

119th Association Annual Session

You are invited to our 119th Association Annual Session, which will be hosted by the Baptist Collegiate Ministry.

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

The BCM is located on Highland Road on the LSU Campus.

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal

7:00 p.m. Meeting

Watch your mail for messenger notification as well as additional information. You may also call us at 225-296-3943.



Blitz on the Bayou

Saturday, August 16, 2008

*Parkview Baptist Church
11795 Jefferson Highway
Baton Rouge, LA*

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

To download registration form:
www.bagbr.org
or call
225-296-3943 for more information.

Early registration deadline is August 1st. Cost is \$15 (includes lunch).

After August 1st, cost is \$20 without lunch!

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What Are We Going To Do?

Rodrick E. Conerly, Executive Director

Pastor Red Brick was walking into Mr. Whisker's® seafood restaurant to meet one of his best friends in the church, Deacon Cann Dew. As Red reflected on the previous four months, he saw how God had opened his eyes to a new field of ministry. The training on *Capturing God's Vision for the Local Church* at the Local Association office helped him to see the needs of the Hispanic population in the metropolitan area. The order of these two events was no coincidence. Without the *Vision Training* conference, Red would not have seen a Hispanic ministry as part of God's **Preferred Future** for the entire metropolitan area.

Over the past sixteen weeks, God had clarified His Preferred Future for White Column Church as utilizing the members' network of relationships to extend God's Kingdom. The picture came directly from the scripture of Simon Peter casting his net on the Sea of Galilee to gather in fish (Luke 5:4-7). Peter's boat represented the White Column Church. As Peter cast his net over the waters, God was casting White Column Church into the community, across the city, the state, the nation, and around the world.

Once the vision of God's Preferred Future clarified, Pastor Red Brick used the next three months to communicate the vision to the leadership of the church. Using individual meeting and group settings, he presented the portrait of a fisherman casting his net. God was casting the net. White Column Church was the net being cast. The waters represented the community around the church. The vision clarified the fact that each member of the church served as a connecting point in the net with strands of the net touching people throughout the area.

By exemplifying the caring and sharing nature of Jesus Christ each member could be used by God for life transformation in individuals and families throughout the community. The God-given vision was moving from intellectual agreement among the church leadership to actions by individual members. These actions had to be based in achievable mission goals with plans based in relationships, centered on evangelism, oriented toward service to others, and focused on training the membership.

With a general understanding of the vision, some of the leaders of the church began to ask questions like "OK, Pastor, so what does this mean? Where do we go from here? What does God want White Column Church to do? What is the next step?"

When these questions began, Pastor Red Brick moved to the stage of implementing the vision of God's Preferred Future. Although the work of clarifying the vision had taken time, he now had to present the vision to the leaders of White Column Church in a way that would stimulate action. Simply presenting the vision from the pulpit would not be enough. The task ahead was moving from vision to mission, from a picture of God's Preferred Future to actions God wanted the church to perform beyond the walls of the church. With this in mind Red was meeting with Deacon Cann Dew.

Deacon Cann Dew had been a Christian for five years. He owned a business which he began to operate along Christian principles two years after becoming a Christian. The first two years of operating

on Christian principles had been rocky. But the company's success during the past year had convinced everyone involved that basing your life and business on God's principles was good business practice. Pastor Red Brick wanted to get an idea of how to use Christian business practices to create mission action plans for the church.

Deacon Cann Dew quickly grasped the vision of God's Preferred Future when Red had presented it three months earlier. He understood how each member in the church served as a point of connection with the community. After listening to Pastor Red Brick present the vision, his business experience led him to develop some practical questions.

As they ordered fried catfish for lunch, Pastor Red Brick explained what he wanted of Deacon Cann Dew. "Well, Cann," said Red, "I need help implementing the vision of God's Preferred Future for White Column Church. Help me put mission actions into achievable plans and goals."

