



Near and Far

A Newsletter for Bienville and Webster-Claiborne Baptist Associations

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Stacy Morgan, LBC, brought an inspirational message to our Annual Meeting at Camp Harris. He also introduced us to a new partnership opportunity with Louisiana Baptists called "Total Church Makeover". On November 3 at 6 pm, Dr. Steve Horn and Shawn Keith will meet with churches interested in learning about this. We will meet at the Mission Center, supper provided, to see if your church can benefit from this project. The project is designed to help churches plan and prepare for a renewal and a rebuilding after the declines of Covid and other factors. Please let me know

by Tuesday, November 1, if you plan on attending. We recommend minister and key laymen or staff attend.

Our annual meeting was well attended. We crowded out the Conference Room and Cafeteria. We enjoyed great Jambalaya, fellowship, and worship. One of the highlights was the introduction of our new **Camp Director, Harry Brown and family**. They actually led us in worship!



Coming up December 2 will be our annual Minister and Spouse Christmas Banquet. We have a great program lined up. If possible, let us know if you plan on attending. We will be catering the meal so your help in this would be appreciated.

Also I gave notice of my transition plans over the next year. I plan on leading you through December 2023. I will then work in a transitional basis from January 2024-June 1, 2024. During this transitional phase I will help establish a study committee and search committee that will guide you in determining what the new Associational Mission Strategist (AMS) will look like. AMS is the new term that NAMB and LBC have adopted for Director of Missions.

I look forward to Thanksgiving! It has been a tough year for my family with me going through Cancer surgery and then having to follow up with radiation therapy. Why am I thankful? God has walked with us every day through our personal journey through the valley. Also, you have stood by me, praying and encouraging me and allowing me to take the time needed for my treatments. I have discovered that through it all, I am being blessed constantly. I can choose to only look at the valley I'm in or look at the Savior that is walking with me through the valley. I choose to keep my eyes on Jesus. I am thankful that I have a savior and a Christian family that I can trust. My wife shared with me the following passage as I started my daily Proton Therapy. "Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's." Psalms 103:1-5 NIV.

Praise God and be thankful!

Bro. Randy

Total Church Makeover!

On Thursday, November 3, 6 pm, at the Mission & Ministry Center, our associations will partner with the Louisiana Baptist Convention to offer an opportunity to learn about the "Total Church Makeover" project. Dr. Steve Horn and Sean Keith will meet with us to introduce us to the process of leading your church in a revitalization effort. Many pastors have shared with me how our churches have declined through Covid and the outward migration of many from our rural areas. What can be done to help revitalize your church? Perhaps the "Total Church Makeover" is the road map you need to start the process. The journey to revitalize our churches may be a long journey, but the longest journey begins with the first step. Let me know if you want to look at this first step. Call, text, or email me if you are interested in attending. Let's work together to lift Christ up in our communities. Let's work together to make our churches vital and relevant to our world.

Mission Corner

Camp Harris' roof is finished. Thank you to those who have donated. With 1/3 of our churches donating we are 1/3 of the way to our goal. If your church has not donated to our renovation project, please pray about doing so.

Go to www.harrisbaptistcamp.com for calendar of events including announcements about monthly fish fry and other events.

Personal note:

I am presently going through daily radiation treatments every morning in Shreveport. I am available from noon onward each day if you need to contact me. My wife wrote this verse for me for my daily treatments.

Psalm 103: 3-4 He forgives all your iniquity; he heals all your diseases. He redeems your life from the Pit; he crowns you with faithful love and compassion.

Bro. Randy

The Southern Baptist Convention will be held in New Orleans in June. Housing reservations will open Oct. 3. Go to the sbc.net for information. Several mission opportunities will coincide with the convention.

Louisiana Baptist Convention will be meeting Nov 14-15. Go to louisianabaptists.org for more information. It is very important that every church is represented.

STAFF NEEDS

Rocky Springs—Youth Director
Emmanuel, Hurricane—Bi-Vo Pastor
New Bethel—Bi-Vo Pastor
Magnolia, Saline—Pastor
FBC, Ringgold—Pastor (Harry O Brown re-signed to be new director of Camp Harris)

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.



Aaron Coffey, FBC Homer is the new director to BWC!!

Nov 6th-LaTech BCM 4:00-7:00PM

Dec 4th—Calvary, Homer Christmas Party

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

See BWC Youth Network on Facebook for schedules and events.



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Randy Ward, Truck-Stop Chaplain
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Bible Distribution	
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Dixie Inn	198
Total Bibles	706

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November

- 3 Total Church Makeover, Mission Center, 6PM
- 14-15 Pastor Conference, Alexandria
- 20-21 YEC, Rapides Coliseum
- 21-25 Office will be closed call Bro. Randy if needed
- 24 Thanksgiving Day

December

- 2 Minister & Wife Christmas Banquet, Camp Harris
- 19– Jan 2 Office will be closed except for counseling
- 25 Christmas Day

January

- 1 New Years Day

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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.

Remember
The Party Trailer is available for your events.. Call the office to reserve at 318-377-3005. Cost is \$25.00 to help with maintenance of the trailer.

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Goal \$600,000
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