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Louisiana grocer's 'Gospel ad' draws national response

By Brian Blackwell
Message Staff Writer

ALEXANDRIA (LBM) -- Critics from across the country chimed in via the internet recently to target Reggy McDaniel, owner of Mac's Fresh Market stores with locations in Arkansas, Louisiana and Mis-

issippi, because of a Christian-based message he published in his grocery chain's weekly mailer.

McDaniel, a member of Kelly Baptist Church in Kelly, said he did not intend to cause a political controversy, but simply wanted to use a current topic to shine the light

of Christ in a spiritually dark world.

The ad, mailed out in early February, contained the message: "Heaven has a wall, a gate and a strict immigration policy. Hell has open borders. Let that sink in."

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Robeline afire during recent Gospel revival

By Brian Blackwell
Message Staff Writer

ROBELINE – Evangelist Sam Moore originally planned to preach just 10 days at the revival he led for the First Baptist Church in Robeline.

However, what began with a Disciple Now youth weekend retreat at church on Jan. 18 continued until Feb. 6, an additional nine days after the congregation extended the revival services two times.

Church officials reported 50 people repented and committed to live for Christ and that 38 of the new converts were baptized during the services.

Moore thanked God for sending the Holy Spirit to stir the people's hearts.

"The altars were full every night as the invitation was extended, and believers prayed for the lost and for themselves," Moore said. "Many publicly declared they had experienced personal revival in their lives. This church has really been in a state of revival for several years now. This church is very serious and intentional about prayer and outreach. God blessed their efforts and faithfulness."

Brian Ray, pastor of First Baptist Ro-

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Submitted photo

Pastor Brian Ray baptized Shaylee Rowe, one of 38 new converts during revival services at First Baptist Church, Robeline. The revival services were extended two times and saw 50 people repent and commit to live for Christ over the course of 19 days.

Pucik assumes leadership of the Northshore

By Brian Blackwell
Message Staff Writer

COVINGTON – Don Pucik, a former Louisiana Baptist pastor who moved out of state in 2002, has returned as association mission strategist for the Northshore Baptist Association.

Pucik, who served as senior pastor of Wynne Baptist Church in Wynne, Arkansas since 2013, said he is excited about the opportunity to minister to pastors in a state where he once served.

"For us it's a homecoming," Pucik said. "Two of our six kids were born here and the rest of them grew up here. We have always loved Louisiana, particularly south Louisiana's culture. We've always loved the celebrated spirit of Louisiana life. We are really delighted to be back and we are looking for-

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Inaugural 'Church Resource Expo' set

PELICAN –The inaugural Church Resource Expo will be held March 1, at no charge for attendees or vendors.

Organizers expect more than 40 vendors to partici-

pate and are planning for a crowd of 400 at the Clara Springs Baptist Camp event in Pelican.

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janitorial supply distributors and others will share information about the different products and support they can offer churches. There

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Robeline, said the extended revival was not about the pastor, congregation or who was on the schedule but was all about God's presence in the services.

"Every ounce of glory goes directly to Him," Ray said. "It's not about the church. We can't save anybody. That light always reflects Him."

PRAYING FOR REVIVAL

The church made preparations for the revival months in advance.

In October, each member was asked to pray for five lost people by name. Moreover, the congregation faithfully prayed in the following months, asking for wisdom, discernment and revival, as well as to plead that God's presence fill the worship center during each service.

"Without prayer it is impossible," Ray said. "We prayed that God would give us clean hearts and then prayed others' would change their hearts. Calling out names specifically to God is a big part. Many of those

names are now names that are written in the Lamb's Book of Life."

Katherine White was among those who responded to a call of repentance. She turned to Christ during the Jan. 22 revival meeting, and was baptized the following evening.

"At that moment I heard Sam Moore give the invitation, I started crying and struggled to stop," she said. "I knew he was talking to me. Satan didn't want me to get up and walk down the aisle, but I realized I needed Jesus, that I needed a relationship with Him.

"So I took that courage

that Jesus put in me and walked down the aisle," she said. "I felt a weight off my shoulder. It was the best thing I have ever experienced. I thank Jesus every day for saving me."

SEEING CONTINUED REVIVAL

First Baptist Robeline's revival services have concluded, but Ray believes God has much more in store for his church and the community.

"Just because the meeting is over doesn't mean the revival ended," Ray said, "and we know we have to be

good stewards of it moving forward.

