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Brian Blackwell photo

Life marches around the state may look different this year because of COVID-19 restrictions, but at least eight locations have planned to host life chains during "Stand for Life, Louisiana" on Jan. 23. Additionally, a program is planned that day in Baton Rouge prior to the start of the life chains.

Pro-life marches planned for eight locations, Jan. 23

By Brian Blackwell
Message staff writer

BATON ROUGE, La. (LBM) – The 2021 Louisiana Life Marches have moved to a one-day socially distanced life chain event Jan. 23.

Originally, the life marches were scheduled to take place around the state over a three-week period in January and February, but novel coronavirus pandemic concerns caused organizers to alter the format for "Stand for Life, Louisiana."

Only the Baton Rouge event will include a program from 9-10 a.m. on the Capitol building steps and will feature messages, music and prayer that will be streamed live on the Louisiana Right to Life Facebook page. A lineup of speakers will be announced closer to the event date. Attendance will be limited to 500 people, who must register online at <https://prolifelouisiana.org/louisiana-life-march-south/>.

[ana.org/louisiana-life-march-south/](https://prolifelouisiana.org/louisiana-life-march-south/).

Following the event in Baton Rouge, pro-life supporters will gather from 10:30 a.m. to noon at designated locations around the state:

- Alexandria (Intersection of Jackson Street and McArthur Boulevard)
- Baton Rouge (756 Colonial Dr. and also Plank Road in front of St. Isadore Church)
- Bossier City (Airline Drive between Viking Drive and George Dement Boulevard)
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- New Orleans (Corner of Press Drive and Gentilly Boulevard)
- Opelousas (Union Street between Our Lady Queen of Angels Church and Holy



A youngster stands for life.

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Student night opens ECON 2021, Jan. 24

By Brian Blackwell
Message staff writer

SHREVEPORT, La. (LBM) – Churches throughout the state are encouraged to pray for the youth expected to attend the upcoming Student Night set for the evening prior to the upcoming Louisiana Baptist Convention Evangelism Conference's first session.



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Doug Collier photo

Director of Missions Lane Moore will lead the Northwest Louisiana Baptist Association's annual "Call to Prayer"

NLBA 'Call to Prayer' slated for Jan. 31

By Brian Blackwell
Message staff writer

BOSSIER CITY, La. (LBM) – Pastors and congregation members will ask God to intervene for a nation facing uncertain times during the Northwest Louisiana Baptist Association's sixth annual

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LC named 'Top 30 Christian College'

By Staff
Wildcat Media

PINEVILLE, La. (LBM) -- Louisiana College has been named a Top 30 Christian College

by BestValueSchools.org, a research and resource group committed to helping prospective students and families find the best colleges and universities that meet their educational

needs and maximize the student experience. Louisiana College President Rick Brewer said he is pleased for the college

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Webster-Claiborne church reopens as community ministry hub

By Brian Blackwell
Message staff writer

COTTON VALLEY, La. (LBM) – The 10 active members of Cornerstone Baptist Church were finalizing plans to close

in late 2019, meeting with Webster-Claiborne Baptist Association Director of Missions Randy Hales to share their desire that the property would continue to be used for ministry after they dis-

banded.

For several months the association, which was given ownership of the campus, resisted offers to sell the facility, believing God would provide a church to continue ministry efforts at the former Cornerstone Baptist site. Then in July, Unity Baptist Church in Cotton Valley approached Hales with the idea of using the assets as a community ministry hub. Two months later, the location was brought back to life.

Since Unity Baptist launched the ministry center in September, they have hosted a prayer gathering, organized two food distribution events and invited an African-American congregation, formerly affiliated with

the Methodist Church, to meet in the facility every Sunday.

Gene Gibson, pastor of Unity Baptist, said the community of 1,000 has embraced the effort.

“The community absolutely loves this,” he said. “They have stopped by the church office to ask when the next food distribution will take place, but not because they are only wanting to be on the receiving end. They want to get involved whether by handing out food or giving money to this ministry. They are getting involved financially and with their time.”

Hales said the former Cornerstone Baptist congregation is akin to the early New Testament congregations, who

thrived in their early days, but, over time, disbanded.

“All of us in reality are grandchildren of those parent congregations,” Hales said. “Congregations sometimes are like human lives. We have your youth period, we enter into an aged period and then we die as the community changes. While Cornerstone Baptist Church no longer occupies the property, their legacy lives on through another sister church in the same community.”

Gibson said prayer has been a catalyst for the success of the ministry center.

For more than a year, the Cornerstone Baptist congregation had prayed God would lead them to become a hub for community ministry. After several potential deals for the property fell through, God provided the new purpose for Cornerstone Baptist’s facility.

The first event held at the repurposed facility was a Sept. 26 simulcast of the Return, a global prayer event held on the National Mall. More than 65 people from the community gathered inside, joining 3.8 million from 57 countries for the Internet broadcast.

“A little bit at a time people are beginning to realize we can all work together, no matter your race, age or where you are from,” Gibson said. “When we came together and prayed together I think that opened the door for things we haven’t seen yet take place out of this community ministry center, for His glory.”

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ULM students now share Christ, not just room

By Brian Blackwell
Message staff writer

MONROE, La. (LBM) – Matthew Hurst was a long-time skeptic of Christianity with little desire to follow the ways of the Lord when he met his roommate, Jonathan Jenkins, in August.

Soon afterward, the two University of Louisiana-Monroe students developed a friendship that God used to soften Hurst's heart to the Gospel. Through a series of spiritual conversations, Jenkins, a member of the Well Church in Monroe, answered Hurst's questions about Jesus, causing Hurst to become a fully devoted follower of Christ.

Hurst, along with three other new converts, shared about their transformations during a special baptism/one-year anniversary service attended by 51



Matthew Hurst celebrates his baptism at the Well Church in Monroe Jan. 3. Looking on are his roommate, Jonathan Jenkins (left) and Pastor Larrese Rollins.

people at the Well Church Jan. 3.

"Seeing Jonathan's passion, strength and faith in Christ along with answering all the questions reopened my eyes," Hurst

told the *Baptist Message*. "It lit a fire in me, and I started reading the Bible every morning and became motivated to learn who God truly is.

"It was actually a little



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Pastor Larrese Rollins leads a prayer during the one-year anniversary celebration service at the Well Church in Monroe. The church has seen attendance increase from 17 on Jan. 5, 2020, to 51 on Jan. 3 2021.

nerve racking to be baptized because of everybody watching, but easy at the same time because they were all excited for me," Hurst said. "All glory goes to God in that moment

of going in the water and coming out."

The Well Church started with a core group of 17 on Jan. 5, 2020, and

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Congregations unite to rebuild Union Baptist Church

By **Brian Blackwell**
Message staff writer

JOYCE, La. (LBM) – Hurricane Laura damaged the fellowship hall of Union Baptist Church in Joyce, Aug. 27, leaving the congregation of 30 active members to seek God’s help in rebuilding the

facility.