"Now Pastor, if I understand this vision," said Deacon Dew, "I think I can help you figure out how to implement it. For example, let's take my truck part business. My dream, or preferred future as you call it, is for the business to become the top of the line truck parts dealer for tractor trailer drivers across Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama."

"Wow," said Red, "that's a tall order. How will you accomplish that?"

"Yes, it will take a lot of work," said Cann, "but I plan to accomplish it one step at a time. Right now I am established across south Louisiana. My next goal is south Mississippi and then south Alabama. I have communicated these plans to the people at work. Some of them have families in south Mississippi. We have secured a location on the interstate, and we are planning interviews to hire staff over there in the coming weeks."

"You see, Pastor," said Cann, "the people who work for me know where we are going and they are helping us get there. So for the church, time must be taken for the members to understand where we are going as a church. When the members understand where we are going, they will get into the boat. Taking the time to do this will create **unity** in the church."

"Also," continued Deacon Cann, "knowing where we are going will filter out **unproductive** activity. Since my next step as a business owner is to begin a distribution warehouse in Mississippi, my employees know not to plan something for Alabama until that warehouse in Mississippi is functioning."

"I think I see," said Pastor Red Brick, "turning from the vision of casting a net into the community and focusing on what we are to be **doing** as a church will involve a lot of details."

"That's right," said Cann, "although you have said that our church needs to be ready for whomever God may lead our way, a mission statement helps us get specific and select a target. Take for instance the new Hispanic ministry God is leading us to start. Let's look at a few sets of questions from a business perspective for that new ministry."

Deacon Cann began with his **first set of questions**: “Where is the concentration of Hispanics in the city? Do we start the work where they live, or do we expect them to come to our building?”

“Personally, Pastor, I think we should go to them. If they meet in our building, what rooms will they use? If a building is rented for the new work, where will the furnishings come from? Do they have transportation? If not, do we provide it in some way?”

“**Second set of questions**: Will the Hispanic church starter be full-time or bi-vocational? Will we expect him to live in our city or can he commute? How much will we pay him if he is full-time? If he is bi-vocational, how much time will we expect him to give to the work each week? Will he be on the church staff and work under your supervision?”

“**Third set of questions**: Are other churches in the Association partnering with us in this effort? Pastor, in my opinion, we must have partners for the new church. What preparations will the partnering churches make for that ministry? What expenses will the new work incur? Will our church budget be able to absorb these expenses? What is the time line for beginning the work? Are there church members that the partnering churches can lend to the new work for up to two years?”

“You see, Pastor Brick,” continued Deacon Cann, “sets of specific and targeted questions help clarify the mission statement, which then becomes the foundational for the **planning process**. The mission statement will **clarify** by using action verbs to define and develop consistent and relevant **strategic plans** (objectives and goals), **budget**, and **calendar**.”

“In addition,” said Deacon Cann Dew, “a short and simple mission statement for whatever the mission plan our church might undertake could be **CASTING THE NET**. Everyone from preschoolers on up can remember it.”

“Pastor Brick,” continued Deacon Cann Dew, “with God’s leadership, we can cast His net into the Hispanic community. Let’s go to work and find the Hispanic pastor God wants for our city.”

As Pastor Red Brick finished his catfish, he realized why Deacon Cann Dew had been so successful. Not only did he operate his business along Christian principles, but he knew how to evaluate an opportunity and create a plan of action to achieve the mission objective. Pastor Red Brick knew he had found the person he needed to help put the details together for the vision of God’s Preferred Future for White Column Church.

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If you would like to know how the Association can help you learn how to develop a mission statement with action plans and goals, please contact the Association office. Your associational leadership is available to help your church develop and implement a plan of action to reach the community surrounding the church. Contact us at 225-296-3943.

