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# IT'S UNANIMOUS

## Horn elected new executive director to lead La. Baptists

By Staff

Louisiana Baptist Message

WOODWORTH (LBM) – The Louisiana Baptist Convention Executive Board voted unanimously May 7 to elect Steve Horn as the 19th executive director of the organization during the entity's spring meeting at the Tall Timbers Baptist Conference Center in Woodworth.

There are 86 members on the Executive Board, and all 65 in attendance voted for Horn.

He was nominated by a search committee comprised of board members led by Waylon Bailey, president of the Executive Board and the senior pastor of the First Baptist Church in Covington.

Horn will succeed David Hankins, who retires as executive director June 30.

"I am honored and humbled to be selected to lead Louisiana Baptists in our cooperative efforts at this crucial time," Horn said. "I want to thank the search committee and entire Executive Board for their confidence in me. I look forward to earning the trust of all Louisiana Baptists. I am ready to go to work listening and learning."

"My prayer for Louisiana is as the Apostle Paul said about his people – 'My heart's desire and prayer to God concerning them is



Brian Blackwell photo

Louisiana Baptist Convention Executive Board President Waylon Bailey, pastor of First Baptist Church, Covington, introduced newly-elected Executive Director Steve Horn and his wife, Linett at the annual spring board meeting at Tall Timbers Conference Center.

### *Steve Horn - My Hopes*

Steve Horn shares his vision for his new ministry among Louisiana Baptists, **page 5**.

for their salvation."

"Dr. Steve Horn is uniquely qualified and equipped to lead Louisiana Baptists at this time," Bailey told the *Baptist Message*. "The search committee feels strongly that God has provided for us a leader 'for such a time as this.'"

LBC President Eddie Wren, senior pastor of the First Baptist Church in Rayville, has known Horn since they were classmates at New Orleans Baptist Theologi-

cal Seminary and has watched him grow as a Christ follower, pastor and leader.

"By way of the churches Dr. Horn has served, leadership positions and life experiences, I believe he is uniquely prepared to serve as executive director for Louisiana Baptists," Wren said. "I look forward to what God will do in and through Dr. Horn. And I thank God for the privilege of serving with him."

Horn has served as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Lafayette since 2005, and before that led three other Louisiana congregations: New Haven Bap-

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## Curiosity leads to life discovery at Mandeville

By Brian Blackwell

Message Staff Writer

MANDEVILLE – Although it had been 16 years since he had visited any church, David Cooley's curiosity about the Gospel was piqued the moment in early January that he stepped inside the First Baptist Church of Mandeville.

A mere month later, he expressed his newfound hope in Christ after hearing the Gospel shared: by his wife; at a Life Group class; during a men's conference; and, as a personal appeal from interim Pastor Jake Roudkovski, who also serves as professor of evangelism and pastoral leadership at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Cooley did not wait long to show obedience to God's call to be baptized, stepping into the baptistery March 20 to publicly declare Jesus as Lord.

"My baptism was refreshing," Cooley told the *Baptist Message*. "It sealed the deal for my commitment to Christ and showed everyone that I was new in the Lord."

Since January, First Baptist Mandeville has baptized 17 new believers, eclipsing the pace of baptisms (5) for this same time-frame last year and on track to surpass the 27 baptisms of 2018.

Roudkovski said members have embraced the need to share the Gospel with their friends, family and co-workers.

Throughout the year, members

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## Louisiana Baptist evangelists suffer strokes

By Staff

Louisiana Baptist Message

ALEXANDRIA (LBM) -- Lyndon Longoria, of DeRidder, and Joe Aulds, of Ruston, recently suf-

fered strokes, with the two Louisiana Baptist evangelists falling ill within days of each other.

Longoria's wife, Kerry, posted that they received encouragement from

many people since her husband's medical emergency, and added that he is beginning rehabilitation at Rayburn Health & Rehab

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# Mizell leads Senate defeat of ERA ratification

By Will Hall  
Message Editor

## THE BACKGROUND

BATON ROUGE (LBM) – Sen. Beth Mizell, a member of the First Baptist Church in Franklinton, helped to defeat ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, offering a passionate argument “as a woman, as a mother, as a grandmother” from the state Senate floor for why she was voting “no” on a bill calling for amending the U.S. Constitution.

In 1972 the U.S. Congress sent the ERA to the states for ratification, needing 38 legislatures to pass the measure “within seven years of its submission by the Congress,” but subsequently extending the deadline to June 1982. The initiative fell three states short during the original timeframe, and then during the three-year extension the Idaho, Kentucky, Nebraska, South Dakota and Tennessee leg-

islatures rescinded their previous ratifications.

Since then the legislatures of Nevada (2017) and Illinois (2018) ratified the ERA, reviving legal discussions about whether the five rescinding actions meant the effort was actually even further short of the needed 38 states, and even if the expiration of the original deadline meant the state count started over from



Sen. Beth Mizell

zero.

Moreover, groups have expanded the original statement in the ERA, “Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex,” to claim the amendment confers an absolute right to abortion. Likewise, advocates for transgender and gender fluid rights claim the ERA statement includes their groups.

said. “Thus the ERA forces citizens in New Mexico to fund abortions through their tax dollars.”

Mizell also pointed to “something very similar” in Connecticut.

“This is just one aspect. There are lots of points we could discuss,” she reasoned. “But I am standing here as a woman in Louisiana that 100 years ago could not have voted, and today I am a state senator.”