Five weeks after the storm blew a tree on top of the facility, their prayers were answered.

Throughout November, as the result of organizing efforts by leaders of the North Central Baptist Association, the congregations of First Baptist

Church in Calvin, First Baptist Church in Jonesboro, New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Winnfield and Sweetwater Baptist Church in Quitman sent volunteers to remodel the kitchen and replace the roof.

Members of Atlanta Baptist Church, Bethlehem Baptist Church in Winnfield, Quitman Baptist Church, South Winnfield Baptist Church and Welcome Home Baptist Church in Dodson also provided meals each day for the volunteers.

Pastor Mike Green told the *Baptist Message* he was encouraged that so many churches stepped up and modeled the body of Christ in action for those in need.

“My hat goes off to everyone who gave up their time and resources to come out and help us out,” Green said. “They were a great Godsend when we needed a helping hand.”

Craig James, associational missions strategist for North Central Baptist Association, expressed his gratitude for the cooperative effort by the churches.

“They have been very



Brian Blackwell photo

Volunteers help rebuild the fellowship hall of Union Baptist Church in Joyce. Numerous churches have sent members to remodel the kitchen and replace the roof. Both were damaged by Hurricane Laura, Aug. 27, 2020.

active as missionaries for the Lord in our own association,” James said. “When we think about missions, most of the time we think of international missions or national missions. With Union Baptist Church, we see an opportunity for mission work at home. It is amazing to see the Lord at work through His Church. Ronnie Huckaby and Monty Huckaby have been a blessing from the Lord as they lead the project at Union. We pray the Lord bless Union Baptist Church in the days to

come with spiritual and numerical growth.”

Monty Huckaby, a member of Sweetwater Baptist Church, said he was honored to be a part of a team bringing help to a sister church.

“Some came with tool belts and others brought food fit for a king,” Huckaby said. “We started each day the right way, with prayer led by Brother Mike Green who asked God’s direction and protection as we worked. It truly is an honor that God allows us the opportunity to serve as just an extension of His hands. There remains much work to do and plenty of opportunities for those who wish to serve.”

Moving forward, Green said additional work to be completed includes replacing the ceiling, light fixtures and bathrooms. He is confident God will continue to send more laborers to rebuild a church that will be a mighty lighthouse in the future to the community of Joyce.

“When Christians come together and begin to work as one, we receive a mighty blessing,” Green said. “The Lord is going to send more people our way. If anyone wants to come, we would be more than happy to put them to work.”

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a month later had increased to 45. Through-out COVID-19, the church remained close knit. The newly formed congregation continued to meet for Bible study through Zoom, and, Pastor Larrese Rollins shared Sunday morning messages online.

Rollins said that because they had formed a culture of unity before their first meeting, worship attendance did not dramatically decrease when the new congregation resumed in-

person meetings on June 14 with 33 people. Attendance has increased even more, reaching a high of 66 in November, but averaging 50 for most Sunday morning worship services.

He noted that the baptisms reflected a spirit of discipleship that his members have embraced.

“Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a church to raise a Christian,” Rollins said. “We collectively work to disciple one another and we

encourage inviting others into the orbit of your life. Our church sees a lot of each other, sometimes up to four days here a week, and that helps to cultivate the reality of discipleship.”

In addition to discipleship, members have developed a passion for evangelism.

As an outreach initiative, “Operation 7-11,” the congregation has pledged to share the Gospel with the 7,000 people who live within a mile radius of the church during the next eleven months of 2021. Following Sunday morning services, a group of four members rotate each week and venture into the community for door-to-door evangelism.

While COVID-19 limited their efforts to 112 Gospel conversations in 2020, Rollins believes members are primed for a great spiritual harvest in 2021.

“The neighborhood we are serving is plagued by gun violence and we want to see that community restored spiritually, emotionally, economically and socially,” Rollins said. “We start with the Gospel because it speaks to every part of the human condi-

tion.” Looking ahead to the next 11 months, Rollins is excited about meeting two goals set for the members: addressing the systemic needs of the community and equipping his members to do the work of holistic ministry.

“Churches can get in

a slump by just allowing the professionals to do work of the church,” he said. “However, we want to sacrifice professionalism for faithfulness. We need disciples of Jesus being faithful in the work Christ has called us to and that requires them to be equipped.”



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Larrese, Alicia and Brave Alivia Rollins have seen God move at the Well Church in Monroe and the surrounding neighborhood since its first service in January 2020. The church baptized four people during its one-year anniversary celebration Jan. 3.



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LC alum, wife aid students with scholarships, support LC with gift annuity

By Staff

Wildcat Media

PINEVILLE, LA (LBM) -- An act of generosity that began with a \$100 scholarship for one Baton Rouge teenager has multiplied many times over during the last 60 years to affect countless young people at Louisiana College.

Don Hill, president of DMH & Associates, a company that provides consulting and marketing services to clients in the financial services industry, said that \$100 was enough back in 1960 to tilt the scales for him, and he enrolled in Louisiana College to study math and business.

As a high school senior, Hill was given a \$100 scholarship to attend Louisiana College, and that settled his college decision.

"My whole life has been God leading me," he said. "Louisiana College was the

right spot for me."

Since then, Hill, a 1964 summa cum laude LC graduate, with his wife Terry, have spent their lives giving back.

The Hills have been providing scholarships for five LC students each year for several years now through the Board of Visitors Scholarship Fund started by the school's president, Rick Brewer, in 2015. The Hills were founding members. They also have used various ways to give back to LC from cash donations--from donating appreciated stocks to making Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) from his IRA.

"After the age 70 1/2, you're mandated by the federal government to take a Required Mandatory Distribution out of your IRA account, a certain percentage each year, and it increases as you age," Hill explained. "It would be counted as taxable income



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Don Hill (left), president of DMH & Associates, shakes hands with Louisiana College President Rick Brewer. Hill, a 1964 summa cum laude graduate of LC, and his wife, Terry, have been giving back to the school by providing five scholarships a year and now with a donation through a charitable gift annuity.

if I deposited the yearly distributions or I can make QCD's, which transfers money directly from the IRA to LC. Using this

approach, we do not pay taxes on the distribution because we don't actually receive the money." Most recently, the Hills

worked with the Louisiana Baptist Foundation and established a charitable

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gift annuity with LC as the beneficiary.

Jeff Steed, the executive director of the Louisiana Baptist Foundation, said gifts like the Hills's provide a two-fold benefit.

"Don and Terry Hill have established a charitable gift annuity that will provide retirement income to them and then benefit the tremendous work of Louisiana College to advance the cause of Christ by impacting the lives of many students," Steed said.

Brewer was thankful for the generosity and support from the Hills, who, he said, continuously put their money where their hearts are as Christians.

"Don and Terry Hill continue to lead the way for Louisiana College with support for Christian higher education now and into the future through this giving initiative," Brewer shared. "May their charitable gift annuity inspire scores of

other Alums of the College to do the same -- the value associated with ensuring a Christ-centered education for future generations is inestimable."

