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ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILES (ACP's) TO BE DISTRIBUTED

CHURCH CLERKS: ACP's will be distributed in July for completion by each church and mission of the BAGBR Association. The ACP is a documentation of statistics and historical information of all congregations operating in the LA Baptist and Southern Baptist Conventions.

A note from guest speaker, Rob Zinn, Senior Pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Highland, California, since 1977.

The need for training, equipping and encouraging the Sunday School to be all it needs to be is a must in today's culture. Bring your leaders and your teachers, and together let's equip them for the ministry God has called us all to!

Blitz on the Bayou

Sunday School Leadership Training
Training for Sunday School Leadership
 Pastors, Directors, Teachers of
 Adults, College, Youth, Children, & Preschoolers
 Additional sessions: Prayer & Library

Saturday, August 15, 2009

Parkview Baptist Church

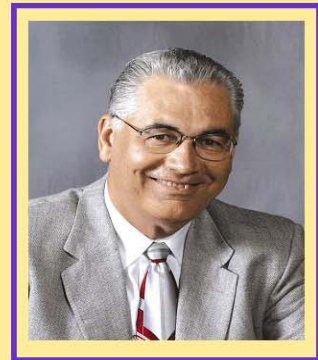
11795 Jefferson Hwy

Baton Rouge, LA

8:00—8:50 a.m. Registration

8:50 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Training

Dr. Rob Zinn has served as Senior Pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Highland, California, since 1977. Dr. Zinn has seen church membership increase from 730 to 7800-plus. He has helped lead his church in relocating to a 40-acre property site that now includes a 2000-seat Worship Center, three Education buildings, an Administration / Education building, a chapel and a bookstore. The church offers many ministries in serving the people of the community. Immanuel Baptist Church has been a leader in the state in baptisms and mission giving for several years. Dr. Zinn earned his B.S. Degree at Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ. He obtained his Masters and Ph.D. in Theology from California Graduate School of Theology, Glendale, California.



***Blitz on the Bayou: See page 4-5 for registration and session information
 Complete information: www.bagbr.org or call (225) 296-3943***

Why Should We Belong? (A Theology for Participation)*

Rodrick E. Conerly, Executive Director

As usual, Monday morning found Pastor Red Brick sipping a cup of dark roast Café Club Coffee. His habit of arriving between 6:30 and 7:00 on Monday morning gave him time to make a strong pot of coffee and to reflect on the past Sunday's services. This Monday morning found him calling for some theological help. At 8:15, he sat his oversized coffee cup with the White Column Church logo on his desk and dialed Dr. Pro Fesser at Chata City Theological Seminary.

The reason for the phone call stemmed from the New Believers Class he led on Sunday evenings. The class was arranged in a coffee house setting adjacent to the church atrium and was based on the local Café Club Coffee shops that had sprung up all over town. During the class on Sunday evening, Red had dealt with the Cooperative Effort (CE) of the denomination. He explained how the CE supported the international and home mission efforts, the theological training at the denomination's seminaries, and the other services of the denomination. During the class, Pastor Red Brick explained how the Cooperative Effort had begun and how the White Column Church participated and contributed through it to advance the Kingdom of God.

As the class came to an end that evening, Baben DeFaif, a new believer and an overseas student from the local university in town, posed a question. As a new believer with no Christian background, Baben had a lot of questions of why the White Column Church operated the way it did. This concept of combining the efforts of numerous churches in a cooperative manner intrigued her. Following the class, as she poured a "to go" cup of coffee, she asked Pastor Red Brick, "Pastor Brick, I remember how you showed us the scriptural basis for churches working together, but does this idea of Cooperative Effort really have a theological basis?"

Pastor Red Brick was glad she had asked the question at the end of the class, because once again Baben had asked a question for which Pastor Red Brick would have to seek help to find the answer. So, Monday morning found him sitting at his desk calling Dr. Pro Fesser.