“I believe I have the right to accomplish what I set out for,” Mizell stated, referring to the rights she enjoys now that a woman did not possess then.

“I really look hard at what rights I’m lacking that would allow me to do something I can’t do right now,” she said in contrast to Morrell’s argument for “the urgent need” to ratify the ERA.

“I find the tradeoff of what this ERA amendment would allow to come into Louisiana does not match ‘the bargain,’” being offered she said. “So I’m asking you to join me today in voting ‘no.’

Mizell closed by clarify-

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## THE DEBATE

Mizell made her objections to the resolution being offered by Sen. J.P. Morrell, New Orleans, simply on “one aspect of the discussion,” expressing specific concern about “the connection with abortion in the ERA.”

“In 1988, the New Mexico Supreme Court ruled that the ERA made it unconstitutional for the state Medicaid program to refuse to fund abortions if procedures sought by men such as prostate surgery were funded,” she

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# LBC backs 'Love Life' state amendment

By Will Hall  
Message Editor

ALEXANDRIA (LBM) – The Louisiana Baptist Convention Executive Board voted unanimously May 7 to pass a resolution to “support the ‘Love Life’ state constitution amendment that stipulates there is no provision in the Louisiana Constitution that establishes a right to abortion or requires the funding of abortion.”

The 86 members of the Executive Board act “ad interim” for the Convention when messengers are not assembled to conduct

business as a Convention.

Two lawmakers are leading the statehouse effort to pass H.B.425 in their respective chambers: Rep. Katrina Jackson (D-Monroe) and Sen. Beth Mizell (R-Franklinton).

Mizell is a member of the First Baptist Church in Franklinton.

They have explained that the amendment does not conflict with rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court, nor does it change any legal precedent or regulation now in place in the state. Instead, they have testified that it ensures no state judge can interpret

a protection for abortion in the Louisiana Constitution that is not explicitly stated.

The actual language they proposed adding to the Constitution reads “To protect human life, nothing in this constitution shall be construed to secure or protect a right to abortion or require the funding of abortion.”

The measure already passed the House by a vote of 81-10 with 14 absences and is pending a vote in the Senate. It will need two-thirds approval in the Senate and a procedural concurrent vote in the

House (due to some explanatory language added to the legislation) in order to place the amendment on the fall ballot for approval by a simple majority of Louisiana voters.

The need for the “Love Life Amendment” has been demonstrated by judicial action in 13 other states where judges in their highest courts found an inherent right to abortion in their respective constitutions.

In April the Kansas Supreme Court became the latest to make such a ruling.

By a vote of 6-1 that

court said the first sentence in the Kansas Bill of Rights, “All men are possessed of equal and inalienable natural rights, among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness,” extends to the decision of whether to have an abortion.

The Louisiana Baptist Office of Public Policy is planning an informational campaign to help pastors inform their congregations about the issues and to energize members about the vote this fall.

For information and resources contact [policy@louisianabaptists.org](mailto:policy@louisianabaptists.org).

## Mizell

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ing that if a future version of the ERA contained “an abortion-neutrality clause” she could support that form of the ERA. In lieu of that deficiency, she urged lawmakers to consider the negative consequences the ERA in its current form “would allow to come into our state.”

Morrell did not respond to Mizell’s call for “abortion-neutrality” language, but instead countered her appeal to conservatives in the Senate by pointing to the “the history of the ERA” and the fact that “the original supporters of the Equal Rights Amendment were the Republican Party led by then President Richard Nixon and then President Gerald Ford.”

He argued the ERA was a “bi-partisan issue” that “predates the entire abortion debate,” claiming the abortion “spectre” was merely an attempt to hijack the debate and misdirect the discussion from a very simple aim “to establish that everyone is equal regardless of gender.”

[The actual resolution uses the biological term “sex” and not the contemporary use of “gender” with its implications of self-identity with regard to sexuality]

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## Who Don't You See?

**W**e've all had the experience. You're cruising down the interstate when the car slightly in front of you swerves into your lane barreling dangerously close to the side of your car. Your adrenaline races and you sit on the horn. He swerves away and gives you an apologetic wave or some other less friendly gesture. Either you have encountered a lunatic intent on driving you off the road or, more likely, a negligent driver who didn't check his blind spot.

All of humanity was born with blind spots. Jesus described those living outside of his divine light as having eyes that don't see and ears that don't hear.

Jesus was particularly hard on religious leaders with blind spots. On more than one occasion He pointed out their blindness and their apparent contentment with it.

Unlike His creation, Jesus doesn't have a blind spot. His awareness of people and His surroundings challenges those of us who claim to be his followers.

**Jesus sees individuals amidst the masses.**

**Jesus feels - He never became calloused but instead felt compassion.**

**Jesus calls us to get involved.**

Luke reminds us of an occasion where it was late in the afternoon but the crowds were still hanging out with Jesus. The disciples, probably tired from a long day, urged Jesus to send them away so they could get something to eat and find a place to stay. They were more than likely surprised by Jesus' response, “*You give them something to eat.*”

In other words, don't just dismiss the crowd because you're tired. Don't take the convenient route and let them figure it out on their own. Don't pretend you don't see who's right in front of you and their needs - you do something.

**Who's in your blind spot?**

Who's right in front of you but you want to dismiss them to fend for themselves?

The disciples said, “*Send them away.*” Jesus said, “*You do something today.*”

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When believers knowingly, or unknowingly, fail to recognize

the needs of the lost, the consequences are devastating and eternal.

