



Good News

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

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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 register:
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
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New Location!

Building a Championship Sunday School

Training for Sunday School Leadership

Pastors, Directors, Teachers of Adults, College, Youth, Children, and Preschoolers

Additional sessions: Prayer & Library

Please join us in welcoming guest speaker David Francis. Francis is the director of Sunday School with LifeWay Church Resources. He assumed his current position in 2004, but has been with LifeWay since 1997. During his tenure with the organization he has filled several roles, including Director of Regional Operation for Church Resources and Associate Director of the Church Leadership group.

Prior to joining LifeWay, Francis served as the Associate Pastor and Minister of Education at First Baptist Church, Garland, Texas for 13 years.

Francis and his wife, Vicki, teach pre-K Sunday school at Long Hollow Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee. They have three sons and four grandchildren.



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No! Really! How Is the Church Doing?

Rodrick E. Conerly, Executive Director

Monday morning had arrived and Pastor Red Brick was having a tough time. What had begun as a normal Sunday had ended that night with a sharp criticism from a most unexpected person. As Brother Brick was saying good night to the last few people leaving the church, Sister Set N. Erways stepped past him without saying good-bye. He had known her long enough to tell that she was upset about something.

As she moved past him toward the parking lot, he asked, "Sister Set, is something wrong?"

As if a cork had been removed she began to let go of her feelings. She had held her tongue after the morning worship service, but now he had given her the opportunity to tell him what she felt. She exclaimed, "Pastor, I cannot believe what I heard this morning."

"Why? What, Sister Set?" Red Brick asked, fearing that yet again another rumor had begun about something. "What did you hear that has you so upset?"

"Well, what was announced this morning," she exclaimed.

Pastor Brick's mind quickly returned to the morning's announcements: the youth mission trip, the need for volunteers for Vacation Bible School, the reminder about the food drive for the City Food Pantry, and the Hispanic worship service. Try as he would he could not remember anything else that may have upset Sister Set.

With deep concern for an aged member he asked, "What announcement, Sister Set?"

"Why Pastor," she said, "that Hispanic worship service in the chapel. Do you realize how that will upset our worship service on Sunday morning? They will take our parking places. We will have to listen to their loud music. It was bad enough that we had to smell their cooking in the fellowship hall on Sunday mornings."

"But, Sister Set," began Brother Red Brick, "there may be some inconvenience as we work out the details, but it will be worth the effort."

Try as he would, he could not soothe Sister Set's feeling. After about fifteen minutes of listening to her complaints, he decided to appeal to his ultimate authority, the Bible.

"Now, Sister Set," he said, "the Bible teaches us that we must reach every person we can and tell them about Jesus Christ."

Sister Set had retired as an English teacher at the Local High School. With a steely glare that had cowered high school students for years, she exclaimed, "Brother Brick, I don't care what the Bible says. I don't like it. It will cause too much change in my church."

So, Monday had arrived and Pastor Red Brick could not shake off the doldrums from the night before. Other than the unexpected criticism from Sister Set N. Erways, Sunday had been the usual

day. The Sunday morning Bible Study classes had the usual number of people. The morning worship service was as well attended as ever, nothing to really brag about. An average Sunday morning at the White Column Church, much like it had been for the past ten or so years.

Pastor Red Brick had awakened Monday morning with the realization of the problem that faced the White Column Church. Sister Set was only one of many members who had adopted an inward viewpoint of the church. As the members looked inward, they unconsciously adopted the notion of entitlement. Their years of membership, tithes, and service somehow entitled them to special treatment.

Pastor Red Brick knew that somehow the White Column Church needed to move to the next level. The problem was that Red had no idea what that "next level" looked like. Somehow the vision God had given him ten years earlier had become lost. He had to regain the vision of God's Preferred Future for the church. He and the membership had to recapture an outward perspective of service to the unchurched in the community.

For this reason he had called the Local Association and asked to meet with Brother Vision Nary. As he took a chair, Brother Nary could see this was no usual morning visit for Red. Concern about something was written all over his face.

