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State missions offering funded a spiritual harvest



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The students at Redeemed Life Fellowship have grown closer to the Lord and each other through discipleship and prayer. In 2024, two of them professed their faith through baptism and many more have been discipled.

By Brian Blackwell
Message staff writer

PATTERSON, La. (LBM) – Ronnie Mabile moved to Michigan from St. Mary Parish in 2018, never dreaming he would return just two years later to the same area for a Gospel harvest.

Since then, he has seen first-hand God's provision and expansion of the Kingdom through Redeemed Life Fellowship, Patterson. "It took a long time

for people to understand who we are, what we there for and basically that we just want to be a part of the community and be the hands and the feet of Jesus," Mabile told the *Baptist Message*. "And by doing that, we have now become a church where if anything in the community needs to be done, they call us first. "Rural church planning is not for the faint of heart," he added. "But

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Louisiana Christian University Acting President David Jeffreys (r) said the school remains committed to a biblical worldview in a time when "craziness is going on in our society." He added that academics and athletics remain strong.

LCU Town Hall updates search for new president

By Brian Blackwell
Message staff writer

PINEVILLE, La. (LBM) – Several months after a search began for Louisiana Christian University's next president, nearly 100 alumni, faculty, and staff of the school along with community

leaders gathered for an update at a Town Hall meeting inside the Granberry Conference Room on campus, Aug. 8.

BACKGROUND

The Town Hall was the second of seven scheduled meetings

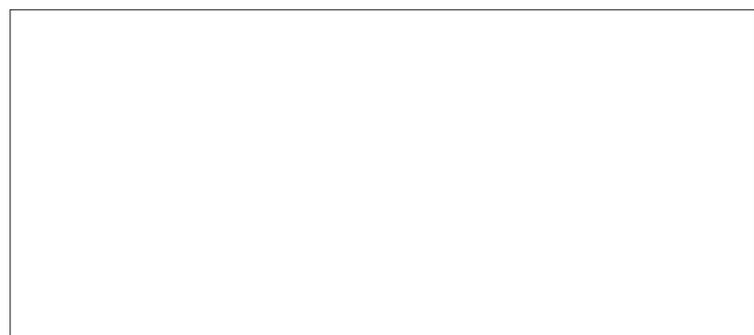
around the state that will offer additional insight from those interested in the search for the next president and in the direction of the school moving forward.

Rick Brewer retired in March as the 9th president of the nearly 120-year-old institution. David Jeffreys, who served as executive vice

president and chief operating officer since 2022, was then appointed by the board as acting president, and a presidential search committee was formed.

The search committee enlisted the firm of Carter Baldwin

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Retired LBC ministers harvest souls at Shreveport assisted living center

By Brian Blackwell
Message staff writer

SHREVEPORT, La. (LBM) – Crawford Wil-

liams and Price Harris may no longer be sharing the Good News in churches every week, but they stay active in retirement by be-

ing on mission in leading chapel services for The Glen assisted living community.

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'Full circle' mission trip nets 558 Brazilians for Christ

By Brian Blackwell
Message staff writer

FLORIANOPOLIS, Brazil (LBM) – Deanne Denton recently took a mission trip to Brazil that took her “full circle” to the church

where she spent a week as a summer missionary 35 years earlier.

Denton, previously part of a six-member collegiate team to Brazil in the summer of 1989, worked alongside Igreja Batista

Barreiros (Barreiros Baptist Church) in Florianopolis during Beyond the Walls’ (a ministry that equips and enables groups to share the Gospel overseas) 2024 trip. During the recent trip she was reunited with Elizan-

dra, who learned about Christ through the collegiate team’s ministry at the same church more than three decades earlier.

“To see Elizandra, who was eight at the time I first served in Florianopolis, stand during our final worship service this summer and share that God used our collegiate team years ago to draw her to the church and tell her about Jesus gave us all such encouragement,” she told the *Baptist Message*. “To know she is now married to Dario, one of Barreiros’s pastors who served alongside our team this year, further reminded us of what God can do.

“Dario will begin leading his church in ongoing ministry with one of the tribes of Guarani (indigenous people group) in the mountains surrounding Florianopolis. It’s a true full circle moment you rarely experience in ministry,” she continued. “All those years ago, six college students were just obedient to do small tasks the missionaries laid before us, and God used it. So often,

you complete a mission trip just trusting there will be lasting results. When God directs the work, He multiplies it for generations to come. It was a true gift for us to tangibly experience what we always pray, and trust God will do.”

Denton, the wife of David Denton, pastor with Highland Baptist Church, New Iberia, was among 33 members of a Louisiana Baptist-led mission team from Florida, Louisiana, Texas and Utah that saw a harvest of 558 Brazilians, July 5-16.

While there, the team split into two groups that served in either Florianopolis or Jequitinhonha and participated in personal evangelism visits, drama ministry, construction of a church, compassion ministry that included food distribution, and street evangelism ministry. Additionally, the Florianopolis team was granted permission by the government to venture into seven of the 13 Guarani tribes (a protected indigenous people group) located near the city.

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FBCC's Bailey to headline annual E4+ conference

By Staff
Louisiana Baptist Message

PINEVILLE, La. (LBM) – Waylon Bailey, senior pastor with First Baptist Church, Covington, is the keynote speaker for the 2024 E4+ Preaching Conference, scheduled for Sept. 24, in the facilities of the First Baptist Church, Pineville.

Bailey, who has served as FBCC senior pastor since 1989, will bring messages during the general sessions of the annual conference.

According to the FBCC website, Bailey has seen worship attendance grow from 300 to 2,200 since he became pastor and in 2001 led the congregation to move from a downtown location to

the current campus. Since relocating, the church has baptized 2,612, according to the Annual Church Profile of statistics. Bailey, a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and his wife, Martha, have two grown adult daughters and four grandchildren.

“I am excited and thankful to be speaking at the E4 Conference,” Bailey told the *Baptist Message*. “I learned early in my ministry that I would only be able to speak to most of our people on Sunday morning only. I realized how important it is to preach the Gospel and to make it plain and simple, as well as applicable to everyday life. I am always appreciative of the opportunities to talk ‘church’ and to share the life changing message of holy Scripture.”

