at Tall Timbers
- 6 - District Bible Drill**
- 11-12 - DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING**
Temple BC, Ruston. Register at LBC.org
- 16 - WMU North Region meeting**, 10 a.m. at Pine Grove BC. Rev. Harry Brown, speaker.
- 18 - Good Friday**
- 20 - EASTER SUNDAY**
- 22 - State Bible Drill**, Temple BC, Ruston
- 24 - WMU South Region meeting**, 10 a.m. at DaySpring Baptist, Ruston
- 24 - Concord Union Semi-Annual Meeting** at Emmanuel Baptist, Ruston.
Meal at 5:15 p.m. in Family Life Center;
Worship and Business 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**APRIL 2025
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

CONCORD UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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Dr. Marty Black,
Director of Missions

New Email:

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Missions & Ministry Center

Office Hours: 8 AM - 4 PM

Monday thru Thursday; Closed Fridays

Concord Union Churches without Pastors

Downsville BC

Enterprise BC

Liberty BC*

Litroe BC*

Mineral Springs BC*

Mt. Ararat BC

Nazareth Hispanic*

Pleasant Hill, Farmerville

Spencer BC*

Weldon BC*

**Interim Pastor currently serving*

Church Happenings...

Paron BC, Sterlington has a couple of **Brother TN336** toner cartridges from a printer that quit working, if any other church is using this kind and could use these, please contact Hannah Hunter, Secretary at Paron BC. The cartridges are blue and magenta.

PASTORS/MINISTERS/STAFF NEEDED:

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Ruston has an open position for Minister of Music. This is a part-time position and interested individuals should email Rev. Paul Watts at paul@ebcruston.org.

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.

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 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

First Baptist Church, Ruston is seeking a Full time YOUTH PASTOR, great opportunity leading a large youth ministry with lots of potential. Please send resume to Ed Colvin at ed@fbcruston.org or brenda@fbcruston.org.

Paron Baptist Church, West Sterlington is seeking a part-time WORSHIP LEADER. Resumes may be sent to paronoffice676@gmail.com.

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or via email: dena@lbch.org



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