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**Jesus sees the masses.**

**Jesus notices the individuals.**

**Jesus calls on us to do what we can.**

**Join us.**





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are encouraged to write on white index cards the names of individuals they know who they believe do not have a relationship with Christ and then to nail these cards on a cross erected inside the worship center.

Once that person accepts Christ, a red index card is placed on top of the white card.

“The physical reminder of the notecards

on the cross encourages the congregation to share the Gospel with their lost person, and it reminds them weekly that each card represents a soul in need of Jesus,” Roudkovski said.

The church, which averages 320 for Sunday morning worship service, offers annual retreats and monthly large group gatherings for men and women, and has dis-

ciplenesship classes for the children, youth, senior adults and others. Some members also volunteer monthly at the Samaritan’s Center in Mandeville to help provide food to needy residents of the city.

Michael Blue, associate pastor at First Mandeville, said the baptisms allow him and others in the church to have a front row seat to see changed lives following through in obedience to God’s Word.

“Baptisms preach the Gospel in action,” Blue said. “Any service that has a baptism only amplifies the Gospel message that is preached on Sunday. It is extremely exciting to see lives being changed through Christ. That is the Gospel – the Good News – and is exactly what St. Tammany Parish needs.

“Our parish is affected by many factors – high statistics in drug use, suicide, and children in foster care in Louisiana,” he continued. “Our parish has more people that do not even claim a religion



Submitted photo

Christine Mayer (right) was baptized March 17. According to First Mandeville interim Pastor Jake Roudkovski (left), members write on white index cards the names of people they believe need to know Christ, and then nail the cards onto a cross inside the worship center. After that person accepts the Lord, a red index card is placed on top of the white card.

than those who claim any type of religious denomination. So our parish is in desperate need of the biblical Gospel that changes lives. That is why First Mandeville has adopted our mission statement: ‘Revere Christ ~ Rescue

Families ~ Revive Community.’ By fixing our eyes on Christ and His mission, families will be restored by the power of the Gospel, and by rescuing families we can see real change in our community.”

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Morrell also reasoned that “Just the gesture of showing that as a state, we believe everyone should be treated equal would be a tremendous message in itself.”

### THE RESULTS

When the votes were tallied, the resolution was defeated 9-26.

Mizell was joined by five other Louisiana Baptist senators in opposing the ERA: Jim Fannin, Ebenezer, Jonesboro; Ryan Gatti, Cypress, Benton; Gerald Long, Calvary, Alexandria; Neil Riser, First Columbia; and Gary Smith, First Norco.

Two Louisiana Baptist senators supported the ERA: Wesley Bishop, Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, and Jay Luneau, Calvary, Alexandria.

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# Steve Horn - My Hopes

*Editor's Note: Following his May 7 election to be the next executive director of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, Steve Horn shared the following vision that will guide his new ministry among Louisiana Baptists.*



ALEXANDRIA -- I am humbled and honored to be elected as your Executive Director. I am excited about God's call and the call of the Executive Board. I cannot wait to get started.

Though I have much to learn and analyze before major decisions are made, I want to share with you my hopes for the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

As I have prayed about my role, I want to share seven hopes for us as a Convention.

## **JESUS WILL BE EXALTED.**

If we can agree on anything, we should be able to agree that Jesus should be exalted. Jesus is the Head of the Church. If He is the Head of the Church, then He is the Head of the LBC. I look forward to times of gathering when we will together exalt Jesus. Let me offer the challenge now that we strive toward the largest attendance in years to our Annual Meeting. Make attending this year in Alexandria, Nov. 11-12, a real priority. Yes, we will conduct business and hear reports, but let's gather to exalt Jesus.

## **SINCE CHURCHES ARE ESSENTIAL TO OUR WORK, CHURCHES WILL BE EQUIPPED.**

Baptists are different. As a cooperative body, no church has to participate. I envision that churches will want to be a part because they will recognize the value of the excellence in equipping that they will receive through the efforts of our Convention.

## **PASTORS WILL BE ENCOURAGED.**

Churches are essential to our work, and spiritually healthy pastors are essential to healthy churches. I have been a pastor of four churches. Each church was a different size and had different strengths and weaknesses, but all required hard work. I want to encourage pastors through public ministry to them

and private friendship with them to be all that God has called them to be. This will be my daily prayer, daily goal, and daily evaluation.

## **LOUISIANA WILL BE EVANGELIZED.**

I love Louisiana! I was born in North Louisiana and grew up visiting relatives in Olla, Jonesboro, and Monroe. I was raised in South Louisiana. I went to Seminary in New Orleans. My first two pastorates were in Southeast Louisiana. My last two pastorates were in Acadiana. My Louisiana roots are deep, and my love is strong. I resonate with the Apostle Paul when writing to the Romans about his people, "My heart's desire and prayer to God concerning them is for their salvation." (Romans 10:1) We will build on the work already established and work tirelessly to call our state to call on the name of Jesus Christ alone for salvation.

## **THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM WILL BE EMPHASIZED.**

I make no apologies here. This is why we are Southern Baptists and Louisiana Baptists. My last two churches gave over 10% through the Cooperative Program. I know that this level of giving is possible without sacrificing effective local church ministry.

I like to tell the story of Mrs. Barbara Moncrief. Until her death, she asked the same question every year during our annual meeting to present the budget. When we would come to the area of our budget addressing our church's investment in the Cooperative Program, Mrs. Barbara would raise her hand. After being recognized, she asked, "Is this the best that we can do?"