After going through the seminary switchboard operator and Dr. Fesser's assistant, Red began to explain the reason for his call. "Dr. Fesser, experience has taught me that a new believer from outside the church culture will ask some of the most difficult questions. The difficulty in responding is that Ms. DeFaif is questioning something I have held as a basic fact of our denomination but have never scrutinized for any theological basis. Can you provide a theological foundation for churches working together cooperatively?"

"Brother Red Brick," said Dr. Fesser, "I appreciate the questions of new Christians. Their questions help keep our denomination vibrant. The enquiring nature of a new Christian often unsettles many of us in the church. Our tendency to utilize the denominational apparatus that has developed over decades often hinders an examination of its usefulness to the Holy Spirit in the present day. What is useful to the Holy Spirit should be strengthened, but what has become useless should be allowed to come to a graceful end."

"Now," continued Dr. Fesser, "A theological basis for churches working together cooperatively, should contain at least the following points:

"FIRST, the cooperative efforts of churches working together derive from the divine-human relationship established by God's creation of the human race in His image. God's image serves as the essential, although sinfully marred, nature of humanity. Thus, the rationale behind a group of churches associating together has as its ultimate purpose the restoration of humanity's marred nature. Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, a collaboration of churches serves as a tool for the restoration of the divine-human relationship. The key to the effectiveness of this restoration is the personal relationship between individuals as persons. In other words, a group of churches may cooperate together, but it takes an individual under the leadership of the Holy Spirit to lead another person to Christ which restores the individual's divine-human relationship. Although churches may cooperate together, that cooperation serves only as a tool of the Holy Spirit who uses individual Christians within those churches to bring other persons to Christ."

"A SECOND POINT", said Dr. Ferrer, "Is that a group of churches coming together in whatever form, be that a local association, or a state or national convention, draws its reality from the existence of local, autonomous congregations. This local autonomy implies that any formal organization of a group of churches in a cooperative effort, in some measure, must derive its essence from the nature of the church as revealed in Scripture. As one considers the collaboration of local, autonomous congregations, one must keep in mind that the New Testament does not present a standard form after which the present day church may model itself. Yet, the New Testament is normative in the associative aspects of the church, not as a pattern, but as a principle."

"Now Pastor Brick," continued Dr. Fesser, "One must consider that the efforts of churches cooperating in service and ministry originate from the local congregation. Only as autonomous churches voluntarily create a formal organization, be that the local association, or a state or national convention, can that newly created organization come into being. In this manner, as the local churches voluntarily cooperate to create a formal organization, the service or ministry performed by that organization must be determined by the local church and its sister churches. Caution must be taken to insure that what is biblical and spiritual in the concept of churches cooperating together should be preserved, but whatever becomes traditional or expedient should be expendable and perhaps eliminated."

"A THIRD POINT to be considered" continued Dr. Fesser, "Is that as a group of churches cooperate together the question must be asked, 'What is the basis of their relationship in the cooperative endeavor?' The New Testament basis for the collaboration of local autonomous churches is the spiritual relationship their members have with Christ. This spiritual relationship is both personal, as in individual salvation, and cooperative, as in the body of believers in the local church. For this reason self-sufficiency, be it an individual or a local congregation, should not exist under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. As there are no solitary Christians, so there are no solitary congregations. As the individual Christian

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functions within a local fellowship of Christians, so there are no solitary congregations. As the individual Christian functions within a local fellowship of believers, the local congregation also must share in a larger fellowship of interdependent congregations.”

“As an expression of the local autonomous church, the principle of interdependent congregations cooperatively associating together may be discerned. In addition, it must be kept in mind that the purpose of interdependent cooperation is the restoration of the divine-human relationship. As churches work together for this purpose, ministries and services are performed by local congregations that contribute to the restoration of the divine-human relationship.”

“Under the direction of the Holy Spirit, these ministries and services tend to assume an organized form for the purpose of encouraging mutual congregational care and cooperative service. The presence of the Holy Spirit, in the individual believer, the local congregation, and the cooperative efforts of multiple congregations, creates a spiritual unity that results in services and ministries through those local congregations. Thus, what appears as an **organization** of interdependent and cooperative churches is in reality a **living and Spirit led organism**.”