This year’s conference also will feature breakout sessions for pastors and directors of youth, media/

sound, music and children, as well as ministers’ wives. Breakout sessions for pastors will include such topics as leadership and preaching through books of the Bible and will be led by professors from Louisiana Christian University, NOBTS and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

“We are looking forward to another great E4,” FBCC Pastor Stewart Holloway said. “Dr. Bailey will bring his depth of experience as an effective pastor and excellent expositor to our conference.”

The E4+ Conference began in 2009 with a vision to exemplify, encourage, equip and empower pastors to preach expositional sermons. Past speakers have included Don Wilton, pastor with First Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina; Fred Lowery, pastor emeritus with First Baptist Church, Bossier City, Louisi-

ana; David Uth, pastor with First Baptist Church, Orlando, Florida; Steve Gaines, pastor with Bellevue Baptist Church, Cordova, Tennessee, and a former SBC president; Jamie Dew, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; and David Allen, professor with Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Cordova, Tennessee.

The conference will begin with registration at 8 a.m. and end at 5 p.m., at a cost of \$75 for ministers, \$85 collectively for ministers/spouses and \$25 for students. Lunch will be provided at the church. Group discounts are available through local associations. Participants can register online at fbcpineville.net by clicking on the “E4+” carousel at the top of the webpage. Individuals interested in receiving the associational discount should contact their area director of missions or associational mission strategist.

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if you are committed to building those relationships, people will look to you like you have been here forever.”

Mabile, who pastored a church located 40 miles from Patterson (St. Mary Parish) before moving to Michigan in 2018, felt called back to Louisiana after passing by a vacant church building in the community when he returned for a visit in the summer.

He learned that Gulf Coast Baptist Association planned to sell the property that formerly housed Calumet Baptist Church, a congregation that closed in 2015. But leaders were open to Mabile planting a church there instead and after three days of prayer he felt God was calling him to replant the church.

A core group of seven members held the church's first meeting inside Mabile's

house, Dec. 3, 2020, and two years later they moved into the worship center that was remodeled by various groups who either sent volunteers or contributed financially.

In state groups included: Bayou Vista Baptist Church, Morgan City; First Baptist Church, Plaquemine; Live Oak Baptist Church, Denham Springs; One Life Church, Denham Springs (it has since closed); Little Pass Baptist Church, Charenton; and Gulf Coast Baptist Association.

Out of state groups included: Bay Area Baptist Association in Michigan; Cimarron Baptist Association in Oklahoma; Sunrise Baptist Church; Midland, Michigan; and Church of Burch Run, Birch Run, Michigan.

Additionally, the Georgia Barnette Louisiana Missions Offering provided funding to

help with the renovations. The result of all this help was that the church moved into their remodeled worship center debt free.

“The faithfulness of Louisiana Baptists through the Georgia Barnette Offering gave us a monthly stipend to be able to truly excel and support what we needed to do,” he said. “It would be hard for us to be here without the help of Louisiana Baptists and the offering. I don't know how we would have been able to get where we are today.”

The church, which averages 55 for Sunday morning worship and 35 for Sunday school, is a mainstay in the community. Their ministry efforts have included providing 300-400 meals once a week as part of a city-wide community outreach to seniors and disabled individuals; mission trips to Arkansas, New Orleans and Kenya; Vacation Bible School; and distributing Bibles and

providing snow cones and bounce houses for a soccer camp for St. Mary Parish residents.

Their outreach efforts resulted in six souls turning to Christ and being baptized in 2023. Another three have stirred the baptistery waters this year, with another two likely taking that step soon.

“Our church is made up probably of 75 to 80 percent of people who either were lost, or, not going to any church,” Mabile said. “So, we have very little transitional growth from one church to the other. And I think that's such a blessing because truly the unchurched is who we're reaching.”

STATEWIDE GBO IMPACT

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Sept. 8-15 has been set aside as the Week of Prayer for state missions and ministries. Resources, including videos demonstrating the scope and impact of the Georgia Barnette Offering, have been mailed to churches across the state. This year's offering goal is \$1.75 million, and churches are urged to begin promoting the Georgia Barnette Louisiana Missions Offering now. Online promotional pieces can be accessed at GeorgiaBarnette.org.



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Carter Baldwin has completed more than 200 executive placements in higher education, K-12

schools, foundations and nonprofit organizations in the last five years, many of which are faith-based or church-related organizations.

Additionally, Frank Ashley is assisting the school in developing a long-term strategy. A graduate of LCU, Ashley most recently served as interim dean at the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University.

SEARCH UPDATE

Byron McGee, who

recently returned to the school as alumni director, opened the Town Hall and shared how he has spent the last few months reconnecting with alumni and donors and reassuring them that they are vital part of the search process as the school moves forward.

"Your input is important," he said. "We need our alums to get on board with us. Many have stayed on board, but there's some who have not, and we want them back. And what I've heard over the weeks and the few months I've been here is encouraging because what I'm hearing (from them) is 'we want the college to do well, and we will support it, but we're watching, and we want to see what's going to happen in these weeks and months leading up to your new president.'"

Jeffreys said that the school remains committed to a biblical worldview in a time when "craziness is going on in our society." He added that academics and athletics remain strong.

Jeffreys said he is excited that Ashley is assisting the school.

"He has come back and helped us in the process of going through some strategic planning and thinking," Jeffreys said. "And one of the things he's challenged us with is to remember our 'why' – why we're here and what we're doing. I had a good reminder of that this week because we're finally getting students back on campus. That's what we're here for – to train them and to equip them and to transform their lives."

LCU Board of Trustees Chair Anthony Bunting expressed gratitude for those who attended the Town Hall and for the alumni who have continued to return to the school and serve in a variety of capacities. Moving forward, he said LCU will continue to focus on being a faith-based university and furthering excellence in academics and athletics.

"When you think about being a Christian university and representing Christ, our objective is to spread the Gospel and make disciples," he said. "So, when you think about that commandment, that's

what we're about."

He reiterated that Ashley is a valuable asset as the school looks to the future.

"He's been in higher education probably for more than 30 years, so he's a great guy," he said. "He's been a great asset. And since he's an LC graduate, he's just doing all this at no cost to the university. So, what we plan to do is have a great strategy coming out of these sessions."

Justin Langford, dean of the School of Ministry and Performing Arts, shared that 345 responses have been submitted for a survey that will offer input on the presidential search process. Of those submissions, 63 percent are alumni, 25 percent are faculty, 8 percent are friends of the school and 4 percent are students. He said the results will help shape the profile of the president.