Resources for Development and Implementation of a Mission Statement

- Callahan, Kennon L. *Twelve Keys to an Effective Church*. San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1983. Chapter 1.
- Gibbs, Eddie. *Church Next: Quantum Changes in How We Do Ministry*. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 2000. Chapter 2.
- Hesselgrave, David J. *Planting Churches Cross-Culturally*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker, 2000. Chapter 9.
- Malphers, Aubrey. *Planting Growing Churches for the 21st Century*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker, 1998. Chapter 9.
- Murray, Stuart. *Church Planting Laying Foundations*. Scottsdale, Pennsylvania: Herald Press, 2001. See pages 122-25.
- Sanchez, David R., Ebbie C. Smith, Curtis E. Watke. *Starting Reproducing Congregations*. Cummings, Georgia: Church Starting Network, 2001. Chapter 9.
- Stetzer, Ed. *Planting Missional Churches*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2006. Chapter 13.
- Stetzer, Ed, David Putman. *Breaking the Missional Code*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2006.
- Wagner, C. Peter. *Strategies for Church Growth*. Ventura, California: Regal Books, 1987.

August 2008

- ✚ 5 *LBC* Stewardship Conference, FBC of Gonzales
- ✚ 8 – 9 *LBC* CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) Training, BAGBR Office
- ✚ 16 *BAGBR & LBC* Blitz on the Bayou, Parkview Baptist Church, Baton Rouge
- ✚ 18 *BAGBR* First day of Baton Rouge NOBTS Extension Center Classes
- ✚ 23 *LBC* WMU Church Leader Training, FBC of Gonzales

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September 2008

- ✚ 1 Labor Day (BAGBR Office Closed)
- ✚ 13 *LBC* Ridgecrest on the River, NOBTS
- ✚ 14 – 21 *LBC* Week of Prayer for State Missions and Georgia Barnette Offering
- ✚ 18 ACPs due in BAGBR Office from Church Clerks

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ADULT TRACK			
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
<i>Adults... Who Are They?</i> Bobby Bragg	<i>Adults... Who Are They?</i> (Repeat) Bobby Bragg	<i>Starting and Finishing Well</i> Bobby Bragg	<i>Starting and Finishing Well</i> (Repeat) Bobby Bragg
<i>Focus on Ministry & the Attendance May Come!</i> Jeff Ingram	<i>Focus on Ministry & the Attendance May Come!</i> (Repeat) Jeff Ingram	<i>The Tremendous Influence of the Adult Teacher</i> Jeff Ingram	<i>The Tremendous Influence of the Adult Teacher</i> (Repeat) Jeff Ingram
<i>Reaching People Under 40 While Keeping People Over 60</i> Lane Moore	<i>Reaching People Under 40 While Keeping People Over 60</i> (Repeat) Lane Moore	<i>Building Kingdom Focused Sunday School Classes</i> Lane Moore	<i>Building Kingdom Focused Sunday School Classes</i> (Repeat) Lane Moore
<i>Ingredients for a Healthy Adult Sunday School</i> Alan Raughton	<i>Teach Like Jesus</i> Alan Raughton	<i>Teaching for Impact!</i> Alan Raughton	<i>Teaching for Impact!</i> (Repeat) Alan Raughton
<i>Excellence Through Sunday Morning Bible Study</i> Cliff Smith	<i>Excellence Through Sunday Morning Bible Study</i> (Repeat) Cliff Smith	<i>The Big Question: Why Are We Doing What We're Doing?</i> Cliff Smith	<i>The Big Question: Why Are We Doing What We're Doing?</i> (Repeat) Cliff Smith

SENIOR ADULT TRACK			
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
<i>The Greatest Generation and The Adapters</i> Merlin Liverman	<i>The Baby Boomers</i> Merlin Liverman	<i>The Greatest Generation and The Adapters</i> (Repeat) Merlin Liverman	<i>The Baby Boomers</i> (Repeat) Merlin Liverman

SINGLES TRACK			
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
<i>Building a Successful Singles Ministry in the Local Church</i> Doug Fulton	<i>Recruiting & Training Leadership for Singles Ministry in the Local Church</i> Doug Fulton	<i>Structuring Your Singles Ministry for Success</i> Doug Fulton	<i>Building the Heart of Your Singles Ministry Through Community</i> Doug Fulton