I came to love that question. It's a great question for all areas of life. We should always be willing to ask the question, "Is this the best that we can do?"

This is the question that we must continue to ask at every level of Louisiana Baptist and Southern Baptist life. Every Christian must ask

this question about his or her personal giving. Every church must ask this question about their giving level to the CP in relationship to their other ministries. Every entity must ask this question as they develop a budget. The Louisiana Baptist Convention must ask this question continuously in our operations.

I will be a champion of the Cooperative Program, challenge our entities to be together in our appeals, and oversee the LBC staff to be the best stewards of the Cooperative Program receipts that the LBC keeps.

## **THE LOUISIANA BAPTIST CONVENTION WILL BE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE.**

This is the expectation. This is the area that I have most to learn, so be patient with me, but I pledge my best efforts at leading us to be effective and efficient. I will soon be visiting every corner of our state listening to Louisiana Baptists. I will meet with all of our other Louisiana Baptist Convention partners. I will seek to understand our work better. I know we will be at our best when we are confident that our Cooperative Program money is being used with great effectiveness and efficiency.

## **I WILL SEEK TO SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE.**

I will never ask you to do something that I am not willing to do. I will seek to serve as an example in these other six areas. For example, I will not only be engaged in evangelism through preaching, but in personal witnessing encounters. In fact, the Southern Baptist Convention has a challenge of "Who's Your One?" I have used this same strategy on multiple occasions as a pastor. This is a simple, but effective strategy. I will need to find quickly a "one" in my new city of residence.

So, come on Louisiana Baptists. Make plans now to join us in Alexandria in November for the Annual Meeting. Let's work together to make a difference in the great state of Louisiana.

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tist Church, Natalbany; Satsuma Baptist Church, Livingston; and, Highland Baptist Church, New Iberia.

The database of the Annual Church Profile shows First Lafayette baptized 775 new believers during Horn's tenure, and, contributed more than \$2.9 million

through the Cooperative Program in just the last six years.

First Lafayette averages about 1,100 in worship and 1,000 in Sunday school, according to ACP records.

Horn also has served in a number of leadership roles in Louisiana Baptist and Southern Baptist life.

He was president of the LBC (2014-2015) as well as a member of the LBC Executive Board (2006-2011), serving as vice president (2009) and president (2010-2011). Currently, he is a trustee of Louisiana College, having joined that board in 2017.

He is in his second year as a

trustee with the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and previously was a member of the SBC Committee on Order of Business (2012-2015).

Additionally, Horn served on the Committee on Committees for both the LBC (2012-2013) and the SBC (2009).



# Pa. lawmaker's online rants net \$125K for pro-life cause

By Will Hall  
Message Editor

State Rep. Brian Sims' (D-Phil.) berating of a mother and three teen girls April 18 and, three weeks later, another woman, all who were praying

in front of a Philadelphia Planned Parenthood clinic, has stirred up protests and calls for his removal from office, and netted a pro-life cause more than \$125,000.

Sims posted internet videos of his verbal attacks.

In one he repeatedly called a woman "an old white lady," accused her of being a "racist," insulted her as "disgusting" and denigrated her faith while she quietly prayed for the women going into the abortion facility.

In the other Sims bullies a trio of girls after they had finished praying at a corner of the property. Later, the mother of two of the teens wrote in USAToday.com that she was concerned about the bounty Sims offered to anyone who would reveal the names and addresses of the minors.

Just days after the videos went viral, more than a thousand protestors showed up at the clinic

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to decry Sims' actions, according to NBCPhiladelphia.com, with many calling for the openly gay activist to resign because of his abusive behavior toward the women and girls.

Sims, who lives across the street from the abortion facility, has responded online by admitting he "was aggressive" and pledging, "I will do better for the women of Pennsylvania."

Meanwhile, the father of two of the teens responded by setting up a GoFundMe page to provide "diapers, wipes, articles of clothing for babies, and resources to mothers in need" as well as money to "a home caring for pregnant mothers" through the Pro-life Union of Philadelphia, setting a goal of \$100,000.

More than 2,500 people contributed nearly \$127,000 in about a week.

## Diet drinks cause weight gain in youth

A study has found that children and teens who drank diet beverages typically consumed an extra 200 calories a day, which adds up to an extra pound of fat every 17.5 days.

Surprisingly, the daily calorie intakes of youth who consumed diet drinks were the same as their peers who drank the sugary or "regular" versions of the same sodas or other beverages.

The findings published in the journal *Pediatric Obesity* did not reveal why artificial sweeteners appear to cause increased calorie consumption. However, the authors suggested "physiologic mechanisms" could be causing the "augmentation of insulin levels" and changing the "reward response" in the brain, among other altered functions.

Regardless, the researchers said the results from studying the beverage consumption of more than 7,000 adolescents from 2011-2016 are important because of the high incidence of obesity combined with the related risks of type 2 diabetes, heart problems, and cancer among U.S. youth.

A recent American Heart Association science advisory concluded that "at this time, it is prudent to advise against prolonged consumption of LCSB by children." The authors further stated that "the use of other alternatives to sugar-sweetened beverages, with a focus on water, should be encouraged." Our results support this recommendation, as while cross-sectional analyses cannot establish causality, LCSB consumption was associated with both higher energy intake and higher sugar intake in comparison with water, with en-

ergy intakes among LCSB consumers similar to SB consumers. Given that the highest intakes of energy, carbohydrates, and sugar were observed among combined consumers of LCSB + SB, these results suggest that LCSB may be used in addition to, rather than as a replacement for, SBs in the diet. These data challenge whether LCSB are helpful for lowering sugar or energy intake, and rather, suggest that they may in fact promote higher consumption.

