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5,000 backpacks carry hope for kids, homeless, exploited

BY MARILYN STEWART

Regional Reporter

NEW ORLEANS – It takes a lot to fill 5,000 backpacks. But collecting supplies, enlisting hundreds of volunteers, and arranging event details all in a month’s time, might take a miracle.

Kay Bennett, director of the Baptist Friendship House (BFH), led 165 volunteers, July 13, to fill 2,000 backpacks for school age children, 1,500 for the homeless, and 1,500 for survivors of human trafficking. With the BFH gym packed with people and supplies, the backpacks were filled in about two hours.

“It worked like clockwork,” Bennett said. “I could not have asked for it to work better. It’s just amazing to see what we can do when we work together.”

Some backpacks were distributed to the homeless that afternoon. Backpacks filled with school supplies were handed out the next day, July 14, at BFH’s annual Back-to-School Bash.

With 600 filled backpacks typical for the back-to-school event, Bennett said she wondered if she had lost her mind after accepting the North American Mission Board’s Send Relief offer of 5,000.

“I should have known God would



Marilyn Stewart photo

Five-year-old Josiah Boudreaux tosses a completed backpack to a GenSend missionary. Josiah and several other young boys helped volunteers at the Baptist Friendship House to prepare 5,000 backpacks. Here Josiah is running down the aisle and launching the backpack to a missionary who grouped it for distribution.

provide,” Bennett chided herself after the successful event. “He’s always faithful.”

In assembly-line formation, volunteers from 16 Louisiana churches, 10 out-of-state churches, and representatives from 16 concerned citizens organizations and federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies added an item to the backpack before passing it down the line.

Bennett said that while supplies

were specific to the need of the three targeted groups, a common link united them – abuse, or the potential for abuse.

“The homeless are vulnerable,” Bennett said. “But if a child is living in poverty, that makes them vulnerable, as well. To show up at school without a new backpack and school supplies, people may bully them.”

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La’s Sammy Tippit seeks to revive evangelism in SBC

BY WILL HALL

Message Editor

DALLAS (LBM)—Sammy Tippit is a soul winner, doing whatever it takes to bring others to Christ and to grow them in their faith.

He continues to do the hard work of door-to-door outreach for one-on-one Gospel conversations, but also is on the cutting edge of technology, using Skype to conduct evangelistic events to remote



Evangelist Sammy Tippit

regions overseas to bring the Good News about Jesus to tens of thousands of lost people.

On top of that, his daily discipleship videos generate 6.5 million views each month, reaching men and women around the world in 10 languages, including English, Punjabi, Arabic and Spanish.

As the newly elected president of

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Wave of baptisms floods Mandeville church plant

BY BRIAN BLACKWELL

Message Staff Writer

MANDEVILLE – Former University of Kentucky football star Dicky Lyons believed his life was headed in the right direction, that is until he met church planter Sam Cirrincione at a Mandeville coffee shop in early 2017.

Lyons quickly discovered through this meeting and follow-up conversations that he needed a Savior.

Four months after meeting with Cirrincione for coffee, Lyons and his wife, Mindy, were convicted of their

need for Christ, committed their lives to Him and celebrated a new life in Jesus through baptism at the Field Church in Mandeville.

Lyons and his wife are two of 54 new converts baptized at the Field Church since its first worship service Sept. 11, 2016. Cirrincione said he is thankful to see how God has used the new believers to bring about a wave of growth at the Field Church.

“It’s emotional to see the baptisms,” Cirrincione said. “We are seeing these families raise their own children built on a solid foundation



Leadership of the Field Church in Mandeville is eagerly awaiting the completion of their new building. The 6,300 square-foot facility will include a worship center, lobby, children’s education space and patio in a space a few miles away from its current location.

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Submitted photos

At the April 2018 mass crusade in Amritsar, Punjab, India, evangelist Sammy Tippit spoke to large crowds nightly via Skype. Approximately 20,000 were in attendance and more than 10,000 prayed to receive Christ. Many churches in Amritsar participated.

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the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists, Tippit said he hopes to use his influence to revive the focus on evangelism that once thrived among the denomination's churches and entities.

CAJUN CONNECTIONS

Tippit told the *Baptist Message* his worldwide ministry started in Baton Rouge.

"I was saved in 1965 at an evangelistic harvest event at Istrouma Baptist Church and I surrendered to preach two nights later," he said. "I was a freshman at LSU at the time. My pastor was J. Garland McKee, and I knew nothing about the Bible at the time. I was just this crazy kid out there sharing Jesus, and he said, 'Son, you need to learn some Bible,' and he encouraged me to go to Louisiana College.

At Louisiana College Tippit made some new acquaintances and reunited with some old friends, including Wayne Jenkins, now the recently retired director of evangelism for Louisiana Baptists.

GLOBAL NETWORK

Tippit said his evangelism via Skype developed organically after Pastor Sadhu Singh, known as "Jolly," asked Tippit

to help him train a group of members from Singh's church plant, the First Baptist Church of Abohar in Punjab, India.

"I took three weeks, about four nights a week, and I disciplined about 40 of his leaders," Tippit said. "He had started this church and a lot of young people had come to Christ who knew nothing about Christianity.

"Well, after the three weeks, Jolly said, 'Sammy, I believe we could do an evangelistic event with this.' So, I said, 'Let's try it.'"

So, they tried it and 100 new Christians were added, then a larger event produced a harvest of 400 souls; and, they continued to stretch the envelope in expanding the reach of the technology.

In December 2016 Tippit preached via Skype to a crowd of 10,000, of whom 5,000 gave their hearts to Christ. Since then he has used this technology to preach to audiences of 15,000, 20,000, and, just a month ago to 25,000, with each event producing a harvest of 50 to 60 percent of those present.

The meetings were conducted in partnership with the Northwest India Baptist Association.

Tippit explained the process in context of a recent event in

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Marilyn Stewart photo

One hundred sixty-five volunteers gathered at the Baptist Friendship House gymnasium and filled 5,000 backpacks, July 13. Two thousand backpacks went to school age children, 1,500 for the homeless, and 1,500 for survivors of human trafficking.

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Churches and partnership organizations donated supplies according to lists posted and updated on social media. While each backpack meets a need, greater is the impact for the Gospel, Bennett explained.

“Giving someone something says you care,” Bennett said. “That opens the door for their lives to be changed; it opens the door to share Jesus with them.”

HELPING THOSE TRAFFICKED

Basic clothing items, travel size toiletries, and a blanket are important to someone who needs to move quickly, someone escaping human trafficking.

“When someone’s been trafficked, they have the clothes on their back,” Bennett explained. “Most of the time, they’ve been trafficked here from another state. Most of the time, they want to go back home. The backpack is something they can travel with.”

A tip from the National Human Trafficking Hotline sent Bennett out with backpacks to find two young women with learning disabilities who had been trafficked by the same

abuser.

After helping the first victim return home, Bennett found the second young woman “traumatized, malnourished, and literally shaking.” Sexually trafficked, the woman told of being locked in a refrigerator unit and starved.

With the woman’s identification taken by her trafficker, travel by train or plane was impossible. Bennett and a helper drove 17 hours through the night to return the young woman to her mother’s waiting arms.

The backpack met the young women’s immediate needs and fulfilled the Send Relief mission of “sending help and sending hope,” Bennett explained.

“It builds trust when you have something to give to someone,” Bennett explained. “It also says, ‘I care about you.’”

Leanne McCallum, task force coordinator of the Greater New Orleans Human Trafficking Task Force, said “anyone can be a victim,” but children and adults dealing with homelessness, addiction, disabilities,

poverty, and sexual abuse are particularly vulnerable.