Hill was honored in the fall of 2015 as a Louisiana College Distinguished Alumni. The plaque hangs in their living room in Dallas, Terry Hill said, adding that she is very proud of her husband of 53 years and believes LC played a big part in his early life.

"I see how he's turned out in business and in his personal life. LC is doing a great job. I am a little prejudiced," she said jokingly. "He's a good man. He's smart. I'm smarter, but he is pretty smart."

"Seriously," she added, "His going to LC and the atmosphere there was good for him, and that's been a blessing to both of us."

After all these years together, the Hills are still playful. Don Hill refers to his wife as his soulmate, hinting at their

one mind, spiritually and financially.

"I've been very blessed with intellect and with everything I've tried to do," he said. "God has blessed me. I have received nice compensation, and I've never forgotten the value of my four years at LC."

Hill said he has tried to give back to the place that gave him his career start ever since he got his first real job—beginning with \$1,000 annually to what was then called the President's Club. Once Brewer became president in 2015, and Hill saw the direction LC was going, he began to give in earnest.

"I knew he'd put the funds to good use," he said.

Hill recounted Brewer's request during a breakfast meeting in Dallas in which the college president told him the Student Government Association had made a request for additional campus lighting to improve safety on campus.

"When he said SGA—I was president of SGA

back then—I said 'OK,'" Hill said.

He discussed it with his wife and told Brewer they would provide \$50,000 for lighting and landscaping on campus."

"Dr. Brewer's quite persuasive," Hill said with a smile. "Seriously, though, we did hit it off from the first time we met. My wife liked him, and she doesn't necessarily like all the people I meet."

Terry Hill is completely supportive of her husband's philanthropic choices.

"Louisiana College is a good school," she said sweetly. "It did a very good job with my husband. If God helps you, and you can help other people, that's a good thing. It's your responsibility to give back when you can."

The Hills have also provided funding at LC for refurbishment of the restrooms in the H.O. West Lobby and the Athletic Facilities Campaign. They donated additional money for the computer science classroom in Cavanaugh Hall.

Don Hill, who furthered his education, earning a master's degree

on a fellowship to Florida State University thanks to the encouragement and support of an LC professor, emphasized that the value of his time in college cannot be overestimated.

"Going to LC was the most important four-year period of my whole life," he emphasized, encouraging students to take advantage of the small class sizes, the involvement of professors and the extra curriculum activities LC offers -- because it makes a huge difference in the long run.

Hill has worked all over the country—beginning as a statistician for the federal government for the Public Health Service, then for IBM and ultimately becoming executive vice president of a national credit bureau as well as president of a bankruptcy services company.

"It was here at LC that my intellect was sharpened, my faith deepened, my leadership capabilities expanded, and my social skills enhanced," Hill said. It gave a lot to me, and I'm still trying to repay. I still have a long way to go."

Prayer from page one

"Call to Prayer" Jan. 31, 6 p.m., at Airline Baptist Church, Bossier City.

"Our churches will come together to ask God to create in me a clean heart, create in us a holy church, create in civil authorities righteousness and integrity, and create healing in those who are broken & hurting," Director of Missions Lane Moore told the *Baptist Message*.

Additionally, the Call to Prayer will include a special emphasis on health care workers. A nurse and physician from Willis-Knighton Health System in Shreveport/Bossier City will share words of appreciation to the association, and participants will have an opportunity to express their gratitude for the dedication and hard work of health care workers throughout COVID-19.

While COVID-19 restrictions will prevent participants from gathering in small groups

around the worship center, Moore said the spirit of prayer will be the same as previous Call to Prayer events.

"We have so much to pray for in this current time in which we live," Moore said. "Lord knows we need to be praying more than ever."

"Not long after last year's Call to Prayer, everyone's world turned upside down with COVID hitting in March," he continued. "2020 has not been the most thrilling year we had to look back on and everyone is emotionally frayed over the stress added to people's lives and the constant concern about being cautious and safe to avoid catching or spreading the virus. We need to come together as a family. This is a perfect time to do that."

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Louisiana Right to Life: COVID-19 vaccines and abortion

By Will Hall

Message executive editor

NEW ORLEANS (LBM) – “We need 100 percent ethical options,” Ben Clapper, executive director of Louisiana Right to Life, is urging Louisianans to demand of elected officials regarding COVID-19 vaccines as well as common immunizations.

Clapper issued the plea in a statewide electronic message addressing the ethical concerns in the development and testing of vaccines now being distributed to inoculate citizens against the novel coronavirus that originated in China and since March 2020 has claimed nearly 400,000 lives across the United States, including nearly 8,000 Louisianans, as of January 12, 2021.

“Tragically, for years,

biological research has used cell lines derived from the fetal tissue of a few aborted babies in the 1960s and 70s to produce and test drugs and vaccines,” Clapper said.

He added that the cells harvested from the aborted babies have been replicated indefinitely, and that no further abortions have been performed to procure these cells. But, he said, funding of research using the old abortion-derived cell line was allowed to continue.

“And because of that, we still face the issue of vaccines that have utilized the abortion-derived cell lines,” Clapper explained.

According to the National Review (Dec. 20):

-- Neither the Pfizer nor the Moderna used the aborted fetal cell lines to develop a vaccine. However, both used the

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abortion-derived cell line in a later testing phase to check the potency of their respective vaccines.

-- AstraZeneca as well as Johnson & Johnson, who soon will be seeking approval of their vaccines, used the abortion-derived cell line in both the production of their vaccines and in testing them.

-- Only one vaccine in the pipeline is known to be free of any ties whatsoever to embryonic stem cells. CureVac, a German biotech firm, has just begun Phase 3 clinical trials on a COVID-19 drug. However, at this time the company is focused only on the European market.

Clapper said the use of the abortion-related stem cell line “is not a new issue.”

“For years, the same questions have faced us with other vaccines,” he explained. “For example, the MMR + Chickenpox vaccine utilizes the abortion-derived cell lines in its production. There is still no alternative that does not use the cells, even though the pro-life movement has called for an option for years.”

“Vaccines are important and have noble goals in eradicating diseases and illnesses such as COVID-19,” Clapper continued. “But human life should never be sacrificed in that pursuit. For our part, we will continue to advocate for ethical research and against the use of biological materials derived from aborted children, whether in the past, present, or future.”

Clapper asked pro-life Louisianans to pray and “remember these little lives who bodies ... were used as raw material in scientific research” and to take action to ensure “a future where vaccines have no connection to abortion.” He urged individuals reach out to leaders to demand 100 percent ethical alternatives to the vaccines now offered and an eventual end to the use of embryonic stem cells in making medicines.

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ERLC's Moore asks Trump to resign

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (LBM) – The Religion News Service, a secular outlet based at the University of Missouri

School of Journalism, reported Jan. 10 that Russell Moore, president of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, called on President Trump to resign.

“Mr. President, people are dead,” Moore tweeted Jan. 8. “The Capitol is ransacked. There are 12 dangerous days for our country left. Could you please step down and let our country heal?”

