

Acts 1:8b "and you will be my witnesses..."

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Vacation Bible School 2007, "Game Day Central," was a huge success. This is just one area where the Lord is tremendously blessing First Baptist Church of Krotz Springs.

Krotz Springs Elementary School, which includes pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, has an enrollment of about 369 students. We had a total VBS enrollment of 346! In addition to the regular children's curriculum, we offer a "conference style" VBS every year to our young people. We had 75 enrolled in youth. We had 26 total professions of faith, with 19 of those in our youth alone.

This year's mission offering was sent to the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home in Monroe, LA. The total offering was \$1426.26—WOW! The boys' offering was higher than the girls', and as a result, the boys gave the preacher a very painful ice cold water bath, just like the winning coach in the big game.

We are seeing the fruits of this year's VBS. Our youth group meets twice a week, and they have increased quite a bit. Our Children's Church also has seen a dramatic increase. Thankfully, we are having more parents attending church with their children rather than sending their kids on the church van.

Visit us on the web at [www.fbckrotzsprings.org](http://www.fbckrotzsprings.org). Please continue to pray for our ministry as the Lord leads us into the future.

Pastor Chad Bolfa

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**Greetings from the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home!** We are happy to report that the Sellers Maternity Home in Baton Rouge is thriving. We recently had our first baby --- a healthy baby girl! Mother and daughter are doing well and have been able to begin a new life because of support from Sellers during the pregnancy.

Thank you to all the area churches who have sacrificially volunteered time, money, and supplies to us. Several churches from around the state have assisted us with various projects in the maternity home. We rely on this support to continue serving birth mothers and offering an alternative to abortion.

Tours of the home are welcomed and may be arranged by contacting 800-859-0046 or 225-261-8886.

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## Learning How

**Rodrick E. Conerly, Executive Director**

Pastor Red Brick was on his way to one of his most enjoyable types of meetings. The White Column Church's Community College Student Ministry had been in operation for about three years. During this time Pastor Red Brick had been waiting for God to lead him to a student who could be an on-campus missionary. The meeting this morning was to talk with Neut B. Leaver. Neut had become a Christian about six months earlier and was now at the point where she was asking questions about how to tell others what God had done in her life.

Pastor Red Brick always looked forward to this type of opportunity. Here was his chance to show a new Christian how easy it is to tell someone else about Jesus. As he and Neut approached a bench under an overarching oak tree, students were passing them on their way to classes. Pastor Red Brick once again was impressed with the mission field right here in his own town. Students from all over the United States and beyond walked the halls of the buildings of this Community College. Here was a mission field that could touch the entire world. The excitement in Neut was contagious, and Pastor Red Brick silently asked God for wisdom for the right words to say to this new Christian.

"First of all," Pastor Red Brick said, "telling someone what God has done in your life should be thought of as if you're bragging on God and how good he is to you. As you brag on God, sooner or later someone is going to ask, 'Why is God so good to you?'"

A puzzled look appeared on Neut's face, "I thought witnessing to someone was going to be difficult. It will be easy to brag on God."

Pastor Red Brick continued, "That's right, Neut. When this opportunity presents itself, you must be like a wise craftsman with his tools prepared. When you talk to someone about God, you will need at least four tools. The **first tool** must be a well thought-out, challenging presentation of your relationship with God through Jesus Christ. A **second tool** will be a good gospel tract that can be used to clarify the issues of sin and salvation."

Neut interrupted, "A gospel tract? Why can't I just talk and carry on a conversation about God?"

"Well," said Pastor Red Brick, "remember we're talking about a tool. The gospel tract will help you stay on target. The devil will interrupt a conversation about God and try to get it off the subject. A good gospel tract will help you bring the conversation back to the subject of God in the other person's life."

"A **third tool**," Pastor Brick continued, "would be a marked New Testament presentation of the gospel truths. If the

person you're talking with shows an interest in God, then you could show him that what you're saying actually comes from God's word."

"The **fourth tool**," said Pastor Red Brick, "is the human mind. Being able to memorize and remember not only what you are going to say, but how you will say it, will clearly present the truth about God and will open a door in your conversation to explain that truth."

"But, Pastor Red Brick," interrupted Neut, "what do you mean by *how* I will say it?"