"When we get our hearts as Christians aligned and we get humble and repent of our sins, our hearts begin to match up with the heart of God," he continued. "We are seeing people not only invite others to church, but see them in the community invite people to follow Jesus on the spot. We are blessed with a church family that consists of a lot of soul-winners. That's the heart of revival – to have a stirring inside our hearts that others might be saved."

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will be Christian entertainment, too.

One of the largest vendors, Sysco Foods, will host a church food show that will spotlight various foods ideal for serving at Vacation Bible School, dinner on the grounds and other events.

The expo will begin with a minister's conference at 3 p.m., but the general public will need to wait for the main exhibit hall and food show to open at 5 p.m.

Twenty-four breakout sessions by vendors are being offered during the expo, and door prizes donated by vendors will be awarded.

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After the ad was published, state and national newspapers, television stations and blogs issued reports on the response from customers and other people.

The criticism on the company's Facebook page included accusations of "false teaching" and complained about mixing religion, business and politics:

"You have lost several customers and considering this is a very small community, you will feel the impact," one person posted. Another person wrote: "How's about you just stick to selling food? Leave Jesus and your politics out of it."

But, McDaniel said he has received positive messages via phone calls and emails, too, originating from 25 states and even Canada.

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freedom of speech," one person posted on Mac's Facebook page. Another person added, "We love you [Reggy], We love Mac's! Stand strong, we need more Christians to speak up!"

McDaniel said he has included Christian-based messages in his chain's circulars for more than 20 years and that he has received a few negative comments in the past, but nothing compared to the large national response to the most recent edition.

"All I was trying to do was point people to Jesus, and I'm guilty of that," McDaniel told the Baptist Message. "And I'm still doing that."

McDaniel said he is burdened about shedding light on the issue of eternity.

"You can face Jesus when you go to Heaven or you can face God to put you somewhere you don't want to go," he said. "If Jesus doesn't come get you at the gate of Heaven and let you in, you're not going to get in. And you're going to face that ever-judging God."

"God hasn't changed from the Old Testament to the New Testament,"

he continued. "Jesus has all the mercy we want and all the forgiveness we want. We just have to go to Him to get it. I'm not the judge as to who will get to Heaven, but we're all to point people to Christ and let Him work with them."

McDaniel, who submitted his life to Christ when he was seven years old, said all Christians have a mandate to share Jesus in their daily lives.

"That's what He has commanded us to do, to go and spread the Gospel," he said. "That's our duty. That's just our service to God. Why would I not want to do that, knowing what awaits people in an eternal Hell."

McDaniel said he is

thankful for those who have supported his decision to share Christian messages on his grocery chain's mailer, and he will continue to incorporate Jesus in his business.

"Pray for us to continue to spread God's Word -- and pray for everyone else to do the same," he said.

McDaniel also said it is important to engage the

political process with the Gospel.

"People need to stand up and be counted," he said. "When it comes to standing up for the principles of God, we should stand right there with our elected leaders and tell them where we stand."

"We are required to work for God no matter what," he added.

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Greear calls for cover-up probe, 2 SBC entity heads repent

By Will Hall
Message Editor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (LBM) — J.D. Greear has asked the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to undertake the “necessary steps to determine whether the following churches meet the standards of having a faith and practice which closely identifies with the Convention’s adopted statement of faith.”

Greear, SBC president and pastor of The Summit in North Carolina, targeted six Texas congregations, two churches in Georgia and one each in Kentucky and Arkansas that were identified with cover-up behavior in an exposé by the *Houston Chronicle* and the *San Antonio Express-News*

relating to convictions, confessions and credible accusations of sex abuse involving 380 Southern Baptists pastors, deacons, staff, ministry leaders and volunteers and 700 victims during a period of two decades. About 220 of the perpetrators were convicted or made plea deals.

Greear made his case during the Feb. 18-19 meeting of the SBC Executive Committee in Nashville.

The SBC fellowship of churches included about 47,500 congregations with a membership of about 15 million in 41 state conventions as of 2017, the most recent data collected. In 1998, there were about 40,870 churches with more than 15.7 million members.

Despite general records

of attendance, etc., calculating an incident rate is not possible as there is no database with an accurate count of the ebb and flow of people in SBC congregations or the movement of pastors, members and ministry leaders from 1998-2018. Likewise, the actual number of those harmed by sexual abuse is not known because not all incidents are reported to outside authorities by churches or victims.