Moreover, they agreed with an American Heart Association science advisory which urged against "prolonged consumption" of artificially sweetened beverages by children and encouraged the drinking of more water.

## LED light can damage your eyes, health

The French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety has published a 400-page report warning that "exposure to an intense and powerful [LED] light is 'photo-toxic' and can lead to irreversible loss of retinal cells and diminished sharpness of vision," according to an article published by the Agence France-Press.

Even chronic exposure to lower intensity sources can "accelerate the [aging] of retinal tissue" and cause a loss of vision and contribute to "age-related macular degeneration," the study concluded, with the AFP adding that LED lighting is set to "top 60 percent" of the general lighting market next year.

Noting the proliferation of cellphones and other devices with backlit screens, the report said these "do

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# New ministry helps churches stand for faith, family, freedom

By Will Hall  
Message Editor

BOSSIER CITY (LBM) – U.S. Rep. Mike Johnson and his wife Kelly have launched a new ministry to equip churches to take a stand against the cultural attacks now being directed at people of faith, the traditional family and basic freedoms embedded in the U.S. Constitution and other founding documents.

The Johnsons, who are members of the First Baptist Church in Bossier City, are leaders of “Onward Christian Education Services, Inc.,” a new non-profit, non-partisan ministry that offers a seminar, “Answers for Our Times,” to help Christians be effective on the front lines of cultural engagement.

During the presentation, they and guest speakers such as Family Research Council President Tony Perkins provide practical guidance from the Bible expanded into strategies and methods which address political and moral issues and situations.

Rep. Johnson shared with the Baptist Message that the couple already has received requests from Texas churches as well as partnership offers from national Christian ministries. But he said his chief interest is to empower Louisiana Baptists.

“We just want to get the word around to our churches first,” he said.

Keeping with this commitment, the Johnsons’ first three ministry events were held with the First

Baptist Church in Bossier City, the Bistineau Baptist Church in Heflin and the First Baptist Church in Haughton.

Brad Jurkovich, pastor of First Bossier, said the seminar was “insightful and inspiring” for his congregation.

“This is not a time to shrink back,” he said. “With so many competing ideas and values permeating our culture today, Christians need to be engaged, and ‘Answers for Our Times’ will equip you.”

Gevan Spinney, pastor of First Haughton and a past president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, described the seminar as “extremely beneficial.”

“We had 167 adults take part, and Mike and Kelly Johnson ‘rang the bell’ to



Submitted photo

First Baptist Church in Bossier City hosted an “Answers for Our Times” seminar to equip members to take a stand for family, freedom and their faith.

awaken our people to become Christian patriots,” Spinney said.

Rep. Johnson said his motivation for being part of the new ministry while still performing his duties in the U.S. Congress is his concern that too many believers today feel ill-informed to provide substantive answers to false arguments.

Many Christians are not at ease with being salt and light in the culture at this critical time for our country, he explained.

“Our nation is entering one of the most challenging seasons in its history, and there is an urgent need for God’s people to be armed and ready with the Truth,” Johnson said. “Our new ministry can help.”

“Answers for Our Times” can be tailored as needed – from a two-hour seminar to a two-day retreat -- to fit each church’s needs. For more information visit [OnwardChristianCounseling.org](http://OnwardChristianCounseling.org), or call (318) 286-1220.

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# First Bossier announces rebuild plans

BOSSIER CITY – Five months after a fire heavily damaged three-quarters of its facilities, members of the First Baptist Church in Bossier City learned the details of the plan to rebuild its campus.

“God is leading us to move forward by faith,” Pastor Brad Jurkovich said in his Mother’s Day message, May 12. “What a moment. The story God is writing is one we all can share, and as we share we can give Him all the glory.”

During the service, Jurkovich reminded his congregation of God’s favor on them despite the fire, December 10, 2018: no loss of life from the fire; the baptism of 32 new believers; 40

other member additions; the launch of new ministries; and, greater unity within the congregation.

Jurkovich said the planning team decided not to replace all of the nearly 100,000 square feet of facilities lost in the fire.

“Our team began to ask, ‘Do we really need to rebuild that much space for effective ministry?’” he said. “The more space you build the more it will cost, and the more you have to pay in heating, cooling, and upkeep.”

“We want to maximize the space and money we have and plan to use,” he said. “We want to rebuild in such a way that the flow and cohesiveness are very

smooth for members and guests, security is maximized, and that our buildings communicate ‘families, warmth, life and relationships.’”

Approximately 65,000 square feet of lost space will be rebuilt.

Plans include a new chapel that will incorporate some of the more traditional features of the original building, such as pew seating, but will include modern elements, such as capabilities for multi-media presentations. A team also is looking at how best to display the pulpit, Bible and piece of the steeple that survived the fire.

“Our new chapel is going to be an exciting venue



Philip Timothy photo

Portions of the Faith Chapel steeple (left) that survived a fire December 10, 2018, will be creatively displayed on the rebuild First Bossier campus in the future. Faith Chapel (right) eventually will be razed.

that will help us encourage and equip families in marriage, family life, and a place to walk through various seasons of life with families from our church and community,” he said.