COLLEGE TRACK			
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
<i>Starbucks, Laptops and Skull Caps</i> Mark Robinson	<i>How Deep Can We Go?</i> Mark Robinson	<i>Starbucks, Laptops and Skull Caps</i> (Repeat) Mark Robinson	<i>How Deep Can We Go?</i> (Repeat) Mark Robinson

Blitz Training Schedule

Building a Championship Sunday School
Sat., August 16th, Parkview Baptist Church, Baton Rouge
Parkview Baptist Church Worship Center
8:50 AM—Opening Session
David Francis— Three Facets of a Dynamic Sunday School

PASTORS, SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS & GENERAL OFFICERS TRACK			
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
<i>Ten Trends in Sunday School & How LifeWay is Responding</i> David Francis	<i>A Five-Step Formula Toward a Triple-Digit Sunday School</i> David Francis	<i>One on One Evangelism Made Simple</i> Keith Manuel	<i>One on One Evangelism Made Simple</i> (Repeat) Keith Manuel
<i>Understanding & Reaching the Lost in Your Community</i> Sean Keith	<i>Ministering to Your Community Through the Sunday School</i> Sean Keith	<i>Evangelism Through the Sunday School</i> Sean Keith	<i>Leadership Meetings That Work</i> Sean Keith
<i>How to Enlist & Train Leaders</i> Randy Thompkins	<i>From the Parking Lot to the Pew</i> Randy Thompkins	<i>Marketing Your Sunday School</i> Randy Thompkins	<i>Intentional Care Unit</i> Randy Thompkins

YOUTH TRACK			
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
<i>The "Discover Triad" for Students (Part 1)</i> Kevin Boles	<i>The "Discover Triad" for Students (Part 2)</i> Kevin Boles	<i>The "Discover Triad" for Students (Part 1)</i> (Repeat) Kevin Boles	<i>The "Discover Triad" for Students (Part 2)</i> (Repeat) Kevin Boles
<i>Easy Ways to Get Teens into Bible Study</i> Bill Planki	<i>Extreme Age-Group Makeover</i> Bill Planki	<i>Easy Ways to Get Teens into Bible Study</i> (Repeat) Bill Planki	<i>Extreme Age-Group Makeover</i> (Repeat) Bill Planki
<i>Teaching the Way Teenagers Learn</i> Elizabeth Sullivan	<i>Caring for Students</i> Elizabeth Sullivan	<i>The Urgency of Outreach!</i> Elizabeth Sullivan	<i>The Urgency of Outreach!</i> (Repeat) Elizabeth Sullivan
<i>Reaching the Hard to Reach Student</i> Scott Sullivan	<i>4 Ways to Get Students Excited About Leading</i> Scott Sullivan	<i>5 Tools of a Great Student Sunday School</i> Scott Sullivan	<i>5 Tools of a Great Student Sunday School</i> (Repeat) Scott Sullivan

PRAYER TRACK			
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
<i>Praying for a Prodigal: A Painful Privilege</i> R. Fred Selby	<i>Praying for a Prodigal: A Painful Privilege</i> (Repeat) R. Fred Selby	<i>Passing the Torch to the IPOD Generation (Part 1)</i> Mary B. Smith	<i>Passing the Torch to the IPOD Generation (Part 2)</i> Mary B. Smith