"Keep in mind, Neut," said Pastor Red Brick, "you are bragging on God. By bragging on God, you are telling the story of what God has done for you. Everyone's story is different. That is what makes you so important. The person you are talking to about what God did in your life will find it very difficult to refute what has happened to you. Your story has authority *because it happened to you*. So here is how you could tell your story."

"Your story is really in three parts. **First**, there is the personal account of your life **before** you made a commitment to follow Jesus. This is the part of the story where you help the other person identify with your life that was controlled by sin before you heard about Jesus Christ."

"**Second**, you talk about how you came to Jesus personally. This is where the ingredients of a good story all come together," said Pastor Red Brick. "Now you talk about the where, when, who, how, and why. Where were you when you encountered God? When did it happen? Who were you with, and who was talking to you? How did it happen?" Was it here on the college campus, in the Christian College Ministry chapel, were you in a group of people, or were you alone?"

"And finally," said Pastor Red Brick, "why did this happen to you? Neut, this is the time when you describe how your life was messed up because of unforgiven sin in your life."

"Then, **third**," Pastor Red Brick continued, "you come to the part where you brag on God and tell how Jesus has affected your life since you came to know him personally."

Neut's eyes beamed with excitement. "Pastor Red Brick, I can do that. Alright, what do I do next?"

"Alright Neut," said Pastor Brick, "Do you remember the three parts of your story I talked about earlier? Well, I want you to write down your story. Keep in mind those three parts."

"**Number One** – how I lived before I made a commitment to follow Jesus. This part of the story includes what your life was like before asking Jesus to come into your life."

“**Number Two** – how I came to know Jesus personally. This part of your story describes the personal circumstances and events surrounding your life changing encounter with Jesus Christ.”

“**Number Three** – how my life is different since I came to know Jesus personally. This is the part of your story that ties everything together. Refer to some statements in the first part of your story and indicate specific changes that have occurred as a result of your encounter with and acceptance of Jesus Christ.”

“Pastor,” Neut said as she wrote, “I really appreciate your coming to meet me here on campus, but I have a class I need to get to. Is there anything else before I have to go?”

“Yes,” he said. “Write down these four things about your testimony.” **First**, keep it brief. Develop a thirty second testimony you can use in the hallway walking to class. Later, expand the thirty second testimony to a three to five minute testimony you can use when you have a little more time with someone.”

“**Second**, be specific. Practice your testimony and leave out unnecessary details. Remember you want to maintain the person’s interest and attention.”

“**Third**, communicate effectively. Leave out Christian lingo; use words that the person will understand.”

“**Fourth**, clarify about yourself. Stress that even though Christ has changed your life, you still are not perfect.”

“OK,” said Neut, “I can do that. When do you want to get together again?”

“How about the same time and same place next week?” said Pastor Red Brick.

As Neut gathered up her books, she smiled widely and said, “Great. See you next week!”

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## *Florida Boulevard Baptist Church Women's Ministry Prayer Retreat*

Where: Timothy Retreat Center – Bethany, North Campus in Baker

When: November 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Cost: \$50.00, with a \$20.00 non-refundable deposit

Deadline to Register: Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

Deposit is due at time of registration. Space is limited. Call the church office at 225-272-3740 to register.

## *Widows in Ministry*

### Thursday, October 11, 2007

Meet at 6:00p.m., Room A-143 (westside parking lot)

**Title:** How to Become a Victim (A potential victim’s perspective on avoiding a violent crime)

**Speaker:** Kathleen Callahan, Attorney / Community Activist

### Thursday, November 8, 2007

Meet at 6:00p.m., Room A-143 (westside parking lot)

**Title:** Mission Brazil – 2007

A special mission report: with pictures, music and personal experiences in Belo Horizonte, Brazil

**Speakers:** Jean Brown and granddaughter Rachel Archey and Rev. Robert Miller and daughter Miranda Miller.

*Bring a widowed friend!*

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## *Blitz on the Bayou Report*

### **Paul Radosevich, Blitz Team Director**

On Saturday, August 18, 2007 we had 587 in attendance for our annual Sunday School training. Bruce Raley from LifeWay was our general session leader this year. We had 27 leaders come from all over the nation to help us train our local churches. The training included sessions for preschool through senior adults, pastors, and staff. This was our fourth annual conference, and God continues to bless us through this event. We are looking forward to 2008!