D. August (Augie) Boto, the interim president and CEO of the SBC Executive Committee, told reporters who were part of the investigative news series that the exposure of this sin within churches was “good” because “it is going to heighten awareness” among churches that too often are “soft targets” for



Baptist Press photo

Maintaining his signature theme of the “Gospel Above All,” SBC President J.D. Greear detailed his plan to battle sex abuse and its enablers during the SBC Executive Committee meeting Feb. 18 in Nashville.

sexual predators.

In his SBC EC remarks, Greear also welcomed the news coverage about sexual abuse for “shining a light on the magnitude of this horrific sin.”

“We need to regard any exposure, any shining of light on abuse, as our friend, even if it makes us ask some uncomfortable questions about ourselves, publicly,” he added.

MOHLER, AKIN APOLOGIZE

Greear did not address what steps might be taken regarding the admission by two SBC entity leaders that they had wrongly supported a pastor accused of concealing sexual abuse in his ministry.

Responding in an interview published Feb. 14 in

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Al Mohler



Danny Akin

the *Houston Chronicle*, R. Albert Mohler, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, said he “erred in being part of a statement supportive” of C.J. Mahaney, who was a defendant in a class action lawsuit alleging in part “a conspiracy to permit sexual deviants to have unfettered access to children for purpose of predation,” involving children as young as three years old, and obstruction of justice.

Mohler signed a statement of support after the lawsuit was dismissed in 2013 -- because of the stat-

ute of limitations and not its merits -- vouching for Mahaney’s “personal integrity, according to the Baptist Press. About the time of the lawsuits, Mahaney moved his ministry, Sovereign Grace Ministries, now known as Sovereign Grace Churches, from Maryland to Louisville.

Mohler told the *Chronicle* he regretted his “rather dismissive” actions and his lack of “due regard to the claims made by the victims and survivors.”

Daniel Akin, president of the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, also was contacted by the

Chronicle, and responded similarly.

Akin told the *Chronicle* he did not think Sovereign Grace handled the accusations well.

“I think they could have been far more transparent,” he said. “I think they could have been far more forthcoming. Even to this day, there’s still a lack of clarity,” adding that transparency would have “saved a lot of people a lot of grief.”

Mahaney spoke at SEBTS in 2013 during the turmoil of the lawsuit and about the time of the public statement of support by Mohler.

EZELL’S CLERGY-PENITENT CLAIM REVISITED

Meanwhile, an alleged cover-up involving Kevin Ezell, president of the SBC North American Mission Board, continues to linger.

Joni Hannigan, a veteran Southern Baptist reporter, brought up the issue in an article about the sexual abuse resolution passed by messengers to the 2018 SBC Annual Meeting in Dallas.

Hannigan noted that the consensus statement omitted any reference to “clergy-penitent privilege,” a claim Ezell made in 2004 as pastor of Highview Baptist Church in Louisville with regard to not testifying against a sexual predator who was a member of the congregation and reportedly a Sunday school teacher and choir volunteer.

The man also had been employed at one time by the school operated by the church.

Eventually the predator pled guilty to sexually abusing seven boys who were his students when he was a public school teacher in the 1970s and 1980s.

Hannigan posted the article on her website, *The Truth Is In Crisis*, and although her article largely quoted what had been published by the *Louisville Courier Journal* article at the time of the controversy, she received strong pushback from NAMB to remove the post, and was even warned she had put herself “into a potentially libelous situation.”

SEXUAL PREDATORS IN LOUISIANA

The *Houston Chronicle* database included information about four men who previously served as Louisiana Baptist pastors, youth ministers and volunteers and were convicted or pled guilty to sexual abuse crimes:

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-- Holland Farrell Mc-Morris, former pastor of Paradise Baptist Church, Ball, was convicted in 2010 in a Rapides Parish court and is serving a 25-year sentence in a Louisiana state prison for sex crimes.

-- Angelo "Doogie" Golatt, former youth volunteer at Donahue Family Church, Pineville (now named Journey Church), was arrested in 2006 in Jerome County, Idaho, where he was charged with two counts of sexual abuse/exploitation of a vulnerable adult, and later pleaded guilty to a reduced battery charge. He was sentenced to four counts of forcible rape in 2012 in a Rapides Parish court and is serving a 40-year sentence in Louisiana.

