

Near and Far

A Newsletter for Bienville and Webster-Claiborne Baptist Associations

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December News



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Ministers and Spouses' Christmas Banquet at Camp Harris Dec. 1



Dr. James Jenkins and wife Kathy from the Louisiana Baptist Convention spoke to us about sharing the Good News.

Christmas season is here. Margaret and I always begin the season by hosting our appreciation Ministers and Spouses' Christmas Banquet. We use this event to show our appreciation to our ministers and to celebrate the Joy of Christmas. Around 65 people attended.



I've had the opportunity to worship and speak in many of our churches recently. New Hope celebrated 199 years! Bro. Eddie Balance hasn't been there quite those many years, but close!!! We have some of the oldest and most historic churches in Louisiana located in our parishes.



Since our last Newsletter we were also able to worship with New Bethel, Bistineau, Mount Lebanon, First Arcadia, First Minden, Mount Paran, and Emmanuel Baptist in Minden.

God placed each of these churches in particular places to minister in their own way to particular people. No two churches are the same, but each one has the same ministry described in 2 Corinthians 5:20 as Ambassadors for Christ.



Mount Paran ordains two deacons

It was a special blessing to see Mount Paran ordain two men who were won to the Lord, disciplined, and have been a part of the church for many years. When I see men and women raised in a church and then becoming leaders in those churches I rejoice.



First Minden is our church home. We worship with them every Sunday at 8 am then travel to our other churches. This mission minded church set a goal of \$90,000 for Lottie Moon. They emphasize the importance of this gift by having a missionary speaker each year and then every member from the babies in the nursery to the oldest members using canes walk by the manger at the altar to place their mission gift. Every year we are challenged to make our best and most expensive gift to the Manger Offering. Our pastor tells us that of all the people we give gifts to, our best ought to be for Christ.



Emmanuel, Minden



First Baptist, Minden

I pray that your church gives generously to the Lottie Moon International Missions Offering. Every cent given finds its way to the mission field. Churches and their gifts come in all sizes, but when we all give generously and add those gifts together, we are able to spread the Good News of Christ around the world.

Ron and Alana Greenwich have returned from Brazil. They are pictured here speaking at FBC Minden.

STAFF NEEDS

Rocky Springs—Youth Director
Unity, Cotton Valley—Music Minister
FBC Doyline—Pastor
Bistineau—Pastor, Retires December
Magnolia, Saline—Pastor
Pilgrims Rest—Pastor
 * **DOM/AMS**—See note
 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.

DOM/AMS Search

* Randy Hales announced his retirement on or before June 1, 2024. A committee has been formed. Resumes for the Associational Mission Strategist can be mailed to the Mission and Ministry Center, Attention AMS Search Committee, PO Box 1099, Minden, LA 71058-1099. *



“Kingdom Builders”

if interested in using your carpentry skills in ministry.

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 318-312-0884 or email at rray1.ch@gmail.com



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UPDATES CAN BE FOUND @ WBCENTER.COM

December

- 1 Pastor & Wives Christmas Banquet at Camp Harris
- 3 3-10, Lottie Moon, Week of Prayer for International Missions
- 17 BWC Calvary, Homer

January

- 8 ACM/DOM Search Committee Meeting
- 22-23 Evangelism Conference (ECON) Temple, Ruston
- 26 Camp Harris Fish Fry



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

Mark Your Calendars for Fourth Weekend Fellowships!!!

Call 318-927-3706 email to info@harrisbaptistcamp.com

CAMP HARRIS

FOURTH WEEKEND FELLOWSHIPS

(5-7PM) SATURDAY
 28 OCTOBER 2023

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| 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
 2100 Harris Rd
 Minden LA 71055

*******Party Trailer*******

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

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| Love's | 372 |
| Dixie Inn | 374 |
| Total Bibles | 746 |

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.



Guiding Grandchildren With Godly Principles



Master Life Coach Training Institute offers a 16-part online course to equip grandparents (and parents, too) with the essential tools of Christian life coaching. This course empowers you to engage your grandchildren in a positive and impactful way, countering the potentially harmful effects of the modern era.



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

BWC Leader, Aaron Coffey

**Dec. 17th Calvary, Homer
Get your youth involved!!**

Join us!

See BWC Youth Network on Facebook for schedules and events.

Luke 2:10-11 The angel said ... Today ... born to you ... the Messiah, the Lord.”