Moore’s tweet followed the riot and break-in at the Capitol by hundreds of attendees who were among 8,000 or so participants at a Trump rally, Jan. 6, in Washington, D.C.

The RNS described Moore as an “outspoken Never Trumper,” referencing Moore’s insult of Trump as an “arrogant

huckster” and Trump’s retort, calling Moore “a nasty guy with no heart!”

In articles he published in the *Washington Post* and *New York Times* in 2016, Moore’s opposition to Trump led him also to

insult Southern Baptist Trump supporters. He subsequently apologized twice (December 2016, March 2017) after hundreds of churches left the SBC or withheld funding from the Cooperative Program, the primary channel of financial support for cooperative missions and ministries among Southern Baptists.

In 2017 two SBC Executive Committee task forces were formed to investigate Moore’s impact on cooperation within the SBC – with a representative of one of the groups saying four months later that the frenzy of calls, emails and letters had “tapered off over time as we all began to pray.” Then on Feb. 18, 2020, *Baptist Press*

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Russell Moore

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reported that the SBC EC had set up another task force to assess the ERLC after public and private accusations that the ERLC was “not adequately fulfilling its Convention-approved ministry assignments.” This group is set to release its findings next month.

Recently, the ERLC came under fire for a friend of the court brief it filed with the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in *McRaney v. North American Mission Board*. In what is believed to be a first in the history of the ERLC, the SBC entity had to file a correction with the court due to claiming, originally, that the Southern Baptist Convention governs state conventions and churches.

As a follow up to his tweet, Moore sent out a Jan. 10 newsletter to declare he was not going to crow “I told you so” about Trump, and, to give his perspective on what should be done, now:

“If I were the President, I would resign. If I were the Vice President, I would assemble the cabinet in accordance with the 25th Amendment. If I were a Member of Congress, I would vote to impeach. And if I were a United States senator, I would vote to convict. And I would be willing, if necessary, to lose my seat to do so. As a matter of fact, I am willing, if necessary, to lose this seat.

Georgia Pastor Mike Stone to be nominated for SBC president

VILLA RICA, Ga. (TCI) – Mike Stone, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Blackshear, Georgia, “will be nominated in June to be the next president of the Southern Baptist Convention,” according to a letter released Jan 13.

Kevin Williams, pastor of Villa Rica Baptist Church, Villa Rica, Georgia, and president of the Georgia Baptist Convention, released the announcement to *The Christian Index*, the state

convention’s news service.

The 2021 SBC Annual Meeting will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, June 15-16.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

“At this critical moment in our history, Southern Baptists need to be led by a trusted

local church pastor with strong convictions about the sufficiency of Scripture, a passion for evangelism, and deep experience in the work of our Convention,” Williams wrote.

“Pastor Mike Stone is a trusted leader among Georgia Baptists and I believe he is the kind of experienced pastor and statesman Southern Baptists need.”

“The Lord has blessed Emmanuel Baptist with great growth. Yet it is not so large that Pastor Mike cannot relate to the everyday challenges of our pastors and churches. The experience Pastor Mike has helping to lead our state and nearly 25 years serving one of our strongest Georgia Baptist churches have prepared him for this new assignment,” Williams added.

CANDIDATE’S RESPONSE

Stone told the *Baptist Message* he was “very excited about the possibility of serving Southern Baptists in this way.”

“I was not seeking this out, but the Lord laid it on my heart, which was confirmed when some SBC leaders approached me,” he said.

He also shared three priorities he would like to see the SBC adopt and fervently support.

“We need a focus on evangelism – not on another strategy or slogan, but actually doing evangelism,” Stone emphasized. “I would like to lead us to train Southern Baptists in how to share the Gospel, resource them, and then initiate wave evangelism – a unison of efforts -- across the nation. We’re very diverse, and soul-winning is the one thing I believe that will unite us. There are enough



Pastor Mike Stone

different evangelistic events to fit the needs of any size and type of congregation or group of churches.”

“I also want to champion the sufficiency of

Scripture,” Stone continued. “It is a doctrine Southern Baptists have long held, but recently there are uncertain sounds about this issue that are originating in many corners of the Convention.

“Finally, within these emphases, I want to foster greater involvement of grassroots Southern Baptists. We acknowledge ecclesiastically that we are not a top-down hierarchy,” Stone said. “However, increasingly, we are being led by smaller and smaller groups of decision makers.

“We have always been at our best when we promote broad cooperation in shaping the direction of the Convention. We are better led by pastors and members of a local church – after all we are a convention of churches not entities.”

BY THE NUMBERS

The *Christian Index* provided background on Stone’s service with a local church, the Georgia Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention:

-- Stone has served Emmanuel Baptist Church since 1996; after five years on staff, he was unanimously elected pastor in 2002.

-- In a rural South Georgia town of fewer than 4,000 people, under Stone’s leadership the congregation nearly doubled in worship attendance to a pre-COVID average of more than 1,000 in attendance.

-- During his tenure, the church has averaged 63 baptisms per year through an emphasis on personal soul-winning.

-- Stone also has led his church to give strong support to cooperative ministries and missions, contributing more than \$2.5 million through the Cooperative Program (which translates to 10 percent of undesignated receipts in 2020, \$226,097 of \$2.1 million, and a 25-year average of 9 percent).

-- Emmanuel has been the leading contributor to the Piedmont-Okefenokee Association each year of Stone’s pastorate.

-- He is the immediate past chairman of the SBC Executive Committee, having served on the search committee that called Ronnie Floyd as president.

-- Stone was elected president of the Georgia Baptist Convention,

2017-2018; and, he served as chairman of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board executive committee, helping lead one of the largest state conventions in the SBC family.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Williams said he “could not be more excited” to share the news.

“Please join me in praying for Pastor Mike Stone and his wife, Andrea,” he concluded, urging Southern Baptists to “make your plans to be at the SBC Annual Meeting in Nashville.”

The *Texan*, news service of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, published Oct. 23, 2020, that R. Albert Mohler Jr., president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has announced that he will be nominated for SBC president. According to the *Texan*, Mohler previously shared his willingness to be nominated in Orlando in 2020, but that annual meeting was cancelled because of the novel coronavirus pandemic.

Adapted from an article published in *The Christian Index* by John Courtney, lead strategist for research and development with the Georgia Baptist Mission Board.

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Student from page one

Student Night, scheduled for 6 p.m., Jan. 24, at Summer Grove Baptist Church in Shreveport, will feature an encouraging message by evangelist Luke Hockenjos and music by the Jason Lovins Band.

Hockenjos will share about how Jesus set him free from a lifestyle of alcohol and drug abuse and suicidal thoughts. He is a member of First Baptist Church in Haughton and founder of Give 'em Jesus evangelistic ministry.

Brandon Lewis, youth ministry strategist for Louisiana Baptists, said social distancing will be observed to ensure safety of participants.