After a silent prayer for God's guidance, Brother Nary asked, "Pastor Brick, how are things going at White Column Church?"

Red answered, "Things are good. The church is doing alright." To which Brother Nary pointed asked, "Red, no! *Really!* How are things at the church? What is troubling you?"

Pastor Red Brick realized that Brother Nary's gift of perception once again had come into play with that pointed question. Red realized that Brother Nary was not going to be satisfied with the usual trite answer. He expected Red to face the situation, whatever it was. After all, Brother Nary knew almost as much about White Column Church as the pastor. Both men knew that the White Column Church needed to regain the vision for God's Preferred Future.

As Red explained the exchange with Sister Set N. Erways from the night before, he said, "I know the church needs to move to the next level. We have been stagnant for at least eight years. The church has plateaued on every level: attendance, finance, baptisms, membership, everything. Sister Set's comments have crystallized the need."

"Well, Red," said Brother Nary, "if you were to define the next level of growth of the church, would it be defined in terms of numerical growth, leadership development, new Bible study classes, new home Bible studies, new organizational development, or the start of a new church? What do you feel is needed?"

"Brother Nary," said Red, "I thought we were on the right track with the start of the new Hispanic ministry. But, I seem to have been wrong."

"That may not be entirely true," said Brother Nary. "Let me ask another question. How well has the start and development of the

the new ministry been understood by the members and workers in the church?"

Brother Red Brick had to confess that the new Hispanic ministry primarily was understood by the staff, but not the membership.

"Well Red," said Brother Nary, "first of all, you will have to have some one-on-one conversations with the leaders of the church to see if any of them have feelings similar to Sister Set N. Erways. If they do have concerns, you will have to make sure their questions are answered."

"After all," Brother Nary continued, "this is spiritual warfare. Spiritual immaturity among your leaders will create definite barriers to understanding and fulfilling God's vision."

"Barriers?" Red asked, "what kind of barriers?"

"Well, the **first barrier** is **spiritual**. Unconfessed sin in the lives of the leaders of the church will hinder God's work," said Brother Nary. "Unconfessed sin will deplete the spiritual energy needed for growth."

"The **second barrier** is energy being put into **work that does not reproduce**. Everything the church does, every program, every budget, Bible study, every sermon must contribute to God's Preferred Future for the church and community. Whatever is done in the church that does not contribute to the extension of God's Kingdom must be evaluated for improvement or for termination."

"A **third barrier**," continued Brother Nary, "is **imbalance of maintenance leaders versus mission leaders** in the church. Most churches have plenty of members and staff doing in-house, or maintenance, activities. But, few churches have a comparable number of people doing outside the church mission activities. As long as most of the work is in-house, then the lack of mission activities necessary for Kingdom extension will be a barrier to the church accomplishing God's Preferred Future."

"So, Red," continued Brother Nary, "specifically, what is the next level? What is the vision?"

Pastor Red Brick responded, "I am not sure I can express that vision at this moment. But it will involve the members of White Column Church being engaged in extending God's Kingdom outside the walls of the church. We must get busy extending God's Kingdom beyond the local church."

"After all," he continued, "people win people to Jesus Christ. In order for the members of White Column Church to discover unchurched people in the community, they will have to find avenues and opportunities to establish significant relationships with their unchurched neighbors."

As Pastor Red Brick left Brother Vision Nary's office, his confidence about the new Hispanic ministry had been restored. Now he realized that it would be the first of many new ministries targeting specific groups of unchurched people in the community around the church.

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Resources for Creating an Environment for Change

Bacharach, Samuel B. *Get Them on Your Side*. Avon, Massachusetts: Platinum Press, 2005.

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Regele, Mike, Mark Schultz. *Death of the Church*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Press, 1995.

Schaller, Lyle E. *The Change Agent: The Strategy of Innovative Leadership*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1972.