“Now, Brother Brick, in **CONCLUSION**”, said Dr. Fesser, “(1) The theological foundation for churches working together cooperatively finds its basis in the Christian doctrines of humanity and the nature of the church. The doctrine of humanity restricts the form and purpose of a group of cooperating congregations as a redemptive group. The evangelistic nature of the Christian church lends itself toward cooperative efforts of interdependent local congregations.

(2) Any formal organization of interdependent churches be that as an association, or a state or national convention, should not exercise authority over the local, autonomous congregation. Rather, it should encourage mutual congregational care and cooperative ministries and services that contribute to the purpose of restoration of the divine-human relationship.

(3) The formal organization of a group of local, autonomous churches is not intended to be a denominational agency but to exist as a Spirit led organism composed of interdependent congregations. The cooperative endeavors of local autonomous congregations must be identified by and originate from those same congregations. At that point the association, as well as the state and national conventions, may be solicited to support the ministries and services of those interdependent churches functioning under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. When the organization exceeds the limits of personal and cooperative relationships, it exceeds its function as an instrument of the Holy Spirit and ceases to be a Spirit led organism.”

If you would like to contribute to this discussion of the theology of participation of interdependent churches, please send your thoughts to Dr. Conerly at roddy@bagbr.org.

*Thanks to F. Russell Bennett, Jr. and his work “The Fellowship of Kindred Minds.”

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Notes from Dennis Allen
Assistant to the Executive Director

Hijacked and Hoodwinked!

Has the church been hijacked and hoodwinked by some lesser sorts? What am I asking? Let me illustrate my point with a true story. In my work with BAGBR, I am privileged to visit in a different church in our association almost every Sunday. Some time ago, my wife Peggy and I were visiting in one of our beautiful churches. One of the members of the church sat down by us and stated the obvious, “Our attendance is down and we have only a few young couples.” What he said next gave me a little mental jolt. He said, “We must start using this modern music if we are going to survive.”

I do hope our churches are about more than just surviving. You see, surviving usually means maintaining what is in place. It appears that this man along with many others in our churches today mistakenly believe that if the church is going to attract lost people, it has to discover the latest fad or program to attract them. The error here is that modern music, or the latest fad or program does not attract people to Christ. People attract people. Christ stated “If I be lifted up, I will draw all people to me.”

Many people and even some preachers must be reminded of the purpose of the church. It would do us all good to read Acts 20:27-28. The church was purchased with the blood of Christ. It is a scary thought to me to think a person can have their name on a church roll and miss heaven yet that is exactly what Jesus says to the church of Laodicea. Let me give you another text that would be good reading: Matthew 7:22. The TRUTH is, what we must do is preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Here is a brief outline on the church that I hope you may be able to use in some way.

The church does not belong to us. It belongs to Christ.

- The church is the bride not the boss.
- The church is not for our purpose but for Christ’s.
- The church is not for entertainment but for service.

What does Christ expect from His church?

- The church’s commission is given with the highest authority (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8).
- The five basic principles of the church are:
 1. EVANGELISM = Reaching people for Christ.
 2. DISCIPLESHIP = Christians helping others become more like Christ.
 3. FELLOWSHIP = Being part of Christ’s family.
 4. MINISTRY = Meeting human needs, helping one another in the name of Jesus.
 5. WORSHIP = Having an encounter with God.

Conclusion: When the church does these things (the things it should do), it will increase in number, spiritual growth will take place, missions will develop and Christ will draw others to Himself!

We see our churches grow when our hearts become broken over sin and the lost. Modern music may attract some to our services but what will keep them coming is our efforts to know, love and win them.



Blitz on the Bayou

Parkview Baptist Church, Baton Rouge

Rob Zinn, Keynote Speaker

“Equipped for Excellence”

TRAINING SCHEDULE

Registration	8:00—8:50 a.m.
Opening Session	8:50—9:50 a.m.
Keynote Speaker, Rob Zinn	
Session 1	10:00—10:50 a.m.
Session 2	11:00—11:50 a.m.
Lunch.....	2:00—12:50 p.m.
Session 3	1:00—1:50 p.m.
Session 4	2:00—2:50 p.m.

