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Sowing The Seeds Of The Gospel... At Home, In Our State, To Our Nation, And to the Ends of the Earth Acts 1:8

A Newsletter for Bienville and Webster-Claiborne Baptist Associations



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October News



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October is one of my favorite months as it represents a change of seasons. The cooler temperatures, changing color of the leaves, ending of the mowing season, football and hunting season, and approaching holidays all make for an exciting time of change from the summer. Change is important for all of life. One scientist explained that the 3 characteristics of a living organism are sensitivity, movement, and reproduction. If we are to be a living organism, we must move and change. Change is an integral part of life, especially our spiritual life.

For the Christian and the church, our spiritual lives necessitate change. If we are growing, it means we are changing. The goal of our Christian life, according to the New Testament, is that we be made over in the image of Christ. Just a few scriptures indicating this purpose are 2 Corinthians 3:18, Romans 8:29, and Ephesians 4:15. I know this means lots of change for me and my church. To be absent of change and movement in our spiritual lives means becoming stagnant and failing to follow His footsteps. Sometimes the fear of change can hinder us from taking a risk. Sometimes our habitual routine does not allow for change. Sometimes we are so comfortable we do not want to change. However, if we are not moving toward Christ, we cannot be ready for the return of Christ.

As we consider the seasons of change, and stages of our Christian growth, let us not just ponder, but get up and follow God's will by becoming, belonging, and believing His promises.

Know of my prayers for you in this season of life, remembering Christ return is imminent and very soon.

In His love, Bro. Jeff Associational Missions Strategist (AMS)



Jamestown Baptist Church 102nd Anniversary Homecoming Service. Bro. Stan Foster singing right.





Emmanuel, Minden worship with youth and children singing.



Heflin Baptist Church Worship Team



BWC Youth Network had a great Youth Rally on Sept. 22



LA Tech BCM hosted the Bienville & Webster-Claiborne students last night! It was a great gathering! Shane Rummel and Kevin Inman collaborated and led this year for the annual rally at BCM. The students played games, worshiped with the BCM student Elevate band, heard a testimony from Jacob Ellis, a Tech BCM leader.



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

#### **STAFF NEEDS**

Alabama—Pastor 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 FBC, Homer—Youth & Children's Minister, FT



**"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

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

to reserve.

# Now Enrolling Rolling Hills Hi-Set Program

(Formerly GED ) is 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.

## Amy Butler Counseling

Christian Counseling Service Amy Kitchens Butler, LPC, LMFT amybutlercounseling@gmail.com For appointments 318-480-8182



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**Randy Ward, Truck-Stop Chaplain** Bible Distribution 2024 20,000 bibles distributed and counting!!!



	<b>Bible Distribution</b>	
	Love's	243
	Dixie Inn	291
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	If you wo	uld like to de

nate funds for this ministry, call us at the Mission Center.

## UPDATES CAN BE FOUND @ WCBCENTER.COM OCTOBER

**13** Ordination Service, Bistineau Baptist, for Scott Carter. Ordaining council 4:30, Worship 6:00, Reception 7:00.

**20** Webster-Claiborne & Bienville combined Annual Meeting at Camp Harris @ 5:30pm

BWC Youth Network, TBD

2 January Bible Study, Camp Harris, Waylon Bailey will be prerecorded and give a study on The Faithfulness of God from 6:00-8:30PM Supper provided.

## NOVEMBER

**10** Barry Joyner, DOM Concord Union, Retirement Reception, 4:00PM Temple BC, Ruston.

## Save the date

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

Mission & Ministry Center office hours Monday—Thursday 8:00-4:00



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

# October 20 Westlake, Doyline

See BWC Youth Network on Facebook for schedules and events.

We want to welcome our new BWC leader, Shane Rummell from FBC Haynesville.

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