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## *Please Be In Prayer for Our Churches*

BAGBR churches currently seeking pastors include:

- ◆ Bayou Sorrel Baptist Church
- ◆ Broadmoor Baptist Church
- ◆ Brownfields Baptist Church
- ◆ Cedarcrest Baptist Church
- ◆ First Baptist Church, Central
- ◆ First Baptist Church, New Roads
- ◆ Florida Boulevard Baptist Church
- ◆ Fordoche Baptist Church
- ◆ Grace Baptist Church
- ◆ New River Baptist Church
- ◆ Parkside Baptist Church
- ◆ The Church at Riverbend

	Jan-June 2007	Jan-June 2006		Jan-June 2007	Jan-June 2006	
<b>ASSOCIATION CHURCHES</b>						
Addis, First Baptist Church	540.00	540.00		New Roads First Baptist Church	5,204.00	5,978.00
Ascension Baptist Church	4890.74	4908.85		Northside Baptist Church, Plaquemine	300.00	60.00 *
Baker First Baptist Church	7581.46	7273.32 *		Oak Grove Baptist Church, Prairieville	418.16	180.00 *
Baton Rouge First Baptist Church	13871.81	13602.96 *		Oakcrest Baptist Church	2,426.24	1,753.44 *
Bayou Plaquemine Baptist, Plaquemine	2822.61	1703.08 *		Park Forest Baptist Church	3,091.07	3,061.28 *
Bayou Sorrel Baptist Church, Plaquemine	1234.68	1308.68		Parkside Baptist Church	3,187.67	3,551.71
Bethel Baptist Worship, Morganza	60.00	0.00 *		Parkview Baptist Church	21,613.17	23,257.46
Broadmoor Baptist Church	0.00	1000.00		Plaquemine First Baptist Church	2,263.35	2,288.22
Brookstown Baptist Church	1063.64	1242.84		Port Allen First Baptist Church	4,022.11	2,932.97 *
Broussard Grove	1166.69	166.74 *		Riverdale Baptist Church	1,512.70	1,802.44
Brownfields Baptist Church	959.63	971.62		Sharon Baptist Church	4,206.96	1,939.31 *
Cane Brake Baptist Church, Lottie	200.00	187.56 *		Sherwood Baptist Church	4,519.65	4,085.76 *
Cedarcrest Baptist Church	3356.00	3331.39 *		Sorrento Baptist Church	1,019.33	752.34 *
Central First Baptist Church	600.00	500.02 *		Southside Baptist Church	5,865.56	6,324.70
Comite Baptist Church	2239.10	2164.82 *		Starlight Baptist Church, Morganza	0.00	0.00
Community Bible Baptist	1800.00	1650.00 *		Stevendale Baptist Church	350.00	450.00
God's Vineyard Baptist	0.00	104.33		The Church at Riverbend	150.00	525.00
Courtableau Baptist Church, Port Barre	305.07	347.24		Trinity Baptist Church	795.35	826.14
CrossPoint Baptist Church	4500.00	4500.00		Unity Baptist Church	0.00	0.00
Donaldsonville First Baptist Church	160.00	502.00		University Baptist Church	12,116.85	10,658.86 *
Douglas Avenue Baptist Church	0.00	0.00		Victory Baptist Church	1,407.32	396.37 *
Dutchtown Baptist Church	600.00	600.00		Vietnamese Hope Baptist Church	1,014.65	909.02 *
Erwinville Baptist Church	1118.03	497.36 *		White Castle, FBC	595.91	445.00 *
Faith Baptist Church, Baker	1730.00	1463.90 *		Winbourne Avenue Baptist Church	229.52	0.00 *
Faith Baptist Church, Livonia	2473.08	1846.57 *		Woodlawn Baptist Church	27,637.77	24,953.65 *
False River Baptist Church, Ventress	1212.80	725.00 *		Zoar Baptist Church	28,837.19	22,735.73 *
Fellowship Church, Greenwell Springs	3156.05	3353.04		<b>ASSOCIATION MISSIONS</b>		
First Baptist Deaf Church	50.00	0.00 *		Christian Fellowship Int. - Filipino	80.00	250.00
Florida Boulevard Baptist Church	23622.09	29227.06		Christ Way Mission, Vacherie	117.00	0.00 *
Fordoche Baptist Church	1916.52	255.00 *		Church of the Nations	222.29	85.91 *
Foster Road Baptist Church	3215.08	3813.45		Circle Baptist Mission, Baker	100.00	2,379.40
Friendship Baptist Church, Baker	0.00	0.00		Community Baptist Mission, Gnsbg	0.00	750.00
Glen Oaks Baptist Church	225.00	0.00 *		Fellowship Church, Prairieville	2,665.66	3,590.41
Gonzales First Baptist Church	1800.00	1583.33 *		Gonzales Hispanic	200.39	0.00 *
Goodwood Baptist Church	489.60	701.14		Grace Fellowship Baptist Church	0.00	1,860.00
Grace Baptist Church	605.40	759.01		Haven	7.05	0.00 *
Gramercy First Baptist Church	500.00	500.00		Hispanic Mission - FBC BR	28.39	0.00 *
Greenwell Springs Baptist Church	12593.00	12033.00 *		LifeGiving	84.00	0.00 *
Grosse Tete Baptist Church	1400.00	991.00 *		New Covenant Christian Center	135.00	1,331.01
Hooper Road Baptist Church	60.00	110.00		North Highlands Community Baptist	50.00	0.00 *
Immanuel Baptist Church, Baton Rouge	2308.00	2096.00 *		Reserve, First Baptist Church	390.15	1,048.59
Immanuel Baptist Church, Gonzales	130.37	351.62		Ring Community	1,951.28	0.00 *
Indian Mound Baptist Church	3505.29	2797.06 *		Salvation Ministry of Jesus Christ	0.00	46.00
Istrouma Baptist Church	25787.19	24689.08 *		Sojourn Church	0.00	0.00
Jefferson Baptist Church	18202.63	20377.01		Vietnamese Baptist Fellowship	0.00	0.00
Krotz Springs, First Baptist Church	900.00	1050.00		Westside Fellowship, Brusly	0.00	0.00
Lake Martin Baptist Church, Prairieville	165.00	747.33		<b>CONTRIBUTING CHURCHES</b>		
Lanier Baptist Church	4873.60	4787.53 *		DaySpring, St. Gabriel	500.00	300.00 *
Latanche Baptist Church, Batchelor	1509.79	964.33 *		Graceworks, Prairieville	1,120.00	0.00 *
Little Prairie Baptist Church, Prairieville	985.78	1246.84		Korean Baptist Church - Burgin Drive	600.00	600.00
Maringouin, First Baptist Church	247.29	115.79 *		Mid City Baptist Fellowship	210.00	0.00 *
New Life Church of Baton Rouge	1326.17	1403.69		Mt. Bethel Baptist Church	450.00	750.00
New River Baptist Church	536.01	1244.14		The Lord's Church, Kentwood	1,178.53	587.87 *
				<b>Total Contribution Receipts</b>	<b>307,469.47</b>	<b>299,781.32</b>