REGISTRATION FORM

\$15 per person (postmarked by Aug. 1) - INCLUDES LUNCH

**\$20 per person if postmarked after August 1, 2009 or at the door
(LUNCH IS NOT INCLUDED if registered after August 1)**

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

Name _____

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Email Address _____

Church You Attend _____

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Complete information: www.bagbr.org or call (225) 296-3943

CHILDREN'S TRACK			
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
Outreach Sheri Engle	Outreach (Repeat) Sheri Engle	More Than the Sunday School Hour Sheri Engle	More Than the Sunday School Hour (Repeat) Sheri Engle
Making Bible Story-Time Come Alive Caroline Evans	Making Bible Story-Time Come Alive (Repeat) Caroline Evans	Teaching Children How to Tell Others About Jesus Caroline Evans	Teaching Children How to Tell Others About Jesus (Repeat) Caroline Evans
20 Ideas for Teaching Bible Skills Carolle Green	20 Ideas for Teaching Bible Skills (Repeat) Carolle Green	Help for the New Children's Teacher Carolle Green	Help for the New Children's Teacher (Repeat) Carolle Green
Those Preteens... You Gotta Love 'Em" Kathy Talbot	Those Preteens... You Gotta Love "Em" (Repeat) Kathy Talbot	Get It, Get It, Good! Kathy Talbot	Get It, Get It, Good! (Repeat) Kathy Talbot

PRESCHOOL TRACK			
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
How Preschoolers Learn Dawn Brand	How Preschoolers Learn (Repeat) Dawn Brand	What Parents Expect Dawn Brand	What Parents Expect (Repeat) Dawn Brand
25 Tips for Teaching Babies, 1's & 2's Ann Edwards	25 Tips for Teaching Babies, 1's & 2's (Repeat) Ann Edwards	My Room is a Disaster Waiting to Happen Ann Edwards	My Room is a Disaster Waiting to Happen (Repeat) Ann Edwards
Games Here! Games There! Games Everywhere! Gloria Thompson	Games Here! Games There! Games Everywhere! (Repeat) Gloria Thompson	It's Party Time Gloria Thompson	It's Party Time (Repeat) Gloria Thompson

PRAYER TRACK			
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
Engaging Your Sunday School Through Prayer Brad Bunting	Engaging Your Sunday School Through Prayer (Repeat) Brad Bunting	Being Conformed To Christ Through Personal Prayer Brad Bunting	Being Conformed To Christ Through Personal Prayer (Repeat) Brad Bunting

LIBRARY TRACK			
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
How to Select Preschool Resources Morlee Maynard	How to Select Resources for School Age Children, Students and Adults Morlee Maynard	Equipping Sunday School Teachers Through Your Church Library Morlee Maynard	Disciple Making Through the Sunday School with the Church Library Morlee Maynard

Blitz Training Schedule
 Building a Championship Sunday School
Saturday, August 15th
 Parkview Baptist Church, Baton Rouge
8:50 AM—Opening Session in Worship Center
Dr. Rob Zimm: EQUIPPED FOR EXCELLENCE

PASTORS SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS GENERAL OFFICERS TRACKS			
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
PASTOR / STAFF 10 Principles of Church Growth Rob Zimm	PASTOR / STAFF Characteristics of a Growing Church Rob Zimm	PASTOR / STAFF Leading a Growing Sunday School Philip Robertson	PASTOR / STAFF Making it Happen in My Church Philip Robertson
GENERAL OFFICERS Power Up Your Sunday School Sean Keith	GENERAL OFFICERS Connect 3 The Power of One Sunday School Class Sean Keith	GENERAL OFFICERS Power Up Your Sunday School (Repeat) Sean Keith	GENERAL OFFICERS Connect 3 The Power of One Sunday School Class (Repeat) Sean Keith
SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS Barriers to Sunday School Growth Charles Thompson	SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS Barriers to Sunday School Growth (Repeat) Charles Thompson	SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS Ideas for Helping Your Sunday School to Grow Charles Thompson	SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS Ideas for Helping Your Sunday School to Grow (Repeat) Charles Thompson

