

# Near and Far

A Newsletter for Bienville and Webster-Claiborne Baptist Associations



## PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS

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March News



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### Insurance Crisis: Please lead your church to take action to help Louisiana Baptists and other non-profits who are facing this crisis.

Many of you have experienced the recent insurance problems facing our state. Camp Harris, my office, and several churches had their insurance canceled last year and scrambled to find someone to write us. Many more will experience the same soon. As a result there is basically only one carrier in the state that provides church coverage and their rates are spiraling upward. The deductions and costs for the new policies are making many to question if they can afford insurance.

Due to this crisis, Dr. Horn, our Louisiana Baptist Director, initiated an effort with other denominations and other non-profit institutions to petition the state of Louisiana to allow an alternative. This alternative was granted and we have a year to get information together to design a self funded program. Gallagher insurance that specialize in non-profits is being used to gather information.

Please help your fellow churches to gather data. By submitting data you are not making a commitment or signing up for anything. The information will be used to build information that will make it possible for alternative policies to be offered to non-profits. To gather this information a simple request form is available. You have the option to go to your present carrier to get the information or to give permission to Gallagher to get it for you. **Even if you don't think you need an alternative insurance right now, please submit the information anyway. Our crisis is only going to get worse and one day you may want that alternative.**

You can go to this site for the form. We can make a copy of the form if you need.

<https://louisianabaptists.org/insurance>

First Baptist Church Arcadia and their Hispanic Mission in Athens recently met together for a baptism service. One of Pastor Oscar Montalvo's daughters was baptized and the other came in from Dallas to play and sing at the service. The group also prayed for Pastor Oscar as he prepared to travel to El Salvador. Our association partners with two Hispanic works, the one in Athens and the one in Bryceland. Your associational gifts help make these ministries possible.

Please pray about your mission gifts. Your support of missionaries through our various cooperative ministries are the best investments of your mission monies possible. Our Baptist Associations, Louisiana Baptist Convention, and Southern Baptist Convention missions reach our entire world with the Gospel. Please give me a call to talk with your church about the avenues open to you to support missions both near and far.



### 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

Our **AMS/DOM Search Committee** is presently prayerfully considering resumes. Pray for them as they work.

### Party Trailer Updated

The Camp Harris crew has been working hard to update and clean out our party trailer. We appreciate them very much!! A lot of items were broken or had missing pieces. We are ordering new games and organizing the placement. With these updates we will have a few new rules. **To reserve the trailers we will need a \$25 deposit before we can hold it for your church. We will also be emailing a contract that will need to be signed before the lock code will be given out.** Please help us keep our trailer neat and tidy. We are very proud of these updates!

**Bienville Men and Boys Yearly Fellowship is scheduled April 4th at the Bienville Gym.** Greg Dunn will bring the message and Wayne Bridges will provide music. This is always a big event that brings our churches together.

**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.

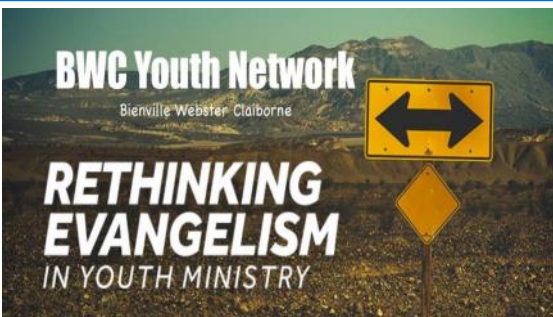
**DOM/AMS Search**

\* 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*

**FBC Haynesville, April 21st**

**Join us!**

**See BWC Youth Network on Facebook for schedules and events.**

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

**March**

- 22 Fourth Weekend Fellowship, FBC Homer
- 31 Easter Sunday

**April**

- 4 Bienville Men & Boys Rally
- 22 Executive Board, Webster-Claiborne 10:45 AM MMC  
 Bienville, 6PM Jamestown

*Spring is coming, let the flowers testify of your worth to Christ.*

Luke 12:27 “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 28 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith!



Men and Women of Courage are sponsoring a raffle for a Glock 19 Pistol. All proceeds will go to Camp Harris and tickets are \$10. You can get with Chris Plants, Louis Mann or Camp Harris. 318-927-3706

**2ND ANNUAL  
 "CAMP HARRIS 4-PERSON SCRAMBLE"  
 GOLF TOURNAMENT**

27 APRIL 2023, 8AM  
 @ AT TRAILS END GOLF COURSE  
 400 TRAILS END RD, ARCADIA, LA

**Grand PRIZE \$600**

(2-PERSON SCRAMBLE AFTER LUNCH W/ GRAND PRIZE OF \$200.00)

**Get ready for your events**

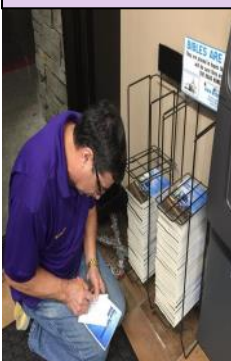
**Reserve our Party Trailer**

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 63  
 Dixie Inn 46  
**Total Bibles 109**

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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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



### Easter Outreach Events - Webster Claiborne and Bienville Baptist Associations

📍 LISBON, PORTUGAL | MAR 21 - 31

This team will be helping us host several Easter outreach events. Each day we will be prayer walking, handing out fliers and hosting Easter egg hunts with crafts and games. Each evening we will have time to prep for the next day's events and have a time of reflection plus getting to know the city. These events will help us get to know many more people to enlarge our contacts for church plants; people will hear the gospel and get invited to Easter worship services and follow up Bible discovery groups.

Be in prayer for our Portugal team.

Randy Hales, Ron and Alana Greenwich are from First Baptist Church, Minden. Johnny and Donna Garner are members of Alabama Baptist Church, Arcadia. Randy, Johnny, and Donna will fly out on March 20th. Ron and Alana will already be in Europe and will be joining us in Lisbon.

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 Portuguese 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 team's 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. You would enjoy the trip while knowing you are serving Christ.

Bro. Randy



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