Jurkovich also outlined

plans for the new children’s and student ministry buildings and other projects.

Demolition is underway, and construction could begin as soon as fall 2019. A grand opening and dedication is planned for fall 2020.

# Louisiana College awards degrees to 245 graduates

ALEXANDRIA (LBM) – Louisiana College President Rick Brewer was sentimental during the school’s 164th commencement ceremony, May 4, reminding the students they were the first class to begin as freshmen and finish as seniors since he became president of the school in 2015.

The 245 graduates composed the largest class to collectively earn a degree since Brewer began his tenure at the Pineville campus.

“We’ve been on a journey together and we’ve seen a lot of changes haven’t we,” he told the graduates. “We’ve seen a lot of good things. We’ve experienced things together. We’ve pre-

pared graduates and we’ve transformed lives. That’s the focus of our vision at LC.”

The school presented 31 associate’s, 125 bachelor’s and 89 master’s degrees at the Rapides Parish Coliseum in Alexandria.

During a time of special recognition, Brewer presented the family of Dedrick Cole with his award posthumously. Cole died unexpectedly from a heart attack March 7.

Brewer also conferred honorary doctorates to David Hankins, who is retiring June 30 as executive director of the Louisiana Baptist Convention; Johnny Martin, chairman, Martin Sustainable Resources of the Louisiana-based Roy O. Martin Lumber Company; and, Randy Harper, former chairman of the LC Board of Trustees, an active LC trustee, and pastor of Bellaire Baptist Church in Bossier City.

The college also conveyed distinguished service awards to Byron McGee, retired vice president for advancement, and Ben Yang, retired music professor.

## EQUIPPING GRADUATES

Brewer told the graduates they have gained critical thinking and problem solving skills that are essential in the the workforce.

“I’m here to tell you

that’s the heart and soul of what we do at LC,” he said. “These students have been equipped to do critical thinking, analytical reasoning and problem solving. And then they’ve learned what Paul said in Colossians 2:3 that ‘all treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Christ Jesus.’”

“You take a young person, or a person of any age, who can do critical thinking, problem solving and analytical thinking, and you infuse that with the mind of Christ -- there will always be a place for you in the leadership. You are markedly prepared for the leadership challenges of the 21st century,” he continued, “and I’m pleased today we can celebrate with you what you’ve accomplished.”

## CHALLENGING GRADUATES

During the keynote address, Martin told the graduates to become lifelong learners and offered as guides for future growth the core values of respect, integrity, commitment, honesty, excellence and stewardship that his company emphasizes.

“While this degree gives you an advantage in the job market, it is not a predictor of your success,” Martin said. “It is important to work for a company with a strong sense of values and culture. Values and culture determine a busi-

ness not profit.”

## INSPIRED, INSPIRING GRADUATES

The ceremony also featured inspiring testimonials from graduates.

Jamarcus Fitzpatrick encouraged his fellow students and others to pursue their dreams.

“In the same way Martin Luther King Jr once said he had a dream,” he said. “I too have a dream. We all have dreams. My dream is to see everyone fulfill their dreams. Today I am encouraging everyone, all of you in this coliseum, no matter what

your age, where you’re from or what you look like, I’m encouraging you to dream on.”

Shelby Bergeron said her classmates, professors and community leaders helped her grow closer to Christ.

“Spiritually let me say I can attest to God moving mountains,” she said. “There are so many people I have seen surrender their lives to Christ because of this institution. Sure, the chapels we have to attend each week leave an impact but the biggest impact I have seen are the relationships people create amongst one another to truly show the love of Christ.”

# Evangelists from page one

in Jasper, Texas.

“We are at complete peace, and just so grateful to the Lord....and to all of you,” she posted. “We invite you to walk the next part of this journey with us. Please remember to pray for our sweet sons while we are apart for the longest period ever before in their lives. Love, Bro. Lyndon & Kerry, Ben, & Asa.”

Randy Ray, pastor of Saint Rest Baptist Church in Dubach and a classmate of Aulds at Louisiana College, told the *Baptist Message* the evangelist is at Alpine Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Ruston. He said Aulds is showing some improvement, “but still has a long way to go.”

Bill Robertson, director of pastoral ministries for Louisiana Baptists, told the *Baptist Message* some churches have collected love offerings for Longoria and Aulds.

“The Bible tells us that if we share in the spiritual blessings of a minister that we should then bless them,” Robertson said. “Giving to our brothers in need is our opportunity to put Scripture into practice.”

**Gifts to offset health costs for Longoria can be sent to “Strength for Today, P.O. Box 23, DeRidder, LA 70634,” and for Aulds to “Joe Aulds Evangelistic Ministries, 181 Harrison Road, Ruston, LA 71270.”**

# Cultural

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not pose a risk of eye damage” because of the low luminosity of the light. But it cautioned that when used at night or in a dark setting, such gadgets can “disturb biological rhythms” and so disrupt sleep patterns. Prolonged exposure to the low-intensity light can also lead to headaches and fatigue.

With regard to general lighting, the French government agency recommends use of “warm white” LED bulbs. As for backlit devices, the agency said to avoid viewing LED screens before bedtime.



# LBF reports a positive beginning for 2019

By Jerry Love

Louisiana Baptist Foundation

ALEXANDRIA (LBF) – Trustees of the Louisiana Baptist Foundation received positive investment reports and upbeat updates about operations during a regular quarterly business meeting held April 30 in the Louisiana Baptist Building.