“The Baptist Friendship House is so widely respected,” McCallum said in explaining that BFH is a valuable partner in the fight against trafficking. Churches are invaluable, as well, McCallum said.

“Congregations provide a safe place where people tell their stories,” McCallum said. “[Church members] can spot behavior that may indicate trafficking.”

THE HOMELESS

GenSend missionary Amber Kern helped deliver backpacks to homeless residents under an overpass in downtown New Orleans. Kern said one man told her he had been on the street since Hurricane Katrina, 2005, when he lost his barbershop.

“We told him we were there to show him love,” Kern said. Though exhausted from the work of filling the backpacks, Kern added, “God still opened doors.”

Steve Turner, director of Next Generation Mobilization, noted that the event underscored the training GenSend missionaries receive to “live life on mission.”

“I love the partnerships Kay

has established,” Turner said. “To have our students learn from her is priceless. What she has done here in a cooperative effort is marvelous.”

BACK TO SCHOOL

Workers for the Back-to-School Bash brought the volunteer count to 256, Bennett said, including some women who had found new life in Christ while being served by BFH, and returned to help.

One family attended in grief.

Mourning her sister’s death the day before the block party,

the woman brought her sister’s children to the block party and confided to Bennett that the food and fun had brought them needed relief. Bennett pledged her help and her prayers.

“I get to stay here in New Orleans,” Bennett said. “[The volunteers] have helped me build relationships simply using a backpack. That opens the door to share Jesus with others and for their lives to be changed. Seeing hurting people every day is hard, but when you see people’s lives change and when you see God work miracles in people’s lives, it’s so fulfilling.”

You Are Invited

Emmanuel Baptist Church of Ruston, LA would like to extend an invitation to the retirement reception honoring Dr. Michael Hawley and his wife Maryjane for their 23 years of faithful leadership from 1995-2018.



Dr. Michael Hawley and Maryjane Hawley

The reception will be held Sunday, July 29, 2018, 2-4 p.m. at the Griffin Family Life Center of Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1200 Farmerville Hwy., Ruston, LA 71270.



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An assembly line of volunteers filled 5,000 backpacks with supplies and other items July 13 in New Orleans. GenSend missionaries separated the packs into those for the homeless, survivors of human trafficking and school age children.


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First West Monroe's Hoffman fights for Louisiana's unborn

By **BRIAN BLACKWELL**
Message Staff Writer

WEST MONROE – While state Rep. Frank Hoffmann awaited the birth of his new granddaughter in a Texas hospital July 11, he shared some thoughts with the *Baptist Message* about his personal mission to protect the unborn.

LOUISIANA LEADER

A long-time pro-life supporter, Hoffmann has used his tenure in the Louisiana legislature to push through key pro-life bills,

for instance, preventing insurance companies in the state from offering coverage of elective abortions, and, requiring abortion clinics in Louisiana to post information informing women about the alternatives to abortion.

Most recently, he championed House Bill 891, now Act 498, prohibiting Louisiana



Louisiana State Representative Frank Hoffman, West Monroe

from transferring any public funds to an abortion provider, or, to any entity tied “physically [shared facility] or financially” to an abortion provider.

The significance of the legislation became clear when

Governor John Bel Edwards signed the legislation into law May 23 just hours after

a U.S. District judge ruled in favor of Planned Parenthood’s lawsuit to force the state Department of Health and Hospitals to issue a license to perform abortions in the same New Orleans facility where Medicaid funded “family planning” services are offered.

Now Planned Parenthood faces an obstacle in the form of the firewall that Hoffmann’s legislation created that keeps abortions from being linked with any other government-funded services.

Act 498 corrected some weaknesses in a similar bill, H.B. 338, approved in 2016, but held up in federal court because of confusion about whether the language prevented an abortion clinic from receiving basic government services.

The new bill clarifies the intention of the original bill and narrows its target.

“We still keep the heart of the bill that if you are performing abortions in the state you can’t get any monies for anything else you do in that building,” said Hoffmann, a LIFE group teacher at First Baptist Church in West Monroe. “But it allows things like firemen and police coming in there. We didn’t want a good bill to be lost in court for some silly

reason, and that’s how opponents were trying to kill it.”

NATIONAL EFFORT

The significance of Hoffmann’s legislation is magnified by the 2017 tie-breaking vote by Vice President Mike Pence in the U.S. Senate to end an Obama-era rule and allow states to withhold federal family planning funds from Planned Parenthood.

Hoffmann said he is hopeful future efforts will make abortion illegal in the state and nation.

“The one thing I would like to see accomplished most is Roe v Wade overturned and abortions declared illegal,” he said.

“We already have a ‘trigger law’ on the books that bans abortions statewide, except when a mother’s life is threatened, if Roe v. Wade is ever overturned. We are very proud of that law and happy it is in place.”

BEYOND BATON ROUGE

As Hoffmann nears the end of his time as a state representative, he said this session has been the most challenging, including the vote to renew the .45 percent of an existing penny sales tax until 2025. The bill is expected to fund a five percent increase in state spending for 2019.

“We had three special sessions,” he said. “I wasn’t proud we had to do that. I hope things can get better and Louisiana can be healthier in the big picture.”

Hoffmann said he has no regrets about coming out of retirement to serve Louisianans. A former educator in the Ouachita Parish Public Schools for 39 years, Hoffmann suggested that Christians should not take a backseat to involvement in politics.

“It’s obviously important for Christians to be involved,” said Hoffmann, who accepted Christ as his Savior when he was 11 years old. “In politics, we do so many things that determine what government does. It’s important we do the right kind of things as a state, and I believe Christians are equipped to help us do just that.”

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Prayers credited for team's safety amid Haiti violence

BY BRIAN BLACKWELL
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CROIX DES BOUQUETS, Haiti – Cole Permenter was helping to lead a training conference for 140 Haitian pastors when the large-scale social unrest exploded in Port-Au-Prince late Friday, July 7.

During the next two days, Permenter and the other members of a Louisiana Baptist team heard sporadic gunfire and saw smoke rise in the distance while sheltered inside their secure missionary compound in Croix des Bouquets, on the outskirts of the capital city. But prayers from many around the world and assurance from their leaders kept them at ease in the less-than-ideal circumstances.

“Our excellent leaders, Tommy Middleton, Darrin Badon and Stan Statham, brought the team together for a briefing and began to tell us about what was going on,” said Permenter, pastor of Bluff Creek Baptist Church in Clinton. “It is because of their leadership our team was able to remain calm and still be eager for what was to come.”

“We coveted the prayers of all our brothers and sisters state-side,” continued Permenter, who boarded a return flight back to the U.S. with his team Tuesday, July 10. “It’s an amazing feeling to know that the church was united in their prayers for us.”

“We were overwhelmed by the number of messages received telling us people were praying and encouraging us to remember that God is sovereign and all His ways are good,” he said. “These allowed our entire group to have peace in the midst of chaos.”

“We stayed in the Word and in prayer throughout the day, and in the midst of it all God drew us closer to Him.”

STRONG START

The team arrived in Haiti, July 6, for a planned six-day mission trip in Croix des Bouquets.

They trained pastors at the conference, started work to build a chapel and conducted coordinated a Vacation Bible School for 250 kids during their second day in the country – and their labors bore much fruit, including a harvest of 20 boys at VBS who professed their faith in Christ.

In the afternoon the social situation changed.

The government announced plans to increase fuel costs from 38 percent to 51 percent, causing a violent reaction among a beleaguered people, and three deaths resulted.

