



# Near and Far

A Newsletter for Bienville and Webster-Claiborne Baptist Associations

## PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS

Randy R. Hales, Director of Missions

October News



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**Our annual meeting will be October 22 beginning at 5:30 pm with supper at Camp Harris.** We will have a brief break-out business session for each association led by their moderators and afterward join for worship. Dr. Randy Hales will preach the annual message reflecting on his 22 years of service as a Director of Missions and will lead in a commissioning service for the new DOM Search Team. As you know, Bro. Randy plans on retiring no later than June 2024, earlier in the Spring if a new DOM is named.

*The associations will be asked to act on the following:*

- ◇ 1. A Covenant of Cooperation and Partnership between Bienville and Webster-Claiborne Baptist Association with a common Director of Mission serving both.
- ◇ 2. Adopt the DOM Search Committee Time-Line and commission and adopt the new search committee members.
- ◇ 3. Adopt budgets and nominees for both associations.
- ◇ 4. Hear greetings from Mission Partner guests

One of my great joys through the years is visiting and fellowshipping with the churches of our two associations. We begin most Sunday mornings at 8 am at FBC Minden, our home church. We then leave that early service to visit other churches scattered around Bienville, Claiborne, and Webster parishes. Since our last newsletter we have visited West Lake, Jamestown, New Ebenezer, Old Union, and Pilgrims Rest. I snapped a few pictures that you can see here.



Old Union, AW Smart, Pastor



On the way to church...

Each church has a history made rich by the sacrifice of saints who founded, built, and perhaps are buried in the local cemetery. Others are building on that legacy with their own faith and service. One common thread that keeps our 60 plus churches together as an associational family is our shared commitment to missions and fellowship. We are stronger together than separately. I



New Ebenezer, Auston Hand, Pastor

look forward to celebrating our family of churches at our annual meetings. I hope you will plan on attending.

**Pictured right, Pastor Ed Smith and wife** were honored by Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church. Pastor Smith is retiring (again). He is 93 years old and has been serving our area churches for many years. Most people doubt this retirement will last!!!



Pastor Ed Smith



Jamestown, Stan Foster, Pastor

By the way, October is Minister Appreciation week! Show your ministers' family how much you appreciate their service.

### Mission Corner

*October 22 is the Day of Prayer for Associational Missions. Look at our ministries listed in this newsletter and pray for our work.*

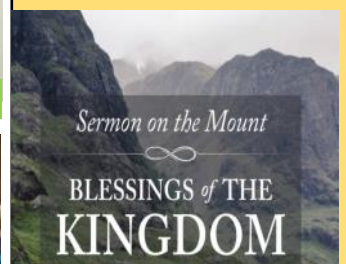
**October is Minister-Staff Appreciation month!!!**

**We welcome Dr. Rob Burns and wife Rhonda to our area. They retired from a pastorate in Alabama and now live close to Rhonda's mother, Ann Skinner, in Arcadia. Rob is available for pulpit supply, interim.**

*It's not too late to take up your Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering. Your gifts help finance church planters, new missions starts, language ministries, and more!*



**Men and boys, don't miss the Camp-O-ree at Camp Harris October 6-7. Contact Camp Harris now to enroll.**



January Bible Study Workshop with Dr. Steve Horn October 26th at Camp Harris! This is a wonderful day of fellowship and Bible Study. Call Bro. Randy!