The good news included that every portfolio component had earned a positive return for the first quarter, with almost all sectors exceeding their benchmarks.

Lee Morris of Graystone Consulting summed up the performance by simply stating, “fourth quarter of ’18 – bad; first quarter of ’19 – good!”

He added that first quarter returns had erased the previous quarter’s losses.

Fixed income portfolios continued to perform in line with expectations, he said, adding that bond returns are relatively good for the moment but are expected to be flat going forward – based on the prevailing assumption among investment analysts

that the Federal Reserve Board will continue to hold rates steady the remainder of the year.

The alternative investment allocation of the LBF portfolio (preferred stocks, convertible securities, MLP’s, covered calls and infrastructure) continued to add value with positive returns in all areas, Morris said. Only one segment, infrastructure, failed to exceed its benchmark, having only a negligible effect on the overall portfolio.

U.S. equity markets led the performance he said, pointing to strong results from the S&P 500.

He observed international equities also had performed well and that these would offer a good investment opportunity in the near future. He also commented that rebalancing to include more international equities could prove to be profitable for a longer term strategy – a view he said was held by Morgan Stanley’s Global Investment Committee.

The GIC also believes there will be more volatil-

ity and lower returns over the next 7 years with only modest returns for increased investment risk, he said. However, in the longer 20-year forecast, the GIC projects that the reward for investing in equities should outweigh associated risks of the marketplace.

For Q1 2019 the LBF portfolio produced the following returns:

- Short Term Fund, 0.44 percent actual yield (nearly 1.8 percent annualized);
- Group Investment Fund (comprised of various market sectors), 8.95 percent total return; and,
- Diversified Income Fund (conservative income-oriented fund), 2.76 percent total return.

Morris also confirmed all managers employed for the Foundation through Graystone Consulting continue to adhere to the Investment Policies established by the LBF Board. The net assets under management stand at \$160,933,391 as of the end of March, he said.

In other reporting, Chuck Murry, LBF controller,

reported a net surplus in the operating budget for the first quarter of the year.

Income from the Cooperative Program was slightly ahead of projections, but cost recovery fees were less than expected due to the downturn of the final quarter of 2018. The uptick in the market and increase in assets under management, along with a watchful eye on expenditures, helped keep the budget on an even keel, he said.

Jerry Love, planned giving director, reported several estates were settled in the opening months of the year and that several families had set up estate plans to leave bequests to their local churches. The Foundation also assisted with a \$17,000 gift of stock donations that benefitted the Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home and Family Ministries as well as a local church.

Love said the LBF staff is working to complete three additional estate bequests that will provide nearly \$1.2 million, combined, to a number of Baptist ministries and

a local congregation.

Executive Director Wayne Taylor reported there has been progress on the accounting system upgrade.

U.S. Computers of Lafayette is updating the existing accounting system, and Taylor stated that successful testing suggests the staff will be able to employ the improved software as early as June. The updates provide long-term data security and offer a platform for future expanded services to clients.

The Board approved a motion to change the parameters for income placed in reserve for the Short Term Fund. Trustees approved the creation of the reserve in the aftermath of the U.S. financial crisis of 2008, and had been setting aside some of the earnings as protection against a similar future market crisis.

Taylor said “the STF reserve is at a healthy level” and that by changing the amount being set aside, more interest could be paid to churches and entities invested in the Short Term Fund.

The poster features a vibrant background of overlapping geometric shapes in shades of purple, pink, and orange. Large, stylized white numbers '00' are prominently displayed on the left, with a yellow arrow pointing right behind them. Below the numbers, the text 'PTI '19' is written in a bold, blue font. On the right side, the date 'August 24th' is written in a large, yellow, cursive font. Below the date, the location and time 'LOUISIANA COLLEGE • 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM' are listed in white. Three pricing tiers are detailed: 'Early Bird' at \$30 (with a t-shirt included and postmarked by June 28), 'Regular' at \$35 (with a t-shirt included and postmarked by July 19th), and 'Late' at \$35 (with a t-shirt not included and after July 19th). The website 'louisianabaptists.org/pti' is printed at the bottom in a yellow font.

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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**

- **Larry Badon** has resigned as the pastor of Carroll Baptist Church, Walker.
- **Lloyd Lacombe** is the new pastor at First Baptist Church, Simmesport.
- **Jesse Prewitt** is the interim pastor of First Baptist Church, Lone Pine.
- **Jacob Guillory** is the interim pastor at Centerville Baptist Church.
- **Andy Granger** minister of music at New Bethlehem Baptist Church in Denham Springs is retiring June 9. A reception will be held following services on June 9.

**HOMECOMING**

- Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Winnfield: **Homecoming**, May 26, 10 a.m. Pastor: Joe Evans.
- Maplewood Baptist Church, Sulphur: **75th Anniversary Celebration**, June 2, 10:15 a.m. Pastor: Jeremy Blocker.
- Pine Hill Baptist Church, Leesville: **125th Homecoming**, June 1-2, Saturday, 6 p.m., there will be singing at the church; Sunday, 10:30 a.m., worship service followed by dinner on the grounds. Speaker: **Tri Evans**. Pastor: Tri Evans.
- Bethsadia Baptist Church, Many: **Homecoming**, June 9 10:45 a.m. Dinner on the grounds in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the morning worship service. Speaker: **James "Buddy" Greer of Paris, Texas**. Pastor: Jay Begbie.
- Linda Lay Memorial Baptist Church, Gilliam: **100th anniversary/homecoming**, June 9, 10 a.m. A catered BBQ lunch will be served following the worship service. Speaker: **Steve Armstrong**. Special Music: **The Offering**. Pastor: Eddie Kent.