In response, the U.S. State Department issued an alert advising U.S. citizens to shelter in place and avoid the airport unless a ticketed flight had been confirmed. Airline cancellations stranded mission teams from multiple states, including Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana and South Carolina.

UNDAUNTED

Even with the unrest outside the missionary compound, the 35-member Louisiana team joined by about 90 others from Alabama and North Carolina made the most out of the difficult situation. They organized a training session inside the compound for the Southern Baptist pastors stranded there, and spent time in fellowship.

Statham, director of missions for Baptist Associations of Southeast Louisiana, said they also met with one Haitian pastor about starting a New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary pastoral ministry certificate program. Leaders hope to hold their first classes this fall.

“When we were discussing the plans, he said, ‘This is my dream,’” Statham said of the pastor, who walked three miles to get to the compound.

POWERED BY PRAYER

Badon, facilities director at Istrouma Baptist Church in Baton Rouge and a team leader,



A Louisiana Baptist mission team of 35 people made the most out of difficult circumstance during a trip to Haiti in early July. Violent protests broke out while they were in the country, but they managed to see 20 people accept Christ during a Vacation Bible School. Prayers from many around the world and assurance from their leaders kept them at ease in a less-than-ideal circumstance.

has been to Haiti nearly 30 times since 2010. When the team members sensed the situation turning tense, he said, they turned over their cares to the Lord, and, also took encouragement that others were praying for their safety, too.

“A lot of people let their families and churches know through social media to keep us in their prayers,” he said. “We all had a sense of peace and comfort that God was our refuge and He would get us out safely. Never were we in danger.”

Middleton, whose trip to Haiti was his eighth since 2012, echoed the thought.

“We were getting texts from

people I didn’t even think knew we were in Haiti,” he said. “There was a flood of texts and e-mails that was such a tremendous lift for all the team. It let us know in a hurry just how big our Christian family is.”

Louisiana College student Destini Kirkland said the trip reminded her of the need for Christ followers to place their total trust in Jesus. In a Facebook post, Kirkland recounted that home is more than her community of Kolin, but rather is where God and His people can be found.

“A week ago today, I started a trip that would rock my world,” Kirkland wrote after

she returned July 11. “That day is known as Independence Day. Today I celebrate that day more than ever — because I could never be more grateful for my country and the freedom I have.”

“I have found new meaning in knowing God is my Protector, my Provider, my Rock, my Security, my Anchor, and my Hope,” continued Kirkland, a member of Philadelphia Baptist Church, Horseshoe Drive in Alexandria. “This trip will be in the hearts of myself and my 34 teammates. But it’s like I always say, ‘If it’s not an adventure, then what is it?’”

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M-FUGE students on mission in Central Louisiana

BY BRIAN BLACKWELL
Message Staff Writer

ALEXANDRIA/PINEVILLE – More than 400 middle and high school students stepped out of their comfort zones to share the Gospel during the recent M-FUGE mission camp.

Throughout the week of July 9-14, Good News seeds were planted by the students by going door-to-door and holding Bible clubs in area parks.

The students from churches in Louisiana and six other states enjoyed a time of worship and Bible study at Louisiana College in Pineville each morning and then dispersed into smaller teams as they worked at their assigned sites.

Some students presented the Gospel in the afternoons to community members while others sorted through donated clothing, renovated a church building and packed boxes at the Food Bank of Central Louisiana.

“For the second year, Louisiana College was pleased to partner with Lifeway’s M-FUGE serving as a host site for over 400 high school students,” LC President Rick Brewer told the *Baptist Message*. “These students from SBC churches across Arkansas, Mis-

issippi, Texas, Tennessee and Louisiana had a transformational worship and work experience while in Central Louisiana. It’s our desire to expand this partnership with LifeWay to offer four weeks of M-FUGE annually in the years ahead.”

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FUGE Camps, which are a ministry of LifeWay Christian Resources, take students out of their normal routine and places them into an environment focused on life change through a relationship with Christ. FUGE Camps are for students having completed 6th grade through 12th grade. Youth pastors

can choose from one of four programs at FUGE — Centrifuge, M-FUGE, X-FUGE and X-FUGE on Mission.

Students can participate in either recreation or missions with everyone at camp, or churches can stay together and choose their own customizable experience. This summer’s theme is “The Mission” based on the study of Paul and how he lived on mission for Christ.

HEARTS FOR MINISTRY

Hannah Stroud, a member of Union Baptist Church in Seminary, Mississippi, sang during a time of worship at Main Street Mission in Pineville before she joined her fellow team members who shared the Gospel with low income individuals eating their lunch. The camp encouraged her to leave her comfort zone and sing before a group for the first time.

“It was kind of nerve racking, but I had my friend right beside me to encourage me,” Stroud said. “But I’m glad I ended up doing that and was able to share Christ’s love with all the people here since I took that leap of faith.”

Trisha Prewitt, an adult leader with First Baptist Church in Westlake, Louisiana, said M-FUGE gave her group of

27 students a chance to get hands-on practice in serving on the mission field.

“They are preparing themselves for God’s kingdom work He has for them,” Prewitt said. “They are opening up to each other and understanding that no one is perfect. Because of that, they are more understanding of why people are experiencing difficult circumstances.”

Sam West, pastor of the Main Street Mission, said the students have encouraged him and the neighborhood through their bold witness in the surrounding neighborhood.

“They have come with a lot of energy and are willing to do what God is asking of them this week,” West said. “Hopefully they will take what they learned and apply it where they live.”

Students also renovated the worship center and education wing at the Gathering Place West campus in Alexandria.

“I enjoyed sharing this experience with some of my church, but mostly a lot of new friends I made as we together got out of our comfort zones,” said Jacklyn Walker, a member of Westlake Baptist Church in Chandler, Texas. “We took the messages we were learning about being on mission for Christ and applied it by helping out this church.”



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Nov. 12-13	Louisiana Baptist Convention	TBC, Ruston, LA
Nov. 18-19	Youth Evangelism Conference	Rapides Coliseum
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Sept. 27-29	LC Mission Conference	TBD
Sept. 27 a.m.	Chapel Service	Janna Smith
Sept. 27 p.m.	Mission Conference- Break Outs	Conference Speakers
Sept. 28 a.m.	Mission Conference- Break Outs	Conference Speakers
Sept. 29 a.m.	Mission Project	Community
Oct. 11	Evangelism/Missional Charge	Rev. Rick Gage
Oct. 14-17	Go Tell Crusade	Rapides Coliseum

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teaching evangelism to seminarians in Pakistan.

"I initiated a call from my office in San Antonio, standing in front of a green screen. My translator in Sweden transmitted a picture we were able to merge online to make it appear we were standing side-by-side," he shared.

Meanwhile, in Pakistan, courtesy of satellite communications, 75 students watched on a large screen augmented with a sound system, and, because the class was conducted in real time, they were able to participate in a question and answer session following the lesson.

Tippit emphasized that in addition to his partnership with ministries in India and Pakistan to conduct mass crusades to reach others for Christ and as well as smaller evangelistic events to help church planting efforts in remote areas, he also has placed a premium on discipleship through 365 videos meant for daily devotional training.

"Every day we have a new video that goes up in 10 languages and we're working on three more languages" Tippit said. "We have 6.5 million views every month."

"Churches could take these, or even the concept if they don't want to use my videos, and in their area minister into the lives of people in their community – and start seeing people come in," he said.

"We have something every day that is fresh and new. For a pastor that's something difficult to do. I spent an entire year creating these things. I'm willing to actually give to any church the whole schmeer," Tippit offered, "and they can put at the tail end of every video, 'to hear more of this type of message, come visit...' and put their churches logo and information on it."

