

Baptist Association Emphasis & Week of Prayer is May 17-May 22
*** Please take time in May to reflect and pray for Associational Ministries**



Randy & Margaret Hales

Reflections from your Director of Missions

Webster-Claiborne and Bienville Associations are composed of 62 churches and missions and ministries committed to reaching our world for Christ. The Great Commission appearing below, taken from Matthew 28:18-20, provides our orders. We seek to obey our Lord's command thus introducing our world to Jesus Christ

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20 NIV

Our churches are both different and the same. While one church is found at the end of a beautiful, winding, country lane, another is found on main street in the center of town. Some are small, others large. Some are filled with "city-folk", the others filled with "country-folk". Although different in many ways, they are all committed to the Lord Jesus Christ and seek to bring our world to Him.

Thirty-six churches in Webster and Claiborne parishes form the Webster-Claiborne Association. Twenty-six churches and missions in Bienville parish form the Bienville Association. While these two associations have their own officers and ministries, they also share many cooperative ministries as well. **The common thread that brings these churches together is our cooperative spirit and support of missions.** Most of our churches give through the Cooperative Program, a voluntary giving program in which Southern Baptist Churches combine their strengths to support mission causes around the world. Together these churches support missions in Louisiana, North America, and through the International Mission Board. These churches also give to Webster-Claiborne and Bienville Baptist Associations to support local parish missions and ministry.

Our two associations support several core ministries including Rolling Hills Disaster Relief and Thrift Stores, Student work through Louisiana Tech Baptist Collegiate Ministry in Ruston, Camp Harris Retreat Center, Granberry Counseling Center, and Truck-Stop Bible Distribution. We also provide training and development of parish wide ministry opportunities including student events, family ministries, organizing short-term mission trips nationally as well as internationally, church and community training, and provide resources to do outreach and ministry events. We help plant new missions and churches and ministries. We have planted various ethnic and language ministries and churches. We are currently planting a mission church in Bienville Parish.

Our belief is that we are stronger together than apart. We can combine resources to do big things that no single church could do on its own. Our associations provide identity, fellowship, encouragement, purpose, accountability, and service. By associating with other churches, we understand better the Great Commission to go into **all the world** and better understand **John 3:16 that God so loved the world...** Our associations keep us from becoming narrowly focused only seeing our immediate locale without realizing the whole world is before us and it is our mission to reach it.

We desire to serve God in an ever expanding realm of ministry. We ask that God blesses our work and invigorates us through the power of His Holy Spirit. I ask that you join us in our mission to lift Jesus up in our world. We can do more together than alone.

Go to www.wbccenter.com to read recent newsletters and to keep up with updated news and reports.

God bless,

Bro. Randy

*** Use this newsletter as a prayer guide to pray for our associational ministries. Pray for the Director and leaders of each ministry. Pray for a new vision, new energy, a fresh awareness of the Holy Spirit. Pray for open doors. Pray that our work can expand and pray that obstacles be removed. On May 17-May 22, pray for your association.**



Near and Far

A Newsletter for Bienville and Webster-Claiborne Baptist Associations

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MAN CHURCH

MANLY MEAL • MANLY MUSIC • MANLY MESSAGE

MAY 5 | 6:00 PM



This is an invitation for men from all over the community to come together and worship with us in spirit & truth.



FREE CATFISH DINNER

In memory of Duffy Gandy of Athens, LA

LIVE MUSIC
SCOTTY BLACKWELL
& ZACK BUCKNER
DOOR PRIZES
MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

GUN
RAFFLE



GOLDEN
GLOCK
19X



SPEAKER
JAMES HESTER
PASTOR | SOCIAL SPRINGS BC

Join us at
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2800 Harris Rd | Minden, LA 71055

MEN OF
COURAGE
LOUISIANA
CLAIBORNE PARISH

Hosted by the Men of Courage Outreach Team
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For guys ages 12 - 120, bring your friends & sons.
Learn more at MenOfCourageLA.org

MEN OF
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LOUISIANA
WEBSTER PARISH

Our BWC Youth Network have big plans. Please check out Facebook and follow BWC Youth Network to keep up with rallies and other events.

BWC (Bienville Webster-Claiborne) Youth Network

Mission Corner

Associational Week of Prayer May 17-22

Use this newsletter to pray for our various ministries.

Camp Harris needs volunteers to paint, clean, and do remodeling projects. Call Camp Harris at 927-3706 for details.

Go to www.Harrisbaptistcamp.com

for calendar of events including announcements about monthly fish fry and camp schedules.

Louisiana Disaster Relief has a Ukraine project. Call Stan Statham, Disaster Relief Director, at the Baptist Building 800-622-6549.

Ministry Retirees have a luncheon May 26 at FBC Minden

Bienville Women's Day of Prayer At Jamestown Baptist May 6

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Rolling Hills opened a new Book Store and Coffee House in Ruston. Go by and check out the books and drink a cup of coffee.

MAY

- 5 Regional Men of Courage
- 6 Women's Rally, Jamestown
- 22 Spring into Summer, Camp Harris BWC Youth
- 26 Retiree Luncheon, FBC Minden 11:45, Stuart Toms, Speaker

JUNE

- 3 Baptist Nursing Fellowship Nursing Mission Trip, **Donations Appreciated!!** 318-579-3795
- 27 Webster-Claiborne Executive Board 11AM Mission & Ministry Center
- 27 Bienville Executive Board, 6PM Bryceland
- 30 Meeting Steve Horn, LBC Place TBA



Consider giving an additional 1% of your offerings to the Camp Harris "It's A New Day" building fund. If we all did this, the total over three years of giving would be \$300,000. Our portion added to the churches in Concord Union Association would be around \$600,000.

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.

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

Email

info@harrisbaptistcamp.com

We are looking for church teams that would volunteer to help us spruce up Camp Harris. We need cleaners, painters, carpenters, handy men and women! We are attempting to renovate the hotel rooms. We need new beds, mattresses, flooring. We hope that mission teams would adopt a range of rooms to come out to the camp and help us with the process. Call Gene Gibson at 401-3759 or Camp Harris at 927-3706 to discuss our projects. Much work needs to be done, but together we can do this!!!

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

"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

June 13-17 The Way Baptist Church,
Rosepine, LA

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.



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

May 22 Spring into Summer, Camp Harris
See BWC Youth Network on Facebook for schedules and events.



Rolling Hills Ministries

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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.



GRANBERRY COUNSELING CENTER

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Hope for Tomorrow

A ministry of the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home & Family Ministries
Amy Butler, LPC, LMFT



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Randy Ward, Truck-Stop Chaplain

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Bible Distribution

Love's 207

Dixie Inn 66

Total Bibles 273

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