



Near and Far

A Newsletter for Bienville and Webster-Claiborne Baptist Associations

PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS

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The New Year is here with all of its hopes, dreams, and challenges. Unfortunately, the only thing that separates us from the daily drudgery and monotony of last year is just a single day on a calendar. How can we rise above the ordinary to explore the extraordinary? How can we trade the daily monotonous drudgery of simply existing for a daily walk in joy and victory? Perhaps Isaiah 40 has a word for us.

“He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40:29-31 NKJV

I confess, last year tired me out. The constant battles of health and the constant doctors' visits wore me down. Will this year be different? Maybe, maybe not, but this I know, I can choose to be like a chicken, earth bound, scratching in the dirt, or like the eagle soaring above it all. Isaiah says if we rely on God we can be strong. I'm still claiming the verse my wife shared with me when my health issues first showed up this time last year: *“Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits— who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.” Psalms 103:1-5 NIV*

I'm placing my faith and hope in the Lord. I know that I can fly on eagle wings, not because of who I am, not because the challenges are gone, but because Jesus said He will never leave me nor forsake me. When I rely on Him I can live victoriously through the new year. You and your church can rise above the daily monotony of life. You can be like the chicken, scratching around in the dirt, or soar majestically like the eagle. Your choice!

God bless,
Bro. Randy



Above, the **Mission Portugal Encontro Team** plan for upcoming events. They are excited about their Easter outreach plans. They would like for us to help them. **You can go or contribute to help someone else go. I have people wanting to go but can't afford the trip. Call me if you want to help! Bro. Randy**

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Mission Corner

Camp Harris' roof is finished. Thank you to those who have donated. With 1/3 of our churches donating we are 1/3 of the way to our goal. If your church has not donated to our renovation project, please pray about doing so.

Go to www.harrisbaptistcamp.com

for calendar of events including announcements about monthly fish fry and other events.

End of the year Giving

Team Lisbon

As you are thinking about end of the year giving, we would love to ask you to go above and beyond your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Co-operative Program gifts to support the work in Lisbon. This money will cover our team's transportation costs to minister here in the city for the next year and to fund various projects aiding our church plants. We also want to say thank you to those who have already contributed.

<https://imb.org/give/project/libson-and-southern-portugal/>

Sharps in Portugal

Easter Mission Trip to Lisbon Portugal March 31-April 10. Dates can be adjusted to accommodate individual team members. Training and preparations need to begin immediately. Call Bro. Randy soon if interested in joining the Encontro Portugal team.



STAFF NEEDS

*Rocky Springs—Youth Director
New Bethel—Bi-Vo Pastor
Magnolia, Saline—Pastor
Emmanuel, Minden—PT Children’s Minister
FBC, Ringgold— Pastor (Harry O Brown resigned to be new director of Camp Harris)*

Brother Randy has training materials for Minister-Search Committees.

Please send resumes to the associational office or direct to the church. Also send notices of staff vacancies you want us to announce.

January Additional dates on page 3

- 9 BWC Youth Network Leaders Meeting at Mission Center 6 pm.
- 22 BWC Youth Network, West Lake, Doyline see facebook for more details

February Additional dates on page 3

- 26 BWC Youth Network, FBC Homer
- 27 Webster-Claiborne Exec. Board, MMC, 10 AM
Bienville Exec. Board, 6PM PineGrove (Corrected date, please note, originally was in Calendar as Feb 2).

IRS mileage rate is 65.5 cents a mile beginning January 1. Make sure your ministers are properly reimbursed for using their vehicles to do your ministry.



Aaron Coffey, FBC Homer is the new director to BWC!!

Jan 22 West Lake, Doyline

Feb 26 FBC Homer

Leaders’ Meeting at the Mission Center January 9th at 6 pm.

We can help your students participate with other groups and share ideas with youth leaders.

See BWC Youth Network on Facebook for schedules and events.



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if interested in using your carpentry skills in ministry.
Call or text Randy Ray
318-312-0884 or email at rray1.ch@gmail.com

Rolling Hills Drop Off Building is located behind our Mission Center. We accept anything except for mattresses. The building has a lock. You can call the number posted on the door 24 hours a day to get the combination. Thank you for your gifts.

Remember
The Party Trailer is available for your events.. Call the office to reserve at 318-377-3005. Cost is \$25.00 to help with maintenance of the trailer.



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It’s a New Day Update



Goal \$600,000

Raised \$178,340

Balance in LBF New Life Center account \$8,634.38

New Roof is finished with the help of a loan, still needing donations for completion of much needed projects!

