

Near and Far

A Newsletter for Bienville and Webster-Claiborne Baptist Associations



PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS

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January News



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Welcome to 2024! Some things will change, and some things will not. Things that will remain include our associational ministries. The needs of Camp Harris, Baptist Collegiate Ministries at Tech in Ruston, and Rolling Hills grow year to year as their ministries expand. Added to those is our support of the Granberry Counseling Center, Bible distribution at our Truck Stops, ministry support to our churches and pastors through our office. Our associational churches have cooperated in these ministries for decades. I want to thank you for allowing me to be a part of these ministries as your Director of Missions.

Things that change, me! By June 1, I will retire. You will call a new Director of Missions, although with a title change, DOM to AMS (Associational Mission Strategist). I ask that as you make that change, you recommit to our existing ministries. I also ask you to make a new commitment to your new Associational Mission Strategist. Pray for him, support him, and by all means welcome him and fellowship with him as you did with us.

Allow me to be candid with you at this point about our need for support. In recent years our giving has not kept up with inflation and our expanded needs. We have been operating for the past 5 years on the same budget. Reasons for that are many. Some churches have shrunk due to aging congregations, some have left the Southern Baptist Convention resulting in churches leaving our associations as well. Some are now supporting other independent ministries and missions other than our cooperative ones, and some just never recovered from Covid. The end result, unless we receive more mission contributions this year, we will actually have to go from a flat budget to a decreased one. Please pray about your church contribution to our associational ministry and if possible, please give more. Our needs have not decreased but increased.

We continue to receive resumes for the new AMS. The committee is working. Pray for them! They will be collecting resumes then prayerfully considering them. They hope to nominate a new director for you by June 1.

We traveled to Portugal, Spain, and Gibraltar, England, with our family during Christmas. My burden for Europe intensifies each time we go. Each Christmas while there we make plans for our Easter Portugal Mission trip. This year we have set March 21-30, 2024. In order to make the trip each member will need to go through background checks and training. I will need to know by February 1, if you are interested in making the trip so we can begin the vetting process. Pray for the team members that God will call to make this journey.

Bro. Randy

Association Mission Gifts

We are very thankful for a very generous end of year offering from FBC Arcadia to help us meet our year end needs!!



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.



Congratulations!!!!

Richard Methvin, Pastor at Bisti-neau Baptist Church is retiring. His church gave him a few going away presents, but my favorite is the one around his neck.

STAFF NEEDS

Alabama—Pastor
 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

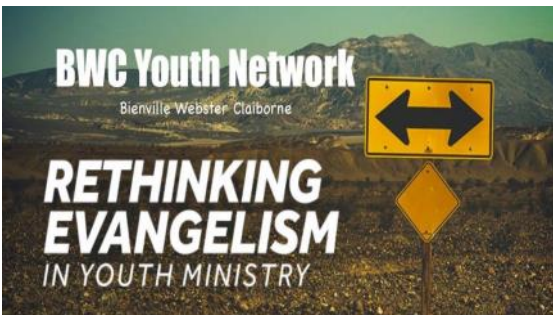
* Randy Hales announced his retirement on or before June 1, 2024. A committee has been formed. Resumes for the Associational Mission Strategist can be mailed to the Mission and Ministry Center, Attention AMS Search Committee, PO Box 1099, Minden, LA 71058-1099. *

“Kingdom Builders”

if interested in using your carpentry skills in ministry.

Call or text Randy Ray

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



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

BWC Leader, Aaron Coffey

**January 28th at
 Camp Harris**

Join us!

See BWC Youth Network on Facebook for schedules and events.

UPDATES CAN BE FOUND @ WBCENTER.COM

January

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

February

- 25 Camp Harris Pork Loin Dinner
- 26 Webster-Claiborne Executive Board MMC 10:45AM
 Bienville Executive Board Meeting, FBC Arcadia 6PM



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

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

2100 Harris Rd Minden LA 71055

5-7PM

*******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 2024
 20,000 bibles distributed and counting!!!



Bible Distribution

Love's

Dixie Inn

Total Bibles

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.



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 469-212-3733



NOW - 02/23/2024

January 2024

MON 22



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Discipleship Collaborative Dinner Meeting at ECON, Ruston

Temple Baptist Church 1515 South Service Road West, Ruston, LA, US

MON 22



January 22 - January 23

ECON 2024

Temple Baptist Church 1515 S Service Rd W, Ruston, LA, United States

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