YOUTH TRACK			
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
Connect 3: The Power of One Youth Sunday School Class (Part 1) Kevin Boles	Connect 3: The Power of One Youth Sunday School Class (Part 2) Kevin Boles	Connect 3: The Power of One Youth Sunday School Class (Part 1) (Repeat) Kevin Boles	Connect 3: The Power of One Youth Sunday School Class (Part 2) (Repeat) Kevin Boles
Teaching to Transform Lee Myers	Magnificent Methodologies for Teaching Teenagers! Lee Myers	Twitter, Too-Rings, Tattoos, and Technology Lee Myers	Twitter, Too-Rings, Tattoos, and Technology (Repeat) Lee Myers
The Big Picture of Youth Sunday School Terry Townsend	7 Steps to Assess Your Student Sunday School Terry Townsend	Reaching the Hard to Reach Student Terry Townsend	The Big Picture of Youth Sunday School (Repeat) Terry Townsend

ADULT TRACK			
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
The Habits of a Winning Teacher Jim Gifford	The Habits of a Winning Teacher (Repeat) Jim Gifford	Get Them In the Game Jim Gifford	Get Them In the Game (Repeat) Jim Gifford
Finding & Keeping Young Adults (ages 18-34) Jeff Ingram	Finding & Keeping Young Adults (ages 18-34) (Repeat) Jeff Ingram	What's Next With The Baby Boomer (four 1945-1964) Jeff Ingram	What's Next With The Baby Boomer (four 1945-1964) (Repeat) Jeff Ingram
It's a Jungle Out There Jeri Herring	It's a Jungle Out There (Repeat) Jeri Herring	What I Want Most & Other Frighening Statements Jeri Herring	What I Want Most & Other Frighening Statements (Repeat) Jeri Herring
Creating a Winning Team James Jackson	Creating a Winning Team (Repeat) James Jackson	Transformational Teaching for Adults James Jackson	Transformational Teaching for Adults (Repeat) James Jackson

SENIOR ADULT TRACK			
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
Serving Seniors Dennis McAnally	Serving Seniors (Repeat) Dennis McAnally	Seniors Serving Dennis McAnally	Seniors Serving (Repeat) Dennis McAnally

SINGLES TRACK			
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
How to Begin a Singles Ministry Glen Wiers Lee Hendrickson	How to Grow a Singles Ministry Greg NeSmith	Ministering to Single Again Using Divorce Care Tony Mathorne Laura Mathorne	Singles Roundtable Discussion

COLLEGE TRACK			
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
Connecting With College Students Casey Casady	Getting College Students to Attend Your Church Casey Casady	Teaching College Students Casey Casady	Discipling College Students Casey Casady



Message from Michelle Lesley Prayer Coordinator, BAGBR

And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "So, you men could not keep watch with Me for one hour? Matt. 26:40

It was a dark night in the Garden of Gethsemane. Yet, at this critical time in the life of the embryonic church, Jesus found his followers, not praying, but sleeping.

Fast forward a couple of millennia to 2009. The Church today is facing numerous difficulties, from persecution and torture overseas to plain old apathy and powerlessness right here at home. It's a critical time in the life of the established church. If Jesus were to step out of the shadows for a surprise inspection, would He find your church praying or sleeping?

As BAGBR's new prayer coordinator, I am looking forward to finding ways of encouraging all of us to "keep watching and praying", as Jesus asked of his first disciples, and still asks of His disciples today.

As I have prayed about the direction God would have me lead the BAGBR prayer ministry, He has laid on my heart that the most pressing need for the churches in our association is the need for true revival. In keeping with God's leading, this will be the new main focus of the BAGBR ministry—praying for revival at the church level.

I am in the process of drawing together a group of pray-ers who will dedicate themselves to praying personally for revival and leading their churches to pray for revival. Ideally, I would like to have at least one representative from each church in the association serve as the prayer coordinator for his/her church.

