



Near and Far

A Newsletter for Bienville and Webster-Claiborne Baptist Associations

PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS

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March News



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The Bone Chapel, pictured here, is in Evore, Portugal. Back in the 16th Century thousands of skeletons were



used to build this chapel. The monks who donated their bones were making a statement about the certainty of death. A poem at the entrance asks people to enter and contemplate the



fact that one day they would end up like these monks, a pile of bones. The humorous poem ends by saying the longer you linger contemplating the bones, the closer you are to joining them. Time marches on and death awaits all!

Life ends in death. What then? Our world is dead and dying spiritually without Christ. It seems that in these last days no one is contemplating the fact that one day they will die and stand before God.

Ezekiel 37 describes a weird vision that the prophet experienced. He saw a valley full of skeletons bleached by the sun that were torn apart and scattered across the valley floor. This was a dead army, defeated, dried up, forgotten. God asked, "Can these live again?" Ezekiel answered that God could do what He wanted to do. God told Ezekiel to preach to the bones and they became flesh and blood. With more preaching, the Spirit of God entered them and they lived, a mighty army devoted to God!

We know that this is a prophesy of the future of Israel and Judah who had been defeated and carried into exile. The Word of God would do a miracle and restore them. We need to understand God can do the same with us. A nation of spiritually dead people can be made alive in Christ and can become devoted servants of God. This includes our churches, communities, and personal lives. When the Word of God is proclaimed and absorbed, transformation occurs.

We are hearing rumors of revival fires burning across our nation and our world. I pray that those fires burn here where I live. I know that God's Word can bring it about. Wouldn't you like to see the dead revived? Wouldn't you like to see God's Spirit revitalizing broken defeated lives? It can happen if we, like Ezekiel, faithfully proclaim God's Word and trust in Him for true life. Please pray for revival to sweep our world. Pray that you can experience it yourself and be a part of a great awakening.

Mission Corner

Camp Harris' roof is finished but there is a lot more that needs to be done. Thank you to those who have donated. With 1/3 of our churches donating we are 1/3 of the way to our goal. We need everyone of our associational churches to consider giving to the Harris New Day Building Fund.

Our short term loan is paid off and our gym roof is paid off. We will now turn our attention to the interior replacing the gym floor, around \$75,000 and then move on to the pool. Will you help us finish the interior of the activity building? If you are giving to the New Day Fund, please continue. If your church has not been giving, would you consider giving over a three year period to help us revitalize our camp?

Easter Mission Trip to Lisbon Portugal March 30-April 9 to partner with the Encontro Portugal Mission in their Easter Outreach events. Pray for our team consisting of Dr. Johnny Presley (our Portuguese speaker from Florida), Jerry and Sandra Martin from Pine Grove, Dr. Randy Brown from Beech Springs, and Randy Hales.



Sharp family, Lisbon, Portugal

Bienville

Men & Boy's Rally

Thursday April 6th

Kyle Williams will be speaking, so don't miss this chance to continue a 61 year tradition!!!

Location TBA



Encontro Portugal



Our local Encontro Portugal Mission Team met online with our partners to discuss the upcoming Easter trip. We ask that you pray. If you feel led to join us financially, your gifts are welcome.

Pictured on "FaceTime Call" was Dr. Johnny Presley from Florida and Bethany Sharp from Lisbon. In person with me were Rev. Jerry and Sandra Martin and Dr. Randy Brown.

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STAFF NEEDS

*Rocky Springs—Youth Director
New Bethel—Bi-Vo Pastor
Magnolia, Saline—Pastor
FBC, Ringgold—Pastor
Unity, Cotton Valley—Music Minister*

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.

March

26 BWC Youth Network, Beech Springs, Minden

30-April 9 Easter Portugal Mission Trip

April

1 Camp Harris 4-Person Golf Scramble, Arcadia

6 Bienville Men & Boy's Rally, More details coming soon

14-16 Camp Harris, Jesus Lighting up Springtime

23 BWC Youth Network, FBC Haynesville

24 11 AM Webster-Claiborne Executive Board Meeting

6PM Bienville Executive Board

Visit our website at WCBcenter.com for updates.

IRS mileage rate is 65.5 cents a mile beginning January 1. Make sure your ministers are properly reimbursed for using their vehicles to do your ministry.