Simson, Wolfgang. *Houses that Change the World*. Emmelsbull, Germany: C & P Publishing, 1999.

If you would like to know how the Association can help you create an environment for change, please contact the office at 225-296-3943. Your Associational leadership is available to help you.

Please Be In Prayer for Our Churches

BAGBR churches seeking pastors include:

- First Baptist Hispanic, BR
- Florida Blvd. Baptist
- Latanache Baptist
- The Church at River Bend
- First Baptist, Plaquemine
- Fordoche Baptist
- Little Prairie Baptist
- Vietnamese Hope Baptist

Summer Revival



Parkview Baptist Church invites all Senior Adults to our annual summer revival. Services will be Monday through Wednesday, July 28 – 30 at 10:30 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship begin at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided following the Wednesday service. Special guests include Rev. and Mrs. "Step" Martin, Pastor Emeritus of Calvary Baptist Church in Shreveport. Parkview Baptist Church is located at

11795 Jefferson Hwy., Baton Rouge. For more information, please call 225-293-2820.

Good News Deadlines for 2008

August / Sept. issue:

Oct. / Nov. issue:

Dec. 08 – Jan. 09 issue:

July 7

September 5

November 7



Your BCM at LSU

Steve Masters, Director

The Dedication Service for our renovated BCM Center was held Sunday, April 27th. Over two hundred and fifty people were in attendance. This included alumni of the BCM, parents of current and former BCM students, representatives of churches that have given financially to the renovation, volunteers that worked on the building, and current BCM students. The service consisted of praise and worship led by the BCM TNT Praise Band, testimonies, scripture challenges of how the building will be used, and lots of words of appreciation to the LBC, churches, individuals, the Baptist Association of Greater Baton Rouge, and the William Wallace Baptist Association.

Our building renovation is almost finished. We had to schedule the dedication before we were totally finished so our students would be able to attend before they have their final exams. We could still use some volunteer help during the day, on Monday and Tuesday evenings, or on Saturdays.

We held our first weekly worship service for LSU students on Thursday night, April 24th at 8:00. Over 200 college students were in attendance. It was an exciting time of praise and worship and biblical challenges. The students are thrilled to have a beautiful center and want to use it in any and every way possible to reach students for Christ.

Our International Student Ministry continues to reach out to the 1,800 International Students from over 120 countries that are on our campus. Over 200 different International Students at LSU have attended one or more BCM ministry events during the school year. We have begun a Friendship Partners Adoption Ministry for International Students. Ten of our BCM students have adopted an International Student. They will go on outings together, learn English together, etc.

We would like to invite our area church members to adopt International Students as a Host Family. Those doing so could invite the students into their homes, take them on outings, invite them to their church, etc. If you are interested, please contact us.

One of our major BCM projects for the next three months is to find out where our area high school seniors will be going to college. If they will be attending LSU or BRCC, then we would like to invite them to be involved in our ministry. If they will be attending other colleges or universities, then we would like to forward their name and contact information to the collegiate minister on that campus. Please email us your students' names and contact information to lsubcm@eatel.net.

June 2008

- 10 – 11 Southern Baptist Convention, Indianapolis, IN
- 15 LBC Baptist Men's Day & Father's Day

LBC = LBC sponsored event

BAGBR = Association event



Dedication Service: BCM Ribbon Cutting

Invitation to all Administrative / Ministry Assistants

The BCM proudly welcomes you to a luncheon in your honor! Please make plans to attend **Tuesday, June 10th at noon**. We ask that you call the BCM by June 9th to register at 225-343-0408 or email us at lsubcm@eatel.net. This is open to all church secretaries and ministry assistants. We look forward to seeing you!

Criminal Justice Volunteers!

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. This does not apply to an event such as a revival. Please take note of and attend one of the dates listed below. Remember, this is a **compulsory** DOC 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.

