



Near and Far

A Newsletter for Bienville and Webster-Claiborne Baptist Associations

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Laurinn is giving her tooth fairy dollars to the LMCO. She said the envelope is the right size and that the money goes to God's house. My heart is overflowing.



Facebook picture

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Laurinn Rowe has learned from her parents, Bro. Kenny and Allison Rowe, about sacrificial giving. Thank you Laurinn for giving your "tooth fairy" money to missions.

Lottie Moon Christmas offering provides over half of our International Mission Support. I personally know how vital this offering is due to our family serving in Portugal. Every cent given makes it to the field. We personally give every year and encourage you to do the same. Please encourage your church to take up the largest offering ever this year.

Blessings,
 Bro. Randy



It's a New Day at Camp Harris

Dear Fellow Servants,



*I have been ministering in this area for over 30 years, 20 of those years as the Director of Missions for Bienville & Webster-Claiborne Baptist Associations. I have seen lives changed at Camp Harris throughout those years. As a pastor, I carried children, youth, and adult groups to Harris. As a Director of Missions, I have been on the Harris Executive Board and observed the ministry through the years. **It's a New Day** is more than the first few words of a financial campaign slogan, it causes us to look forward to what we must do to meet the needs of a new generation of campers. We desperately need your help. Harris School was built in the 1920's and became **our Camp Harris** in 1960. Needless to say, the nearly 100 year old gym is beginning to show a little wear and needs major renovations. The pool is now beyond repair and will need to be replaced within the next couple of years. Although we have built new buildings and renovated most of our other space, the gym and pool are important parts of the Camp Harris experience. Please help us reach another generation of campers by joining us on a three year Changing Lives at Camp Harris financial journey. We have adopted the 1% challenge to our churches. If every church gave 1% of their undesignated budget to Camp Harris for three years we could raise \$300,000. I have developed a simple chart on page 2 that demonstrates 5 tiers of giving. Larger churches, smaller churches, and individuals can easily find a level of giving that stretches their faith and is achievable. Churches and individuals can even come up with their own giving level since the chart is just a demonstration of possibilities. Needless to say, if everyone would give something, we could make it possible for Camp Harris to change lives tomorrow just as it has in the past. I personally plan on giving. Camp Harris has personally blessed my family through the years so I hope to pass on some of that blessing to a new generation. Will you join me in helping to change lives at Camp Harris? We need to raise at least \$600,000. The Concord Union Association will commit to raising half that amount leaving us with \$300,000. Our goal is achievable if everyone does something. Please pray, talk with your church and friends, Sunday School and mission groups, and help us assure a **Spiritual Retreat Center** that can help change a new generation for Christ.*

I grew up going to mission camps at Camp Harris where I learned all about missions around the world and met missionaries. I made friends, learned more about the Bible and God's heart for the nations and was challenged to think of ways I could share the good news. I not only had fun, but I grew in my faith. I felt a strong pull toward international missions even as a child. I know my experiences at Camp Harris added to this. Today my family and I are serving with the International Mission Board to Portugal. I have fond memories of Camp Harris and know it played a big part in my story to get us here where we are. There is no doubt that God used Camp Harris to call me to serve Him as we are.

Jonathan & Bethany Sharp
 Missionaries to Portugal



It's a New Day at Camp Harris Continued.....

**The total over three years of giving would be \$298,200.
Our portion added to the churches in Concord Union
Association would be around \$600,000.**

1% of our churches budgets could look something like this:

To put this in perspective... If for the next three years ...

- 9 churches would commit to give \$10,800 each, which would be \$3600 a year, \$300 a month, would raise \$97,200.**
- 8 churches would commit to give \$ 8,400 each, which would be \$2800 a year, \$233 a month, would raise \$67,200.**
- 7 churches would commit to give \$ 6,000 each, which would be \$2000 a year, \$165 a month, would raise \$42,000.**
- 13 churches would commit to give \$ 3,600 each, which would be \$1200 a year, \$100 a month, would raise \$46,800.**
- 25 churches would commit to give \$ 1,800 each, which would be \$ 600 a year, \$ 50 a month, would raise \$45,000.**



Baptist Nursing Fellowship

Susan Cheatwood and Sharon Willis of the Bienville Association attended the national BNF Summit in Birmingham, Alabama on November 5-7. Five Louisiana members were there to represent our state.



STAFF NEEDS

Webster-Claiborne & Bienville

Unity, Cotton Valley—Pastor & Music Director
FBC, Doyline—PT Bi-Vo Youth Minister

Brother Randy has training materials for Minister-Search Committees. Please send resumes to the associational office or direct to the church.



We can help you with your students. Participate with other groups.

DECEMBER CALENDAR UPDATES
(See WBCENTER.COM for updates)
Harvest Time!!! Luke 10:2

- 5 WorshipXtreme, Calvary, Homer**
- 9 Retiree Luncheon, FBC Minden**
- 25 Christmas Day**

Bayou Baptist Association sent a thank you for supporting them after hurricane Ida. Out of 33 churches 28 had damage in some way. Even the Ministry Office suffered substantial damage and is gutted. The job ahead of them is overwhelming but God will supply all their needs.

Contact

“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

Youth Rallies begin at 4PM

December 5th, Calvary, Homer

Join the planning team. We need you! Check out BWC Youth network page on Facebook for more information.



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Amy Butler, LPC, LMFT



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Youth Winter Retreat @ Camp Harris

December 31-January 1

Cost is \$65 per person

Brandon Digilormo will be the camp pastor, weRcalled will be leading worship, and a fireworks show will bring in the New Year. Details coming soon on our website & Facebook!

Randy Ward, Truck-Stop Chaplain
Bible Distribution 2021



Bible Distribution

- Love's 451*
- Dixie Inn 235*
- Total Bibles 686**

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