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Letter from our Associational Missions Strategist, Jeff Hoffman

I am sure you have heard that I resigned from the WCB Associational Missions Strategist position because of illness in my family. After much time in prayer, I realize that my first responsibility is to my family and I cannot work full time and meet the needs of my family. I greatly appreciate your prayers for our family during this time. It has been a difficult season to be sure, but just our turn. Every person will go through struggles in life, however, God is so good all the time. His grace is greater than all our sin and His peace sustains in our hour of greatest need.

I am reminded of the Scripture in the Gospel of John, chapter 16 and verse 33. Jesus Himself said, "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." Notice His first statement in this verse giving His purpose in communicating...that we may have peace in Him. I am reminded that true peace has only one source, Jesus Christ. Also, He reminds us that as we live out our lives in this world, we will have tribulation. We as believers are surely not exempt. Difficulty, pain, and heartache are plain facts of life. Notice how He ends the verse. He gives us hope and assurance by saying we can be of good cheer! This is because He has overcome the world. What great news that we have!

My prayer continues to be that we, together, will be committed to sharing this truth of Christ to the world through our testimonies of endurance and cheer, pressing on in our trust in Him.

In His love,

Jeff Hoffman

Associational Missions Strategist



Left: International Missions Outreach.

Bottom left and bottom middle: Executive Board FBC Gibsland July 13th.

Right: Emmanuel, Hurricane faithful Wednesday nights.



Bottom: Recent Rolling Hills Board Meeting.



LOOKING AHEAD

AUGUST

- 2 Old Union Luncheon for retiring pastor Arthur Smart and welcoming new pastor Jeff Smart.
- 4 Annual Church Profile Training at North Acres, Minden 5:30PM
- 8 ReGroup Conference. Temple, Ruston.
- 10-11 Remind Pastor Conference, Redemption Church Lacombe, LA
- 17 Deadline to apply for WCB Scholarship. Call office more details.
- 29 Operation Christmas Child @ FBC Minden

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Church Bix Conference @ Louisiana Baptist Building

SAVE THE DATE ANNUAL MEETING OCT 11



Rolling Hills Ministries

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2800 Harris Rd. Minden, LA

318-927-3706

www.harrisbaptistcamp.com

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!!



**CHECK OUT FACEBOOK
FOR UP TO DATE MEETINGS**

STAFF NEEDS

Pastor Positions:

FBC, Arcadia— FT

Pleasure Point

Calvary BC, Homer

New Ramah

FBC, Doyline

Union Springs, Shongaloo

Friendship, Bienville

Welcome Pastor Jeff Smart to Old Union, Shongaloo

Youth Pastor Positions:

Heflin—Youth Pastor, PT

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

Music:

Unity, Cotton Valley—Music Minister

Bistineau—PT Music Leader

Mike Whitlock is available for Music Supply 318-422-3727



LA TECH BCM

Kevin Inman,
Director

Scholarships are needed for students going to attend Collegiate Week at Fall's Creek. Your donation of \$100 could send one student to camp.

Truck Stop Ministry

Love's	318
Dixie Inn	271
Johnson's Café	57
GAP	<u>192</u>
Total Bibles	838



Prison Ministry

Bienville Parish Jail	150
Wade Correctional	195
BDCC	100
Lincoln Parish Det Center	<u>100</u>
Total Bibles	545

If you would like to donate funds for the ministry contact us.



ACP Training

AUGUST 4, 2026 5:30PM



RSVP 318-377-3005
NORTH ACRES BAPTIST CHURCH
1852 LEWISVILLE RD.
MINER, LA 70055

Join us for a wonderful fellowship and a great way to learn what is new with the ACP. Shanna Johnson will be here from the LBC and our friend Amy Plunkett will be catering!

North Acres Baptist Church is hosting a Women's Conference.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!!