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

July 2008

- 4 Independence Day (BAGBR Office Closed)
- 25 - 26 LBC Childhood Education Workshop, Shreveport
- 28 - 29 LBC Childhood Education Workshop, NOBTS

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BAGBR = Association event

BAGBR CONTRIBUTIONS 1Q08

ASSOCIATION CHURCHES	2007 YTD	2008 1st Q		ASSOCIATION CHURCHES	2007 YTD	2008 1st Q
Addis, First Baptist Church	270.00	270.00		Northside Baptist Church, Plaquemine	150.00	150.00
Ascension Baptist Church	2,571.84	2636.44*		Oak Grove Baptist Church, Prairieville	0.00	0.00
Baker, First Baptist Church	3,850.16	3,702.56		Oakcrest Baptist Church	1,056.93	920.57
Baton Rouge, First Baptist Church	8,165.50	6,799.84		Park Forest Baptist Church	1,677.21	1,271.02
Bayou Plaquemine Baptist, Plaquemine	1,547.97	878.91		Parkside Baptist Church	1,765.35	1843.48*
Bayou Sorrel Baptist Church, Plaquemine	793.58	349.57		Parkview Baptist Church	11,561.78	11,459.91
Bethel Baptist Worship, Morganza	0.00	180.00*		Plaquemine, First Baptist Church	1,307.26	898.07
Broadmoor Baptist Church	0.00	0.00		Port Allen, First Baptist Church	1,879.62	2011.37*
Brookstown Baptist Church	527.87	514.78		Riverdale Baptist Church	959.66	1241.96*
Broussard Grove Baptist Church	666.68	500.01		Sharon Baptist Church	2,400.78	2,079.85
Brownfields Baptist Church	511.29	447.20		Sherwood Baptist Church	3,164.34	2,846.17
Cane Brake Baptist Church, Lottie	0.00	261.68		Sorrento Baptist Church	549.13	475.75
Cedarcrest Baptist Church	1,753.00	1,214.00		Southside Baptist Church	3,161.74	2,690.52
Central, First Baptist Church	300.00	300.00		Starlight Baptist Church, Morganza	0.00	0.00
Comite Baptist Church	1,120.08	1181.42*		Stevendale Baptist Church	150.00	150.00
Community Bible Baptist, Baton Rouge	900.00	900.00		The Church at Riverbend	150.00	0.00
Courtableau Baptist Church, Port Barre	305.07	298.76		Trinity Baptist Church	437.49	462.32*
CrossPoint Baptist Church	2,250.00	3000.00*		Unity Baptist Church	0.00	0.00
Donaldsonville, First Baptist Church	40.00	120.00*		University Baptist Church	7,809.34	7,675.65
Douglas Avenue Baptist Church	0.00	414.00*		Victory Baptist Church	488.60	566.02*
Dutchtown Baptist Church	300.00	300.00		Vietnamese Hope Baptist Church	643.01	563.77
Erwinville Baptist Church	760.67	583.76		White Castle, First Baptist Church	224.65	289.15*
Faith Baptist Church, Baker	979.34	807.08		Winbourne Avenue Baptist Church	0.00	0.00
Faith Baptist Church, Livonia	1,289.63	176.66		Woodlawn Baptist Church	12,896.36	12,843.67
False River Baptist Church, Ventress	620.10	357.90		Zoar Baptist Church	15,528.15	11,474.93
Fellowship Church, Greenwell Springs	2,014.11	2363.19*		ASSOCIATION MISSIONS		
First Baptist Deaf Church	0.00	30.00*		Christian Fellowship Int.-Filipino	80.00	0.00
Florida Boulevard Baptist Church	10,949.06	11463.91*		ChristWay Mission, Vacherie	96.00	73.00
Fordoche Baptist Church	1,012.84	1058.25*		Church of the Nations	127.09	83.00
Foster Road Baptist Church	1,611.02	1,191.10		Circle Baptist Mission, Baker	100.00	100.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Baker	0.00	0.00		Community Baptist Mission, Greensburg	0.00	0.00
Glen Oaks Baptist Church	0.00	0.00		Fellowship Church, Prairieville	1,342.19	930.00
God's Vineyard Baptist (formerly Cortana)	0.00	0.00		Gonzales Hispanic	145.73	105.72
Gonzales, First Baptist Church	800.00	400.00		Grace Fellowship Baptist Church	0.00	0.00
Goodwood Baptist Church	236.78	370.05*		Haven	7.05	363.34*
Grace Baptist Church	228.58	0.00		Hispanic Mission – First Baptist Church, BR	0.00	0.00
Gramercy, First Baptist Church	200.00	0.00		La Croix Church	0.00	68.00*
Greenwell Springs Baptist Church	7,595.00	7793.00*		LifeGiving	84.00	0.00
Grosse Tete Baptist Church	761.00	700.00		LifePointe	0.00	137.25*
Hooper Road Baptist Church	60.00	0.00		New Covenant Christian Center	135.00	0.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Baton Rouge	1,321.00	904.00		North Highlands Community Baptist	50.00	0.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Gonzales	65.14	55.02		Reserve, First Baptist Church	390.15	660.00*
Indian Mound Baptist Church	1,893.15	1,635.59		Ring Community	882.91	976.67*
Istrouma Baptist Church	13,164.34	15,428.36		Salvation Ministry of Jesus Christ	0.00	0.00
Jefferson Baptist Church	10,147.56	11543.40*		Sojourn Church	0.00	0.00
Krotz Springs, First Baptist Church	450.00	450.00		Vietnamese Baptist Fellowship	0.00	0.00
Lake Martin Baptist Church, Prairieville	0.00	223.05*		Westside Fellowship, Brusly	0.00	0.00
Lanier Baptist Church	2,475.03	2999.20*		CONTRIBUTING CHURCHES		
Latanache Baptist Church, Batchelor	879.39	616.00		DaySpring, St Gabriel	100.00	450.00*
Little Prairie Baptist Church, Prairieville	479.00	0.00		Graceworks, Prairieville	1,120.00	0.00
Maringouin, First Baptist Church	131.72	145.55*		Korean Baptist Church - Burgin Dr.	0.00	0.00
New Life Church of Baton Rouge	719.01	927.51*		Mid-City Baptist Fellowship	120.00	115.00
New River Baptist Church	265.85	284.64*		Mt. Bethel Baptist Church	300.00	300.00
New Roads, First Baptist Church	3,577.00	2585*		The Lord's Church, Kentwood	962.39	399.89
				TOTAL CONTRIBUTION RECEIPTS	164,563.27	156,037.44