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GRANBERRY COUNSELING CENTER
*Help for Today
Hope for Tomorrow*

*A ministry of the Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home & Family Ministries
Amy Butler, LPC, LMFT*



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1408 Sibley Rd.
Minden, LA 71055
Call 773-5539 for an appointment.*

Randy Ward, Truck-Stop Chaplain
Bible Distribution final 2022 results.



Bible Distribution	
Love’s	600
Dixie Inn	257
Total Bibles	857

If you would like to donate funds for this ministry, call us at the Mission Center.



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We listen and we care.

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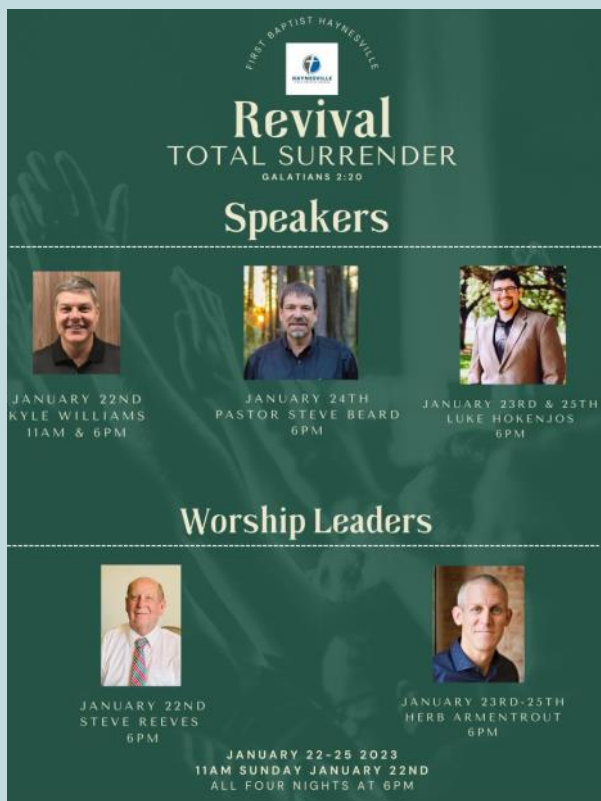
Services offered: Trained & Licensed Medical Staff, Free Pregnancy Testing, Nurse Consultation, Free Ultrasound, Prenatal Care, Reproductive Loss Recovery, Parenting Classes, Community Referrals, Physician Referrals

January

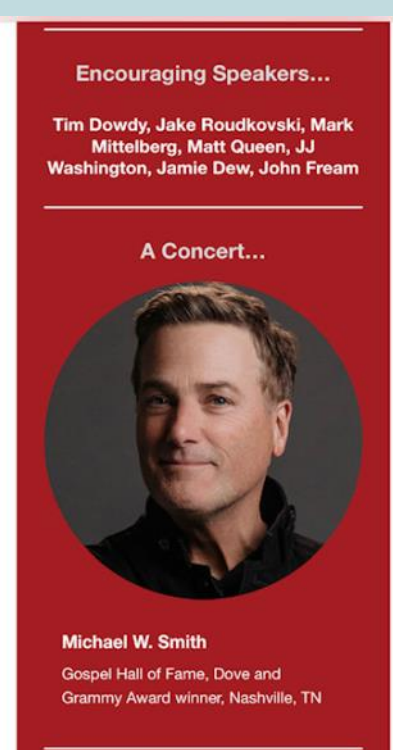
18 Informational meeting about Easter Portugal trip, LAST CALL, if interested call or text 518-8297. We will meet at noon at the Mission Center.

22 BWC Youth Network, West Lake, Doyline

22-25 FBC, Haynesville Revival



23-24 LBC Econ, First West, West Monroe



February

15 La Tech BCM Board Meeting, noon @ BCM Ruston

17-18 Camp Harris Board Retreat & Training-overnight

26 BWC Youth Network, FBC Homer

27 Webster-Claiborne Executive Board Meeting, Mission Center, 10
Bienville Executive Board Meeting, Pine Grove, 6PM

March

5-12 Annie Armstrong

Executive Board Members

(contact them with any information concerning these mission partners)

Camp Harris

Webster- Claiborne

- Jennifer Kennedy
- Michael Sanders
- John Franklin
- Lewis Mann

Bienville

- Stanley Foster
- Austin Hand
- Patrick Blanchard
- Mike Towns

LA Tech BCM

Webster-Claiborne

- Aaron Coffee
- Chris Stevens
- Harold Johnson

Bienville

- Stanley Foster
- J.T. Pyles
- Bruce Bratton

Rolling Hills

Webster-Claiborne

- Jeff Tinsley
- Wayne Hatfield
- Steven Beard

Bienville

- Preston Young
- Steve Pyle