Has God laid a burden on your heart for prayer or for revival? If so, you could be the person from your church that I have been praying God would raise up to serve. If you would like more information regarding serving as a prayer coordinator or if there is any way I can be of service to your church or prayer group, please speak with your pastor or contact me through the association office. Please prayerfully consider joining us in the work of praying for revival.

Prayer Focus for this month: Pray that God will burden your heart and the hearts of your fellow church members with the need for revival.



Michelle Lesley recently accepted the role of Volunteer Prayer Coordinator for the BAGBR Association of churches. Michelle earned her undergraduate degree in psychology with graduate work in the fields of education and marriage/family counseling. Michelle is married and has 6 children. She is a member of Riverdale Baptist Church, where she is active in the music ministry.

Associational Prayer Request: BAGBR leaders are in the process of seeking God's guidance concerning the Seafarer's Ministry of the Association and future avenues for that ministry. This will be a major redirection of that ministry. Please make this a request for guidance from the Lord across the Association as you have the opportunity.

LSU BCM

Steve Masters, Director



Please use our new SBC Transitions Ministry website sbccampusconnect.net to share with us the names of 2009 Graduating High School Seniors from your church. We would ask you to share with us the names of students that may be attending LSU, BRCC, Southeastern or any college or university in the nation.

Life Way Research reports to us we are losing massive numbers of High School Graduates from our churches. Having the name and contact information of an incoming student greatly increases the chances of collegiate ministers being able to help get the student connected to a BCM and to either stay or become involved in a local church.

This website is designed to be used by youth ministers, parents, grandparents, church staff members, youth Sunday school teachers and high school students. Churches can also submit the entire Sunday School roll of the Juniors and Seniors in High School of their church on this website.

We had some incredible mission experiences during Spring Break in April. We had been asked by the LBC leadership not to go to Mexico this year due to the drug cartel wars. Instead of going to Mexico we sent different teams to Puerto Rico, San Antonio/Texas, Arlington/Texas, New York, New Orleans and one team stayed and worked in Baton Rouge.

I led the team to Arlington, Texas where we worked with Mission Arlington. It is an incredible ministry that is touching thousands of people each day through apartment ministry. If you are ever looking for a great mission trip location then I would recommend it highly.

We have over sixty students that will serve in a full-time ministry position this summer as Summer Missionaries, Church Camp Staffers or as a Children or Youth Intern in a church. This is the largest number we have ever had.

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Our BCM has adopted the Hawaii Baptist Convention for three years. One of their major ministry needs is to reach out to youth and collegiate. Thirty of us were involved in a mission trip in mid-May.

If we can help you in any way then please call on us at 343-0408 (BCM) or 964-0830 (cell) or email us at lsubcm@eatel.net. Thanks for your support.

New Pastor at First Baptist Church, Gramercy



BAGBR welcomes Rev. Joshua N. Burnham to our association as the new pastor of First Baptist Church, Gramercy effective May 11, 2009. "Josh" graduated from Mississippi State in 2005 earning a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a Bachelor's degree in Spanish. He earned his Masters of Divinity from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 2008. Josh has been accepted into the Doctoral program at NOBTS and will begin his studies this fall. Prior to accepting the call as Pastor, Josh faithfully served as Children's Minister at Oak Grove Baptist Church in Prairieville. Josh is married to the former Casey Carrigan of Prairieville, an LSU graduate and the daughter of Rev. & Mrs. John Carrigan of Oak Grove Baptist Church.

Please join us in praying for Josh and Casey as they begin their ministry with First Baptist Church, Gramercy.

ROCK THE RIVER YOUTH EVENT SAT., JULY 18, 2009

2:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. (Gates open at 1:00 p.m.)
LSU Campus – Levee Lots, Baton Rouge, LA
\$10 at the gate (no advance tickets)

Rock the River is a massive rescue effort for youth living in proximity to the Mississippi River from Baton Rouge to Minneapolis/St Paul. The last census revealed there are 72 million people in America under the age of 18. Many do not know Christ. Many of the churches of BAGBR are partnering with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association to bring the message of hope in a relationship with Christ to our youth through Rock The River.