The videos include four emphases:

-- 91 days on "How to have a time alone with God in prayer" with interviews of Dave Butts, chairman of the U.S. National Prayer Committee, to start each of the 13 weeks

-- 91 days on "How to share Christ with others" with interviews of Wayne Jenkins talking about: prayer and evangelism; the Word of God and evangelism; how to share your testimony and a Gospel presentation; etc., to lead off each of those 13 weeks

-- 91 days on "How to mentor others" with interviews of Corey Webb, executive/community pastor with Crosspoint Fellowship Church in Schertz, Texas

-- 91 days on "Family life" with interviews of his son, Dave, and daughter-in-law, Kelly, who with their three children were in Liberia conducting vacation Bible schools and other outreach events when the Ebola virus of 2014 -2015 occurred

REVIVING THE SBC

At the recently concluded SBC annual meeting in Dallas, his soul-winning peers elected him as COSBE president, and Tippit said his focus on evangelism will be three-pronged.

"Evangelism should be at the heart of everything we do. It needs to be the starting place for church planting and discipleship," Tippit underscored. "Evangelism must be at the core of it all, otherwise we are just trading sheep.

"Most people will tell you the purpose of discipleship is 'to help others grow.' But if you define what it means to grow, it means to become like Jesus, and Jesus said, 'The Son of man has come to seek and to save that which is lost,' "Tippit explained. "So, if you don't have evangelism as the very center and core of that discipleship, then you've missed discipleship."

Tippit told the Baptist Message he plans to focus on three goals during his COSBE presidency.

He hopes to engage Southern Baptists around the country to help identify potential young evangelists in order to surround them with seasoned evangelists "to train and develop them to have a harvest evangelism ministry."

He also wants to investigate why evangelistic pastors are not using harvest evangelists in their churches, pointing out a Tennessee Baptist Convention study that showed the state's top churches for baptisms hold harvest events, "resulting in more than twice as many baptisms as the average church."

"Why not take these guys that God has gifted, and we have some very gifted and talented evangelists within Southern Baptist life, to make evangelism mainstream in the life of the church?" he asked. Tippit added that he would

be announcing, soon, dates for a summit that would bring together known soul-winners among pastors, evangelists and other leaders, to develop a strategy for revitalizing evangelism among Southern Baptists.

Finally, he said he hopes to push for greater use of technology for evangelizing the lost.

"We have tools that are just unbelievable. If the Apostle Paul had the tools we had today, there's no telling what more he could have done."

To review Tippit's daily videos, visit, Facebook.com/SammyTippitMinistries. Tippit's forthcoming autobiography, "Unashamed," details his ministry in the French Quarter of New Orleans, the streets of Chicago, as well as around the world, including Romania in the middle of a revolution, Rwanda in the aftermath of genocide and Burundi and Congo during war. A unique feature of his book is that QR codes have been strategically placed throughout the pages allowing readers



Submitted photos

Evangelist Sammy Tippit, from San Antonio, (right) and his interpreter Naveed, in Sweden, combine to conduct an evangelism class for seminarians in Pakistan. Using technology, such as Skype, he is able to conduct evangelistic events and training to remote regions overseas

to use their phones to watch and listen to firsthand accounts of others involved in the specific events.

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Resolutions, nominees for Louisiana Baptist posts

BY STAFF

Baptist Message

ALEXANDRIA (LBM) – Louisiana Baptists are invited to recommend candidates for service on state convention boards and committees, and, to submit resolutions for possible consideration by messengers at the 2018 Louisiana Baptist Convention.

COMMITTEES

The Louisiana Baptist Committee on Committees is conducting its work, Sept. 6, to nominate persons to serve on various state convention committees. Currently, 17 nominees are needed for service on committees for Credentials, Moral and Social Concerns, Nominations, Order of Business and Resolutions.

The Committee on Committees chairman is Scott Sullivan, minister of education for the First Baptist Church in Haughton. Nominations for committees should be sent to him via U.S. Mail at the address of 105 East Washington Avenue, Haughton, LA 71037, or electronically to scott@fbchaughton.org. The deadline to receive inputs is August 18.

BOARDS

The Louisiana Baptist Committee on Nominations is beginning its work to fill vacancies on state boards. Currently, 19 nominees are needed to serve on the LBC Executive Board and as trustees of Louisiana College, the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries, the *Baptist Message*, and the Baptist Founda-

tion.

Andy Buckley, a member of the First Baptist Church in Sulphur, is chairman of the Committee on Nominations. Recommendations should be sent for him to receive not later than August 18, either electronically, andybuckley1224@gmail.com, or to this address: 1011 10th Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601.

GUIDELINES

Please submit the candidate's name and identify the committee or board for which you are nominating him or her.

Include the nominee's church membership and current employment.

Not more than two members from any church may serve on all boards and committees, combined, at any one time. Likewise, not

more than one member of the same church may serve on the same board or committee, at any one time.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions may be submitted not more than ninety (90) days and not fewer than fifteen (15) days prior to the LBC annual meeting, Nov. 12-13, providing a window of opportunity from Aug. 14 through Oct. 28.

The first meeting of the Resolutions Committee is scheduled for Sept. 18.

Resolutions should be typewritten, titled and dated, and, accompanied by a letter – from a church qualified to send a messenger to the annual meeting of the Louisiana Baptist Convention – certifying that the person submitting the resolution is a member in good standing. The letter should include

complete contact information for both the person submitting it, and his or her church.

No person may submit more than three resolutions per year.

The Resolutions Committee Chair is Cullen Clark, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Crowley.

Louisiana Baptists may send proposed resolutions electronically (Policy@LouisianaBaptists.org), by facsimile (FAX) (318.449.4287), or through the U.S. Mail (ATTN: Resolutions Committee, LBC Office of Public Policy, P.O. Box 311, Alexandria, LA 71309).

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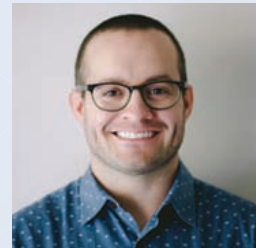
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that is centered on Christ. To see them loving and following Jesus is a praise to God.”

PERSONAL ENCOUNTER

“I had questions about the church plant the day I met Sam and through that process I started to find a relationship with Jesus,” he said. “Before that, I would tell people I thought I was a Christian because Jesus loves me. I didn’t know it was a two-way street.”

“Before I accepted Christ I was going from church to church, but not long after I met Sam I saw the light,” he said. “I was so caught up in seeing who was right instead of focusing on Jesus Christ. Once he brought my attention to Jesus it was like everything else fell by the wayside. It was total transformation.”

Lyons’ days are no longer consumed with reliving the glory days from Kentucky football games but rather are centered on pouring biblical knowledge into other believers and seekers of the faith.

“Now all I do is try to strengthen that relationship

by digging in His word,” he said. “Christ consumes my thoughts from the time I get up in the morning until I go to sleep.”

A DIFFERENT GAME PLAN

Cirrincone and Chad Wiles moved from Center Point Church in Lexington, Kentucky, to start the Field Church in June 2016, and planned to hold the first worship service in August 2017.

However, God’s plan was far different.

Cirrincone and his core team, mostly from Lexington, began forming relationships with people from the community, and quickly saw a group form. So, instead of waiting a year to have their first service, the group of 20 met for corporate worship in a local restaurant that next month, September 2016.

“We continued to grow and reach people,” he said. “We value very highly reaching people in our own worlds and equipping them to reach people in their own worlds. Our goal was to reach people



Dicky Lyons is baptized in 2017 at the Field Church. He is one of 54 new converts baptized since the church’s first worship service Sept. 11, 2016.

organically through building friendships in the community and equipping our people to do the same thing.

