

Near and Far

A Newsletter for Bienville and Webster-Claiborne Baptist Associations



PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS

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February News



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I trust everyone weathered the cold. Minden was iced in making it dangerous to travel. The Mission Center and my house and street were icy. Most businesses, schools, and churches were all closed. Hopefully we have had our winter and better weather is before us. With the better weather we will be venturing out of our warm safe havens back into our busy worlds.

I ventured out to the Evangelism Conference (ECon) Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 22-23. The central message was that people are lost, but those people can be saved, and it is up to us to be intentional in reaching them. The messages were convicting. What was the question asked over and over by various speakers? Are we and our churches intentionally sharing the Gospel? So let me ask you, what are you and your church doing to reach the lost where you are? If you aren't intentionally soul winning, it is time to start. Please call me or the state evangelism department for ways to become more intentional in sharing Jesus.

One of the screens shown during a presentation at ECon showed the **Concentric Circles of Concern**. I took a picture of the screen to remind me of the people around me that are lost. Beginning with me in the middle and extending outward, I can easily make a list of 10 people who I can pray for and witness to! Can you? With that list we can begin praying that God will make people receptive to our witness. We can pray for God to work in our own hearts and lives to provide the motivation and opportunity to share. Are you up to the challenge to do that this year? I challenge you to make a 10 person list that you will intentionally pray for and witness to. If you need help learning to witness, call me.



In spite of the weather, I've had the opportunity to enjoy special worship and fellowship opportunities around our area. First Minden, New Beginnings, First Arcadia, Antioch, Temple Ruston, Calvary Homer, BWC Youth Network at Harris.

Pictured here was the ordination of Mason Jinks at FBC Arcadia. It's always exciting to see young men ordained. This is a witness that Jesus is alive and active in our world calling out and equipping His servants. God bless you as you go into the new year. God is active, look around and find out where He is at work and join him.



CAMP HARRIS UPDATE:

Hey y'all, we are so excited for this new year coming up. We have great things lined up for our Summer Camps, and different retreats throughout the year. We are doing our best to get things updated and fixed. However, during the Dec and Jan months we struggled at Camp Harris. We have been busy getting some much-needed updates done during the down months, but it flatlined the budget not having groups in. Everyone is astounded when they find out how much it takes a month to just keep Camp Harris open and the added cost of electricity is increasing. The only way we can continue the Kingdom Work that we do here is by the generosity of those who have been touched by and love Camp Harris, and our church partners. For That, We Thank You. To everyone who gives and prays and loves on Camp Harris. We can't do this alone; it takes the whole of the Kingdom. We want to get so much more done, so this is truly a camp you can be proud of. So, we need your help again just to keep the ball rolling. Come to our website and see how you can partner with Camp Harris in doing the Kingdom Work God has given us all. Come, and be a Camp Harris Hero. We need Your support, both in prayer, donations, and financial support.

Camp Harris Currently has registration open for all camps and retreats coming up. Two new retreats to look for on harrisbaptistcamp.com is the Youth Spring Retreat in April, and the Family Camp coming up in March! Be looking for info on our Spring Golf Tournament too. If you have any potential Summer Staffers or people of interest have them apply today. Harrisbaptistcamp.com

Discover the BLESSINGS OF THE KINGDOM

from the Sermon on the Mount

A Bible Study Every Tuesday in February 6, 13, 20, 27
from 10:00am – 12:00 noon with Soup and Sandwich Lunch

Chuck Johnston, Pastor

Pleasure Point Baptist Church
495 Peterson Rd., Homer, LA 71040318-224-0950

* FB: Pleasure Point Baptist Church

Wild Game Banquet

First Baptist Church Arcadia Gym
Saturday, February 17, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.
Speaker: Greg Dunn
Catered Fish Dinner & Door Prizes - Cost \$10.00
For ticket information call FBC 263-8474

STAFF NEEDS

Alabama—Pastor
 Rocky Springs—Youth Director
 Unity, Cotton Valley—Music Minister
 FBC Doyline—Pastor
 Bistineau—Pastor
 Pilgrims Rest—Pastor
 Haynesville—Pastor
 Central, Springhill—Youth Pastor, Bi-Vo
 Heflin—Youth Pastor, PT

* **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.

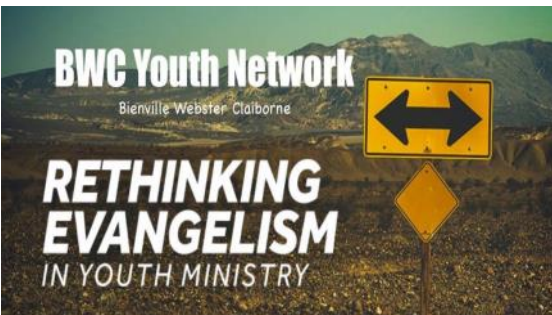
DOM/AMS Search

* Randy Hales announced his retirement on or before June 1, 2024. The search committee has been meeting. Please be in prayer for them and ask God to guide them to the perfect person!

“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

February 25th Antioch, Dixie Inn

Join us!

See BWC Youth Network on Facebook for schedules and events.

UPDATES CAN BE FOUND @ WBCENTER.COM

February

Tuesday Bible Study Pleasure Point, Chuck Johnsnton 10-12AM

5 AMS/DOM Search Committee Meeting

17 FBC Arcadia Wild Game Banquet

23 Camp Harris, Pork Loin Dinner

25 BWC Youth Meeting, Antioch, Dixie Inn

26 Webster-Claiborne Executive Board MMC 10:45AM

Bienville Executive Board Meeting, FBC Arcadia 6PM



Save the Date April 4th Bienville Men’s & Boys Rally



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
 Camp Harris
 2100 Harris Rd Minden LA 71055
 5-7PM



Get ready for your events

Reserve our Party Trailer

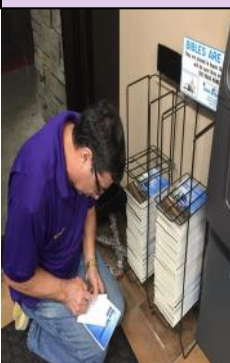
Call the office to reserve at
 318-377-3005.

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 45
 Dixie Inn 30
Total Bibles 75

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



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 Hope for Tomorrow*

A ministry of the Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home & Family Ministries

**Amy Butler, LPC,
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Randy has placed over 20,000 Bibles!!!

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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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Portugal Easter Trip

Event Name	# Members	Funding Progress	Requirement Progress
 Easter Outreach Events - Webster Cl... Lisbon, Portugal Mar 21, 2024 - Mar 31, 2024 Event ID: 36463 Trip	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PRICE	32%  COMPLETE
 Randy Hales <i>you</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PRICE	90%  COMPLETE
 Alana Greenwich Application in Progress		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PRICE	20%  COMPLETE
 Donna Garner Application in Progress		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PRICE	10%  COMPLETE
 John Garner Application in Progress		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PRICE	20%  COMPLETE
 Ron Greenwich Application in Progress		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PRICE	20%  COMPLETE

Be in prayer for our Portugal team. If you would like to support our team through prayer and perhaps with funds or supplies please let Bro. Randy know. We will need Easter candy that can be stuffed into plastic eggs. NO CHOCOLATES. Funds are needed to minister through local ministries and to support the teams while in Portugal.

Pray for open doors of opportunity. Pray for the local churches and missionaries who will follow up with our teams ministry. Pray for safe travels and for health.

If you would like to learn about Mission Portugal Bro. Randy and any of the team members would be glad to share with a mission group or Sunday school class or your whole church. Consider joining our team next year. Every year the week prior to Easter our teams will travel to Portugal.