-- James Robert Griffin, former volunteer associate pastor at Immanuel Baptist Church, Slidell, was convicted in 2009 in St. Tammany Parish of aggravated

incest and pornography involving juveniles.

-- Jonathan Bailey, former youth minister at the First Baptist Church, New Orleans, was convicted in 2016 in Orleans Parish with 12 felonies, including molestation of a juvenile, indecent behavior with a juvenile and obstruction. He is serving a 10-year sentence in Louisiana.

FRIENDLY COOPERATION CHANGES

Greear also asked the SBC Executive Committee to amend SBC documents to disqualify any church for membership that shows "a wanton disregard for sexual abuse and for caring for the survivors." Comparing the sins of sexual abuse and cover up with the issue of a church affirming homosexuality, which is a basis for disfellowship in the SBC, Greear said "our position on this issue is clear."



Morris Abernathy photo

Amy Whitfield (at podium) of Southeastern Seminary voiced a prayer for victims of sexual abuse at the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee meeting in Nashville Feb. 18.

"We must take seriously that our position on abuse is clear too," he underscored.

The change would add tolerance of sexual abuse to the items that identify a

church as not "in friendly cooperation" with "a faith and practice which closely identifies with the convention's adopted statement of faith."

Greear made a number

of other detailed recommendations regarding the problem of sexual abuse, including a call for: "a season of lament, sorrow, and

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ward to the future.”

CALLED TO SERVE

Pucik was raised in a family that practiced Roman Catholicism, but he turned from God and religion when he entered high school, he told the Baptist Message. However, before his senior year he found Christ during a worship service at a Baptist church in Dayton, Ohio.

“In high school, I stepped back away from all things church, God and religion,” he said. “The world for me became a very dark place. I met some genuine Christians who invited me to church and it was there in a storefront mission church that I heard the Gospel for the first time. By faith I trusted Him and He changed my heart.”

While at the University of Texas, Pucik started a Bible study and it quickly grew too big for his dormitory room. He realized

then God was calling him into vocational ministry, and he soon transferred to Blue Mountain College in Blue Mountain, Mississippi, to train for ministry.

During the years that followed, Pucik served as associate pastor and church administrator at First Baptist Church, Beverly Hills, California; pastor of Dumas Baptist Church, Dumas, Mississippi; pastor of New Covenant Baptist Mission, Lake Charles; associate pastor and minister of outreach at First Baptist Church, Lake Charles; pastor of membership and ministry at Crosspoint Baptist Church, Baton Rouge; editor of pastoral content at Life-Way Christian Resources and pastor to singles at The Peoples Church in Franklin, Tennessee; and, associate executive director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas.

He and his wife, Gail,

have six children and two grandsons.

VISION TO MINISTER

Pucik said his vision is four-fold, explaining that he will focus his efforts to: lift up Jesus; fulfill the Great Commission and evangelize the lost; encourage pastors, ministers and church leaders; and, strengthen churches.

“My personal conviction is the Lord has a plan for the Northshore,” he said. “My task is to discover and get in on what the Lord is doing. What we need is a vision of God like Isaiah has and in the context of pursuing Him and seeing His face, that will be clear.

“How we do our work is just as important as what we do,” he continued. “The last thing we need is another busy associational calendar. We want to be focused on what the Lord has in mind.”

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repentance”; “evaluating” the possibility of a database listing known predators; adding questions to the Annual Church Profile “to verify” prevention policies are in place; support for resources that are being developed as a “training standard” for Southern Baptists; agreement on three “Statement of Principles on Abuse” (seminaries, state conventions, associations); immediate review at every level of “policies and procedures relating to abuse”; “background checks, at a minimum, for all SBC standing committees and trustee appointments”; and, reexamination of “our ordination processes.”

Greear closed his remarks to the SBC Executive Committee by reflecting on the future of the SBC.

“I believe the Holy Spirit has great days ahead,” he said. “If we keep the Gospel above all, heed the

voice of the Holy Spirit, commit ourselves to His mission, and cast ourselves upon His mercy, the gates of Hell will not stand a chance.”