*denotes 2008 greater than 2007

YTD = January - March

Association Vacation Bible School

Please call the church listed for additional information.

Church	Theme	Dates and Times
Ascension Baptist	Outrigger Island	June 23 – 27 9:00 a.m. – noon
CrossPoint Baptist	Go to the Nation	June 22 – 26
Dutchtown Baptist	Outrigger Island	July 21 – 25 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Fellowship Baptist, Greenwell Springs	Outrigger Island	June 16 – 20
Fellowship Church, Prairieville	Outrigger Island	July 7 – 11 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
FBC, Baker	Marketplace: Jesus the Bread of Life	June 2 – 6 9:00 a.m. – noon
FBC, Baton Rouge: Bluebonnet	Outrigger Island	June 2 – 6 9:00 a.m. – noon
FBC, Central	Outrigger Island	June 16 – 20 6:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.
FBC, Krotz Springs	Outrigger Island	July 21 – 25
FBC, New Roads	Outrigger Island	June 16 – 20 9:00 a.m. – noon
FBC, Plaquemine	Outrigger Island	June 9 – 13 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Florida Blvd. Baptist	Outrigger Island	June 15 – 19 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Greenwell Springs Baptist	Marketplace	June 2 – 6 9:00 a.m. – noon
Indian Mound Baptist	Son Harvest Country Farm	June 16 – 20 6:00 p.m.
Lake Martin Baptist	Cactus Canyon	July 28 – August 1 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Parkside Baptist	Cactus Canyon	June 9 – 13
Parkview Baptist	Outrigger Island	June 23 – 27 8:45 a.m. – noon
Riverdale Baptist	Outrigger Island	June 16 – 20
Sherwood Baptist	Outrigger Island	June 23 – 27
The Lord's Church	Outrigger Island	June 16 – 20 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
University Baptist	Outrigger Island	June 23 – 27 9 a.m. – noon
Vietnamese Hope	Outrigger Island	June 16 – 20
Woodlawn Baptist	Outrigger Island	June 2 – 6 9:00 a.m. – noon
Zoar Baptist	Outrigger Island	June 8 – 12 8:30 a.m.

