

Near and Far

A Newsletter for Bienville and Webster-Claiborne Baptist Associations



PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS

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June News



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Our missions need your support! When your church joins with others to support Bienville and Webster-Claiborne Baptist Associations, you help spread the Gospel in a big way. No one church can do alone what we can do together. Camp Harris, Baptist Collegiate Ministries, Rolling Hills, Christian Counseling, Truckstop Bible Distribution, Associational Youth Ministries, Church Plants, Hispanic Ministries, Ministerial and Mission Trip Scholarships, and other DOM Ministries are some of those big things you support. You will soon be receiving information that you can use to share with your church about our work. We are asking that you share this information with your church, spend time praying for our work, and lead your church to make mission giving a priority. Being a member of our associations carries with it a mission identity. We are churches joined together in a common belief and a common conviction that we have been called to missions. Celebrate your association and support our associational ministries through prayer and gifts.

One special way to support missions is by helping us provide mission funds for our yearly Easter Mission Trip to Portugal. Each year I carry a team to lead block parties in the parks around Lisbon. This provides an opportunity for missionaries to reach out to the apartment dwellers in the various neighborhoods. Our associations honored Margaret and me for our 23 years of service by establishing a mission fund in our name to help undergird this mission trip. The funds raised will pay for housing for the mission team and to provide insurance, background checks, and local mission support for our Portuguese partners. Please join us in reaching our world with the Gospel. The Associations designated June each year to focus on this opportunity for ministry. You may write a check to Bienville Baptist Association or to Webster-Claiborne Baptist Association and write on the Memo line, Portugal Easter Trip or Dr. Randy and Margaret Hales Mission Scholarship.

Also, find attached a brochure that describes our associational ministries. Each year during the associational missions week of prayer, first week of August, we will send out this brochure for you to use as a guide to lead your church in prayer. During this week we ask for you to receive a special offering that supports all of our ministries.

Most member churches of our associations designate 3-5% of their undesignated funds to support our associational work. We hope you share our vision in ministry and give generously to support it.



On June 1, 2001 Randy Hales became Director of Missions for our associations. He will retire on July 1 after 23 years of service. On August 1, 2024, Jeff Hoffman will become your new Associational Missions Strategist.

Jeff Hoffman, Pastor of FBC Arcadia will begin a new role as the (DOM) Associational Mission Strategist for Bienville & Webster-Claiborne Baptist Association on August 1st. A reception will be held on August 10th at Camp Harris to welcome him and also show appreciation to Randy Hales for 23 years of service. Make plans to attend!!



CAMP HARRIS UPDATE:

Camp Harris is getting ready for Summer Camp! We have already maxed out one KIDZ camp but there is still room in the Last Chance Kidz and the Boys and Girls of Courage Camps. We have plenty of room in either youth camp for your group, and it is going to be crazy!!! We have done some exciting upgrades in a couple of areas and can't wait for you to see them. We really want to see a new swimming pool by the summer of 2025, and by 2026 we want to be pushing strong toward a new dining facility, but we will need to raise around \$200,000.00 for the new pool (Estimate pending and will update as information comes in). We just hosted the other state camps last week and, as always, learned so much from them. God is doing great things with Camp Harris, and we hope all our associational churches will join Him, and us, as we prepare Camp Harris for many more Kingdom Encounters with His people. Come to our website harrisbaptistcamp.com and see how you can partner with Camp Harris in doing the Kingdom Work God has given us all. Come and be a Camp Harris Hero. Camp Harris currently has registration open for all camps and retreats coming up! Thank You for praying for our Spring Golf Tournament on April 27th, it was a beautiful day and we raised almost \$4000.00. We have big plans for 2025, include a very large prize for a hole-in-one shot and a different Golf Course to test your skills!

-Harry from Camp Harris
Harrisbaptistcamp.com

STAFF NEEDS

Alabama—*Pastor*
 Rocky Springs—*Youth Director*
 Unity, Cotton Valley—*Music Minister, Pastor*
 FBC Doyline—*Pastor*
 Bistineau—*Pastor*
 Pilgrims Rest—*Pastor*
 FBC, Haynesville—*Pastor*
 Central, Springhill—*Youth Pastor, Bi-Vo*
 Heflin—*Youth Pastor, PT*
 Emmanuel, Minden—*Music Minister*
 FBC, Arcadia—*Pastor, FT*
 North Acres, Minden—*Pastor*

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.

“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

Get ready for your events

Reserve our Updated Party Trailer

Call the office to reserve at
 318-377-3005.

Don't Forget the cost is \$25.00

We have made some updates thanks to Harry and Camp Harris staff!!!



GRANBERRY COUNSELING CENTER
*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.
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 Call 773-5539 for an appointment.*

Randy Ward, Truck-Stop Chaplain

*Bible Distribution 2024
 20,000 bibles distributed and counting!!!*



Bible Distribution

Love's	160
Dixie Inn	167
Total Bibles	327

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

UPDATES CAN BE FOUND @ WBCCENTER.COM

JUNE

24 Executive Board Meeting
 Webster-Claiborne, MMC, 10:45am
 Bienville, Bryceland, 6pm

* Randy Hales retirement on July 1, 2024.

August 10th, Reception for Incoming Associational Mission Strategist (DOM), Jeff Hoffman & Outgoing DOM Randy Hales.

BWC Youth Network

Bienville Webster Claiborne



RETHINKING EVANGELISM IN YOUTH MINISTRY

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

BWC Leader, Aaron Coffey

**No Events till August!
 Have a great summer!**

Join us!

See BWC Youth Network on Facebook for schedules and events.

Insurance Crisis: Please lead your church to take action to help Louisiana Baptists and other non-profits who are facing this crisis.

Many of you have experienced the recent insurance problems facing our state. Camp Harris, my office, and several churches had their insurance canceled last year and scrambled to find someone to write us. Many more will experience the same soon. As a result there is basically only one carrier in the state that provides church coverage and their rates are spiraling upward. The deductions and costs for the new policies are making many to question if they can afford insurance.

Due to this crisis, Dr. Horn, our Louisiana Baptist Director, initiated an effort with other denominations and other non-profit institutions to petition the state of Louisiana to allow an alternative. This alternative was granted and we have a year to get information together to design a self funded program. Gallagher insurance that specialize in non-profits is being used to gather information.

Please help your fellow churches to gather data. By submitting data you are not making a commitment or signing up for anything. The information will be used to build information that will make it possible for alternative policies to be offered to non-profits. To gather this information a simple request form is available. You have the option to go to your present carrier to get the information or to give permission to Gallagher to get it for you. **Even if you don't think you need an alternative insurance right now, please submit the information anyway. Our crisis is only going to get worse and one day you may want that alternative.**

You can go to this site for the form. We can make a copy of the form if you need.

<https://louisianabaptists.org/insurance>.

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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.



Guiding Grandchildren With Godly Principles



Master Life Coach Training Institute offers a 16-part online course to equip grandparents (and parents, too) with the essential tools of Christian life coaching. This course empowers you to engage your grandchildren in a positive and impactful way, countering the potentially harmful effects of the modern era.



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Luke 12:27 "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. . ."