ROOTED Women's Conference

SATURDAY AUGUST 15, 2026 9am to 3pm NABC

\$30

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: REBEKAH NICHOLSON

WORSHIP LED BY: KATHY ANDERSON

CALLING ALL LADIES 12 & UP! JOIN US FOR A DAY OF WORSHIP, BIBLE STUDY, DELICIOUS FOOD & PRECIOUS FELLOWSHIP!

SAT., AUGUST 8 • TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, RUSTON

Reggie Bridges
Senior Pastor
Temple Baptist Church, Ruston, LA

Firm Foundation
Ruston, LA

ADULT LEADERS

- Shepherding the Church in Discipleship
- Shepherding the Shepherds through Discipleship
- Living Sent: Building a Disciple-making Group Ministry
- Reaching and Connecting New People
- The DNA of Disciple-making and Small Groups
- Spiritual Formation: How Intentionality Impacts Transformation

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT LEADERS

- Teaching the Next Generation with the Gospel
- Addressing mental Health Challenges in the Next Generation
- Creating Intentional Discipleship Pathways
- The Church & Home: Partners in the Discipleship of Children & Teens

CHILDREN'S/PRESCHOOL LEADERS

- Partnering with Parents in Discipleship
- Hiding God's Word in Their Hearts
- Sharing the Gospel with Children
- Storytelling

MEN'S LEADERS

- Practical Tips and Observations Related to Men's Discipleship
- Prison Ministry: A Fertile Field and a Blessed Training Ground

COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULT LEADERS

- Discipleship that Sticks
- Setting Your Team Up for Success

WORSHIP LEADERS

- Building the Next Generation of Worship Leaders
- Worship Leaders as Disciple-makers: Crafting the Worship Services that Form Mature Disciples

REGISTER TODAY AND BRING YOUR TEAM!

See Breakout specifics and speaker bios at: LouisianaBaptists.org/ReGroup26

Questions? Contact Kevin Ulmer, Evangelism Strategist or Matt Cate, Sunday School/Discipleship Strategist at 318-448-3402.

FREE MARRIAGE RETREAT

Register at the event for a chance to win a FREE 3-day retreat for you and your spouse!

WinShape Marriage

ChurchBiz Conference 2026

Enhancing church business practices & supporting effective ministry operations

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM 1250 MacArthur Drive, Alexandria, LA 71303

Pastors, Treasurers, Finance Teams

REGISTER NOW

LOUISIANA BAPTIST FOUNDATION 318-445-4495 LBInfo.org/cbc contact@LBInfo.org

2026 Remind Pastors' Conference Redemption Church Lacombe, LA.

August 10-11

This year's keynote speaker will be Dr. DJ Horton. He has been the Senior Pastor of Church at the Mill since 2004 and under his leadership it has grown to be a thriving multi-campus church in Spartanburg, SC.

The heart and purpose behind this conference is for men who serve as pastors to be reminded of the commands that Jesus gave Peter in John 21. His instructions are to Feed The Sheep, Shepherd the Sheep, and Follow Him. As pastors it is often easy to allow other things to cloud our vision and distract us from these primary objectives. Our prayer is that through biblical teaching, breakout sessions, worship, prayer, and fellowship each pastor will be refreshed and ready to lead his church and home.

Designed with busy pastors in mind the conference is only a day and a half starting on Monday afternoon. Cost is \$45 including meals, book, and gifts. **Register or get more info at www.remindconference.org.**

Conference host is Dr. Byron Brown and can be reached at remind@rclacombe.org, 985-882-5682, www.redemptionchurch.faith.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD NCLA SHOEBOX KICKOFF!

AUG 29, 2026
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
1ST BAPTIST MINDEN



Join us as we launch the shoebox packing season! Come to be inspired & equipped for a successful packing season, and get to know your OCC area team! You will hear about packing & distribution of shoeboxes, as well as the graduation of children who completed The Greatest Journey! You will also see exhibits that highlight what OCC is all about! Come learn with us more about how to share the vision of OCC with your church or group and reach more children with your shoebox gifts! Register at <https://forms.gle/aKJMTmSPUzQgodRa9>.