\* 2007 contribution greater than 2006

*October 2007*

- ◆ 1 – 2 EKG LA Prep Meeting
- ◆ 8 January Bible Study / Doctrine Study Training
- ◆ 9 Senior Adult Praise Fest
- ◆ 9 LA Church Building Conference, FBC, Haughton
- ◆ 12 – 13 Ministers' Wives' Retreat, TT
- ◆ 15 – 16 Baptist Golf Fellowship
- ◆ 18 Singing Ministers and Women Concert, FBC, Pineville
- ◆ 23 LA Baptist Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting, Baptist Bldg.
- ◆ 23 Senior Adult Praise Fest

*November 2007*

- ◆ 5 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
- ◆ 12 Singing Ministers and Singing Women Concert, LBC
- ◆ 12 Pre-Convention Executive Board Meeting, Baptist Bldg.
- ◆ 12 - 13 LA Baptist Convention, Alexandria, Riverfront Center
- ◆ 18 – 20 Youth Evangelism Conference, Alexandria, Rapides Coliseum
- ◆ 22 Thanksgiving Day
- ◆ 22 - 23 BAGBR Office Closed

## *Closing the Association's Food Pantry*

**Charles Harper, Director**

Due to circumstances beyond the control of the volunteers and the director, the decision was made to cease a long and successful ministry. The Association's Food Pantry is no longer in operation. Church participation, although almost non-existent, was not the reason for the closure. The Food Pantry has for the past several years operated successfully with participation from only a few churches. Governmental restrictions were not a cause for closing.