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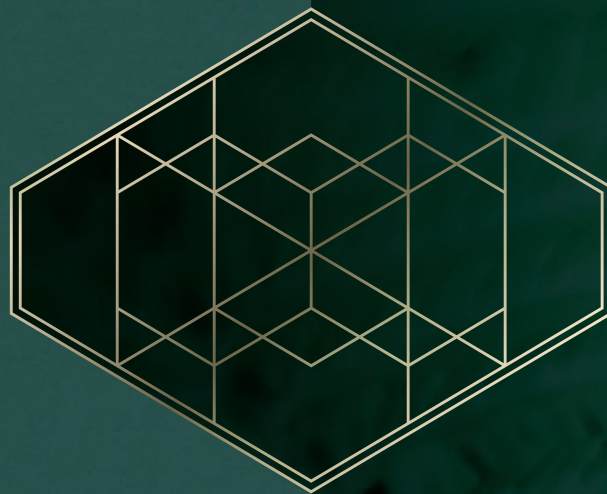
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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
The Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries in Monroe, LA is currently seeking individuals to fill the positions of:
CAMPUS FOSTER PARENTS
Husband/wife teams needed. Full-time positions include salary, benefits, paid vacation and training. Provide love, care, and hope in Christ to children in need. Applicants should not have children living at home under the age of 18. Must have a sense of call and commitment to a ministry of service to children and be an active member of a local Southern Baptist church.
Please send résumé to Dr. Perry Hancock (phancock@lbch.org) or Susan Nolan (snolan@lbch.org) or P.O. Box 4196, Monroe, LA 71211.
HOMEPLACE COTTAGE MANAGERS
Baptist women needed for full-time or part-time positions to serve as cottage managers in HomePlace, a transitional living ministry for homeless children and their mothers. The full-time position includes salary, benefits, housing, paid vacation, and training. Provide love, care, and hope in Christ to children and families in need. Both full-time and part-time positions require 24-hour work schedules.
Please submit résumé to Susan Clark at sclark@lbch.org or P.O. Box 4196, Monroe, LA 71211.

Bi-Vocational MINISTER OF MUSIC
Pisgah Baptist Church in Forest Hill, LA is seeking a bi-vocational minister of music to lead worship service.
Email résumés to cjrob928@aol.com or for more information, call 318.446.4320.

MINISTER OF MUSIC
First Baptist Church, Marthaville, LA is seeking a minister of music. Able to work with youth is a plus. Housing opportunity is possible.
Email résumés to Danny Forsythe at dforsythe@goldmangreen.com or call 318.481.9313.

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.

IN REMEMBRANCE

■ **Grace Lee**, wife of former Louisiana Baptist Convention Executive Director Robert L. Lee, went home to be with the Lord on Jan. 27, 2019. She passed away in her home surrounded by her family holding her hands and singing "Just a Closer Walk with Thee." She was affectionately referred to through the years as "Amazing Grace" by her husband and friends because of her gracious Christian spirit and servant heart. There will be a memorial service to honor her life on March 1 at 6 p.m. at FBC Pineville. Visitation will be held from 4-6 p.m. in the sanctuary. Following the service, there will be a supper/fellowship in the FBC fellowship hall commemorating the 40 years that Grace helped coordinate and preside over an annual International Fellowship for foreign born persons within the community. The family invites everyone to bring their "favorite dish of their land."



ON THE MOVE

■ **Lexi Cole** is the new youth minister at Alto Baptist Church, Alto.
 ■ **Brian Martin** is the new Pastor at Manchac Baptist Church, Akers.

REVIVAL

■ Calvary Baptist Church, Merryville:

Spring Revival, March 2-5, 7 p.m. nightly, Sunday, 10:45 a.m. Evangelist: **Jason Townley, pastor of Pine Ridge Baptist Church, Melder** will speak nightly but will not speak at the Sunday morning worship service. Pastor: Jim Miers.

■ First Baptist Church, Dubach: **Revival**, March 3-6. Evangelist: **Lyndon Longoria**. Pastor: Cory Bruce.

■ Summer Grove Baptist Church, Shreveport: **Bill Glass Crusade**, March 1-2, Friday, 5:30 p.m. tailgate party, 6:30 p.m.: Equip & Ignite. Cost: \$25. Evangelist: Bill Glass, Behind the Walls Ministry. Worship: Price Harris.

■ Yankee Springs Baptist Church, Castor: **Revival**, March 10-13, Sunday 10:30 & 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday 6 p.m. Worship: **WeRCalled**. Pastor: Larry Carr.