"We are really excited about Student Night at ECON and hope that shifting to Sunday evening will make it easier for area youth groups to attend," Lewis

told the *Baptist Message*. "It will be a great opportunity for students to invite their friends to an event where the Gospel will be shared clearly."

ECON will take place Jan. 25-26 at Summer Grove Baptist Church and will feature messages by Richard Ross, professor of youth ministry at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Richard Taylor, interim evangelism director and director of personal evangelism and fellowships for the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention; Gary Bowlin, president of the Louisiana Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists; Roc Collins, director of evangelism for the Tennessee Baptist Convention Board; Sammy Gilbreath, director of evangelism for the Alabama State Board of Missions; and, Dennis

Swanberg, a Christian comedian and former pastor of First Baptist Church, West Monroe.

The praise and worship lineup for ECON over the two-day period includes the Jason Lovins Band and the Foto Sisters.

There will be a senior adult luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday. Following the meal, senior adults will move into the worship center for the afternoon general session that will include inspiring messages by Gilbreath and Swanberg, as well as music by the Foto Sisters. The registration deadline for the meal has passed, but a limited number of tickets may be available for purchase at Summer Grove Baptist.

For more information about Student Night, visit labaptistyouth.com/studentnight.

Top 30 from page one

to be recognized nationally by BestValueSchools.org.

"The Best Value School ranking validates the efforts of LC's world-class faculty, students and staff," he said. "We are grateful for this ranking as it demonstrates our commitment to Christ-centered academic excellence, our affordability, our diversity, and our unparalleled commitment to teaching.

Brewer praised the faculty and staff for this prestigious

ranking.

"It is a privilege to serve alongside so many wonderful colleagues and to serve the student body of Louisiana College as we achieve our mission together of preparing graduates and delivering a transformational Christian higher education experience," he said.

BestValueSchools.org uses tuition costs, graduation rates, student-to-faculty ratios, and other statistics



from the U.S. Department of Education as part of its ranking methodology. Descriptions of campus values and student life are drawn from college websites, student publications and other subjective sources.

Marches from page one

Ghost Catholic Church) -- Shreveport (Youree Boulevard between Kings Highway and Southfield Road)

Participants are encouraged to hold signs declaring they stand for life.

"Despite restrictions from COVID, we wanted to make sure we stood for life in some way," Alexandra Seghers, director of education for Louisiana Right to Life, told the *Baptist Message*. "We can't get through January without protesting abortion. So, in order to maintain that memorialization of Roe v. Wade, we will have a simple program

at the Capitol followed by people gathering at one of eight local life events. We ask that people be visible, keep the message simple and not be political -- to be peaceful and focus on the pro-life message."

According to the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, preliminary numbers for the state in 2019 (latest data available) showed that 8,144 abortions were performed, an increase from 8,097 reported in 2018.

For more information on the Louisiana Life March, visit <https://prolifelouisiana.org/standfor-life>.



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EDITOR'S NOTE: Do you have a Revival, Homecoming, a new pastor, a community outreach or a concert? The *Baptist Message* would love to share your church news with the rest of the state. It is very easy to do, just send in your information (who, what, where and when) to philip@baptistmessage.com or call 318.449.4345. To get your event in the paper, please submit your information three weeks prior to the event.

ON THE MOVE

■ **John McCatherty** is the interim pastor at Ferry Lake Baptist Church, Oil City.

REVIVAL

■ First Baptist Church, Homer: **Revival**, January 17-20, 6:30 p.m. Evangelist: **Bill Britt**. Worship: WeRCalled. Pastor: Brian Thurman.

■ Emmanuel Baptist Church, Shreveport: **Harvest Day**, January 24. Evangelist: **Sam Moore**. Pastor: Chad Harbarger.

■ First Baptist Church, Keithville: **Harvest Sunday**, January 24, 10:15 a.m. Evangelist: **Bill Britt**. Pastor: Mike Stowell.

■ First Baptist Church, Starks: **One Day Revival Event**; January 31, 11:15 a.m. Evangelist: **Bill Britt**. Pastor: Ron Butler.

■ Goodwill Baptist Church, Oak Grove: **Revival**, February 7-10. Evangelist/Worship: Mackey Willis Family. Pastor: Lucas House.

■ Sweetwater Baptist Church, Quitman: **Revival**, February 28-March 3. Evangelist: **Bill Britt**. Pastor: Wilton Wall.

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■ **Man Up Men's Conference**, January 29, Farmerville Rec Center. Speaker: **John Stroup**.

■ Northwest Louisiana Baptist Association, Shreveport: **Call to Prayer VI**, January 31, 6 p.m. at Airline Baptist Church. Thirty-five pastors will be praying and reading scripture and these pastors will be sharing brief devotionals to lead in various areas of prayer. Speakers: **Terry Young**, Airline Baptist Church; **James Jenkins**, Baptist Bible Fellowship; **Corey Smith**, Heritage Baptist Church and **Scott Teutsch**, Trinity Heights Baptist Church. An extra feature The Call to Prayer will be available on Facebook Live or by going to YOUTUBE and typing in Airline Baptist Church of Bossier City. Worship: The Airline Choir and Praise team. Lane Moore, Director of Missions.

■ First Baptist Church, Vivian: **Man to Man - Understanding the Bible**, February 20, 5 p.m. Speaker: **Bob Utley**. A contemporary Bible teacher, Utley will help men understand the Bible better and how to study God's word. Dinner will be provided by the church. Worship: Ms. Amanda. For more information, call the church at 318.375.3245. Pastor: Brett Puckitt.

Scripture Crypto

The Scripture Crypto is a Bible verse in which one letter has been substituted for another, thus encoding the verse. To find out what the verse is, you must determine what each letter is a substitute for. An "a," for example, may stand for a "t" in this week's issue of the ScriptureCrypto. Next week, "a" could stand for a "d." Each week, each letter is different. Solve by trial and error. The answer will be given next week. Note: All numerals, such as those in the scripture reference after the verse, are spelled out.

ZORBB T EOSX ERAS CK GDSRI, RXI CK QRES D, RXI CK

MBSZO EORE T ORPS ATBBSI MYD CK ZOSR DSDZ, RXI NTPS TE

FXEY CSX, QOYC T AX YQ X YE QOSXHS EOSK GS?

MTDZE ZRCFSB EQSX EK-MTPS: SBSPSX

Clues:
Z = S; T = I

Answer to January 7 Scripture Crypto:
First Corinthians six: four

ECON

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SUMMER GROVE | SHREVEPORT

FEATURING



Sammy Gilbreath



Richard Taylor



Roc Collins



Gary Bowlin



Richard Ross



Jason Lovins Band

SCHEDULE

SESSION 1

Monday Evening (6:00 PM)

MUSIC: Jason Lovins Band

SPEAKERS: Richard Taylor, Richard Ross

SESSION 2

Tuesday Morning (9:30 AM)

MUSIC: Jason Lovins Band

SPEAKERS: Gary Bowlin, Roc Collins

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

11:30 AM

SESSION 3

Tuesday Aternoon (1:15 PM)

MUSIC: Jason Lovins Band, Foto Sisters

SPEAKERS: Sammy Gilbreath,
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GRATEFUL

I have good news – 2020 is finally behind us! It was certainly a year none of us expected.