The one and only reason for closing was the fact that we could not operate efficiently without completing the correct processing of orders for food. Orders had to be dispensed the same day they were called in, and this proved to be extremely difficult with such limited personnel. (A single order required several time-consuming steps.) Employees of Hope Vietnamese Baptist Church (Victoria Baptist Church before them), along with a long-time missionary volunteer (Miss Fanny), were dedicated and faithful for years. The loss of these employees and volunteers resulted in our being forced to close the operation.

Participation from our many volunteers has been excellent. They have worked unselfishly exemplifying obedience to the call. The call, of course, was being dependable and ready to serve.

Participation from three of our Associational Churches has been much appreciated. Sherwood Baptist Church, Grace Baptist Church, and our mainstay, Hope Vietnamese Baptist Church, never have wavered in their efforts in supporting us. Approximately 98% of all orders were taken and given to us by the employees of Hope Vietnamese Baptist Church. Hope also allowed us to operate from the rear of their church in an air conditioned room. We operated there all these years without ever being charged any rent. Many thanks to Pastor Vinh and Brother Vu Luong for their support.

Your BAGBR Food Pantry was one of the approximately 115 agencies of the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank. We have acted much like a community service or a governmental agency and were thus restricted in our efforts to be a ministry, but that did not keep us from performing a much needed service.

The following is a list of workers, some are included in memoriam. Please forgive us for anyone who was left out inadvertently.

Fara Lea Adams	Mike Luong
Wally and Euther Beecham	Kitty Marbury
WJ Boyd	Loretta McDanniel
Julie Brady	Esther McWright
Susan Brown	Halena Nguyen
Toddy and AC Brumfield	Lida Nguyen
Betty Caraway	Clarence and Joy Norwood
Lorene Cooper	Nickie Passman
Alta Mae Daniel	Diane Paul
Lewell ad Maxine Fenn	Mammie Pujol
Norma Fussell	Sarah Rentz
Verlie Gibson	Ed and Geneva Smith
Bon and Mada Gittinger	Elsie Smith
John and Sue Ellen Graham	Blanch Snee
Maxine Hart	Fanny Starns
Billy Herrin	Elmese Stevens
Joel and Lurlene Hilbun	Ann and Marvin Taylor
Bridget Hill	Marie Townley
Alaska Holdcraft	Ray Turner
Kathleen Jonston	Ronnie White
Betty Jones	Travis White
EC and Laura Lambert	Marlene Whitehead
Vu and Thao Luong	Ralph and Rusty Whitehead

**A very special thanks to Charlie Harper and Sherman Honey!**

## *The Quest for Authentic Manhood*

Please consider this your personal invitation to be part of the Quest for Authentic Manhood.

We meet each Wednesday from 6:00am to 7:30am in the Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge. First Baptist Church is located at 529 Convention Street.

Topics include: *A Definition of Authentic Manhood, Deepening the Marriage Relationship, Raising Sons and Daughters*, and more.

For additional information, call the church at 225-343-0397 or email [prayer@fbcbr.com](mailto:prayer@fbcbr.com).

Sponsored by Men's Fraternity of First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge

## *Ministry Opportunities:*

**Louisiana Baptist Children's Home** is in need of Cottage and/or Relief parents. Applicants must be Southern Baptist, a married couple without children at home or a single lady. Must have a chauffeur's license or be able to qualify for one. This position is full-time with benefits. Please contact Tommy Frost at 318-343-2244 or P.O. Box 4196, Monroe, LA 71211.

**Woodlawn Baptist Church** is in need of a Mother's Day Out teacher on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30am – 1:30pm. Please call Leigh MacKenze at 225- 755-2636.

**Park Forest Baptist** is seeking a Youth Director. This is a paid part-time position. Interested persons may call the church at 225-275-3003 or fax a resume to 225-275-6319, attention Youth Director Search Committee.

**Victory Baptist Church** is in need of a new or used steeple, as well as 3 portable buildings for Sunday School classes. If you wish to help, please call Pastor Donald Ray at 985-631-2098.