CHILDREN'S TRACK			
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
<i>Children & Salvation</i> Debbie Doane	<i>Children & Salvation</i> (Repeat) Debbie Doane	<i>Teaching Leaders of 1st/2nd Graders & 3rd/4th Graders</i> Debbie Doane	<i>Teaching Leaders of 1st/2nd Graders & 3rd/4th Graders</i> (Repeat) Debbie Doane
<i>A Kid-Friendly Classroom</i> Pam Keith	<i>A Kid-Friendly Classroom</i> (Repeat) Pam Keith	<i>Creative Methods for Teaching Creative Children</i> Pam Keith	<i>Creative Methods for Teaching Creative Children</i> (Repeat) Pam Keith
<i>Legal Issues to Consider for Your Grade School Workers</i> Chris Smith	<i>Legal Issues to Consider for your Grade School Workers</i> (Repeat) Chris Smith	<i>Discovering Shepherding</i> Chris Smith	<i>Discovering Shepherding</i> (Repeat) Chris Smith
<i>Creative Ways to Build Attendance</i> Terry Young	<i>Creative Ways to Build Attendance</i> (Repeat) Terry Young	<i>Teaching Kids How to Use Their Bibles</i> Terry Young	<i>Teaching Kids How to Use Their Bibles</i> (Repeat) Terry Young

PRESCHOOL TRACK			
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
<i>Ministering to Preschoolers and Their Families</i> Lori Lewis	<i>Ministering to Preschoolers and their Families</i> (Repeat) Lori Lewis	<i>Working Together as a Team</i> Lori Lewis	<i>Working Together as a Team</i> (Repeat) Lori Lewis
<i>Creating A Safe & Healthy Learning Environment</i> Donna Peavey	<i>Creating A Safe & Healthy Learning Environment</i> (Repeat) Donna Peavey	<i>Using Learning Centers to Teach</i> Donna Peavey	<i>Using Learning Centers to Teach</i> (Repeat) Donna Peavey
<i>Right From the Start (Birth—2 years)</i> Jenny Rogers	<i>Right From the Start (Birth—2 years)</i> (Repeat) Jenny Rogers	<i>The Learning Place Working with Preschoolers (3 yrs to Kindergarten)</i> Jenny Rogers	<i>The Learning Place Working with Preschoolers (3 yrs to Kindergarten)</i> (Repeat) Jenny Rogers
<i>Creating a Great Learning Environment</i> Marion Skiles	<i>Creating a Great Learning Environment</i> (Repeat) Marion Skiles	<i>How Do You Teach Bible Verses to Preschoolers?</i> Marion Skiles	<i>How do you Teach Bible Verses to Preschoolers?</i> (Repeat) Marion Skiles

LIBRARY TRACK			
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
<i>Helping Children Understand Dewey & Sears</i> Eva Nell Hunter	<i>Copy Right, Copy Wrong</i> Eva Nell Hunter	<i>Copy Right, Copy Wrong</i> (Repeat) Eva Nell Hunter	<i>How to Use Bible Study Helps</i> Eva Nell Hunter
		<i>Q & A The Library & Sunday School</i> Sue Berthlot	

Your BCM at LSU

Steve Masters, Director

Much of our summer is spent reaching out to the new students at LSU. One of the most important ministries we sponsor is our Freshmen Ministry for new students at LSU. These new students are overwhelmed by the various changes they face which include being on their own, establishing new friendships, choosing classes and a major, and so many other things. Statistics tell us that up to 90% of them have dropped out of church by the time they graduate from high school.

LSU sends our BCM a list of students who have indicated they are from a Baptist background. We attempt to personally call each of these students to invite them to get involved in our ministry and to stay or become involved in a local church. We also invite local churches to help us reach out to these students. If you would like to contact from 5 to 10 of them, then email us your name and email address and we will provide you with their names. Our email address is lsubcm@eatel.net.

We invite these freshmen to join a Freshmen Bible Study group which meets for one hour on Monday and Tuesday nights. They are led by a BCM upperclassmen guy and girl. We also invite the freshmen to be a part of our Freshmen Council which is a leadership and ministry group. We are excited that nearly sixty freshmen have already signed up for the Freshmen Council.

We send a letter to the parents of all of the new freshmen on our mailing list. We ask them to share some information with us about their son or daughter, and we commit to praying with them. We have excellent response to this contacting of parents.

Our Tiger Legacy Building Campaign is almost finished! We are in the final stages of finishing our "Punch List" of projects which includes some painting, some sheetrock finishing, the hanging of some drop ceilings, and other such projects. If you would like to help us finish things out then call or email us. The telephone number of the BCM is 225-343-0408.