On the second Sunday of 2020, I had the opportunity to preach at FBC, Arcadia. Since it was the beginning of the year, I felt led to preach on “Facing an Uncertain Future.” I began by posing the reality that every year, and every day for that matter, brings its own set of uncertainties. I continued by saying this year had the potential to be a difficult year. It turns out my introduction was accurate, but woefully short of all of the challenges 2020 brought us.

However, in the midst of all the challenges, God still provided – as He always does.

This report reflects your faithfulness to our cooperative missions and ministries in 2020. While many made dire financial predictions, you continued to give and God continued to work.

Scattered through this report you’ll find examples of how God used your gifts. As you review these, let me encourage you to pause, give thanks and ask God to do even more in 2021 as we move through, and prayerfully past, this pandemic.

If 2020 accomplished anything, it reminded me of God’s faithfulness and the resiliency of Louisiana Baptists and for that, I am grateful.

“Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus,” 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

Dr. Steve Horn

Executive Director, Louisiana Baptists



Bonita, Bonita	2,397.00	2,562.00
Cherry Ridge, Bastrop	44,540.44	38,816.44
Faith, Bastrop	8,000.00	9,600.00
Fellowship, Bastrop		
First, Bastrop	41,853.49	41,913.52
Greenacres, Bastrop	9,512.70	8,732.80
Horseshoe, Mer Rouge	2,615.00	
Mision Bautista Victoria, Bastrop	409.59	884.93
New Friendship, Bastrop		
New Hope, Jones	9,304.56	3,364.11
North Monroe - Bastrop		
Oak Hill, Bastrop	7,506.35	7,277.63
Oak Ridge, Oak Ridge		
Pine Grove, Bastrop	3,360.00	5,460.00
Riverside, Bastrop		
Tillou, Bastrop	5,728.00	6,717.00
Twin Oaks, Bastrop	8,516.42	8,135.70

Mt. Olive Association 2020 2019

Amiable, Glenmora		
Beaver Creek, Oakdale	1,676.08	1,809.87
Bethel, Glenmora		
Calcasieu, Glenmora	3,213.44	3,974.84
Calvary, Forest Hill		
Cornerstone, Oakdale		600.00
Davis Crossing, Glenmora		
Elizabeth, Elizabeth	11,084.66	15,233.27
Elwood, Forest Hill	38,605.36	34,103.09
Emmanuel, Oakdale	6,385.22	8,625.95
First, Oakdale	300.00	300.00
First, Pine Prairie	20,902.65	21,879.64
Forest Hill, Forest Hill	5,708.71	4,022.28
Freedom, Pitkin	1,200.00	1,200.00
Friendship, Pine Prairie	227.50	
Glenmora, Glenmora	26,068.36	33,387.71
Gospel, Glenmora	2,827.00	2,688.00
Harmony, Glenmora	11,675.66	11,583.97
Hopewell, Pitkin	1,193.00	1,574.00
Humble, Pitkin	1,200.00	1,200.00
Iglesia Nueva Vida, Forest Hill		
Lake Cove, Turkey Creek	750.00	675.00
Lone Star, Hineston		
Long Leaf, Longleaf	400.00	600.00
Mt Hope, Oakdale	12,173.42	16,665.41
New Hope, Elmer	2,150.00	1,835.00
New Sunrise, Otis		
Oak Hill Community, Oakdale	259.76	555.62
Oberlin, Oberlin	3,998.00	4,412.00
Occupy One, Pitkin	650.90	
Peniel, Glenmora	1,254.00	1,197.00
Pine Grove, Elizabeth		
Pine Ridge, Melder	4,800.00	4,800.00
Pisgah, Forest Hill	14,952.50	14,510.07
St. Matthew, Oakdale		
Trinity, Oakdale	9,317.30	7,077.71
Trinity, Turkey Creek	1,230.49	6,731.55
Union Hill, Glenmora		
Westport Friendship, Pitkin		
Yancy Road, Glenmora		

Natchitoches Association 2020 2019

Ashland, Ashland		
Bay Springs, Chopin	3,111.74	3,883.40
Bellwood, Provencal		
Bethany, Marthaville		
Briarwood, Saline	250.00	250.00
Calvary, Natchitoches	8,096.79	9,759.87
Central, Robeline	310.42	675.42
Christian Harmony, Natchitoches	413.86	244.71
Clarence, Natchitoches	7,659.00	7,669.00
Cloutierville, Cloutierville		
Coldwater, Natchitoches	1,100.00	1,200.00
Creston, Saline		6,361.00
Cross Roads, Marthaville		
Cypress, Natchitoches		
Emmanuel, Natchitoches	1,167.20	1,148.02
First, Marthaville	2,751.00	4,001.00
First, Natchitoches	49,761.42	55,639.07
First, Provencal	5,191.89	5,137.47
First, Robeline		764.04
Good Hope, Cypress		
Gorum, Gorum	545.94	712.43
Grace, Cloutierville		
Grand Ecore Road, Natchitoches	1,159.66	1,243.78
Harmony, Provencal	393.52	349.68
Kisatchie, Provencal		
Old Bethel, Natchitoches	560.23	520.00
Trinity, Natchitoches	1,260.00	5,200.00
United, Campiti	1,400.00	1,800.00
Westside en Espanol, Natchitoches	328.35	
Westside, Natchitoches	47,367.37	51,052.10

New Orleans Baptist Association 2020 2019

Airline, Metairie		816.00
Ames Boulevard, Marrero	550.00	3,472.00
Arabic Bible, New Orleans		
Barataria, Lafitte		2,359.90
Bethlehem Missionary, Reserve		
Bridge City, Bridge City	837.29	2,047.35
Bridgedale, Metairie	77.55	1,307.95
Calvary East, New Orleans		420.00

