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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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December News

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It is truly hard to believe that December is upon us. As we make the transition from Thanksgiving to the Christmas season, it is busier than ever. There are gifts to purchase and wrap, decorations to get out and put up, and early preparations for family meals. Church ministry to the community is also extremely busy. It is always the case that benevolent needs exceedingly increase, counseling is at an all time high, and emergency calls are never ending and do not find exemption for the holidays. Through all of the hustle and bustle of this season, let's not forget to celebrate Christ. This takes intentionality. To me, it is a discipline like other Christian disciplines...to put Christ first and foremost, on purpose. To be purposeful and intentional in our worship of God should be our goal.

As I try to give Him first place in my life, the two fundamentals for me are trust and thanksgiving. Through my prayers, I try to express my faith in Him as Lord and my gratitude to Him as the One and true living God. Through reading the scripture, God reveals these as imperatives. The intentionality of this action will require solitude and silence. I hope you will make extra time to be alone with our heavenly father, and some extra time alone with your family. I feel confident this is His will for us. The result will bring peace of mind and peace of heart. My prayer for you is that you will have the joy of Christ this Christmas season. Luke 2:10-16 says, "And the angel of the Lord said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord...and they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger."

In His love, Jeff Hoffman AMS



#### Mexican/Indian Training Center Mission Trip

The Mission Team represented Webster-Claiborne & Concord Union Associations. It was a medical, resourced, and Bible distribution mission trip. The team ran out of Bibles.



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#### **STAFF NEEDS**

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

*Welcome new pastor of Alabama BC in Arcadia Tony Walton!!* 



**"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



Missions & Ministry Center 1408 Sibley Rd. Minden, LA 71055

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



Bible Distribution	
Love's	364
Dixie Inn	402
Total Bibles 875	

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

### UPDATES CAN BE FOUND @ WCBCENTER.COM DECEMBER

- 4 LA Tech BCM Advisory Board Meeting
- 10 Christian Motorcycle Group Bible Study, MMC 6PM
- 13 Pastors & Wives Appreciation Christmas Banquet Camp Harris 6PM With guest speaker Dennis Swanberg. RSVP to 377-3005 or missioncenter@gmail.com.
- 24– Jan 1st our office will be closed.

25 Merry Christmas from the Missions & Ministry Center!!

## JANUARY

- 14 Christian Motorcycle Group Bible Study, MMC 6PM
- 15 Rolling Hills Board Mtg. 6PM
- 27-28 Evangelism Conference, FBC Covington

Mission & Ministry Center office hours Monday—Thursday 8:00-2:00



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

See BWC Youth Network on Facebook for schedules and events.

Shane Rummell, BWC Youth Network Leader

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>.