

Near and Far

A Newsletter for Bienville and Webster-Claiborne Baptist Associations



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September has always been Georgia Barnette Month, as long as I can remember. Every year our family, and church family would pray for our state missionaries and take up a special offering to help spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ here in our home state of Louisiana. I clearly did not have a chance to miss knowing who Georgia Barnette was, because my father was the pastor of a SBC church, and my mom was the WMU director. I am aware not everyone had this background, and that many do not know who she was. Let me take a moment to share a little about what I know of Georgia Barnette.

Georgia Barnette was a missionary to Louisiana from 1901-1929. During these 28 years of service sharing Christ, her passion was for others to know Him. She traveled by any and all means including carriages, canoes, and walking to reach people with the message of Christ. She started her work in and through FBC New Orleans, and then branched out to the city of New Orleans, and to each corner of the state. She was the first Executive Director of the WMU and helped to promote giving passionately and sacrificially. She ministered from Spring Hill to Slidell, and beyond. In 1936 The State Missions Offering was named in her honor because of her steadfast and committed service to Louisiana Missions. Nearly 125 years later, the mission remains the same, to win Louisiana to Christ. This was Georgia Barnette's heart and our hope is that it will be our church's as well. The Louisiana State Missions Goal is \$1,750,000 and stays right here in our state. Money given is used to assist in starting new churches, Disaster Relief, leadership training, language outreach, evangelism, scholarships, equipping churches with emergency and special needs, compassion ministries, and other mission outreach sites including those in prisons and the homeless. September 8 – 15 is the Louisiana Georgia Barnette Week of Prayer Emphasis. Plan, promote, and pray about what God would have your church give.

Angela and I appreciate your warm welcome as we begin our ministry as the new Associational Missions Strategist for Bienville and Webster/Claiborne Associations. We are humbled and excited about the future of working with our churches as we serve His Kingdom's purpose. Acts 1:8 says, "...and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Know of my prayers for you as we, together, seek to carry out the commission of Christ.

Information on Georgia Barnette was adapted from "Who was Georgia Barnette?" by Janet Hoffman and LBC Missions Division.



Top Left: Pine Grove Revival in August.



Top Right: New Bistineau Baptist Church Pastor Scott Carter, wife Sarah & Church Secretary Nancy Collins.



Bottom Left: Calvary, Homer Worship Ministry Team



Bottom Right: Camp Harris Board of Directors at the August Meeting.

STAFF NEEDS

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

We want to give a big welcome
 to our new pastors:

Scott Carter, Bistineau Baptist Church
 Rob Bruns, FBC, Haynesville
 Tommy Inman, Magnolia, Saline

UPDATES CAN BE FOUND @ WBCCENTER.COM

SEPTEMBER

- 8-15 Georgia Barnette Week of Prayer
- 13 *Annual Church Profile is due!!*
- 22 BWC Youth Network, TBD
- 24 LBC Executive Board, Tall Timbers



OCTOBER

- 20 Webster-Claiborne & Bienville combined Annual Meeting at Camp Harris @ 5:30pm
 BWC Youth Network, TBD
- 22 January Bible Study in Natchitoches 9-12 District Eight Missions Office. For more info or to register Louisiana Baptist.org/JBSpreview

Save the date

December 13 Pastor & Wives Appreciation Banquet, Camp Harris With guest speaker Dennis Swanberg.

Mission & Ministry Center Office hours 8-4 Monday-Thursday

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*if interested in using
 your carpentry skills in ministry.*

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 318-312-0884 or email at rray1.ch@gmail.com

Don't forget about our Party Trailer
 Call the office at 318-377-3005
 to reserve.

Now Offering Rolling Hills Hi-Set Program (GED Program)

in Minden at the Associational office.

Classes will be held Mon-Wed 3:30-6:30. Contact Chelsea to register at 318-251-0065 or go to the Rolling Hills Ministries link on their website. The start up date will be posted once registration is complete.

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



Bible Distribution

Love's	243
Dixie Inn	291
Total Bibles	518

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



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

September 22
Location TBD

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, Associational 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>.