“We kept doing the same things,” he continued. “We were convinced if we do the right things with the right heart we could let the chips fall as they may.”

OUTGREW FACILITY

By April 2017, the congregation moved into a nearby facility, drawing a crowd of 115 people for Sunday morning worship service. A year later, average attendance

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MORE COMMITTED THAN EVER

Statham said no Louisiana team member was threatened or caught in the gunfire.

“This was in no way directed toward any group other than their government,” Statham said. “Haitians love Americans. They weren’t seeking out any Americans or other group. They were frustrated with their own government.”

Middleton said the leaders of the long-term mission effort are committed to going back.

“The plans already are in motion for next year,” he said. “Things like this shouldn’t deter us from the mission because the Lord has called us to go to places that are difficult. There are people who live in that environment all the time. So it’s our honor to stand with them and if possible to go to them, pray with them and support them.”

doubled to 220.

The church is preparing to move yet again in August to accommodate anticipated growth. The new facility, with 6,300 square feet of space, will include a worship center, lobby, children’s education department and a patio, and it is just a few miles away from its current location.

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ON THE MOVE

■ **Doyle L. Adams** was recognized on April 27, 2018 for his 60th year in the ministry at a ceremony at Lone Cherry Baptist Church, Mangham, where he is presently pastoring. For his long, faithful service, he received a plaque from the Louisiana Baptist Pastoral Leadership team and also was recognized by the Richland Baptist Association. During his career, he has preached at Antioch Baptist Church, Rayville; North Central Baptist Church, Delhi, Forty Necessity Baptist Church, Fort Necessity; Lone Cherry; Coax Baptist Church, Baskin; First Baptist Church, Gilbert.

■ **Trey, wife Jessica, Etheridge** is the new Pastor of Worship and Discipleship at First Baptist Church, Jonesboro. He was formerly the pastor of Briarwood Baptist Church in Reidheimer.

■ **Michael Hawley** will retire as pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Ruston as of July 31.

■ **Paul Watts** will be the new pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Ruston beginning August 1.

■ **Danny (wife Beverly) Mann** is the new Student Minister at First Baptist Church, Lafayette. He comes from Hebron Baptist Church, Denham Springs.

■ **David Brown** is the new pastor at Gray's Creek Baptist Church, Denham Springs.

■ **Garrett Henson** is the new pre-teen ministry associate at North Monroe Baptist Church, Monroe.

■ **Tom, wife Dee, Carter** is the new associate pastor at Ridge Avenue Baptist Church, West Monroe.

■ **Charles Ellzey** has resigned as pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Livingston.

■ **Jeff Smith** has resigned as pastor of Genesis Church, Denham Springs.

■ **Tony Cassels** has resigned as pastor at Center Point, West Monroe.

■ **Jeff McPherson** is the new facilities manager at North Monroe Baptist Church, Monroe.

HOMEcomings

■ Beech Springs Baptist Church, Quitman: **111th Homecoming**, July 22, 11 a.m. Special Guest: **Leslie Fogleman**. Special Music: **Chet Andrews**. Lunch will follow the service in the fellowship hall. Pastor: Jim Lancaster.

■ United Baptist Church, Winnfield: **50th Anniversary on Homecoming Sunday**, August 5, 10:30 a.m. Speaker: **Glen Curtis**, former pastor. A covered dish lunch will follow the service. At 1:30 p.m., **The Freemans**, a well-known Gospel group from Tennessee will be in concert. The church is located at 1591 Hwy 472 in Winnfield. Everyone is invited to attend. Pastor: Justin Caples.

■ Hebron Baptist Church, Summerfield: **Homecoming**, August 5, 10 a.m. followed by dinner on the grounds. Speaker: **Rusty Gilbert**. Special Music: **Alice Gandy**. Pas-

tor: Andy Prince.

REVIVAL

■ United Baptist Church, Jena: **Revival**, July 29-August 1; Sunday 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Monday-Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Evangelist: **Scotty McDowell, chalk artist**. Worship: **Ken Gilmore**. Pastor: Johnnie Phillips.

■ First Baptist Church, Converse: **Revival**, July 29-August 1, 6:30 p.m. nightly. Speaker: **Eddie Harrison**. Special Music: **The Wills Family**. Pastor: Glenn H. F. Bezerra.

■ Maple Springs Baptist Church, Logansport: August 5-8. Evangelist: Scotty McDowell, chalk artist. Pastor: Charles McClintock.

■ Midway Baptist Church, Converse: **Revival**, August 8-12, 7 p.m. nightly, Speaker: **Larry Pridmore**. Pastor: Clinton Alford.

■ Little Flock Baptist Church, Many: Revival, August 9-10. Evangelist: **Scotty McDowell, chalk artist**. Pastor: Otis Branam.

■ First Baptist Church, Greensburg: **Revival**, August 10-11, 6:30 p.m. Speaker: **Butch Knight**. If you have any questions or need directions please call 225.222.6580, First Baptist Church, 6260 Hwy 10, Greensburg, LA. Pastor: Tommy Smith.

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■ Satsuma Baptist Church, Livingston: **Annual Back Pack Give Away**, July 28, 11 p.m. to 1 p.m. There will be food, games, and free backpacks. Pastor: Brad Delaughter.

■ Memorial Baptist Church, Longville: **We- Called in concert**, July 28, 6:30 p.m. Pastor: Jimmy Clark.

■ New Hope Baptist Church, De Quincy: **We- Called in concert**, July 29. Pastor: Roland Hebert.

■ Ebenezer Baptist Church, Florien: **Community 5th Sunday singing**, July 29, 5 p.m. Bring a song and a covered dish.

■ Twin Oaks Baptist Church, Bastrop: **The Lisembys in concert**, July 29, 6 p.m. Pastor: Luther Sanson.

■ Live Oak Baptist Church, Denham Springs: **Obedience 2 Death Ministries**, July 29, 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. worship services. Obedience 2 Death Ministries is a non-profit organization dedicated to teaching obedience and spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the unique use of Labrador Retrievers. Using dogs as a visual illustration, O2D blends humor with simple and timeless biblical truths to show the power of obedience in the life of the believer. Fish Fry & Baptism, July 29, 5 p.m. Meet at Oakleigh House on LA Hwy 16. Pastor: Johnny Morgan.

■ Gulf Coast Baptist Church, Galliano: **Vacation Bible School**, July 29-August 1, 6-8:30 p.m. Pastor: Shane Terrebonne.

■ Victory Baptist Church, Monroe: **MEGA Sports Camp**, July 29-August 1, 5:30-8 p.m.



(Left to right) Marc Eichelberger, Perry Hancock, Jonathan Martin, Irma Howard and Gene Howard celebrated the ground breaking for Irma's Place, the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries' next HomePlace Cottage at Martin Village in Monroe Tuesday, July 17. HomePlace Family Care Ministry provides transitional living for homeless women and their children for up to one year at no cost. Financing to build cottages is generated by proceeds from the Annual Roy O. Martin/Brenda Hall Abney Children's Golf Classic. The cottage will be named in honor of Irma Howard. The photo is courtesy of the Children's Home.

Pastor: Grant Bamburg.

■ East Fork Baptist Church, Kentwood: **Obedience 2 Death Ministries**, August 1, 6:30 p.m. Obedience 2 Death Ministries is a non-profit organization dedicated to teaching obedience and spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the unique use of Labrador Retrievers. Using dogs as a visual illustration, O2D blends humor with simple and timeless biblical truths to show the power of obedience in the life of the believer. Pastor: Ernest Morris Graham.

