#### DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER, NL25.12.1

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

By the time you read this, we will have officially passed through the "Thanksgiving Holiday Season" and are moving into Christmas. However, the Bible stresses that our constant attitude is to be one of a grateful heart. It is so easy to allow the seasons of the year, and the seasons of life to dictate to us how we are to respond, but emotions and feelings are not the foundational basis for our relationship with God. Our relationship is based on a faith and commitment to Him.

In order to embrace each part of the year, including the last few weeks of this one, we need to be in constant state of being grateful. Scripture is full of examples urging us in this discipline. Philippians 4:6-7 in a modern translation reads this way, "Tell God your needs and don't forget to thank Him for His answers. If you do this, you will experience God's peace. His peace is far greater than the human mind can understand; His peace will keep your minds and hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus. In 1 Thessalonians 5:17 it reads in the King James, "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Luke 22:17 says that Jesus , " took the cup and gave thanks" and in vs. 19, "and He took the bread, and gave thanks."

The Christmas story itself tells of this as worship was a key component. The praise of Who God is and the thanking of what God has done is center stage in the lives of the people surrounding the birth of Christ. In Matthew 2:11 in speaking of the wise men it says, "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him..." In Luke 1 Elizabeth expresses gratitude, as well as Mary. In Luke 2 the shepherds glorified and praised God for all the things they had heard and seen of God, expressly seeing the baby which was Christ the Lord.

Yes, our gratitude should be expressed at every season, every circumstance, and in every moment. I believe this is what is meant in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 when it says, "Pray without ceasing"

My prayer is that we together can unite in our prayers of thanksgiving for all He has done and is doing in our lives, churches, state, nation, and world.

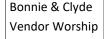
Merry Christmas,

Jeff Hoffman, DOM/AMS

P.S. DON'T FORGET TO RSVP FOR OUR PASTOR'S & WIVES APPRECIATION DINNER BY DEC. 1.











Upper Left: Camp Harris Ex. Bd. Meet.

Right: Rolling Hills Ex. Bd. Meet.

Left: BCM Advisory Council



#### LOOKING AHEAD

#### **DECEMBER**

- Pastor & Wives Appreciation @ Port au Prince 5PM RSVP by Dec 1st.
- 14 Bonnie & Clyde Vendor Worship 7:30AM
- 24 Christmas Eve

#### **JANUARY**

- 12 Combined Executive Board Meeting, FBC Arcadia, 6:00PM
- 13 CMA Son Seekers, MMC 6:00PM
- 18 Bonnie & Clyde Vendor Worship 7:30AM
- 19 Rolling Hills Board Meeting
- 26-27 2026 Evangelism Conference, FBC Lafayette

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

Updates can be found @ WCBcenter.com

#### STAFF NEEDS

#### **Pastor Positions:**

FBC, Arcadia- FT

Welcome new pastor, Stephen Beard to Emmanuel, Hurricane

Pleasure Point-Pastor

Calvary BC, Homer

Emmanuel, Minden – FT

Friendship, Bienville-Pastor

New Sarepta—Pastor

Pilgrims Rest-Pastor

Beech Springs—Bi-Vo Pastor

#### **Youth Pastor Positions:**

Heflin-Youth Pastor, PT

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

Mike Whitlock is retiring as Music Leader of Mount Paran and will be available for music supply.

Music:

Unity, Cotton Valley–Music Minister

Beech Springs—PT

Mt. Paran

Bistineau-Piano Player



MINISTRIES

#### Rolling Hills Ministries

David Abernathy, Director

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# 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

CHECK OUT FACEBOOK FOR UP TO DATE MEETINGS



# **NEWS**

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

#### **FISH FRY & TRIVIA NIGHTS**

Fish fry and Trivia will be back at the camp in September!!

Harry would love to come talk about the camp with your church or pulpit supply for you.

Thank you for all the ways you support our camp!!

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

Detergent Carpet Fresh

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

**Toilet Paper** Paint & Supplies

Get your church involved in our Pool Fundraiser!! **Paper Towels Permanent Markers** 

#### "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. Ruston, LA 71270



#### Christian Counseling Service Amy Kitchens Butler, LPC, LMFT

For appointments call or text 318-480-8182 amybutlercounseling@gmail.com

#### WELCOME!!!!!!

Joe McMasters will begin seeing patients on Sept. 1, see bio attached to this newsletter to learn more about him. You can reach him at 318-239-1899 for appointments.



#### **Bible Distribution 2025**

Truck Stop Ministry		Prison Ministry	Prison Ministry	
Love's	520	Bienville Parish Jail	385	
Dixie Inn	381	Wade Correctional	265	
Johnson's Café	117	BDCC	330	
GAP	<u>386</u>	Lincoln Parish Det Center	<u>130</u>	
Total Bibles	1404	BIBLES ARE FREE	1110	



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

HOSTED BY: WEST LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

Join us for a transformative weekend retreat!

### **MARRIAGE RETREAT: DISCOVER LOVE LANGUAGES**



Jan 23-24 or 25 Starts at 6 PM on Friday

@ CAMP HARRIS

## **Event Details**

LOVE LANGUAGES PERFECT GIFT FOR YOUR SPOUSE! 3 RETREAT SESSIONS CAMP HARRIS BREAK-OUT SESSIONS ONE OR TWO

2ND NIGHT OPTION 4TH SESSION, MINDEN SCAVENGER

HUNT, DATE NIGHT WITH FIRE-PITS AND ESCAPEROOMS

Join Us

FUN

Participate in engaging sessions focused on love languages, including interactive activities and discussions. Enhance your relationship with practical tools and insights, fostering deeper connections with your spouse in a supportive environment at Camp Harris.









2 NIGHT PACKAGE -\$300.00

MIGHT OPTION





Joseph McMasters is a Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor working with Amy Butler and under the direct supervision of Dr. Ashley Jamison. Joe earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 2014 and a Master of Arts in Counseling with a specialization in Marriage and Family Therapy from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 2022. Joe works from a Christian worldview and views the counseling process holistically. He desires for his clients to heal emotionally, physically, and spiritually.

Joe utilizes a wide variety of approaches and techniques from therapy models such as Cognitive/Behavioral, Solution Focused, and EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing). He has experience in working with couples, individuals, and groups, dealing with a wide range of therapeutic issues including Trauma, Anxiety, Depression, Communication Issues, Emotional Regulation and Intelligence Work, and Sexual Addiction. He is also certified in PrepareEnrich for pre-marital and marital couples.



## Joe McMasters, PLPC

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## **Experience Working With:**

CLIENTELE:
Couples
Individuals
Families
Teens
College Students
Military

PRESENTING ISSUE:
Sexual Addiction
Trauma/PTSD
Anxiety/Depression
Marital Struggles
Pre-Marital Counseling
Religious/Spiritual Issues