**Gonzales Seamen Center** is in need of men's clothing, including jackets. Any size and style is welcome. Also, polyester knit fabric is needed to make ditty bags for the seamen. Please call Pat Caudill at 225-715-4991 or the BAGBR office if you can help.

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## *God Working Through Prayer*

**Sherri Ingram, Coordinator**

HAVE YOU MARKED YOUR CALENDAR? The Blackabys will be here Friday and Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>. They will be teaching from their book "Experiencing Prayer with Jesus." Your church should receive more information about this in the next month.

We've been called to assist in prayer walking several new missions of BAGBR. We are also planning to prayer walk the prisons before their yearly revivals. Please call us if we can help your ministry. You are also welcome to join us at our upcoming meetings: October 9<sup>th</sup> or November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the BAGBR office.

I want to thank you for letting me serve as your prayer team coordinator. This month will end my leadership of this team, although the team (and I) will continue to be involved in some great projects God has already planned for us.

## *Your BCM at LSU*

**Steve Masters, Director**

Our BCM building renovation is progressing. We could use more local volunteer help. Special thanks to the following churches that are having groups come and help on a weekly basis: Istrouma Baptist, Florida Boulevard Baptist, Zoar Baptist, Dutchtown Baptist, Westside Fellowship, and Crosspoint.

Volunteer groups meet for one evening each week. Dinner is from 5:00pm to 5:30pm and then they work until 8:00pm to 8:30pm. No building experience is required. We could also use some volunteer help during the day on Saturday.

We have had a terrific start for the 2007-2008 school year. We have a very sharp and talented group of freshmen who love the Lord and want to serve Him on the LSU campus. Please pray for us as we help them to grow and mature in their faith and challenge them to stay or become active in a local church.

**Transitions Report** – *Transitions* is a term that represents juniors and seniors in high school and freshmen in college. LifeWay reported their finding of a major study of the loss of youth from our churches. They reported that 70% of youth drop out of church by the time they are 18. This is a major loss. This loss equals hundreds of thousands of youth from our churches each year. Our BCM has partnered with our area and state youth ministers to do something about this problem by sponsoring special fellowships and Bible studies for juniors and seniors in high school.

**International Students** – There are 1,800 International students at LSU from 120 different countries. What an incredible mission field! Our BCM sponsors an International Fellowship to reach out to this group from 3:00pm to 5:00pm each Sunday. Local church adult help is needed. If you are interested in helping, please call us at 225-343-0408 or email us at [lsubcm@eatel.net](mailto:lsubcm@eatel.net).

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## *Reminder to Churches*

If you have not already returned your ACP (Annual Church Profile), **please do so now**. Call us at the BAGBR office if you any questions.

Also, if you would like us to publish the information for your Christmas musicals, email us the details. We will publish the schedule in the next Good News. Send your information to Norma Palma no later than November 2<sup>nd</sup> via email to [norma@bagbr.org](mailto:norma@bagbr.org).

## Judson Baptist Retreat Center

Eugene Morris, Coordinator

This past year has brought many exciting changes to Judson Baptist Retreat Center. One new JBRC sponsored event was our Teens In Action Christmas Equestrian Camp. Christmas TIA Equestrian Camp was a resounding success. Twenty-two excited 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders toured the LSU Veterinary School and watched a horse run on a treadmill. They learned horsemanship skills, as well as how these principals apply to their Christian lives.

February brought our new assistant manager, Steve Myers and his family. Time was a like a whirlwind as plans were made, a home was made ready and adjustments to schedules were a way of life. Steve, Missy, David, Rachel, Phillip and Joshua have already made a wonderful impact on the ministry of the Retreat Center! There are new Fall Retreats on our agenda which will utilize Steve's leadership in horsemanship and building relationships. The Myers are a blessed addition.

In April, 32 ladies gathered for the first annual Volunteer Counselors Retreat. Plans for Girls Mission Camp 2007 were introduced, new counselors were oriented to summer camp schedules and a great time of fellowship and Bible Study lead by Becky Brown rounded out the weekend.

Two additions came in May. The most exciting addition was the completion of the Upper Room. This well-equipped, elegant room has already been a blessing and has gotten rave reviews from groups using it. New comfortable chairs, a fireplace, and the latest audio/visual equipment make this facility perfect for small to medium sized groups to gather for worship. The second addition was our buckboard wagon! Our summer campers enjoyed rides to breakfast in the back of this new mode of transportation at JBRC! Dixie and her wagon will be giving retreat groups throughout the year a feel for "yesteryear"!