"The survey is there; if you have not taken it, please do so," he said. "This is not just something we want to do to check off a box. We talk about this survey and the results every time, or at least so far, we have talked about this every time we've met. So, this is important to us. This isn't just data that's floating around in cyberspace somewhere. We want to use this to help serve us best in our school."

Natalie Maxey, assistant professor of engineering, said she felt comforted in discussions with Carter Baldwin, who visited the campus to meet with the search committee and others on campus.

"We all know this is a really important decision,"

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she said. “We need to get this as right as we possibly can, and so we really want to be faithful in really trying to do a good job in getting a good pool of candidates to choose from, and in making a really good choice, trusting God with the search.”

She said the firm hopes to have a subset of potential candidates by late November and meet with the first candidates in early January, with a recommendation of the next president by February.

“In our research and reading early on, a mantra kind of stuck with us was that we want to have maximized transparency in the process, but privacy for the actual candidates,” she said. “So, we’re not even going to see actual names of candidates until late in the process. They’ll be vetted by the search firm for a long time. They’ll give us characteristics of people that they’re seeing and what some of those qualities are, but until it’s a small number of people that they’re looking at we’re probably not even going to know their names yet. And so that’s going to kind of be the process, and likely some of us will not even see until we get to a final couple of candidates.”

She encouraged others to continue submitting recommendations for president.

“Anyone’s welcome to submit any names they want to,” she said. “We have received a few names already, or recommendations, or emails. We are not even looking at those at the moment, but all of those are going to also go through the search firm process. So even if it’s a local person, you know, somebody you know that gets recommended to us, all of those are going to be vetted through the search firm, so everybody’s going to go through that process there.”

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Louisiana Baptist Executive Director Steve Horn, before leading them in a prayer, told the crowd he is grateful for the friendships he has formed with Jeffreys and others throughout his years of ministry in the state.

“Father, we are thankful for tonight, thankful for just a spirit of wanting to help this institution tonight and God

we pray that we would leave here with a sense that this is all really bigger than who we are as individuals,” he prayed. “Help us to leave tonight with a sense that regardless of our own personal opinions and even objectives, what is critical is that in just a few days from now this campus will have brand new students on it, and some who have been here for a few years.

And God, that’s what’s really important beyond anything else that we do, the lives that you are orchestrating together on this campus.

“So, because of that, we make it our prayer tonight that you would help us to provide the very best experience for these students whatever that might be, most of all, centered around the mission of helping them to leave this place as disciples of our Lord. Tonight, we ask, oh God, that you would bless the search for a new president

and God, just as you have a plan for all of our lives that you will help us to come to understanding of that next plan for this institution.”

Five more Town Hall meetings will take place Aug. 20, 6:30 p.m. at 201 Riggs Street, Edgewood Building, West Monroe; Aug. 27, 6:30 p.m. at 2222 Lakeshore Dr., New Orleans Baptist Association building, New Orleans; Sept. 3, 6:30 p.m. at 416 Marilyn Dr., home of Beth Frith; Lafayette; Sept. 5, 6:30 p.m. at

10560 Airline Hwy., Baptist Association of Greater Baton Rouge building; and Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m. at a location to be determined, Lake Charles.

The committee continues to receive inputs for the presidential search from a survey developed by LCU’s research department. The survey tool can be accessed at <https://lcuuniversity.edu/lcu-president-search/>. Additionally, the search committee can receive recommendations at: psc@lcuuniversity.edu.

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2 CORINTHIANS 9:11-15 ESV

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FBC Baton Rouge: Proud father passes pastor's baton to son on Father's Day

By Brian Blackwell
Message staff writer

BATON ROUGE, La. (LBM) – Andrew Ogea has been commissioned as a pastor with multiple church plants, but nothing compared to his installation as the pastor of First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, when his dad passed the mantel of leadership to him on Father's Day.

"A pastoral succession between a father and son is a unique experience that probably doesn't happen very often, and for ours to occur on Father's Day made it especially meaningful," Ogea told the *Baptist Message*. "My father handed me the baton after I promised to faithfully

shepherd the congregation. For him to be the person passing that baton to me was incredible."

Ogea, who previously served as worship pastor and executive pastor with Vintage Church, New Orleans, and later as worship and discipleship pastor with Northshore Church, Slidell, said he will do his best with the Lord's guidance to fulfill those promises he made, including keeping God first, family second and the church third and leading with love, encouragement and integrity to the church and community.

Additionally, the church promised during the ceremony to pray for Ogea and his family and encourage them.

He added that he has learned much about pastoring churches from his dad, who has served multiple churches as an interim pastor for 17 churches.

"My father exemplifies strong expository preaching, strategic leadership, and the importance of longevity in ministry," he said. "God was so gracious to bless me with not only a devoted father, but also a hero in ministry."

Ogea's dad, Reggie, shared this was the most challenging and rewarding of all the churches where he has served as interim pastor.

"The chairman of the pastor search committee said he wondered if they would turn out the lights at one point but now feels they have a bright future,"



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Reggie Ogea prayed over his son, Andrew, and passed the mantel of pastoral leadership to his son during a special Father's Day service at First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge. Additionally, the church promised during the ceremony to pray for Ogea and his family and encourage them.

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During these bridge-building visits, many tribal members heard the Gospel for the first time, some coming to Christ immediately. One of the tribal leaders commented as the team left, "because you have been so respectful of us, we will be more open to hearing you again."

GOSPEL FIELDS

David Denton said he was amazed at how God used his wife's service in Florianopolis 35 years ago to plant seeds for a spiritual harvest.

"What transpired this trip confirmed to us that God is working, and that God works in ways that we don't see," he said. "It renews our trust and faith in God's ability to produce the fruit from the seeds that we sow.

"It's the Lord who brings the increase," he continued. "We just have to trust Him, step out, and do what He's called us to do. He's the one that's working to bring all things to a conclusion for the sake of His glory."

John Galey, pastor with Poydras Baptist Church, Saint Bernard, felt the presence of spiritual warfare taking place during

one visit to a tribe that previously had one Christ follower. Shortly after his team's arrival, Galey learned the tribe's witch doctor refused to attend the gathering where the Gospel was presented and chose to remain in her home during the duration of the visit.

Even still, the drama team presented, and Galey shared the Gospel. Stella, the daughter of the witch doctor and wife of the tribal leader, then accepted Christ. She was among 15 in the tribe who turned to Jesus.

