### JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER, NL25.1.1

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### Letter from our Associational Mission Strategist, Jeff Hoffman

Ready or not, the New Year is here! With the turning of the calendar, it can seem like a dreary time. The earth seems to go dormant with the cold and gloomy weather. For many, this can be a depressing time. However, the New Year can be a time of new beginnings, and a fresh start. A time to close the door on the past and open the door to a new and hopeful future. Many of us carry around baggage from the past such as grief, guilt, grudges, and grievances. The only way to open the door to the will of God for today is by closing the door on our past. To do this we need the help of the Holy Spirit which comforts, convicts, and comes along beside us. By His power and help, we can let go of these burdens that so beset us and lay them at the foot of the cross.

1 Peter 5:7 says, "Casting all your care on Him, for He careth for you." Also a scripture that helps me with in dealing with the past is Luke 9:52... "Jesus said, 'No man having put his hand to the plough and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God.'"

My prayer is that we can rid ourselves of access baggage from the previous year and experience the peace that passes all understanding! In so doing, we will be ready to serve the Kingdom in a fresh and meaningful way!

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

It is a joy to serve our churches. We are praying for each church to have a great New Year!





Full house at FBC Arcadia to start the New Year.



Rocky Springs BC, Homer Christmas Cantata

Dr. Chris Stephens, Pastor playing a special offertory & Christmas Choir performing.



Thanking our Pastors at the Banquet.



Dennis Swanberg performed at our Annual Pastor Appreciation Banquet on Dec. 13th.

He took time to pose with the crowd.









### LOOKING AHEAD

### January

- 14 Christian Motorcycle Group Bible Study, MMC 6PM
- 14 Rolling Hills Board Mtg. 6PM
- 17 Camp Harris Fish Fry/Trivia Night \$12
- 27-28 Evangelism Conference, FBC Covington
- 28 Senior Adult Luncheon, FBC Covington

### **February**

- 11 Christian Motorcycle Group Bible Study, MMC 6PM.
- 17 Webster-Claiborne Executive Board Meeting at the Mission & Ministry Center, 10:45AM.
- Bienville Executive Board Meeting at Magnolia, Saline, 6:00PM.

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

Updates can be found @ WCBCenter.com

### STAFF NEEDS

### Pastor Positions:

Unity, Cotton Valley FBC, Arcadia— FT
FBC Doyline—Bi-Vo Friendship, Bienville
Pilgrims Rest North Acres, Minden—FT

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### Youth Pastor Positions:

Heflin-Youth Pastor, PT

FBC, Homer-Youth & Children's Pastor, FT

Music:

Unity, Cotton Valley–Music Minister Emmanuel, Minden–Music Minister Bistineau–Piano Player



### Rolling Hills Ministries

David Abernathy, Director Phone: 318-251-0065

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www.rollinghillsministries.com

## 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.

# BWC Youth Network



### NEWS

2800 Harris Rd. Minden, LA 318-927-3706 www.harrisbaptistcamp.com

### FISH FRY & TRIVIA NIGHTS 5-7 PM **TRIVIA 6PM**

FRIDAY JAN 17, 2025 FRIDAY MARCH 21, 2025 FRIDAY APRIL 25, 2025 FRIDAY MAY 16, 2025 \$12 FISH PLATE \$6 10 & UNDER TRIVIA \$10 TEAM

#### **2025 CAMPS**

"Just Jesus" Kidz Camp #1, June 9-12 (All Kidz, 2nd - 6th grade) W/Brandon Digilormo. "Just Jesus" Kidz Camp # 2, June 16-19 (All Kidz, 2nd–6th grade) W/Crush & Hanna. "Just Jesus" Last Chance Kidz Camp, July 21-24 (All Kidz, 2nd-6th grade) W/The Bubba Adventure. Harris Xtreme Youth Camp June 30th- July 3rd (7th-12th grade) "Just Jesus! " W/Tiny Dominguez

HARRISBAPTISTCAMP.COM

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!!** 

### At Camp Harris your donations are always needed and greatly appreciated!!

Detergent Carpet Fresh Pens

All Purpose Cleaner Paper Clips Clorox Wipes Glass Cleaner Dishwashing Liquid Staples

**Toilet Paper** Paint & Supplies **Paper Towels** Permanent Markers

Get your church involved in our Pool Fundraiser!!

### "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



### LA TECH BCM

Kevin Inman, Director 318 - 255-1982 Cell: 680-0534 801 W Alabama Ave.



### 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



### **Bible Distribution 2025**

Truck Stop Ministry Total Bibles Distributed in 2024 is 1,191

Love's 20 Dixie Inn 21 GAP Farm 20 **Total Bibles** 61

**Prison Ministry** 

Bienville Parish Jail 50 2024 Total Bibles Distributed in Prisons 300

Wade Correctional 50 **BDCC** 50 Total

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

### WEBSTER-CLAIBORNE BAPTIST SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

-Guidelines for granting and continuing scholarships

The Scholarship Committee follows the following rules in determining the granting and the continuing of scholarship grants to students: **The student...** 

- 1. Must be from a church in the association.
- 2. Must give an account, in letter form, to the scholarship Committee about his or her personal experience with the Lord. (Testimony of salvation).
- 3. Must tell about his or her feeling of being called to some special service, such as the preaching ministry, music ministry, religious education, missionary, etc. \*(Does not apply for The Denise W. Howell Endowment Trust Scholarship for a Non-Ministerial Student)
- 4. Must tell about his or her financial need, something of the family situation, and income, etc.
- 5. Must arrange for at least two letters of reference to be sent to the committee, one from the pastor of the church, and one from a church or a Baptist business leader.
- 6. Must be planning to attend, or already be attending, Louisiana College or one of our Southern Baptist Seminaries. However, any of our students who may be attending East Texas Baptist University or some other Southern Baptist Affiliated college may also receive a scholarship grant at the discretion of the committee.
- 7. While attending college or seminary, must maintain at least a "C" average, and at the end of each semester must send to the committee a transcript of his or her grades, along with a letter requesting the continuation of the scholarship for the next semester.
- 8. Receiving the Scholarship for three consecutive years will automatically rotate off for one year. If the student believes that this will bring about a hardship, he or she may re-apply to the scholarship committee, and the committee will review the request.
- 9. Should notify the Committee if at any time during the course of receiving the Scholarship he or she becomes self sustaining financially. At that time, the Scholarship will cease.
- 10. Attending college or seminary will be given preference over those working beyond the Masters Degree level. The Committee will study each request and make decisions based on students requesting assistance, level of studies, and other criteria at hand.
- 11. Receiving a Scholarship will be notified by the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee in writing before the beginning of the school year in the fall (or semester). A listing of students receiving scholarships will be presented at the annual fall meeting of the association.
- 12. Deadline for Application is the end of the second full week of August/January.