■ Bogue Chitto Baptist Church, Mt. Hermon: **Revival**, March 10-13, Sunday, 10:30 a.m. and 5:30pm. Monday-Wednesday, 6:30pm; Evangelist/Worship: **The Allen Family**. Pastor: Calvin Crowe.

■ Beaugard Memorial Baptist Church, Longville: **Revival**, March 10-13. Evangelist: **Scotty McDowell, chalk artist**. Pastor: Jimmy Clark.

■ Open Door Baptist Church, Ragley: **Dedication of new worship center**, March 15, Evangelist: **Bill Britt**. Pastor: Sonny Simpson.

LAGNIAPPE

■ Clark Springs Baptist Church of Eros, LA is in search of a **pastor**. Please send your résumé to Pastor Search Committee, Clark Springs Baptist Church, 139 Clark Springs Road, Eros, LA 71238 or email to clarkspringsbaptist@yahoo.com. The church office number is 318-249-2149.

■ Kingston Road Baptist Church, Shreveport: **Fifth Sunday Singing**, March 31, 5-7 p.m. If interested in participating in the singing, please call Cathy Davis at 318.775.5643. Everyone is invited. Pastor: Jeremy Spurling.

■ First Baptist Church, Slidell: **Parade Outreach**, March 1, 4 p.m. This year during the Selene Parade on the front lawn of the

church, we will provide food, cups, candy, and hot chocolate. Pastor: Casey Stark.

■ First Baptist Church, West Monroe: **Fresh Grounded Faith**, March 1-2, Friday, 7-9:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This event is being co-hosted by Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, West Monroe. Featuring: Jennifer Rothschild. Special Guests: **Lisa Whelchel, Karen Abercrombie and Michael O'Brien**. Cost: \$49 and \$54. For tickets and more information, go to <http://www.freshgroundedfaith.com/west-monroe-la>. Pastor: Michael Woods.

■ New Hope Baptist Church, Choudrant: **15th Annual Wild Games Supper**, March 2, 6 p.m.. Speaker: Grant Taylor, Buck Commander. Pastor: Dwayne Monk.

■ First Baptist Church, Pineville: **First@First Business Leader Luncheon**, March 4, noon. Speaker: **Justin Charles, Louisiana College head football coach**. Cost: \$10 and you may pay at the door. Please RSVP to Stewart Holloway (sholloway@fbcpineville.net.) Pastor: Stewart Holloway.

■ Airline Baptist Church, Bossier City: **Tribute Quartet in concert**, March 10, 6 p.m. Pastor: Terry Young.

■ Temple Baptist Church, Ruston: **Annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet**, March 12, 6 p.m. Guest Speaker: **Dennis Swanberg**. Pastor: Reggie Bridges.

■ First Baptist Church, Covington: **Adults 55+ Young at Heart Spring Celebration**, March 12, 9 a.m. to noon. The event features the music, humor, and inspiration of Branson's own Doug Gabriel & Family. Cost: \$10 (payable at the door) and includes lunch. Deadline to register is 4 p.m., March 6. Register at www.fbccov.org/all-events/young-atheart-march-12/ or call the church office at 985.892.2149. Please register by individual names unless you are registering and paying with

one check for your group. Note: Seating is limited and the caterer must be paid for all who are registered by the deadline so please contact the church before the deadline if you must cancel. Pastor: Waylon Bailey.

■ Jerusalem Baptist Church, Hammond: Craft and Car Show, March 16. Vendor spots are open. For more information, call the church office at 225.294.2001. Pastor: Phil Weaver.

■ Shiloh Christian Fellowship Baptist Church, New Orleans: **Excellence in Ministry Conference**, March 16, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Speakers: **Shateek Nobles, pastor of My Redeemer; Fred Luter, pastor of Franklin Avenue Baptist**

Church, Leroy Fountain, vice president of Louisiana Baptist Convention. Attendees will learn how to build effective leadership teams; stimulate church growth and utilize 21st century Outreach Techniques. The goal of this year's conference is to equip attendees with resources to make a difference to make a difference in their community, Church and their family. Cost: \$15. RSVP @ Eventbrite, by phone 504.948.4599 or by email resvp2019nola@gmail.com. Pastor: Michael B. Raymond.

PASTOR
 Trinity Baptist Church, Natchitoches, La. is seeking a pastor.
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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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Clues:
 Y = D; G = A

Answer to February 14 Scripture Crypto:
 Revelation fifteen: four

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Eva Boger~ Adoptive mother

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