Calvary Korean, New Orleans		
Calvary Spanish, New Orleans	1,500.00	2,750.00
Calvary, New Orleans	18,000.00	12,000.00
Canal Blvd Deaf, New Orleans		
Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans		
Celebration Campus, Kenner		
Celebration Church (SBC), Metairie	20,500.00	82,500.00
Celebration Hispanic, Metairie		
Celebration NO East, New Orleans		
Celebration River Parishes, LaPlace		
Celebration St Bernard, Arabi		
Celebration Westbank, Harvey		
Celebration, Lower St. Bernard		
Christ, Harvey	2,602.09	
Christian Fellowship Cathedral, New Orleans		
Christian Light, New Orleans		
Church of Shiloh, New Orleans		
City of Hope, Hahnville	50.00	
Coliseum Place, River Ridge		3,500.00
Connect Church, Algiers	7,527.75	7,625.46
Cosmopolitan Evangelistic, New Orleans		
Crescent City Rock, New Orleans	300.00	150.00
Cross Culture, New Orleans	2,037.63	1,351.55
Delacroix Hope, St Bernard	1,581.92	2,822.22
Deliverance, New Orleans		
Desire Fellowship, New Orleans		
Edgewater, New Orleans	18,307.67	16,778.03
El Camino, Metairie		
Emmanuel Spanish, Kenner	1,225.00	
Epiphany Missionary, New Orleans		150.00
Evangelistic, New Orleans		
Faith & Glory, New Orleans		
Faith Church, New Orleans		336.00
Faith Is The Victory, Harvey	1,525.00	1,200.00
First Haitian, Gretna	1,356.20	1,637.00
First Korean, Metairie		
First Spanish American, New Orleans	1,200.00	3,600.00
First, Avondale	4,893.89	10,963.09
First, Belle Chasse	22,431.50	23,189.28
First, Chalmette		6,304.00
First, Destrehan		
First, Gretna	5,574.84	6,691.88
First, Harahan	1,300.00	1,200.00
First, Kenner	35,832.48	33,426.12
First, LaPlace	1,200.00	730.00
First, Luling		4,951.67
First, Marrero	18,144.37	17,824.36
First, New Orleans	38,062.99	54,352.78
First, Norco	5,229.86	4,859.38
First, Venice	2,365.30	2,505.90
First, Waggaman		
First, Westwego	250.00	250.00
Franklin Avenue, New Orleans	94,090.69	144,591.41
Free Mission, New Orleans		
Fruitful, Metairie		
Garden City, New Orleans		
Gentilly, New Orleans	7,500.00	7,000.00
Getsemani Hispanic, New Orleans	450.00	450.00
Good News, Destrehan		
Good Shepherd Hispanic, Metairie	3,600.00	3,600.00
Grace Community, New Orleans	2,533.40	2,307.04
Grace Point, Destrehan	1,301.00	3,422.00
Gracia & Restauracion, Kenner		
Greater New Jerusalem, New Orleans		
Greater St Peter, New Orleans		60.00
Gretna Covenant, Gretna		
Hahnville, Hahnville		
Harvest, New Orleans		
Holy Anointed House of Prayer, New Orleans	1,200.00	1,300.00
Horeb Hispanic, Chalmette	1,100.00	1,100.00
Iglesia Bautista Bethel, Kenner	384.72	683.52
Iglesia Bautista Horeb, Gretna	2,750.00	1,850.00
Iglesia Celebration, Metairie	10,000.00	
Iglesia De Ames Blvd, Marrero		38.60
Immanuel Community, New Orleans	11,541.08	10,170.25
Irish Channel, New Orleans	725.00	600.00
Jesu Cristo Para Las Naciones, Kenner		
Korean Agape, Marrero	720.00	720.00
La Vina, Westwego		

Lakeshore Espanol, New Orleans		
Lakeshore, New Orleans	10,903.00	9,249.20
LaVina, Kenner	1,600.00	200.00
Level Ground, New Orleans	1,576.84	2,505.89
Lighthouse, New Orleans	150.00	
Live Oak, New Orleans	150.00	550.00
Living Hope Vietnamese, New Orleans	1,089.00	
Living Rock Missionary, New Orleans		
Living Water, La Place		
Loving Faith, Gretna		
Loving Four, New Orleans		
Lower Light, New Orleans		
Manna, New Orleans	565.76	299.90
Maranatha, La Place	2,175.00	1,700.00
Memorial, Metairie	17,292.20	17,076.40
Metairie Church		
Metairie Korean, Metairie		
Metairie, Metairie	22,542.59	25,116.60
Mosaic Community, New Orleans		2,200.00
New Hope Community, Kenner	925.00	400.00
New Hope East Campus, New Orleans	880.00	265.00
New Life Ministry, New Orleans	225.00	600.00
New Life Spanish, Marrero	1,425.00	1,850.00
New Life Worship, New Orleans		
New Orleans Chinese Church, New Orleans	2,948.23	908.52
New Orleans Chinese, Kenner	2,400.00	2,400.00
New Pilgrim, Reserve		
New Salem, New Orleans		
New Testament, Harvey		
New Vision, St Rose	150.00	550.00
Next Level in Christ, New Orleans		150.00
Nola, New Orleans		
Parkview, Metairie	24,833.19	21,424.50
Port Sulphur, Port Sulphur	4,832.44	735.91
Potter's Wheel, Harvey		
Poydras, Saint Bernard	8,835.41	10,099.87
Reach Out for Christ, Violet		
Rebuild, New Orleans		
Refuge, New Orleans	1,440.00	1,440.00
Rio Vista, Jefferson	1,551.85	2,097.97
Riverside, River Ridge	16,999.92	15,000.00
Shiloh Christian Fellowship, New Orleans	725.00	625.00
St Bernard, Chalmette		
St Joseph Free, New Orleans	120.00	210.00
St Rose, St. Rose	12,217.59	10,971.14
Still Water Southeast, Marrero	851.90	1,266.49
Still Water, Westbank		50.00
Strength For Today, New Orleans	1,150.00	375.00
Suburban, New Orleans	1,100.00	2,700.00
Touchstone, New Orleans		2,108.27
Urban Family, New Orleans		
Valence Street, New Orleans		
Vietnamese, New Orleans	1,500.00	1,920.00
Vieux Carre', New Orleans	380.00	
Vintage, New Orleans	12,600.00	12,000.00
West Marrero, Marrero		
West St Charles, Boutte	10,089.67	10,713.90
Westbank, Marrero	891.55	1,084.51
Williams Boulevard, Kenner	30,449.98	32,166.63

North Central Baptist Association 2020 2019

Ansley, Quitman		
Atlanta, Atlanta	250.00	250.00
Beech Creek, Tullos		
Beech Springs, Quitman	17,380.00	17,675.00
Bethlehem, Winnfield	4,715.00	4,592.00
Big Creek, Winnfield	400.00	400.00
Calvary, Tullos	5,312.32	7,004.12
Caney Lake, Chatham	3,250.00	3,000.00
Center Point, Jonesboro	6,801.25	8,826.41
Corinth, Winnfield		
Crews New Salem, Montgomery		
Cypress Creek, Dodson		
Dodson First, Dodson		
East Winnfield, Winnfield	5,816.02	6,226.00
Ebenezer, Jonesboro	19,616.45	23,641.89
Fellowship, Quitman		
First, Calvin	1,700.04	1,700.04
First, Chatham		

DIGITAL REGROUP

An estimated 1,000 church leaders were equipped to lead more effective Sunday School classes and small groups via Digital ReGroup.

Disaster Relief volunteers

from Louisiana (and beyond) responded to 5 named hurricanes that made landfall in our state. Their efforts following three of those storms (Laura, Delta and Zeta) resulted in 4,600 job assessments, 1,871 chainsaw jobs, 152,000 work hours, 417,000 meals served, 1,649 gospel presentations and 420 professions of faith.