As a result of funds becoming available due to our timber management plan, June not only brought summer camp, but a brand new John Deere tractor! This tractor replaces an older tractor that was constantly in need of repair. The tractor was ordered with a grappling hook attachment that will provide the ability to help with tree clearing in the event of a hurricane. Another result of the timber funds is that the kitchen now boasts a walk-in cooler/freezer combination that will greatly enhance our ability to order enough food for an entire week of camp without taxing our cooks' strength lifting heavy boxes out of our old reach-in type freezer. Carts can be utilized to roll these heavy boxes of frozen food to the kitchen for preparation. Our cooks are happy.

The ever faithful "Tuesday Crew" continued to make improvements and provided many hours of free labor for the many projects that continue to come! From the Upper Room construction to wood splitting, trail trimming, to building

a new addition to the Myer's home, these men constantly remind us that ministry never ends.

A breakdown of rental retreats for 2006-2007 is as follows:

29 Adult Retreats	13 Children's Retreats
2 Couples Retreats	17 Ladies Retreats
7 Men's Retreats	1 Deacon's Retreat
1 Singles Retreat	2 College Retreats
15 Youth Retreats	1 Choir Retreat

The following groups, added to our summer camps, gave us a total 1,246 people attending camp!

Victory Harvest Children's Camp	92
Istrouma Kid's Camp	121
Teens In Action Camp	45
Boys' Missions Camp	138
East La. Baptist Assn. Women	42
Cornerstone Fellowship	31
Friendship Baptist Picnic	51
Girls' Missions Camps	491
University Kid's Camp	28
Christian Life Kid's Camp	43

All of these numbers pale as we consider the spiritual impact of summer camp! **There were over 45 professions of faith, two young people called to missions, and a missions offering of over \$2,200.00 to be given to the Baptist Friendship House in New Orleans.** Debi and I were able to be in attendance at the baptism of two of these children in our home church. What an amazing experience!

Our report would not be complete without expressing our deep appreciation for our permanent staff of cooks, housekeepers, and maintenance, as well as our summer staff and Tuesday Crew. Keeping this Retreat Center ready for ministry and programming summer camp requires the energy and dedication of over FIFTY staff and volunteers. This ministry could not function at the prices we charge without the volunteers and staff with whom God has so richly blessed us.

Continue to keep us in your prayers as we continue to grow and expand to meet the needs of our Association. Thank you, Baptist Association of Greater Baton Rouge, for the opportunity to serve you for the past 28 years. On a personal note, please keep our family in your prayers until August 2008 as our son Ben will be serving his country in Iraq.

GAs during worship

Tuesday Crew getting ready to work





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### *Istrouma's Redeeming the Season*

The **Istrouma Baptist Church's** Women's Ministry will be hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Craft Fair: ChristmasFest '07 *Redeeming the Season*.

This event will be Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 10:30pm at **Istrouma Baptist Church**, 10500 Sam Rushing Drive. Invited speakers are Kim Wier and Pam McCune from *Engaging Women Ministries* of Texas.

Tickets will go on sale online October 14<sup>th</sup> at [istrouma.org](http://istrouma.org).

If you would like further information or an application to be one of the crafters/vendors at this event please contact [debbiepacas@cox.net](mailto:debbiepacas@cox.net).

Deadline for crafters to register is noon, Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Booth space is limited so crafters/vendors will be accepted on a first registered basis.

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## Thanks *Big Thanks To...*

- ◆ **Istrouma Baptist Church** for allowing us the use of their facilities for a successful Blitz on the Bayou 2007. A special thanks to the 18 members who were greeters and registration volunteers.
- ◆ **Community Bible Baptist Church** for hosting our 118<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual Meeting.

### **Jefferson Baptist Church Has a Radio Station!**

A new radio station, WBRJ-FM, has come to Baton Rouge. Located on the church campus, Jefferson Baptist Church has launched a 24-hour commercial free station, featuring Christian music as well as newscasts. Although considered a "low-power" station, Baton Rougeans should have no problem accessing it. "The Word for Baton Rouge" is at 105.7FM and was launched in July of this year.

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