■ Temple Baptist Church, Winnsboro: **Encounter 2018**, August 1, 6 p.m. Speaker: **Brian Rogers**. Worship: **BBC Youth Band**. This is a special event for all teens in Franklin Parish and hosted by Deer Creek Baptist Association. Pastor: Jimmy Harper.

■ Antioch Baptist Church, Farmerville: **Vacation Bible School**, July 29-August 2, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Supper will be served starting at 5:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rubin Weaver.

■ First Baptist Church, Minden: **Lamplight Artists Music & Theater Camp**, July 29-August 3. This camp is for children entering 2nd through 8th grades. Cost: \$149. Register online at lamplighterartists.com/camps. Pastor: Le-land Crawford.

■ Philadelphia Baptist Church, Deville: **New Speer Family in Concert**, July 30, 7 p.m. Pastor: Philip Robertson.

■ First West Fairbanks, Sterlington: **Vacation Bible School**, August 1, 6-8:30 p.m. VBS will be held at First West - West Monroe Campus. Kids will learn what it means to live fully alive in Jesus!

■ Foster Road Baptist Church, Baton Rouge: **Friday Night Worship**, 6 p.m. (fellowship meal); 7 p.m. (Worship). August 3 - Speaker: **Ferdinand Gaines Jr.**, First Community Antioch Church, Litcher; Music: **First Com-**

munity Antioch Praise Team; August 10 - Speaker: **Tommy Middleton**, Executive Director of Baptist Association of Greater Baton Rouge; Music: **Daniel Warren**, New Covenant Baptist Church; August 17 - Speaker: **Nicholas Leblanc**, Central Bible Church; Music: **Jason Jacobs**, Central Bible Church; August 24 - Speaker: **Jeremy Pruitt**, Fellowship Baptist Church; Music: **Laramie Minga**, Woodlawn Baptist Church. Pastor: Michael Morris.

■ First Baptist Church, Princeton: **Back to School Bash**, August 4, 9 a.m. - noon. We will have free inflatables, fun, food, activities for everyone. Come and bring a friend. Pastor: Darrell Cooper.

■ Life Point Community Church, Mansura: **Inaugural Grilling for God barbecue cook-off and car show**, August 4, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Judging will be at 2 p.m.; awards presentation will be at 3 p.m. Pastor: Jacob Crawford.

■ Poydras Baptist Church, St. Bernard: **We- Called in concert**, August 5, 10:30 a.m. Pastor: John Galey.

■ First Baptist Church, Patterson: **The Southern Plainsmen in concert**, August 5, 10:30 a.m. A love offering will be taken. Pastor: Mark Norwood.

■ First Baptist Church, Pineville: **First@First Business Leader Luncheon**, August 6, noon. Speaker: **Philip Robertson**, pastor of Philadelphia Baptist Church. Cost: \$10 and you may pay at the door. Please RSVP to Stewart Holloway (sholloway@fbcpineville.net.) Pastor: Stewart Holloway.

■ North Monroe Baptist Church, Monroe: **20th annual Jennifer Robertson Memorial Praise Fest**, August 11, 6 p.m. The praise fest will be a Gaither-style concert. Anyone wishing to sing in the choir is asked to attend a practice on Saturday, August 11 at 9 a.m. at North Monroe Baptist Church. A love offering will be received and monies collected will be deposited into the Jennifer Robertson Memorial Scholarship Fund at Louisiana College. For additional information, please contact Bill Robertson 318.449.4291 or Elaine McKay at 318.248.3609. Pastor: Bill Dye.

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.

ewg qtcc t cwlfw l uwsilig, gvlg ew sle vlfw absw

gvlg avlcc waklrw gvw aqbux lsbid gvw ilgtbia, qvwi

ew avlcc yw aklggwuw x gvubpdv gvw kbpigutwa.

wowztcw atm:wtdvg

Clues:
G = T; B = O

Answer to July 12 Scripture Crypto:
Numbers twenty-four: six

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Game On! Compete to WIN
W-hat
I-s
N-needed

July 12, 2018

July 15
Game On Challenge #4
Sunday Stretch

July 16-21
Fuge Camps

July 17
Wellness Revelation | PIYO

July 22
Game On Challenge #5
Sunday Stretch

July 23-27
Centri-Kid Camp

July 24
Wellness Revelation | PIYO

August 25
Fall OCC Rally

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WHAT WE HAVE:
• 8,000 sq ft unfinished space
• Exterior walls, foundation & roof

WHAT WE NEED:
• Finished interior = classrooms = people!
• Paid for as complete

WHAT WE PRAY:
• Love People/Teach Bible
• Complete during 70th Year (2019)

This project and offering will likely need to be done across time. Our goal for July & August is \$100,000. This money will provide architectural drawings that meet fire marshal approval, plus give us a meaningful start on electrical and A/C transitions.

Then when we have our Anniversary in March 2019, we will try to raise the rest to complete the electrical systems, build the walls and carpet the floors.

This is a huge challenge but it can be done!
Let's WIN!!!

Reminder: The Good Hope Campus attendees are being challenged to raise \$\$ for roof replacement on that campus. This is the first major fund raising on that campus, specifically for that campus.

We are one church with one mission, but in this case, we are challenging each group of attendees to specifically address individual campus needs. Let's make Fair Park's 70th the **WINNINGEST year ever!**

The only way this will happen is if we do
What Is Needed.
I love being your pastor!

Bob Warren

1 Corinthians 9:19-23
For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law; to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

By all means—WIN! Do what is needed.
This is also how Fair Park gives... and we've come so far! But we need to complete what we've started and we need to create new classes to reach new people. It is time to complete the Family Ministry Building. We'd like to do this as we celebrate Fair Park's 70th anniversary!

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M—istry
B—uilding

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July 15, 2018

Sunday, July 15
9:15 am Library Open
9:30 am Sunday School Fellowship
9:45 am SS Classes Begin
10:55 am Morning Worship
12:00 pm Fourth of July Lunch
5:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Evening Service

Wednesday, July 18
5:00 pm FBC GO
5:30 pm The Grill Closed
6:00 pm Parish Prayers & Beyond
6:15 pm F5 Youthquake

Thursday, July 19
8:00 am All Church Prayer Time

July 22, 2018

Sunday, July 22
9:15 am Library Open
9:30 am Sunday School Fellowship
9:45 am SS Classes Begin
10:55 am Morning Worship
5:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Evening Worship

Wednesday, July 25
5:00 pm FBC GO
5:30 pm The Grill Closed
6:00 pm Parish Prayers & Beyond
6:15 pm F5 Youthquake

Thursday, July 26
8:00 am All Church Prayer Time

Prayer Opportunities
Prayer Group Sundays 9:00 AM
Prayer Chain as needed
(Contact: J. Mitchell or D. Nelson)
Or call 24 hour prayer line at 435.4359 to leave a prayer request.

Listen to a Sunday Worship Service at 11:00 A.M. on KMAR 95.9 FM

A Word From the Pastor's Study

Dear First Family,

As you read this your Mission Team will have been in Brazil for almost a full week. I hope to have some updates sent so that you may know how we are all doing. The most important action that you can take is what Bro. Wayne Stroud mentioned the Sunday before last—pray. Pray for us as we serve. Pray that God will give us opportunities to share the Gospel and be bearers of His love and grace. Pray for our safety. Pray that the ears and hearts of the people will be open to hearing the voice of God as He uses me and others who will be witnessing and preaching. Pray for those in the sports and drama ministries and the church construction ministries. Pray for no delays in travel and that none of us get sick. Pray for Bro. Wayne Jenkins and his health. Pray for God to be glorified in all that we do.