Camp Harris Camp Dates:

April 14-16 Youth Spring Forward Camp

June 5-9 Mission Camp for Adults & Children

June 11-14 Girls Camp

June 14-17 Boys Camp

June 19-22 Youth Camp

July 3-6 Children's Camp

July 24-27 Kids Camp

Sign Up Now!!!!



Mar 26, Beech Springs, Minden

April 23, FBC Haynesville

We can help your students participate with other groups and share ideas with youth leaders.
BWC Leader, Aaron Coffey

See BWC Youth Network on Facebook for schedules and events.

"Kingdom Builders"
if interested in using your carpentry skills in ministry.
Call or text Randy Ray
318-312-0884 or email at
r-ray1.ch@gmail.com

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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*Help for Today
Hope for Tomorrow*

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



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

It's a New Day Update



Goal \$600,000

Raised \$196,984.98

Balance in LBF New Life Center account \$26,759.00

New Roof is finished with the help of a loan, still needing donations for completion of much needed projects!

318-927-3706

Email info@harrisbaptistcamp.com

2800 Camp Harris Rd.

Minden, LA 71055

Randy Ward, Truck-Stop Chaplain
Bible Distribution 2023



Bible Distribution

Love's	32
Dixie Inn	51
Total Bibles	83

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.

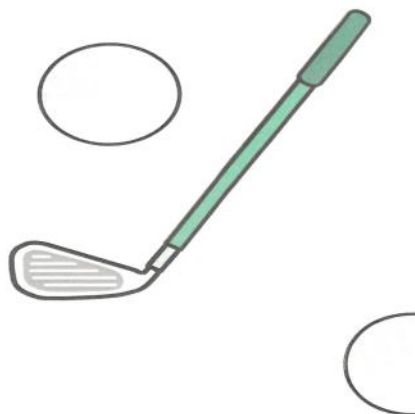
First Annual Camp Harris 4-Person Golf Scramble Fundraiser

Saturday, April 1, 2023

**Trails End Golf Course
400 Trails End Rd
Arcadia, LA 71001
(318)263-7420**

**Remit to: Harris Baptist Assembly Camp
2800 Harris Rd
Minden, LA 71055**

**Contact Information
(318) 927-3706
(318) 455-5012 Camp Manager (Harry O'Brown)
(318) 458-6100 Tournament Director (Michael Sanders)**



--- Our church is happy to sponsor a Tee Box for Camp Harris at \$500 and will send a four person team on April 1. (The \$500 includes the team fee.)

--- Our church is happy to sponsor a Tee Box for Camp Harris at \$500, but will not be sending a team for the tournament.

--- Our church is unable to sponsor a Tee Box, but would like to make a donation to Camp Harris through this event.

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Easter Portugal Mission Trip

Our “Encounter (Encontro) Portugal” team will be working with the Encontro Church Plant in Lisbon. Pictured is a snapshot of Lisbon and the Encontro Team. What can you do to undergird the team? Pray for travel, health, and open doors. Give! The trip will cost each person around \$2400. Our association will be offsetting some of that, but supplies, housing, and flights are expensive. If you would like to donate toward the trip, just let me know. We would love for you to partner with us. We are representing Christ and His family from Bienville and Webster-Claiborne Baptist associations. Would you pray about joining the team next year? Perhaps you or someone in your church feels led to be part of a mission experience overseas. Each year I will be leading a team the week prior to Easter.

Blessings, Bro. Randy

	<p>Easter Outreach Events - Lisbon, Portugal Mar 30, 2023 - Apr 10, 2023 Event ID: 29088 Trip</p>	<p>Easter Mission Trip Lisbon Portugal March 30-April 9</p> <p>Purpose: to partner with the Encontro Portugal Mission in their Easter Outreach events.</p> <p>Pray for our team consisting of Dr. Johnny Presley (our Portuguese speaker from Florida), Jerry and Sandra Martin from Pine Grove, Dr. Randy Brown from Beech Springs, and Randy Hales.</p> <p>Plan on joining us next year! Call for information.</p>
	<p>Randy Hales <i>YOU</i></p>	
	<p>Jerry Martin</p>	
	<p>Johnny Presley</p>	
	<p>Randy Brown</p>	
	<p>Sandra Martin</p>	

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