"It was neat knowing that we went to people who had never heard the true Gospel of Jesus," Galey said. "We used their love for nature to share with them that we know the one true God who made all of this. Hopefully our visit left a tremendous impact on the tribe."

A visit to a prison in Jequitinhonha was the highlight of the trip for Patricia Lincecum, a member with Lincecum Baptist Church, Georgetown, Louisiana. Her team saw 70 inmates profess faith in Christ.

"The men were huge and intimidating at first glance, but when we talked

to them all of that just drifted away," she said. "They were so happy that we were there, and they didn't want us to leave."

Lincecum also saw 100 people accept Jesus during visits in Jequitinhonha homes and beauty shops.

"I wanted everyone to leave with a feeling of the love of Jesus," she said. "We wanted them to know He loved them and that they too can experience His love."

Christi Ogea, a member with HBC, was moved to tears after an encounter with a single mother, who accepted Christ during a food basket delivery in Florianopolis.

"She had such vulnerability and the biggest smile knowing that what she did in the past didn't matter, since she now knew Christ," Ogea said. "After we finished praying, we hugged knowing we now have this automatic spiritual bond that will last an eternity."

Ogea, who also shared the Gospel as a member of the drama team, was in awe of the evangelistic zeal

shown by the youth from a local church. While the Gospel was shared at a local public high school, the teens prayed and afterward they witnessed five of their classmates turn to Jesus.

"It was cool to see the youth, at such a young age, be so in tune with the Spirit," she said. "They would lift their hands in prayer as Jesus was proclaimed. At that moment, it seemed like there was no more important place to be than there for the youth."

Sean Keith, Louisiana Baptists' adult ministry strategist, was amazed at the opportunity to work directly with the different tribes, many who had never heard the Gospel.

"To see them interact with us, listen intently to the Gospel, and respond to our compassionate ministry was a unique and joyful experience," he said. "I had the privilege of working with a local church to do evangelistic and ministry visits.

"Every interaction was positive and engaging," he continued. "When I had the opportunity to visit with families who were dealing with debilitating diseases whose faith was strong and even encouraged and ministered to me. I can only compare my ministry in Brazil to how Paul and Barnabas must have felt on their mission-

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Pray for Marvin and Debbie as they serve the Lord and the community.

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Members of Iglesia Bautista El Buen Pastor are evangelizing the community of LaRose.

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ary journeys. I saw firsthand how God can use a stranger in a foreign land to open doors for compassionate ministry and the proclamation of the Gospel. Maybe God has a plan for you in a foreign land like Brazil.”

FUTURE PLANS

David Denton said they are excited about returning to Brazil and building two more chapels. By doing so, the teams will fulfill Beyond the Walls Founder Wayne Jenkins’ vision of

constructing 75 chapels since mission trips were first taken there in 1984. Jenkins, who previously led 34 mission trips to Brazil, took his final mission trip to that country in July 2018 before his death Nov. 13, 2018, after a lengthy battle with cancer. His son-in-law, David Denton, began leading trips there

in 2019.

“That’s gratifying to me, but not just in the sense that we’re fulfilling Wayne’s goal,” he said. “It’s gratifying to me in that we are continuing the Great Commission. I just want to finish the course, which were some of Mr. Wayne’s last words to his family.

“That resonates with us, obviously, because it’s from Scripture, and then also because this was Mr. Wayne’s passion, just be faithful to finish the course. But getting to number 75 doesn’t mean we’re finished,” he continued. “We are one step closer to finishing, but 75 is

not the end. I don’t know what the end is. The end is going to be when we see Jesus. We just want to be faithful to what God’s called us to in the meantime.”

Beyond the Walls will send another team to Brazil next summer, July 11-22, 2025. Additionally, the ministry will be expanding to include educational travel beginning with a trip to Israel, March 1-11, 2025. For more information about how to join a trip or donate to the ministry, contact David Denton at 337-359-7689 or denton@hbcni.org.



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CENLA Pregnancy Center to urge ‘You Are Not Alone’ during upcoming banquet

By Brian Blackwell
Message staff writer

ALEXANDRIA, La. (LBM) – More than 1,000 individuals will gather Sept. 17 inside Alexandria’s Randolph Riverfront Center for the sixth annual ‘Gift of Life’ banquet to hear inspirational testimonies of two women who experienced radical redemption through the ministry of pregnancy centers and pro-life advocates.

The largest fundraiser for the CENLA Pregnancy Center’s locations in Alexandria, Marksville and Vidalia will feature keynote speaker and pro-life activist Toni McFadden, who will share how the love of Christ helped her experience redemption from an abortion she underwent as a scared teenager. Additionally, a client of CPC will talk about how the ministry helped save her baby girl through reversal of her chemically induced abortion.

“The theme for this year’s event is ‘You Are Not Alone,’ a message known

by our team and the many women who have received services from one of our centers,” CPC Executive Director Kim Lyons told the *Baptist Message*. “This year’s theme focuses on how we all have experienced a season of wandering in the desert.

“These pregnant women who come to us may feel as though they are in a desert, with no support, with no one by their side,” she continued. “They often feel as though they cannot imagine bringing a baby into this world, and this is where we come in.”

Since the Alexandria location was launched near the Baptist Building in 2017, the CPC’s three locations have served more than 1,900 women and completed more than 8,000 client visits, 2,000 pregnancy and 1,500 ultrasounds, a vital service to the decision-making process for many pregnant women.

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he said. “They know it’ll be hard moving forward but Andrew is the right age and is interested in staying there long term.”

“After I submitted his name for pastor, I stepped out of any more search committee meetings because I did not want them to say I had any kind of influence and that God was leading it,” he continued. “I was excited, and Andrew was too when they called him. The church deserves a fresh start and is serious about revitalizing themselves and downtown Baton Rouge.”

Moving forward, Andrew Ogea said he is ready to use his experience in church planting to help revitalize FBCBR. While serving as one of the pastors at Vintage Church and Northshore Church, Ogea saw dozens baptized and hundreds of members added. He also expressed optimism for a church with great passion for reaching

the city with the Gospel and believes even greater days are ahead.

“First Baptist has a rich heritage and history, but at the same time is in a season where it needs renewal,” he said. “In a sense, this is kind of like another church planting situation but it’s different because we have been here for 150 years. I’m blessed to be with others who share the same vision for our church as we seek the Lord’s wisdom and move forward to reach Baton Rouge for Jesus.”