Thanks for your continued support of our ministry.

Good News Deadlines for 2008

Oct. / Nov. issue: September 5
Dec. 08 / Jan. 09 issue: November 7



Please Be In Prayer for Our Churches

BAGBR churches seeking pastors include:

- False River Baptist
- First Baptist Hispanic, BR
- Fordoche Baptist
- Little Prairie Baptist
- Vietnamese Hope Baptist
- First Baptist Gramercy
- First Baptist, Plaquemine
- Latanache Baptist
- The Church at River Bend

*Ministry Opportunities**

CrossPoint Baptist Church would like to donate 10" black sign letters to a church that can use them. Call the church office at 225-752-2400.

Goodwood Baptist Church is in need of a secretary. Candidate must have excellent organizational skills, working knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Publisher, Power Point), good phone skills, and be a team player. Hours are 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Monday – Friday. This is a part-time paid position. Please send resume to: Goodwood Baptist Church, Attn. Personnel Committee, 7125 Goodwood Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70806 or you may email a resume to: pastorgdwd@bellsouth.net.

First Baptist Church of Port Allen is seeking a part-time Youth Director. Any interested person may mail a resume to the search committee: First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 437, Port Allen, LA 70767, Attn: Youth Director Search Committee. Or email resume to tracyhebert@cox.net.

Sherwood Baptist Church is in need of a pianist. Send resume to thechurch@sherwoodbc.org or call 225-275-2432 for further information.

Sherwood Baptist Church is searching for a permanent part time Director of Pre-school and Children's Ministries. Send resume to thechurch@sherwoodbc.org or call 225-275-2432 for further information.

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

Church Libraries: Celebrating 65 Years of Excellence!

Sue Berthelot, BAGBR Library Volunteer

This year organized Church Library work is celebrating its 65th year! Many faithful workers such as Arthur Flake, Leona Lavender, Florida Waite, and many others have encouraged churches to develop this ministry into one that supports all of the ministries in our churches. Plan a celebration in your church to help promote your church library ministry.

An excellent resource for church librarians is found at www.lifeway.com/churchlibrary. There are several interesting articles that will help you plan for success in your ministry area. Are you seeking ways to encourage men to use the library? In the current issue there is information about a contest using the **Spiritual Out Adventures** books and DVDs. Author Jimmy Sites will speak at a Wild Game Dinner at the winning church!

Get registered now for **Blitz on the Bayou**, August 16, at Parkview Baptist Church in Baton Rouge. This year we are excited to have Eva Nell Hunter from Decatur, AL as our guest session leader. She brings a wealth of knowledge to this event. Your church has received information about Blitz and will have all of the details. If you have questions contact the Association office or send me an email at dsbert@eatel.net. We look forward to seeing all of you.



Caution: Trials Ahead

Mary Smith,
BAGBR Prayer Team Volunteer

One of the Olympic stories capturing the headlines is that of Dara Torres, the 41 year old swimmer breaking her own records that have stood since she set them four Olympics ago. Recent reports say that it has taken an entire team of trainers and coaches to keep her swimming, strength training, stretching, and ready for these trials and the final competitions at the Olympics...to the tune of \$100,000 a year!

You might be thinking *Hey, she had help! She had a huge team of supporters, coaches, and trainers prepping her for her 'Trials'. If I had that kind of money and that kind of team I could be prepared for anything! She even knew the exact dates of her trials and competitions. Who wouldn't be ready!*

I have something to tell you: *Trials are coming. Are we training?*

You and I are not preparing for the Olympic Games, but Christ told us explicitly: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33, NLT

Trials are coming. Are we training? Or do we just have a locker full of dusty equipment?

Sometimes I think I would like to know, like an Olympian, exactly when, where, and who will be at the starting gate at my next trial. But since I can't, I at least want to be prepared: diligent in prayer, daily in the Word, time with my coach, ears for my trainer, the Holy Spirit, and surrounded by believers, encouragers who have lived through trials.

