



Near and Far

A Newsletter for Bienville and Webster-Claiborne Baptist Associations

PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS

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What does it mean to live life on mission? Pastor Leland Crawford preached on the Good Samaritan two weeks ago and the Women at the Well last week. Mike Jackson, our Sunday School teacher, teaches the same passages in Sunday School. Bro. Charlie Lechner has First Baptist Minden reading through the book of James every week throughout the month of January looking for different truths each week. Everything our ministers are doing at First Baptist is designed to get us outside of the church looking for people to serve.

This past week after those lessons, I was confronted with two "down and outs". First, with a drug addict that was stranded in Minden looking for a warm place to sleep. The second time we were confronted with a "Women at the Well" who needed a ride back home, nearly to Junction City, Arkansas, after being stranded in Minden. I kiddingly chided my pastor saying that it would have been easier to walk past these two "down and outs" if only he and Mike and Charlie would stop preaching and teaching the Bible! But because the Word convicts and is so clear about Christian service, we could not walk by them. Was it convenient to minister to them? No! It cost us money, time, and several hours of ministry. Yet, the Word is clear on what we were supposed to do. Following Christ can be messy. Following Christ can be sacrificial. But, if we profess to be a follower of Christ we must be willing to take up our cross in sacrificial service. Question? What would your church look like if everyone truly followed Christ in sacrificial service? How would that impact your community? How would that change your life?

James 2:15-17 is that thorny passage about faith and works being two sides of the same coin. If you say you have faith yet refuse to help those without food and clothes, can we really say we have faith?

John 4 Jesus talks to the "Woman at the Well". He reached out to a despised Samaritan with shady character and gave her the water of life.

Luke 10:29-37 tells the story of the Good Samaritan. Who is my neighbor? What must I do to show that I am a Christian neighbor? What about those convicting words of Jesus found in verse 37? "Go and do likewise!"

We have begun a new year. Are we going to idle away the year separating ourselves from the lonely, despised, messed up, and lost neighbors around us, or will we engage them in ministry representing Christ? I challenge you to personally and cooperatively with your church engage your community to share Christ through word and deed. I believe 2023 will look a lot different from 2022 if we do so. February's theme is love, let's love in deed as well as words.

Bienville Men & Boy's Rally

Thursday April 6th

Details coming soon.

Save the date!!



First Annual Camp Harris 4-Person Golf Scramble

April 1, 2023

See page 3 for more details

Mission Corner

Camp Harris' roof is finished but there is a lot more that needs to be done. Thank you to those who have donated. With 1/3 of our churches donating we are 1/3 of the way to our goal. We need everyone of our associational churches to consider giving to the Harris New Day Building Fund.

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 30-April 9 to partner with the Encontro Portugal Mission in their Easter Outreach events.

Pray for our team consisting of Dr. Johnny Presley (our Portuguese speaker from Florida), Jerry and Sandra Martin from Pine Grove, Dr. Randy Brown from Beech Springs, and Randy Hales.



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STAFF NEEDS

*Rocky Springs—Youth Director
New Bethel—Bi-Vo Pastor
Magnolia, Saline—Pastor
Emmanuel, Minden—PT Children’s Minister
FBC, Ringgold— Pastor
Unity, Cotton Valley—Music Minister*

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.

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.



Feb 26, FBC Homer

Mar 26, Sponsor church needed

April 23, FBC Haynesville

We can help your students participate with other groups and share ideas with youth leaders.
BWC Leader, Aaron Coffey

See BWC Youth Network on Facebook for schedules and events.

February

- 15 LA Tech BCM Board Meeting, noon @ BCM Ruston
- 17-18 Camp Harris Board Member Retreat & Training-overnight
- 26 BWC Youth Network, FBC Homer
- 27 Webster-Claiborne Exec. Board, MMC, 10 AM
Bienville Exec. Board, 6PM @ Pine Grove

(Corrected date, please note, originally was in Calendar as Feb 2).

March

- 26 BWC Youth Network, We need a sponsoring church
- 30-April 9 Easter Portugal Mission Trip

April

- 1 Camp Harris 4-Person Golf Scramble, Arcadia
- 6 Bienville Men & Boy’s Rally, More details coming soon
- 14-16 Camp Harris, Jesus Lighting up Springtime
- 23 BWC Youth Network, FBC Haynesville

“Kingdom Builders”

if interested in using your carpentry skills in ministry.

Call or text Randy Ray
318-312-0884 or email at
rray1.ch@gmail.com

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.



GRANBERRY COUNSELING CENTER
*Help for Today
Hope for Tomorrow*

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



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

It’s a New Day Update



Goal \$600,000

Raised \$196,984.98

Balance in LBF New Life Center account \$23,571.14

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

318-927-3706

Email info@harrisbaptistcamp.com

2800 Camp Harris Rd.

Minden, LA 71055

Randy Ward, Truck-Stop Chaplain
Bible Distribution



Bible Distribution

Love’s	17
Dixie Inn	15
Total Bibles	32

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



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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.

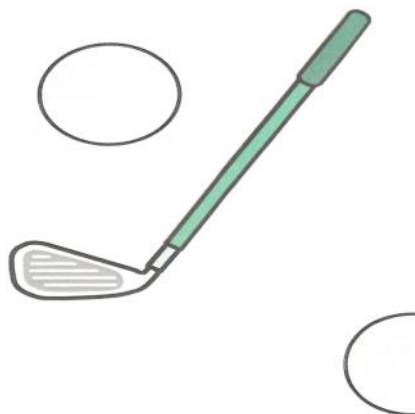
First Annual Camp Harris 4-Person Golf Scramble Fundraiser

Saturday, April 1, 2023

**Trails End Golf Course
400 Trails End Rd
Arcadia, LA 71001
(318)263-7420**

**Remit to: Harris Baptist Assembly Camp
2800 Harris Rd
Minden, LA 71055**

**Contact Information
(318) 927-3706
(318) 455-5012 Camp Manager (Harry O'Brown)
(318) 458-6100 Tournament Director (Michael Sanders)**



--- Our church is happy to sponsor a Tee Box for Camp Harris at \$500 and will send a four person team on April 1. (The \$500 includes the team fee.)

--- Our church is happy to sponsor a Tee Box for Camp Harris at \$500, but will not be sending a team for the tournament.

--- Our church is unable to sponsor a Tee Box, but would like to make a donation to Camp Harris through this event.













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Easter Portugal Mission Trip

Our “Encounter Portugal” team will be working with the Encontro Church Plant in Lisbon. Above you will see the team and their training status. We have many hoops to jump through to be approved for the trip. Pray for us as we train and prepare for our journey. What can you do to undergird the team? Pray! Travel, health, and open doors are just a few considerations.. Give! The trip will cost each person around \$2400. Our association will be offsetting some of that, but supplies, housing, and flights are expensive. If you would like to donate toward the trip, just let me know. We would love for you to partner with us. We are representing Christ and His family from Bienville and Webster-Claiborne Baptist associations. Would you pray about joining the team next year? Perhaps you or someone in your church feels led to be part of a mission experience overseas. Each year I will be leading a team the week prior to Easter.

Blessings, Bro. Randy

	Easter Outreach Events - We...	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PRICE	88%  COMPLETE
	Randy Hales <i>YOU</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PRICE	100%  COMPLETE
	Jerry Martin		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PRICE	100%  COMPLETE
	Johnny Presley		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PRICE	50%  COMPLETE
	Randy Brown		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PRICE	100%  COMPLETE
	Sandra Martin Application in Progress		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PRICE	90%  COMPLETE