Ogea said that when he was at Northshore Church, he always believed he would follow Pastor Larry McEwen, who started the church in 2001 and served as lead pastor until May of 2024. However, when McEwen announced his retirement in 2023, Ogea felt the Lord was leading him in another direction.

“I told our congregation I was withdrawing my candidacy, and the next day I got an email from the search team at FBCBR asking me if I would consider submitting my resume,” Ogea said. “I always thought that if I was going

to be lead pastor anywhere, it would be at Northshore Church, but God shut the door. However, those desires to be a lead pastor were still present, but I just didn’t know where they were going to be directed. And then the Lord answered my prayer and led me here to First Baptist.”

Ogea is excited about engaging the community through Christ-centered expository preaching, relational evangelism, and intentional community outreach. He will be serving alongside gifted staff members and a congregation hungry for growing

the church and seeing Baton Rouge changed for Christ.

“Our people are servant-hearted, godly men and women of Christ, and they have served so well for so long,” he said. “We are serious about our commitment to fulfill God’s mission to make fully devoted and fully delighted disciples of Jesus Christ in Baton Rouge. We can’t wait to engage with our community, welcome new people that come through our doors, reach the next generation for Christ, and see the halls of First Baptist full of people again.”

Revive Summit scheduled Sept. 9-10 in Lafayette

LAFAYETTE, La. (LBM) – A weekend aimed at helping Louisiana Baptist churches experience renewal will take place Sept. 9-10 at Open Door Community Church, Lafayette.

Revive Summit will feature in-depth Bible study, practical instructions for improvement of biblical preaching and

proven steps to renewal.

Speakers planned for the event include Mark Clifton, director, North American Mission Board replant team; Jimbo Stewart, associate director, NAMB replant team; Frank Lewis, former pastor, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.; Joe Crider, worship pastor, First Baptist

Church, Benbrook, Texas; Richard Blackaby, president, Blackaby Ministries International; and Rick Fisher, vice president, Blackaby Ministries International.

“On average, 25 churches per year close their doors in Louisiana,” Send Network Louisiana Director Lane Corley told the *Baptist Mes-*

sage. “The replant rate is about seven per year. The Revive Summit will be a great conference to encourage and equip those serving in a culture where church decline is the norm.”

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Zeringue, Jerome "Zee"	R Houma	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	75%
Domangue, Jessica	R Houma	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	A	✓	X	73%
Hebert, Troy Jude	R Lafayette	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	X	✓	✓	X	73%
Henry, Chance Keith	R Crowley	✓	A	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	73%
Orgeron, Joseph	R LaRose	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	73%
Hilferty, Stephanie	R Metairie	A	✓	A	✓	✓	A	A	✓	A	A	A	X	67%
Johnson, Travis	D Vidalia	✓	✓	X	✓	A	X	✓	A	A	✓	✓	X	67%
Bagley, Larry	R Stonewall	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	A	X	✓	✓	X	64%
Stagni, Joseph A.	R Kenner	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	58%
Adams, Roy Daryl	D Jackson	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	A	✓	X	X	✓	✓	55%
Brown, Chad	D Plaquemine	A	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	A	✓	X	50%
Moore, Pat	D Monroe	X	✓	✓	✓	A	X	X	✓	X	A	A	X	44%
Carter, Robby	D Amite	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	42%
Bryant, Marcus A.	D New Iberia	✓	✓	X	✓	A	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	36%
Miller, Dustin	D Opelousas	A	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	36%
Taylor, Sylvia E.	D LaPlace	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	33%
Fisher, Adrian	D Monroe	X	✓	X	A	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	27%
Hughes, Jason	D New Orleans	X	✓	X	✓	A	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	27%
Selders, Larry	D Baton Rouge	X	✓	X	✓	A	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	27%
Brass, Ken	D Vacherie	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	25%
Carpenter, Barbara	D Baton Rouge	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	25%
Lyons, Rodney	D Harvey	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	25%
Young, Rashid A.	D Homer	X	✓	X	✓	A	X	A	A	X	X	A	X	25%
Carter, Sr., Wilford	D Lake Charles	X	✓	A	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	✓	X	20%
Jackson, Steven	D Shreveport	X	✓	A	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	20%
Larvadin III, Ed	D Alexandria	A	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	A	X	20%
Marcelle, Denise	D Baton Rouge	A	✓	X	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	20%
Walters, Joy	D Shreveport	X	✓	X	X	A	X	X	A	X	X	✓	X	20%
Chassion, Tehmi J.	D Lafayette	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	A	✓	X	18%
LaFleur, Vanessa C.	D Baton Rouge	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	✓	X	18%
Boyd, Delisha	D New Orleans	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	17%
Jordan, Edmond	D Baton Rouge	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	17%
Knox, Alonza	D New Orleans	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	17%
Landry, Mandie	D New Orleans	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	17%
Mena, Shaun R.	D New Orleans	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	17%
Newell, Candace	D New Orleans	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	17%
Willard, Matthew	D New Orleans	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	17%
Freeman, Aimee	D New Orleans	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	✓	✓	X	10%
Green Jr., Kyle M.	D Marrero	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	✓	X	9%
Phelps, Tammy T.	D Shreveport	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	✓	X	9%