Keep the church office informed of any prayer needs. Also contact your family Deacon if you need him while I am away. I thank God for each one of you and hope that

all is well while I am away. I tend to worry about things a bit when I am not with you. Take care of each other. Check on each other. Oh, and meet someone new and minister to them as God leads you.

UPDATE on FBC Members serving in Louisiana and Africa

It seems the hands and feet of First Baptist are everywhere this summer! As many of you are aware, Rachel Collins, Kaitlyn and Jarrod Thomas are all serving at Clara Spring Baptist Encampment this summer as summer staffers. I cannot express how happy and proud I am of them.

Remember, Chioè Wolleson is serving in Uganda, Africa. She is working with children as their mothers learn a trade which will help them to bring in an income to support their families. She shares, "I would just like to say thank you so much for everyone who has been praying for me on my trip. The Lord is working in amazing ways here, so please continue to keep me in your prayers as I finish out my last month!"

Please take some time and write them all a note of encouragement. There is nothing better than getting a letter from home.

Your love and care can reach around the world through a few words of encouragement. You will find each of their addresses on the back page of this newsletter. What a joy to have so many serving God in different places! Pray for each of them daily.

Seeking to make this year a little brighter one heart at a time with the love of God.

Bro Craig

The FBC Family enjoys a meal in celebration of the freedoms God allows us to have as Americans on July, 1st.

<p>Prison</p>  <p>Ministry</p>	<p>WMU Drive</p>	<p>Cooperative</p>  <p>Chest</p>	<p>Compassion Highway</p>	<p>World Mission Way</p>	<p>Next Gen. Line</p> 	<p>Electric Company</p>  <p>Acts 1:8</p>	<p>Share the Free Gift of Salvation</p> 	
<p>Planters Place</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <h1>MISSIONOPOLY</h1> <p>The Ultimate Mission to Save the World</p> <p>www.WeCanDoThis.LA</p> </div> <p>2018 Mid-Year Cooperative Program Giving Report</p> <p>Cooperative Chest</p>						<p>IMB Avenue</p>	<p>Children's Home</p>
<p>HereForYou.org Studios</p> 							<p>GBORailroad</p> 	<p>Campus Place</p>
<p>NAMBAvenue</p>							<p>KAIROSCorner</p> 	<p>A Chance To Tell</p> 
<p>Seminary Drive</p>							<p>LC Wildcat Way</p>	<p>Missions Avenue</p>
<p>Living Water Works</p>  <p>John 7:37</p>							<p>Cooperative</p>  <p>Chest</p>	<p>Disaster Relief Lane</p>
<p>All People Transit</p> 							<p>Short-Term Mission Way</p>	<p>Set the Captives Free</p>  <p>Isaiah 61:1</p>
<p>ECON Boulevard</p>							<p>Louisiana Railroad</p> 	<p>Tall Timbers Turnpike</p>
<p>Cooperative Chest</p> 							<p>Kingdom Builder Square</p> 	<p>Cooperative Chest</p>  <p>Chest</p>
<p>Shepherd's Rest</p>							<p>Disaster Relief Lane</p>	<p>Disaster Relief Lane</p>
<p>Jesus Comanded us to</p> 							<p>Disaster Relief Lane</p>	<p>Disaster Relief Lane</p>

Walnut Grove, Epps 2,541.35

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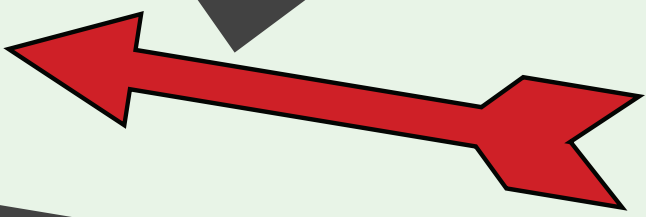
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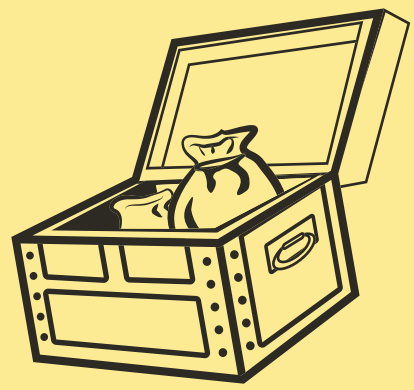
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DESOTO ASSOCIATION		
Antioch, Mansfield	695.74	1,247.18
Benson, Converse		
Beulah, Mansfield	5,356.00	7,419.00
Calvary, Mansfield		
Carmel, Mansfield		150.00
Cedar Hill, Grand Cane		
Emmanuel, Mansfield	2,051.00	2,222.00
Fellowship, Mansfield		
First Community, Mansfield		726.00
First, Logansport	14,505.00	21,853.00
First, Longstreet	4,956.00	2,354.00
First, Mansfield	23,401.81	16,105.67
Frierson, Frierson		1,223.16
Gloster, Gloster	35,630.88	14,689.56
Grand Cane, Grand Cane	5,891.28	7,753.27
Hunter Magnolia, Mansfield	190.16	1,130.82
Kingston, Frierson	600.00	600.00
Maple Springs, Logansport	509.99	
Mims Springs, Logansport		
Mt Olivet, Logansport	6,455.00	6,997.00
Old Union, Mansfield		
Pelican, Pelican	800.00	1,600.00
Salem, Stonewall	21,008.00	15,483.00
Shiloh, Keatchie	3,478.95	3,239.47
Southside, Mansfield	10,514.25	7,264.23
Wallace, Pelican	9,980.27	8,332.11
Wood Springs, Grand Cane	1,050.00	875.00
EASTERN LA ASSOCIATION		
Agape', Denham Springs		
Amite, Denham Springs	20,341.51	17,727.28
Bethel, Livingston	1,453.08	1,364.10
Carroll, Walker	3,264.08	3,685.12
Central, Gonzales		
Christ's Community, Denham Springs	21,414.45	16,903.00
Colyell, Livingston	11,692.66	11,610.79
Community Church, Springfield		
Don Avenue, Denham Springs	9,099.08	8,021.99
Doyle, Livingston	240.00	420.00
El Camino, Denham Springs	11.12	
Emmanuel, Denham Springs	600.00	600.00
Faith, Livingston	1,436.74	1,420.00
First, Denham Springs	40,042.20	48,916.92
First, French Settlement	2,747.62	3,857.36
First, Head Of Island	1,090.25	1,903.14
First, Holden	5,369.72	6,136.30
First, Livingston	17,420.00	15,478.00
Gray's Creek, Denham Springs	4,584.00	3,148.00
Greater Third Zion, Maurepas		
Hebron, Denham Springs	21,400.55	19,802.76
Judson, Walker	42,442.07	40,623.75
Live Oak, Denham Springs	10,600.18	10,044.93
Macedonia, Holden		900.00
Magnolia, Holden	1,800.00	1,800.00
Maurepas, Maurepas	121.00	809.15
Midway, Livingston	3,676.19	6,458.30
New Bethlehem, Denham Springs	375.00	600.00
New Covenant, Denham Springs		
Northside, Denham Springs	5,767.11	5,095.33
Pine Grove, Livingston	13,084.33	16,616.00
Red Oak, Livingston	500.00	2,500.00
River Of Life Worship Center, Port Vincent		
Riverside, Denham Springs	750.00	250.00
Salem, Walker		
Satsuma, Livingston	11,044.10	10,633.52
South Walker, Denham Springs	1,220.00	
Southside, Denham Springs		
The New Beginnings, Walker	200.00	348.00
The Way Church, Denham Springs	1,124.16	4,219.37
The Way Church, Livingston		
Victory, Walker	6,126.04	8,685.68
Walker, Walker	46,481.35	45,829.93
Watson, Watson	11,691.35	10,883.09
EVANGELINE ASSOCIATION		
Bethel Korean, Lafayette	180.00	
Calvary, Lafayette	4,105.97	4,319.52
Christ Church, Duson		
Christ Church, Lafayette	1,500.00	3,000.00
Church Acadiana, Lafayette	1,000.00	1,000.00
Community Chapel, Abbeville	416.05	372.00
Community, Lafayette	9,608.10	9,373.32
Coteau Holmes, Saint Martinville		
El Renuevo, Lafayette	2,618.77	2,290.58
Erath, Erath	45.00	225.00
Esther, Kaplan	561.19	846.58
First Baptist of Pecan Island, Kaplan	169.85	142.75
First Lydia, New Iberia		-
First, Abbeville	900.00	900.00
First, Broussard	12,958.70	7,280.23
First, Carencro	905.34	1,006.76
First, Delcambre	1,920.02	1,922.00
First, Jeanerette		
First, Lafayette	235,986.28	218,002.28
First, Milton		460.76
First, New Iberia	10,055.02	11,487.93
First, Scott	793.24	955.03
First, Youngsville	3,362.50	3,363.93
Freedom Biker, Lafayette	794.10	2,787.89
Highland Laotian, New Iberia	1,376.60	1,245.00
Highland, New Iberia	40,464.51	45,501.50
Iglesia Nueva Vida, New Iberia	1,409.96	1,165.48
Jehova Jireh, Abbeville	750.00	803.70
Jenkins Memorial, St Martinville	8,416.96	6,877.86
Kaplan, Kaplan	1,192.00	1,354.97
Lafayette Korean, Lafayette	150.00	600.00
Lakefront Community, St Martinville	543.42	374.65
Loreauville, Loreauville	647.42	664.86
New Hope, St Martinville	23.60	142.88