So, as part of my training and conditioning, I will be attending the training available to me: Blitz on the Bayou, August 16th at Parkview Baptist Church. In the Prayer Block we will learn how to become better equipped to pray for our prodigals and to pass the prayer torch along and be encouragers to the next generation.

Please come! You may be one of the Encouragers that God has for someone. Our trials may be different, but the training field is the same. Are we ready? We can do this...together.

Widows in Ministry

Florida Boulevard Baptist Church

10915 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, 70815 225-272-3740

Thursday, August, 14

LA State Archives Building Tour (Exhibits and Information)
Church vans will leave FBBC at 9:30 a.m. from west-side parking lot. Lunch (Dutch treat) at Piccadilly Cafeteria, South Sherwood Forest Blvd.

Thursday, September 11

Room A-143 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Visual Tour of Ridgcrest, N.C. and special hand bell music

Come and bring a widow friend!



Elayn Hunt Correctional Center Revival September 12, 13, 14

Again it is time to prepare for the Annual Tent Revival at Hunt. It will be **September 12, 13, 14**. This year we are asking for a donation of \$15 to help defray cost. There will be activities each day but our big push is Saturday morning, September 13. We would like 120 volunteers that day so that we can cover each dormitory and lock down. If you have a desire to make a difference in someone's life, this is your chance. The inmates really enjoy and appreciate the visits from free men. They like to hear your testimony of what God is doing in your life and how He has blessed you. They will want you to pray with them also. Matthew 26:35-36 reminds us how important this was to Christ. Come be a part of the Hunt tent revival!

If you have any questions, call the Association office or contact George Goudeau at 225-261-7291.

8th Annual Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women Tent Revival: October 3, 4, 5 Volunteers Needed!

We are looking forward to the **Eighth Annual Tent Revival** at the Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women in St. Gabriel. The revival will be **October 3, 4, 5**. We ask that you prayerfully consider attending one of the services as we join with the women in LCIW for a time of fellowship and worship. There will be four services during this three day event. **If you would like to volunteer, there is a clearance form which needs to be completed and returned to the Association office by Tuesday, September 2.** To request further information or a registration form, contact Jan at the Association office at 225- 296-3943.

Criminal Justice: Volunteer Training

Please be aware that there is compulsory training required annually for **all volunteers** who enter any state prison facility for the purpose of teaching, leading, or otherwise participating in ongoing educational training. Please take note of the remaining dates and attend one of the classes listed below. Remember, this is a **compulsory** DOC (Dept. of Corrections) rule and must be followed if you desire to serve God in this very important ministry of Baptist Association of Greater Baton Rouge. Notify Jan Terral at 225-296-2943 or jan@bagbr.org when you have completed the training.

- ✚ August 23rd 6:00 p.m. – Catholic Life Center in Baton Rouge, 1800 South Acadian Thruway, Baton Rouge
- ✚ October 18th 8:00 a.m. – South Baton Rouge Church of Christ, 8725 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge

Judson Baptist Retreat Center

Eugene Morris, Coordinator

As you receive this publication, our summer will be history! We've had Victory Harvest Children's Camp, Istrouma Kid's Camp, Teens in Action Camp with 48 girls, Cornerstone Fellowship Kid's Camp, Boy's Missions Camp with 118 boys and counselors and Woodlawn Kid's Camp! Our Boy's Missions Camp was a huge success and underwent a significant change! We no longer had our State RA staff, but God was already ahead of us and we were able to borrow the male counselors from a sister camp, Dry Creek Baptist Camp, near Deridder, Louisiana! What a joy it was to work with these fine young men. They added a whole new dimension to our BMC!

