

Near and Far

A Newsletter for Bienville and Webster-Claiborne Baptist Associations



PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS

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July News



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I hope you will join us August 10th at 11:30am at Camp Harris for a reception to welcome your new DOM/AMS, Jeff Hoffman, and to say goodbye to your old one! We have been blessed to serve you for these 23 years and know that Jeff and Angela Hoffman will be a blessing to you as they begin this phase of their ministry with you. We look forward to commemorating this transition with you.



As I reflect on our journey together, Margaret and I feel blessed beyond measure. Serving with you as partners in missions and ministry has been the highlight of our lives. My plans in retirement will be traveling with our mission family in July and then helping them during their State Side Assignment through December. We plan on staying around Minden supplying and helping with churches as needed. Beginning next summer we will be spending more time in Portugal, visiting family in Mississippi, and still being around here to minister where needed. We continue to love and appreciate each of you and look forward to continual fellowship with you as opportunities provide.

Jonathan and Bethany Sharp will be on Stateside Assignments July-December. They will be traveling all over a multi-state area giving reports and speaking in churches. They have several Sunday mornings in November and a couple in December still available. They also have several Sunday nights and weekdays available from August – December. Call Randy Hales to schedule.



Thank you to all who are helping to make the Harris Camping season such a success. Thank you to Mike Towns and the Towns family for numerous donations of time and service. The new road into the back of the camp is amazing. Also, thank you Pastor Stephen Beard and Calvary Baptist Homer for painting and working

to renovate several hotel rooms. In past weeks numerous other volunteers, summer staff, and other interested parties have made donations, prayed, and given so much to make Camp Harris fresh and appealing.



God Bless,
Bro Randy



We encourage each church to receive a special mission offering for our associational ministries. The offering is used to supplement our mission projects. In recent years inflation has out paced our ability to expand our missions. Your gift makes it possible for us to maintain and expand The Great Commission. Matthew 28:19 says, "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."

You may send your offering to your association using the Mission Center address. Please place on the memo line C.A.M.O. We appreciate your support.



Happy Birthday Bro. Randy



Observe Associational Missions Week the first week in October. We will be delivering brochures to all the churches in August and September. Please use this as a prayer guide and if possible take up an offering.

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*
 Heflin—*Youth Pastor, PT, Pastor*
 Emmanuel, Minden—*Music Minister*
 FBC, Arcadia—*Pastor, FT*
 North Acres, Minden—*Pastor*

**Welcome new pastor of
 Magnolia, Saline
 Tommy Inman!!**

**Welcome new Youth Pastor at Central
 Baptist Church, Springhill, Ty Caughman!**

“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!!!**



Counseling Ministry

**Amy Kitchens Butler,
 LPC, LMFT**

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 appointment.**

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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 do-
 nate funds for this minis-
 try, call us at the Mission
 Center.*

UPDATES CAN BE FOUND @ WBCCENTER.COM

JULY

26 Michoacan Mexico will be performing at
 Bryceland Bristo Es La Roca at 7pm

AUGUST

10 Reception for outgoing DOM Randy
 Hales & incoming AMS Jeff Hoffman.

26 Executive Board Meeting

Webster- Claiborne, MMC 10:45am
 Bienville, Pine Grove, 6pm



First Baptist Gibsland
 celebrated 138 years
 on June 23, Orvell
 Bryant, Pastor.



Alabama Baptist Church installs three new
 deacons. Bob Jameson, Interim Pastor



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 can-
 celed 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 pro-
 gram. Gallagher insurance that specialize in non-profits is being used to gath-
 er 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 re-
 quest 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 sub-
 mit 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.



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