2024 Scorecard

Louisiana House of Representatives Legislative Regular Session

- SECOND AMENDMENT PROTECTIONS**
SB 194 – Miguez – Local firearms and ammunition ordinances may not be more restrictive than state law. **LFF Supported.**
Yes(✓) = 73 No(X) = 25 Absent(A) = 7
Status: Signed by the Governor - ACT 59.
- PROTECTION OF CHILDREN'S PERSONAL DATA**
HB 577 – Carver – Prohibits social media companies from targeting advertising to or selling data of minors.
LFF Supported. Yes(✓) = 101 No(X) = 0 Absent(A) = 4
Status: Signed by the Governor - ACT 656.
- PROHIBIT COMMERCIAL SALE OF DANGEROUS PSYCHOACTIVE DRUGS - aka GAS STATION THC-HEROIN**
HB 952 – Schlegel Amendment; Prohibit sale of consumable hemp products containing THC (same psychoactive drug contained in marijuana).
LFF Supported this amendment; opposed bill w/o amendment.
Yes(✓) = 43 No(X) = 54 Absent(A) = 8
Status: Amendment failed in House.
- POSTING OF TEN COMMANDMENTS AS HISTORICAL DOCUMENT**
HB 71 – Horton – Ten Commandments posted in every publicly funded K-college classroom. **LFF Supported.**
Yes(✓) = 82 No(X) = 19 Absent(A) = 4
Status: Signed by the Governor - ACT 676.
- UNIVERSAL SCHOOL CHOICE**
SB 313 – Edmonds – Education Savings Accounts; Sets up scholarship program for parental choice in education.
LFF Supported. Yes(✓) = 68 No(X) = 28 Absent(A) = 9
Status: Signed by the Governor - ACT 1.
- ELECTION INTEGRITY**
HB 114 – Farnum – Cleanup up of voter registration rolls eliminating outdated addresses. **LFF Supported.**
Yes(✓) = 73 No(X) = 30 Absent(A) = 2
Status: Signed by the Governor - ACT 2.
- NO INDOCTRINATING CHILDREN WITH PRONOUNS**
HB 121 – Crews – Given Name Act; Provides for corrective action if school personnel use incorrect names and pronouns for students. **LFF Supported.** Yes(✓) = 69 No(X) = 29 Absent(A) = 7
Status: Signed by the Governor - ACT 680.
- WOMEN'S SAFETY AND PROTECTION ACT**
HB 608 – Wilder – Given Identity Act; Protections for biological women and girls against sexual assault and harassment by biological men. **LFF Supported.**
Yes(✓) = 80 No(X) = 17 Absent(A) = 8
Status: Signed by the Governor - ACT 436.
- SHIELDING FERTILITY INDUSTRY'S UNETHICAL PRACTICES**
HB 833 – Davis – Limits criminal and civil liability of fertility industry without assurances of protections for human embryos.
LFF Opposed. Yes(X) = 84 No(✓) = 16 Absent(A) = 5
Status: Bill withdrawn after Senate amendment to protect life.
- ABORTION BY FRAUD CRIMINALIZATION ACT**
SB 276 – Pressly – Designates abortion drugs as dangerous substances. **LFF Supported.** Yes(✓) = 65 No(X) = 31 Absent(A) = 9
Status: Signed by the Governor - ACT 246.
- COMPATIBLE WITH LOVE EMPOWERMENT ACT**
SB 325 – Edmonds – Offering parents resources when unborn child is diagnosed with fetal abnormality. **LFF Supported.**
Yes(✓) = 94 No(X) = 0 Absent(A) = 11
Signed by the Governor - ACT 332.
- VACCINE MANDATES**
HB 47 – Edmonston - Domangue Amendment; Which required written verification that child has been examined by a physician in order to be exempted from school vaccine mandates.
LFF Opposed the amendment - Supported the bill.
Yes(X) = 51 No(✓) = 50 Absent(A) = 4
Status: Amendment removed in conference committee.
Signed by the Governor - ACT 675

Color Key	Chart Key
OUTSTANDING FAMILY ADVOCATE	✓ LFF Supported Vote
FAMILY ADVOCATE	✗ LFF Opposed Vote
AVERAGE	A Absent / No Vote
NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	N/A Non-Applicable/Not in Office
UNFAVORABLE	

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SENATOR	DISTRICT	SB 194	HB 577	HB 952	HB 71	SB 313	HB 155	HB 121	HB 608	HB 833	SB 276	SB 325	HB 47	SCORE
Abraham, Mark	R Lake Charles	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Allain, III, "Bret"	R Franklin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Bass, Adam	R Bossier City	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Cathey, Jr., Stewart	R Monroe	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Cloud, Heather	R Turkey Creek	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	100%
Edmonds, Rick	R Baton Rouge	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Henry, Cameron	R Metairie	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Hodges, Valarie	R Denham Springs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Kleinpeter, Caleb	R Port Allen	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Miguez, Blake	R New Iberia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mizell, Beth	R Franklinton	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Pressly, Thomas A.	R Shreveport	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	100%
Reese, Mike	R Leesville	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	100%
Seabaugh, Alan	R Many	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Stine, Jeremy	R Lake Charles	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Talbot, Kirk	R River Ridge	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Wheat, Jr., "Bill"	R Ponchatoula	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Connick, Patrick	R Marrero	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	92%
Coussan, Jean-Paul	R Lafayette	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	92%
Foil, Franklin	R Baton Rouge	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	92%
Hensgens, Bob	R Abbeville	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	92%
Fesi, Michael	R Houma	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	91%
McMath, Patrick	R Covington	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	91%
Womack, Glen	R Harrisonburg	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	91%
Owen, "Bob"	R Slidell	✓	A	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	90%
Miller, Gregory A.	R Norco	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	83%
Morris, Jay	R West Monroe	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	83%
Lambert, Eddie	R Gonzales	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	82%
Barrow, Regina	D Baton Rouge	X	A	X	✓	A	X	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	56%
Andrews, Katrina J.	D Monroe	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	50%
Luneau, Jay	D Alexandria	X	✓	A	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	11%
Harris, Jimmy	D New Orleans	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	✓	X	10%
Price, Ed	D Gonzales	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	9%
Jenkins, Sam	D Shreveport	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8%
Bouie, Jr., Joseph	D New Orleans	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8%
Duplessis, Royce	D New Orleans	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8%
Fields, Cleo	D Baton Rouge	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8%
Boudreaux, Gerald	D Lafayette	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Carter, Gary	D New Orleans	X	A	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	A	X	X	0%