**STAFF NEEDS**

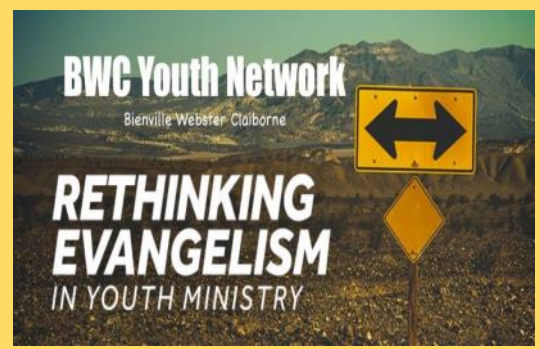
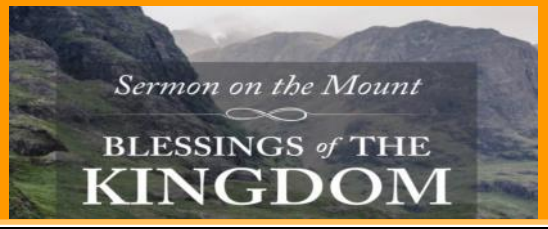
*Rocky Springs—Youth Director*  
*Unity, Cotton Valley—Music Minister*  
*FBC Doyline—Pastor*  
*FBC Haynesville—Pastor*  
*Magnolia, Saline—Pastor*  
*Pilgrims Rest—Pastor*

*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.*

UPDATES CAN BE FOUND @ [WBCCENTER.COM](http://WBCCENTER.COM)

**OCTOBER**

- 6-7 Camp-O-Ree at Camp Harris
- 22 Bienville & Webster-Claiborne Annual Meeting, Camp Harris, 5:30 PM, supper provided.
- 26 January Bible Study (Winter) Bible Study Training @ Harris
- 28 Fourth Weekend Fellowship Camp Harris Jambalaya, Gumbo & "Fixins" \$12.00 5-7 PM
- Nov 6, 10 am, BWA Women World Day of Prayer @ FBC



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

**October 29th at West Lake**  
**December, FBC Homer Date TBA**  
**Get your youth involved!!**

Join us!  
 See BWC Youth Network on Facebook for schedules and events.



*It's a New Day*  
**Goal \$600,000 Please give!!**  
*We still have several much needed projects.*

**October 6-7 Camp O Ree with Bro. Andy Partington**  
**December 9 Christmas, Santa, & Bluegrass (looking for vendors and food trucks)**

**Mark Your Calendars for Fourth Weekend Fellowships!!!**  
 Call 318-927-3706 email to [info@harrisbaptistcamp.com](mailto:info@harrisbaptistcamp.com)

**CAMP HARRIS**  
**FOURTH WEEKEND FELLOWSHIPS**  
 (5-7PM) SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 2023

FRIDAY 26 JAN 2024	FISH FRY \$12.00
FRIDAY 23 FEB 2024	GRANNY'S PORK-LOIN DINNER. \$12.00
FRIDAY 22 MAR 2024	ITALIAN BISTRO NIGHT - \$12.00
FRIDAY 22 APR 2024	FISH FRY \$12.00
FRIDAY 24 MAY 2024	CRAWFISH BOIL \$ MARKET PRICE

5-7PM JAMBALAYA, GUMBO & SOME FIXINS \$12.00  
 Camp Harris 2100 Harris Rd Minden LA 71055

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Call the office to reserve at 318-377-3005.  
**Don't Forget the cost is \$25.00**

For maintenance and hopefully some much needed upgrades to the trailer coming soon.



**Randy Ward, Truck-Stop Chaplain**  
 Bible Distribution 2023  
 20,000 bibles distributed and counting!!!



**Bible Distribution**

Love's	311
Dixie Inn	309
<b>Total Bibles</b>	<b>620</b>

*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.

**Rolling Hills Natchitoches has opened**

at 400 University Pkwy across from the college.



\$45

OCTOBER 6-7, 2023 · CAMP HARRIS

**DON'T LET YOUR BOYS MISS OUT!**

For Boys grades 1-6

**LEARNING THROUGH FUN AND LAUGHTER, WITH BRO. ANDY AND A COUPLE OF PUPPET FRIENDS!**

**TWO DAYS OF CRAZY FUN! SEE THE EMERGENCY VEHICLES, CREWS, AND SPEND TIME WITH JESUS!!!**

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