



# Near and Far

A Newsletter for Bienville and Webster-Claiborne Baptist Associations

## PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS

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Praise the Lord, several churches have already committed to give to the "It's a New Day at Camp Harris" Building Fund. Thank you!



We received a challenge gift from Bistineau Baptist Church for \$50,000! Pastor Richard Methvin told me when he heard about the need, his heart was moved to challenge his church to give in a big way! They definitely gave big! Bistineau wants to challenge every church to give sacrificially to our camp. They believe lives will be changed for Christ through Camp Harris.

We also received early gifts from Pine Grove, FBC Castor, New Ebenezer, and New Ramah from Bienville Association and Central, Beech Springs, Ronald Prince Sunday School Class at FBC Minden, and Rocky Springs from Webster-Claiborne Association totaling \$8783. That brings us to \$58,783. We have also heard from other churches that are meeting to discuss their gifts. Some will give one time gifts, some will be giving monthly. Our goal over three years is to raise \$300,000 from the Bienville and Webster-Claiborne Baptist Associational churches. We have also received some gifts in memory of Shawn Kaffka from individuals.

Remember when you give, write on the memo line, "It's a New Day at Camp Harris". You can give through your association or direct to Camp Harris. You can make checks out to and mail to Bienville Baptist Association or to Webster-Claiborne Baptist Association at PO Box 1099, Minden, LA 71058-1099. Remember write on the memo line "It's a New Day at Camp Harris". Go to [wbccenter.com](http://wbccenter.com) to learn more about our needs and our plans to fund our work.

Gene Gibson will be working as our interim director. If you need to contact Camp Harris, call Camp Harris or Gene's Cell phone at 318-401-3759. You can email to the Camp through our email address at [Mission-Center@gmail.com](mailto:Mission-Center@gmail.com) for now. We are having some difficulty right now with the Camp Harris email but hopefully we will have that corrected soon.

Please know that your partnership in the Gospel is appreciated and needed. Our Associations do a valuable work supporting our cooperative missions. We could not do the big things we do without the churches that give and sacrifice to see our Kingdom Ministries supported.

**Don't forget the Louisiana Baptist Evangelism Conference January 24-25. See [LouisianaBaptists.org](http://LouisianaBaptists.org) for details. Also, consider going to a Disaster Relief Training Event this year. If this year follows recent trends, volunteers will be needed somewhere in Louisiana or neighbors states this year. I will be teaching January 22 at Clara Springs for the District Eight Baptist Associations. Contact District Eight at 318-352-4090.**

God bless you as we navigate through 2022 together!

Bro. Randy

Our condolences to the Lamar Skinner family. Bro. Lamar was a faithful servant who ministered in our area for many years. His funeral is Tuesday at 10 am at Alabama Church.

## Mission Corner



### Adults on Mission

from New Bethel Baptist Church made Christmas card packages for residents of Willow Ridge Nursing Home. Angie and Sharon are pictured here delivering them.

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### Joshua 3:1-17

Joshua was instructed to follow the Ark, God's Presence in the Camp. He was told in Joshua 3:4 that they would be traveling where they had never traveled before. The journey carried them across the Jordan on dry ground. No obstacle could stand in the way of God. If they were walking in God's footsteps, there would be no insurmountable obstacles before them as well. We are walking into 2022, a place we have not been. There will be obstacles, but none of those are insurmountable, if we are following the Lord. Go forward on mission with God and do not fear. The river may be deep, but God can lead us across on dry ground.

Bro. Randy



Consider giving an additional 1% of your offerings to Camp Harris "It's A New Day" building fund. If we all did this, 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. Individuals may even desire to give. Perhaps the chart below can put this in perspective.

To put this in perspective... If for the next three years ... churches or individuals joined together, this could happen.

- 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.

**January**  
 21-22 FBC Minden Youth Praise & Worship Rally Fri. 6PM, Sat 7PM  
 24-25 Louisiana Baptist Evangelism Conference

2800 Camp Harris Rd.  
 Minden, LA 71055

**Contact Gene Gibson, interim director, to book retreats.**  
 Harris office—318-927-3706  
 Gene Gibson cell— 318-401-3759  
 Temporarily email to [missioncenter@gmail.com](mailto:missioncenter@gmail.com) and place on subject line Camp Harris



**STAFF NEEDS**

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.



**LA TECH BCM**  
 Kevin Inman, Director  
 318 - 255-1982  
 Cell: 680-0534  
 801 W Alabama Ave.  
 Ruston, LA 71270

**BWC Youth Network**  
 RETHINKING EVANGELISM IN YOUTH MINISTRY

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

**Louisiana Baptist Evangelism Conference**  
 January 24-25

**DISASTER RELIEF LOUISIANA**

Training Dates and Information:

New Orleans Jan 28-29, 2022  
 Ruston Feb 25-26, 2022

**Ruston Feb 25-26 Temple Baptist**

No WorshipXtreme in January we encourage you to attend:

**Youth Praise & Worship Rally**  
 FBC Minden  
 Friday January 21 6PM  
 Saturday January 22 7PM

WorshipXtreme Feb 27 FBC Castor

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Remember, the Party Trailer is available for your get-togethers. Call the office to reserve. 318-377-3005. Cost is \$25.00

**Amy Butler, LPC, LMFT**


Missions & Ministry Center  
 1408 Sibley Rd.  
 Minden, LA 71055  
 Call 773-5539 for an appointment.



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.

**Contact "Kingdom Builders"**  
 if interested in using your carpentry skills in ministry.  
 Call or text Randy Ray  
 318-312-0884 or email at [rroy1.ch@gmail.com](mailto:rroy1.ch@gmail.com)

**Randy Ward, Truck-Stop Chaplain**  
 Bible Distribution 2022



**Bible Distribution**  
 Love's  
 Dixie Inn  
 Total Bibles

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

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 Serving Northwest Louisiana

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