We have just completed our first week of Girl's Missions Camp; using an Olympic theme, we stressed our goal of being "Swifter, Higher and Stronger" in our walk with Jesus. Three professions of faith during this week were grounds for shouting! Over 450 girls, counselors and staff will be learning about running the race God has set before us. We look forward to the next three weeks of GMC and then Equestrian Camp. It never ceases to amaze all of us on staff as we watch God answer prayers daily as we minister here. This summer brought a new Sleepy Hollow bridge, better lighting under our basketball court and barn, five acres of new pasture, and new additions to the barn and maintenance shop.

2nd Annual Mother/Daughter Weekend

November 7 – 9

Need to spend some quality time with your daughter(s) and you love horses? We have just the weekend for you! Come to the rolling piney hills of JBRC...get away from all the distractions of the city and take time to relax, recreate, and ride! Daughters need to be at least six years old...no age limitations for moms! Take time to renew your relationship with your daughter(s) and deepen your relationship with the Lord. Communication skills are taught in an amazing way through our JBRC horses! **Cost is \$175.00 for mother/daughter and \$75.00 for each additional daughter.** Check in is 6:00 pm on Friday and our retreat ends at 2:00 pm on Sunday. Go to: www.bagbr.org/retreatcenter.htm for forms and more information!

Christmas Horse Camp 2008

December 27 – 30

This camp is designed for 7th-9th grade horse-loving girls! The cost is \$210.00 and begins with check-in at 9:00 am on Saturday and ends with an exhibition at 4:00 pm on Tuesday. Check out our website: www.bagbr.org/retreatcenter.htm for forms and more information!

On a personal note...

Debi and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your prayers while our son Ben was in Iraq. He is safely home with us and we are ever so thankful to our Lord for His protecting hand.



Above: Morning Horseback Devotion



Above: Boy's Mission Camp – 117 strong!

Below: Preparing Gifts for Ladies' Prison

Below: Girl's Mission Camp – 180 strong!





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Church Clerks!

It is time once again to complete *Annual Church Profiles*. We must receive the completed forms by **Thursday, September 18**. Watch your mail for details.

Church Events



First Baptist Church of Denham Springs invites you to "Marriage University" **August 22 - 23**. Topics will include Marital Foundations, Marital Stages, Reconnecting, Managing Conflict, and more. Speakers include Kyle Dodd and Dr. Harv Powers. Cost is \$75 per person. Contact the church office to register, 225-664-4102.

Istrouma Baptist Church invites you to "Living Your Life As a Beautiful Offering" with author and speaker Angela Thomas, **August 2** from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$10. Tickets are available at Istrouma as well as online at www.istrouma.org.

Jefferson Baptist Church's Women's Ministry invites you to the "Making Connections" Seminar, Saturday, **August 23** from 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Join us as we make connections with our community, other women, and God. Keynote speaker: Dianne Deaton. Other speakers include: Murphy Toerner, Senator Sharon Weston Broome, Sally Koch, and Rhonda Kelley. A sandwich lunch will be provided and a love offering will be taken. Register on-line at www.jeffersonbaptist.org. Call the church office with any questions at 225-923-0356.

(Church Events Continued)

Oakcrest Baptist Church invites you to their 48th Homecoming **August 17** at 10:20 a.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. Jamie Elliott. Former member Vickie Stevens Elliott will bring a message in song. The Elliots are former missionaries to China.

Woodlawn Baptist Church invites you to a weekend seminar on how to raise your children to love God, love parents and respect others as the Bible instructs. Jill Rigsby, a renowned author and speaker will lead this seminar Friday and Saturday, **October 10 and 11**. Cost is \$25 per couple or \$20 for individuals. For more information call Woodlawn Baptist at 225-753-1667 and ask for Caroline Evans.

**NOBTS Extension Center Schedule
 Fall 2008**

Day	Time	Course Name	Hours	Instructor
M	1-2	Personal Spiritual Disciplines	1	Roddy Conerly
M	2-5	Marriage and Family Issues	3	Fred Selby
M	6-9	New Testament Survey	3	Roddy Conerly
Th	6-9	Introduction to Preaching	3	Richard Blue

Please refer to www.bagbr.org or www.nobts.edu for information.

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