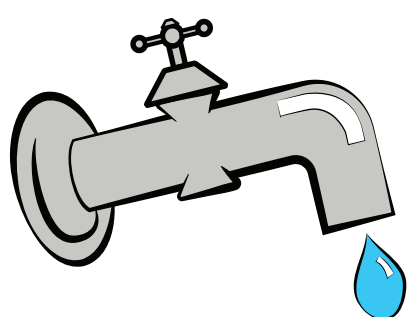
Gospel Light, Shreveport	250.00	450.00
Grace of Bossier City, Shreveport	2,364.00	2,304.82
Grawood, Keithville	25,265.70	25,671.73
Gray, Jefferson (TX)	921.12	
Haynes Avenue, Shreveport	4,696.50	6,858.18
Heritage, Shreveport	250.00	125.00
Hip Hope, Shreveport	140.00	170.00
Ida, Ida	2,168.40	1,987.16
Iglesia Bautista del Calvario, Shreveport	1,556.70	1,606.60
Iglesia Bautista Ebenezer, Shreveport		
Kingston Road, Shreveport		1,822.00
Koran, Haughton	3,016.00	3,054.00
Lakeview, Shreveport		1,753.25
Liberty, Shreveport		
Lighthouse, Shreveport		
Linda Lay Memorial, Gilliam	684.25	676.32
Linwood, Shreveport		
Mansfield Road, Keithville		
Memorial Baptist Chapel, Elm Grove	3,000.00	
Mission Point, Stonewall	2,834.00	2,764.00
Mooringsport, Mooringsport	7,872.76	8,426.02
Mt Gilead, Vivian	2,141.90	1,405.62
New Beginning Missionary, Bossier City		
New Bethel, Rocky Mount		
New Birth, Shreveport		
New Elizabeth Missionary, Shreveport	750.00	900.00
New Life Journey, Bossier City		
New Zion, Bossier		
Norris Ferry, Shreveport	34,754.00	17,829.00
North Keithville, Keithville	6,158.40	1,926.98
North Shreve, Shreveport	5,170.79	2,741.90
Northstar, Shreveport	150.00	300.00
Northwoods, Shreveport	201.00	
Oak Hill, Plain Dealing	1,975.43	1,267.81
Open Road Fellowship, Haughton		500.00
Pilgrim Home, Benton	1,863.84	1,743.14
Pinecroft, Shreveport	2,076.50	3,250.25
Plain Dealing, Plain Dealing	15,527.86	14,158.74
Praise Temple, Shreveport		
Providence Road, Shreveport	1,008.12	1,694.27
Red River, Benton	2,656.43	2,801.33
Redeemer, Keithville	250.00	300.00
Redemptive, New Orleans		
Rodessa, Rodessa	852.00	932.00
Rose Park, Shreveport	20,680.70	23,214.89
Salem, Plain Dealing		450.60
Shreve City, Shreveport	4,368.96	4,308.90
South Bossier, Bossier City	12,393.44	11,453.23
Southside, Shreveport	321.19	
Springs of Grace, Shreveport	1,500.00	1,500.00
St James Missionary, Shreveport		
Summer Grove, Shreveport	72,000.00	12,000.00
The Covenant Church, Benton	1,500.00	
The Life Journey Church, Shreveport	937.50	1,125.00
Tower, Mooringsport	215.73	323.94
Trees, Vivian	7,107.42	6,583.16
Trinity Heights, Shreveport	37,055.17	52,726.76
United Outreach, Shreveport	500.00	600.00
Waller, Bossier City		
Western Hills, Shreveport		
Westlake, Shreveport		
Westwood, Keithville	824.00	911.00
Willow Point, Shreveport	4,649.59	4,159.00
Woodland Hills, Shreveport		
Woodridge, Shreveport	59,001.19	56,817.26
OTHER CHURCHES		
2018	2017	
Acme, Acme		
Berean Reformed, Jonesville		200.00
Berean, Rayville	200.00	
Bethel Church Now, Vidalia		
Bread of Heaven, St. Gabriel		
Christ Community, Slidell		
Coburn, Hammond		
CrossPoint, West Monroe	2,104.00	1,852.00
Eastside, Ponchatoula	427.10	960.45
Friendship, Sikes		
Good Hope, Pineville		
Grace Community, Lake Charles		
Greater New Galilee, Baton Rouge		
Haven, Baton Rouge		
Heart of Worship, Pineville	300.00	300.00
House of Prayer, Baton Rouge		597.51
Indian Village Community, Calhoun	950.00	3,130.00
Life Church, Sulphur		
Mt Bethel, Baton Rouge		
New Beginnings, Mandeville		
New Hope, Slidell		
New Life Community, Alexandria		
New Light, Natchitoches		
Oak Grove, LaCamp		
One Life, Denham Springs	250.00	240.00
Open Door, Lake Charles		
Plainview, Denham Springs		
Redeemer Church, Livingston		
Refuge Worship Center, Clinton		
Rock Island Missionary, Natchitoches		
Salvation Min of Jesus Christ, Baton Rouge		
Sycamore, Vidalia		
The Church of The Highlands, Baton Rouge	960.00	960.00
The Father's House, West Monroe		
The Refuge, Shreveport	677.30	
The Simple Church, Bossier City		
Victory, Plaquemine	1,271.04	1,185.44
OUACHITA ASSOCIATION		
2018	2017	
Aimwell, Aimwell		
Bird's Creek, Harrisonburg	1,249.32	1,068.73
Dunbarton, Ferriday	1,061.65	1,492.19
Evangeline, Wildsville	140.00	120.00
Faith, Clayton	915.49	1,279.80
First, Harrisonburg	16,046.68	14,916.08
First, Jonesville	15,770.71	15,693.17

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