Ministry Opportunities*

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.

Stevendale Baptist Church is in need of a part-time church secretary. Candidate must be dependable, organized, have good phone skills, a working knowledge of QuickBooks, Microsoft Word, Publisher, and have ability to learn CPMS (Church Planter Management System). Must be a self starter and able to work with minimum supervision. Hours are 8:00 a.m. – noon, Monday – Friday. This is a part-time paid position with 1 week paid vacation after a year and paid holidays. Please send resume to: Stevendale Baptist Church, 16545 Old Hammond Hwy., Baton Rouge, LA 70816. Or email resume to: sbc_1956@yahoo.com.

Woodlawn Baptist Church is hiring Mother's Day Out teachers for in the fall. Classes begin the middle of August and run with the EBR school district calendar. Starting salaries are competitive and the working environment is wonderfully Christ centered. If you are interested, please call Leigh MacKenzie at 755-2636 or e-mail at momsdayout@gmail.com.

***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 Norma at the BAGBR office at 225-296-3943 or email norma@bagbr.org to update.**

LCIW Revival Volunteers Needed

Ladies' Day / Revival at LCIW will be October 3, 4, 5. If you have completed the required training and would like to volunteer for this very important event, you must contact Jan at the Association office no later than **Tuesday, September 2nd**. We cannot accept late volunteers due to the nature of this ministry.

Widows in Ministry

WIM Monthly Meeting – Thursday, June 12, 2008

Room A-143, (Westside parking)

"Crime-Prevention Awareness"

Speaker: Sgt. Veronice Johnson, District Coordinator
B. R. Police Community Resource Division

WIM Monthly Meeting – July 10, 2008

Potluck Luncheon - 11:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall (Eastside parking)

"Lunch with Pat Shingleton"

WBRZ –TV Personality

Please bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert

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

Judson Baptist Retreat Center

Eugene Morris, Coordinator

We ask that you place this prayer list on your refrigerator door or in your "quiet time" room in your home and pray for our staff as we work 24/7 from June 1 – August 8. We also ask that you lift up our campers, volunteer counselors, nurses, Bible teachers, missions teachers, missionaries, and all others who are involved in providing our campers with a look at how Christians live on a daily basis. Ask that they will be pointed to Jesus Christ, our Savior, and that through Him, we will turn their hearts to reaching the lost of our world. Thank you so much for partnering with us in prayer.

Prayer List for JBRC – Summer 2008

Eugene Morris, Coordinator
 Debi Morris, Administrative Assistant
 Steve Myers, Assistant Coordinator
 Missy Myers, Food Service and Office
 Ken Blue, Maintenance
 Viola Johnson, Head Dietician
 Dorothy Dunn, Cook and Housekeeping
 Lubertha Dantzler, Cook and Housekeeping
 Keymeisha Green, Assistant Cook
 Kimberly Green, Assistant Cook
 Judy Ferguson, Cook
 Pat Payne, Housekeeper
 Michelle Cochran, Lifeguard
 Kevin Campanile, Maintenance
 Christy Myers, Head Wrangler
 Rachel Myers, Wrangler
 Karen Christopher, Wrangler
 K. D. Smith, Volunteer Wrangler
 Jacquelyn Odom, GMC Director
 Amy Clark, Intern
 Kaitlyn Staples, Intern
 Emily Winegeart, Staffer
 Rachael Phillips, Staffer
 Elena Henry, Staffer
 Danielle Jackson, Staffer
 Anna Campbell, Staffer
 Anna Lukachik, Staffer
 Joy Clark, Staffer
 Rebekah Odom, Staffer
 Miriam Downing, Staffer
 Alicia Rushin, Staffer