2024 Scorecard

Louisiana Senate Legislative Regular Session

- SECOND AMENDMENT PROTECTIONS**
SB 194 – Miguez – Local firearms and ammunition ordinances may not be more restrictive than state law. **LFF Supported.**
 Yes(✓) = 28 No(X) = 11 Absent (A) = 0
Status: Signed by the Governor - ACT 59.
- PROTECTION OF CHILDREN'S PERSONAL DATA**
HB 577 – Carver – Prohibits social media companies from targeting advertising to or selling data of minors.
LFF Supported. Yes(✓) = 34 No(X) = 0 Absent(A) = 5
Status: Signed by the Governor - ACT 656.
- PROHIBIT COMMERCIAL SALE OF DANGEROUS PSYCHOACTIVE DRUGS - aka GAS STATION THC-HEROIN**
HB 952 – Pressly Amendment – Prohibit sale of consumable hemp products containing THC (same psychoactive drug contained in marijuana).
LFF Supported this amendment; opposed bill w/o amendment.
 Yes(✓) = 19 No(X) = 18 Absent(A) = 2
Status: Amendment rejected in Conference Committee.
- POSTING OF TEN COMMANDMENTS AS HISTORICAL DOCUMENT**
HB 71 – Horton – Ten Commandments posted in every publicly funded K-college classroom. **LFF Supported.**
 Yes(✓) = 30 No(X) = 8 Absent(A) = 1
Status: Signed by the Governor - ACT 676.
- UNIVERSAL SCHOOL CHOICE**
SB 313 – Edmonds – Education Savings Accounts; Sets up scholarship program for parental choice in education.
LFF Supported concurrence with House Amendment.
 Yes(✓) = 23 No(X) = 14 Absent(A) = 2
Status: Signed by the Governor - ACT 1.
- ELECTION INTEGRITY**
SB 155 – Kleinpeter – Prohibits ballot harvesting. **LFF Supported.**
 Yes(✓) = 27 No(X) = 11 Absent(A) = 1
Status: Signed by the Governor - ACT 302.
- NO INDOCTRINATING CHILDREN WITH PRONOUNS**
HB 121 – Crews – Given Name Act; Provides for corrective action if school personnel use incorrect names and pronouns for students.
LFF Supported. Yes(✓) = 27 No(X) = 9 Absent(A) = 3
Status: Signed by the Governor - ACT 680.
- WOMEN'S SAFETY AND PROTECTION ACT**
HB 608 – Wilder – Given Identity Act; Protections for biological women and girls against sexual assault and harassment by biological men. **LFF Supported.** Yes(✓) = 29 No(X) = 10 Absent(A) = 0
Status: Signed by the Governor - ACT 436.
- PROTECTING HUMAN LIFE IN IVF CLINICS**
HB 833 – Davis - Seabaugh Amendment; Prohibits sending human embryos out of state for destruction. **LFF Supported.**
 Yes(✓) = 28 No(X) = 10 Absent(A) = 1
Status: Bill withdrawn after Senate amendment to protect life.
- ABORTION BY FRAUD CRIMINALIZATION ACT**
SB 276 – Pressly – Designates abortion drugs as dangerous substances. **LFF Supported concurrence with House Amendment.**
 Yes(✓) = 29 No(X) = 7 Absent(A) = 3
Status: Signed by the Governor - ACT 246.
- COMPATIBLE WITH LOVE EMPOWERMENT ACT**
SB 325 – Edmonds – Offering parents resources when unborn child is diagnosed with fetal abnormality. **LFF Supported.**
 Yes(✓) = 30 No(X) = 7 Absent(A) = 2
Signed by the Governor - ACT 332.
- VACCINE MANDATES**
HB 47 – Edmonston – Disclosure of exemption information for student vaccines. **LFF Supported adoption of conference committee report.**
 Yes(✓) = 25 No(X) = 10 Absent(A) = 4
Status: Signed by the Governor - ACT 675

Color Key

- OUTSTANDING FAMILY ADVOCATE
- FAMILY ADVOCATE
- AVERAGE
- NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
- UNFAVORABLE

Chart Key

- ✓ LFF Supported Vote
- X LFF Opposed Vote
- A Absent / No Vote
- N/A Non-Applicable/Not in Office

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Every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Harris leads a time of worship before Williams shares a Gospel-centered message. Through their obedience, the two men since 2021 have seen attendance not only grow from 12 to an average of 40, and some have come to a saving knowledge of Christ.

"I've always liked and felt the call to preach," Williams told the *Baptist Message*. "And that's been a burden to preach regularly and often. Whenever I have an opportunity, I take it to preach on Heaven, to preach on Hell and to preach on Jesus over and over, and how to be saved, have assurance and to be salt of the earth and light of the world."

Harris added that the opportunity to serve at The Glen has been a joy.

Williams, a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, served as a pastor for 64 years before moving to The Glen in 2019. He pastored Ingleside Baptist Church, Shreveport; First Baptist Church, Tallulah; and other churches in Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee.

After retirement, he began attending Keachi Baptist Church in Desoto Parish, where he still preaches once a month. In 2019, Williams and his wife, Gaynelle, move to The Glen. Gaynelle passed in 2021.

Harris joined Williams in 2023, after serving for many years in full-time music evangelism ministry. A graduate of William Carey University, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Harris not only led music at various events in Louisiana but participated in mission trips to Canada, El Salvador, Germany, Jamaica and Romania.

Harris, who moved to The Glen with his wife, Ann, in 2023, still encourages others through music at various meetings in the area.

When Harris and Williams are not holding chapel services or serving in nearby churches, they can be found praying with and encouraging residents of The Glen.

"One of the most telling aspects of Brother Crawford's ministry is that every day when we finish the meal, he goes to every table and just welcomes the people and loves on all of them," Har-

ris said. "And of course, in a place like this there's rarely a week that goes by that we don't see people go home from this life to the next life. "And I have a group of

ladies that I lead in prayer with their meal every day," he continued. "So, we try not to just minister when we're having church on Saturday, but all during the week."



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EDITOR'S NOTE: *The Baptist Message provides churches an opportunity to share with other Louisiana Baptists an upcoming revival, homecoming, new pastor, new staff member, a community outreach, or a concert in Louisiana Notables. To place your event in the paper, send your information (who, what, where, when, time) to philip@baptistmessage.com or call 318.449.4345. Please submit your information four weeks prior to the event to insure placement in the Message.*

ON THE MOVE

- Eric Halphen is the new music minister at Providence Baptist Church, Baton Rouge.
- Louis Husser retires as Pastor at Crossgate Church, Robert.
- Alex, wife Renee, Dupree is the new minister of youth and children at Bethel Baptist, Bastrop.
- Caleb Whitten is the new worship pastor at Judson Baptist Church, Walker.
- John, wife Sharon Gibson, Cleveland has stepped down as pastor of Pioneer Baptist Church, Pioneer.
- Tim Hisaw has retired as pastor of Tioga First Baptist Church, Tioga.
- Jeff, wife Angela, Hoffman is the new Associational Strategist for Bienville, Webster, Claiborne Baptists Associations as Randy Hales retires following 23 years of service.
- Tommy Inman is the new pastor at Magnolia Baptist Church, Saline.
- Marvin Bartlett is the new pastor at Ford Park Baptist Church, Shreveport.
- Alex, wife Renee, Dupree is the new youth and children's minister at Bethel Baptist Church, Bastrop.
- Eric, wife Jennette, Green is the new pastor at First Baptist Church, Calhoun.
- Ty Caughman is the new youth pastor at Central Baptist Church, Springhill.
- Ellie" Inman is the new full-time Associate BCM Director at McNeese in Lake Charles. Ellie is the daughter of Kevin Inman, the BCM Director at Louisiana Tech in Ruston.
- James, wife Savannah, Harrell is the youth minister director at First Baptist Church, New Orleans.
- Corey Olivier leaving as New Orleans BCM Director to Northlake Baptist Church in Gainesville, GA. as senior pastor.