Franklin Graham will share the Gospel message at the event and some of the most popular Christian bands in America will be performing. The musical line-up for Rock the River in Baton Rouge includes: Flyleaf, Da' T.R.U.T.H., Superchick, Canton Jones, Red, The Ambassador and Hawk Nelson.



Judson Retreat Center Eugene Morris, Coordinator *Upcoming Events*

Senior Adult Fish Fry

AUGUST 11, 2009; Registration 9:30 am
Tero Family Gospel Concert; \$10.00/person
Call Retreat Center to register-Pay at the Door!
Registration Deadline: **August 1, 2009**

Father/Son Retreat

SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2009
\$100.00 for Father & Son /\$45.00 for add'l sons
Learn to communicate with Our Heavenly Father
and Earthly Father in God's Outdoors!
Registration Form online at www.judsonretreat.org
Registration Deadline: **September 1, 2009**

Mother/Daughter Horse Weekend I

For First Time Attendees!
OCTOBER 23-25, 2009
\$175.00/mother/daughter - \$75.00 add'l daughter
Registration Form online at www.judsonretreat.org
Registration Deadline: **October 1, 2009**

TIA Thanksgiving Horse Camp 7-12th Grade Girls

NOVEMBER 21-24, 2009
Cost: \$225.00; Check-In - 9:00 am on Saturday
Ends with Exhibition at 6:00 pm Tuesday
Registration Form online at www.judsonretreat.org
Registration Deadline: **November 1, 2009**

Seminary Extension-Fall Schedule

Important Dates:

August 10th – New Student Orientation and Registration for classes at BAGBR Office.

August 17th – First Day of Monday Classes

August 20th – First Day of Thursday Classes

New student applications should be completed and submitted to NOBTS by **July 17th**. Applications can be acquired via the seminary website: www.nobts.edu.

ATTN: New and Returning Students: Textbooks must be purchased before the start of class. Textbooks will no longer be available for purchase on the first day of class.



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October / November Edition: September 4
 December / January (2010) Edition: November 6

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BAGBR MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Baptist Association of Greater Baton Rouge has available for use video Bible studies by such authors as Beth Moore, Henry Blackaby, John Trent and many more. If you would like to borrow a series or inquire about specific studies available, please contact the BAGBR office: 225-296-3943.

CrossPoint Baptist Church has six *First Place for Health* member's kits available. Call the church at 225-752-2400 for additional information.

Foster Road Baptist Church has upright pianos and an organ to donate. Some are in need of repair. Interested ministry leaders, may call the church at 225-775-0884.

Parkview Baptist Church is looking for a person interested in teaching a Spanish Bible Study. Please contact Becky Clausen, Coordinator of Community Ministries and Benevolence, at 225-315-8343 or via email: bclausen@pbcbcr.org.

Westside Fellowship, Addis, LA, Student Minister needed (part time). Contact Steve Armstrong for additional information or send resume to: P.O. Box 587, Addis, LA 70710; www.thewestsidefellowship.com

Call or email us if you have a church or ministry need or opportunity! Please note that announcements will run for 2 issues, unless BAGBR is contacted with other instructions. Call the BAGBR office at 225-296-3943.

WE NEED YOU!
Criminal Justice Volunteers
LCIW ANNUAL TENT REVIVAL
OCTOBER 2-4, 2009

The Annual LCIW Tent Revival and Ladies' Day will be held October 2-4, 2009. Sponsored by BAGBR and the Louisiana Baptist Convention, the revival is hugely popular with the women of LCIW with over 400 in attendance at last year's event. Guest speakers for this year's revival services are Rev. Fred Luter, Rev. Titus White, and Rev. Dick DeBusk.

Volunteers are greatly needed who are willing to pray and visit with the women of LCIW. Clearance to enter LCIW is **required**. Clearance request forms may be requested through Jan Terral of the BAGBR office. The deadline to submit completed forms is August 15, 2009. Once approved, volunteers are asked to attend a training session on Saturday, September 19 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Florida Blvd. Baptist Church.

Please pray revival for the women of LCIW.

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