**REVIVAL**

- Woodland Park Baptist Church, Hammond: **ALQC Road Revival**, May 25, 7 p.m. Worship: Day Three. Pastor: Mark Tolbert.
- Pine Grove Baptist Church, Bernice: **Revival**, May 26-29. Evangelist: **Scotty McDowell, chalk artist**. Pastor: Steve Barrett.
- First Baptist Church, Castor: **Family Crusade**, May 26-29. Evangelist: **2TALK42 Ministries**. Pastor: Preston Young.
- Red River Community Church, Marksville: **Revival**, May 31-June 2. Pastor: Louis

- Charrier.
- Faith Baptist Church, Baker: **Revival**, June 2-5, Sunday, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, 6 p.m. Evangelist: **Bill Britt**. Pastor: Arnold Austin.
- Bethsadia Baptist Church, Many: **Revival**, June 6-8, 6:30 p.m. Speaker: **James "Buddy" Greer of Paris, Texas**. Pastor: Jay Begbie.
- First Baptist Church, Winnfield: **Harvest Sunday**, June 9, 11 a.m. Evangelist: **Bill Britt**. Pastor: Stephen Smithson
- Aimoch Baptist Church, Olla: **Revival**, June 9-12, Sunday 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday-Wednesday 7 p.m. Pastor: Bobby McGuire.
- Trinity Baptist Church, Oakdale: **Revival**, June 9-12, Sunday 10:45 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday 7 p.m. Evangelists: **Mackey Willis Family**. Pastor: Dennis Lafleur.

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- New Hope Baptist Church, Choudrant is looking for a **bi-vocational minister of music**. For information, contact Rosemary at 318.982.8778.
- Trinity Baptist Church, Oakdale: **Wild Horse Ministries with Paul Dailey**, May 25, 2-4 p.m. Bring a lawn chair. Pastor: Dennis LaFleur.
- First Baptist Church, Zwolle: **Memorial Day Fish Fry**, May 26, after the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the activity building. The Church will provide the fish, fries, hush puppies and drinks. Pastor: Marty Williams.
- Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, West Monroe: **VBS - In the Wild**, June 2-6, 6-8:30 p.m.; **Family Night**, June 7, 6 p.m. Pastor: Randy Burdeaux.
- Philadelphia Baptist Church, Deville: **VBS - In the Wild**, June 2-6, 5:45-8:15 p.m. Schedule: 5:30 PM - Pre Safari Show, (1-6 Grade) 5:45 PM - Worship Rally (official beginning of VBS), 8:15 PM - dismissal. Online Registration: pbcministry.com/philadelphia-baptist-church/children. Pastor: Philip Robertson.
- First Baptist Church, Vidalia: **VBS - Amazing Encounters with Jesus**, June 3-7. This is for children age 4 thru fifth grade. Pastor: Wes Faulk.
- First Baptist Church, Haughton: **VBS - In the Wild**, June 3-7, 8 a.m. - noon. This is for kindergarten through sixth grade. **Family Night** will be June 7 at 6:30 p.m. Call the church office for more information 318.949.2441. Pastor: Gevan Spinney.
- First Baptist Church, Jonesboro: **VBS - Roar Life is Wild**, June 3-7. Pastor: Brian McAllister.
- First Baptist Church, Winnsboro: **VBS: In the Wild - Amazing Encounters with Jesus**, June 3-7, 9 a.m.-noon. VBS is for ages 12 and under. Pastor: Craig Beeman.
- Philadelphia Baptist Church, Horseshoe: **VBS - In the Wild**, June 3-7, 6-8:30 p.m. VBS is for those children finishing pre-K through



**Louisiana delegation welcomes President**

President Donald Trump visited the Cameron LNG Facility in Hackberry, Tuesday, May 14, to promote his commitment to energy independence. U.S. Rep. Ralph Abraham, a member of the Louisiana delegation (left), greeted Trump upon his arrival at Chennault International Airport in Lake Charles. The remainder of the delegation flew to the state aboard Air Force One. Trump toured the \$10 billion Cameron LNG facility before speaking to employees, local officials, school children and other invited guests. During the rally, plant officials celebrated the start-up of the first of three facilities that will produce liquified natural gas that will be shipped to global markets.

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- sixth grade. Supper will be provided. Pastor: Clay Fuqua.
- First Baptist Church, Mandeville: **VBS - In the Wild**, June 3-7, 9 a.m. - noon. Pastor: Jake Roudkovski.
- First Baptist Church, Lafayette: **VBS - In the Wild**, June 3-7, 9 a.m. - noon. This is for children who have completed grade 1-6. To register go to fbclaf.org/vbs.
- Old Pisgah Baptist Church, Marthaville: **Lisembys in concert**, June 5, 6-7:30 p.m. Pastor: Dean Johnson.
- Wilda Baptist Church, Boyce: **Tribute Quartet in concert**, June 5, 6 p.m. Multi-Dove Award nominated, Tribute, shares an evening of inspiration and songs from their latest recording. Pastor: Joey Rudisill.
- Gray Baptist Church, Jefferson, Texas: **Simple Faith in concert**, June 7, 6:30 p.m. The church is located at 150 FM 727, Jefferson, TX 75657. Pastor: Roy W. Davis.

**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.

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Dr. Rick Brewer, President

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