Bogue Chitto, Mount Hermon.....	12,802.65	10,354.31
Bonner Creek, Franklinton	3,540.96	2,741.86
Briarwood, Franklinton	7,553.13	7,790.00
Clifton, Franklinton	13,758.55	7,634.31
Cornerstone, Bogalusa		
Enon, Franklinton	20,845.79	18,075.65
Faith Church, Franklinton.....		
First, Bogalusa.....	24,443.22	25,388.62
First, Franklinton.....	81,478.23	76,233.72
First, Sun	720.00	780.00
Hays Creek, Franklinton.....	2,197.82	2,387.30
Highland, Bogalusa.....	5,738.18	7,776.91
Hillcrest, Franklinton	38,008.97	45,110.83
Isabel, Bogalusa	1,488.51	1,253.04
Lee's Creek, Bogalusa	23,498.72	21,518.09
Main Street, Bogalusa	4,461.00	500.00
Memorial, Bogalusa	17,415.26	27,744.40
Monroe Street, Bogalusa	5,837.00	5,408.00
Mt Hermon, Mt Hermon.....	14,521.29	14,945.23
Mt Pisgah, Mount Hermon.....		
Mt Pleasant, Bogalusa	11,467.96	13,567.48
Nueva Vida en Cristo, Bogalusa	252.82	425.40
Palestine, Bogalusa	12,841.49	19,508.69
Pine First, Pine.....	8,958.48	14,410.87
Plainview, Bogalusa	8,751.10	9,794.83
Pleasant Hill, Bogalusa.....		
Springhill, Franklinton		
Sunlight, Franklinton	8,142.63	8,478.43
Sunny Hill, Mount Hermon.....		
Superior Avenue, Bogalusa.....	26,789.69	30,021.75
Thomas Baptist, Franklinton.....	1,153.00	3,437.64
Trinity, Franklinton	4,737.43	1,478.44
Victory, Franklinton	1,642.10	2,054.60
Westside Emmanuel, Bogalusa	3,300.00	4,241.45

Webster Claiborne Association 2020 2019

Antioch, Minden		
Beech Springs, Minden.....	8,749.28	9,219.01
Bistineau, Heflin	27,151.50	24,168.36
Calvary, Homer.....	13,888.84	15,074.00
Calvary, Springhill	10,103.84	7,650.60
Central, Springhill.....	54,342.02	70,416.71
Emmanuel, Arcadia.....	10,942.13	12,936.80
Emmanuel, Minden.....	11,743.00	16,122.83
FBC, Cotton Valley.....	3,616.81	3,318.75
Fellowship, Dubberly.....	167.46	353.09
First, Doyline.....	2,388.96	16,292.97
First, Haynesville.....	40,621.61	40,699.81

First, Homer.....	47,807.04	46,278.02
First, Minden	88,331.68	126,061.36
First, Sibley.....		
Fryeburg, Dubberly	10,469.18	8,682.42
Germantown, Minden	1,088.00	1,453.00
Hebron, Summerfield.....	880.00	960.00
Heflin, Heflin.....	31,692.40	31,835.13
Holly Springs, Homer.....	2,104.92	2,100.25
Midway, Sarepta.....	2,815.37	3,713.30
Mount Paran, Shongaloo	11,894.80	11,041.89
Mt Olive, Athens.....	3,600.00	3,600.00
New Hope, Homer		
New Sarepta, Sarepta	8,250.00	9,000.00
North Acres, Minden	27,815.30	26,887.68
Old Union, Shongaloo.....		
Pilgrim's Rest, Doyline.....		
Pleasure Point, Homer	5,248.32	3,760.20
Rocky Springs, Lisbon	32,437.02	35,157.69
Ruple, Haynesville.....	859.66	686.35
Summerfield, Summerfield.....	100.00	125.00
Temple, Springhill.....	300.00	300.00
Union Springs, Shongaloo.....		
Unity, Cotton Valley.....	7,481.62	10,362.70
West Lake, Doyline	10,741.15	10,319.50

William Wallace Association 2020 2019

Bethany of Baywood, Clinton		
Bluff Creek, Clinton.....	20,454.00	23,844.00
Body of Christ, Baker		
Eastside, Zachary	2,068.00	3,071.00
Ethel, Ethel	11,433.56	13,926.76
Feliciana, Clinton.....	41,359.13	45,800.79
First, Baker	30,300.26	27,705.17
First, Clinton		
First, Jackson	24,638.29	21,580.30
First, Slaughter	12,906.44	2,636.29
First, St Francisville	68,742.49	55,826.98
First, Wilson.....	1,275.00	825.00
First, Zachary	254,053.00	291,349.00
Galilee, Zachary	33,525.90	49,486.13
Grace, Angola	300.00	
Milldale, Zachary.....		
Norwood, Norwood	16,948.70	23,836.85
Plank Road, Slaughter.....	2,400.00	2,200.00
Port Hudson, Jackson.....	1,500.00	1,500.00
Providence 1, Ethel.....		
Redwood, Slaughter	7,200.00	7,200.00
Sandy Creek, Pride	1,200.00	4,739.48

Second, Jackson.....	2,557.19	2,533.41
Tunica Hills, Tunica.....		
Wakefield, Wakefield.....		500.00

Other Churches 2020 2019

Acme, Acme.....		
Berean, Rayville.....		
Bethel Church Now, Vidalia		
Chesbrough, Kentwood.....		
Circle Church, Alexandria		
Cross Roads, Tullos.....		
CrossPoint, West Monroe	1,782.00	5,155.00
Dixie, Sieper	-	75.00
Eastside, Ponchatoula	3,382.91	1,573.81
Family Church, Kenner.....	1,000.00	
Full Faith Christian, Ponchatoula		
Gandy, Florien		
Good Hope, Pineville		
Grace Community, Lake Charles.....		
Greater New Galilee, Baton Rouge.....		
Haven, Baton Rouge		
Heart of Worship, Pineville.....	650.00	500.00
House of Prayer, Baton Rouge.....		
Indian Village Community, Calhoun.....	3,100.00	4,584.00
Jesus Prosperity Teaching Ctr, Slidell		
Mt Bethel, Baton Rouge		50.00
New Beginnings, Mandeville		
New Hope, Franklinton		
New Hope, Slidell.....	60.00	200.00
New Life Community, Alexandria.....		
New Light, Natchitoches		
North Highland Community, Baton Rouge.....		
Oak Grove, LaCamp.....		
Plainview, Denham Springs		
Redeemer Church, Livingston	200.00	
Refuge Worship Center, Clinton		
Restoration Church, Donaldsonville		
Rock Island Missionary, Natchitoches.....		
Salvation Min of Jesus Christ, Baton Rouge		
Sycamore, Vidalia		
The Church of The Highlands, Baton Rouge.....		
The Father's House, West Monroe.....		
The Gathering, Sulphur.....		
The Refuge, Shreveport.....		628.36
The Simple Church, Bossier City		
The Well, Monroe	3,643.80	
Victory, Plaquemine	2,738.70	3,055.20