Bible Drill Report

A great, big thank you to all parents, participants, and volunteers who helped make the 2008 Associational Bible Drill a success. We had 59 total participants with 53 of those going on to the state drill. What a wonderful ministry and effective tool for learning biblical principles and scripture memorization. If you are interested in starting Bible Drill at your church, contact Norma at the Association office for details. A special word of thanks to Florida Blvd. Baptist Church for allowing us to use their church once again.



Missions Roundtable Forum

Pat Hand, Membership and Mission Minister,
 Istrouma Baptist Church

Our first annual BAGBR Missions Forum was such a blessing. The Friday pastor's dinner was a great way to kick-off the forum. We had over 80 pastors and wives who attended. First Baptist Church of Baton Rouge staff did a marvelous job with the delicious meal and decorating for the forum. Byron Townsend, worship pastor at Cross Point Church, did a wonderful job preparing us for the teaching time Friday evening and Saturday morning as we worshiped together in song and scripture.

Dr. Mike Edens from NOBTS brought two powerful messages to us as an Association of churches as to the importance of going out into our local and distant world with the gospel of Christ. It was such a treat to actually hear from an IMB missionary ministering in Russia, as he spoke of the importance of fulfilling the Great Commission and what some of their challenges are.

The breakout sessions were well attended on a variety of subjects as the break out teachers invested their time and energy into the 80 plus number of people who attended Saturday. The question and answer time at Saturday's lunch really hit a chord with all of us in the various areas of:

1. Working as an Association to do local and long-distance missions.
2. Partnering between smaller churches and bi-vocational pastors with larger churches and other churches already doing missions so they could go together on mission projects.
3. Collaborating opportunities in our Association for Afro-American congregations to team up with Anglo-American congregations and be the church of Jesus in our community.

How exciting to have heard these nuggets of truth all weekend and now have the opportunity to put them into action! Finally, any pastor who has never been on a mission trip is asked to call the Association Office. We hope to see you next year!



Seminary Extension Fall 2008 Schedule (Tentative)

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 detailed information.



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Volunteers Needed

We welcome World Changers to Baton Rouge June 21 – 28. World Changers will be housed at Zoar Baptist Church. They will be performing roof repairs and painting on homes located in the Scotlandville area. Help is needed preparing breakfast and dinner, delivering lunch, and cleaning up. If any church is interested in helping to provide lunches, please contact Zoar Baptist Church at 225-261-3434. We further ask that you remember the students and volunteers in prayer.

**ABC (Acadian Baptist Center)
 Summer Camp Dates**

June 9 – 13	“ur”	grades 7 – 12
June 16 – 19	“Mission Impossible”	grades 3 – 6
June 23 – 27	“Finding My Place”	grades 1 – 12
July 7 – 10	“Aliens” (day camp)	grades 1 – 3
July 14 – 18	“Errr, Hidden Treasure”	grades 7 – 12
July 28 – 31	“Shake the Planet”	grades 3 – 6
August 22 – 23	Hunter’s Safety Course	Ages 10 & over

For more information, go to www.abccamp.com or call 337-457-9047.

Save the date!

Baptist Association of Greater Baton Rouge
 119th Annual Meeting
 Tuesday, October 14
 6:00 p.m.
 Baptist Collegiate Ministry Building, LSU

Updates

Has your website changed? Do you have a new staff member? Please remember to notify us when you have updates, as we do strive to keep our website and databases current. Call Norma at the Association office or email her norma@bagbr.org. Thanks for your cooperation!

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