HOMECOMING/ANNIVERSIES

- Red River Baptist Church, Benton: 175th Anniversary Homecoming Celebration, August 25, 10:30 a.m. Guest Speaker: Pastor Stuart Graves. Former members and pastors are invited to attend. Covered dish lunch will the worship service in the Family Life Center. Pastor: Mike Palmer.
- Fellowship Baptist Church, Dubach: Homecoming, August 25, Guest Speaker: Walt Turner, 11 a.m. Special Music: Big Blessing, 10 a.m. Bring your favorite dish and come eat lunch and fellowship after worship. Pastor: None.
- Zion Hill Baptist Church, Winnfield: Homecoming, August 25, 11 a.m. Members are asked to bring a covered dish and

- enjoy the fellowship luncheon following the worship service. Pastor: David Moore (Interim).
- Glenmora Baptist Church, Homecoming September 15, 10am. Guest Speaker Stan Statham. There will be dinner on the grounds following the worship service. Pastor: Neil Treme
- Longview Baptist Church, Deville: 100th anniversary, September 29, 10:30 a.m. There will be a taste of Longview and a meal will be served. Pastor: Robby Poole.
- First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge: Sesquicentennial Celebration, September 29, 10 a.m. Pastor: Andrew Ogea.

REVIVAL

- First Baptist Church, Marion: Revival, August 25-28. Evangelist: Scotty McDowell. Pastor: Bubba Hoggatt.
- Oakview Baptist Church, Livingston: Fall Revival, August 25-30. 7 p.m. nightly guest Speaker: Tim Parker. A nursery will be provided. Pastor:
- Emmanuel Baptist Church, Ruston: Revival services, August 25-28. (Evangelist Reggie Bridges, August 25, 6 p.m. (Evangelist H.B. Charles, August 26-28, 6:30 p.m. Music: Dee Alexander. Pastor: Paul Watts.
- Lamar Baptist Church, Delhi: Revival, August 25-28, 7 p.m. nightly. Pastor: Jessie Nielsen.
- Beulah Baptist Church, Many: Revival, September 1-4, Evangelist: Scotty McDowell. Pastor: Kenneth Leach Sr.
- First Baptist Church, Hornbeck: Fall Revival, September 4-8, Wednesday- Saturday 6 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m. Guest Speaker: Mitch Minson, Pastor at First Baptist Church, Linden. Revival Music: 4 Days Late. Pastor: Jason Lupo,
- Pine Hill Baptist Church, Olla: Revival, September 8-11, Evangelist: Bill Britt. Pastor: Cory Fowler.
- Point of Life Community, Plaquemine: Revival, September 8-11. Evangelist: Scotty McDowell. Pastor: Norris Landry.
- First Baptist Church, Keithville: Revival, September 8-11, Sunday, 10:15 a.m. Evangelist: Luke Hockenjos, Special Music: Scotty Blackwell; Monday-Wednesday, 6 p.m., dinner in the gym. Worship in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m., Evangelist: Gevan Spinney, Special Music: Scotty Blackwell. Pastor: Mike Stowell.
- Briarwood Baptist Church, Franklinton: Revival, September 8-11, Sunday 10:30 a.m. Dinner on the grounds will fellow. Evening worship, Sunday 5 p.m.; Monday-Wednesday, 6 p.m. Evangelist: Gary Bowlin. Pastor: Eddie Henson.
- Outreach Baptist Church, Columbia: Revival, September 15-18. Evangelist: Bill Britt. Pastor: Buster Duplissey.
- Bethel Baptist Church, Bastrop: Fall Revival, September 15-18. Evangelist: Scotty McDowell. Music Evangelist: Richard Ainsworth. Pastor: Tim Post.
- Antioch Baptist Church, Farmerville: Fall Revival, September 15-18; Sunday services: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 7 p.m. Evangelist: Malcolm Ellis. Music: Joyful Spirit. Pastor: Rubin Weaver.

- Northeast Louisiana Baptist Association Senior Adult Progressive revival, September 16-8, 10 a.m. Speaker: Ted Traylor, Pastor of Olive Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida. Worship: Blake Davis, worship pastor at North Monroe Baptist Church. Locations: (Monday) Fair Park Baptist, West Monroe, (Tuesday) North Monroe Baptist, Monroe; (Wednesday) Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, West Monroe. Lunch will be served by the host churches at \$5 per person.
- Sweetwater Baptist Church, Quitman: Revival, September 29 – October 2, Evangelist: Bill Britt. Pastor: Walt Witman.

LAGNIAPPE

- Clara Springs Baptist Camp, Pelican: Fish fry and featuring Faithful Crossing in concert, August 23, 5 p.m. \$15 adults and \$10 kids (10-17) Kids nine and under free.
- Pelican Baptist Church, Pelican: Night of Hope free concert featuring Faithful Crossing, August 24, 7 p.m. Sunday Service, August 25, 10:30 a.m. Food and fellowship following the service. More information: FaithfulCrossings.com or call 615.782.9293. Pastor: Lee Rogers.
- Oak Grove Baptist Church, Bentley: Jonathan and Jon Gideon in concert, August 25, 10:30 a.m. For more information contact Ronnie Youngblood at 318.899.5241. Pastor: Michael Vanasselberg
- Epps Baptist Church, Epps: Church Leadership Rally, August 26, 5:30 p.m. (Meal), Worship (6:30 p.m.). Speaker: Alan Miller, Pastor of Alto Baptist Church. Worship: Jay Ellerbe, music minister Alto Baptist Church. Pastor: Edwin Fuller.
- Church at the Arena, Ringgold, September 3, 7 p.m. Guest Speaker: Gevan Spin-

- ney. Special Music: We R Called. This event will take place during the Riley Jinks Memorial Rodeo.
- Men of Prayer, Stonewall: Prayer at the Stonewall Community Center, September 5, 6:30 p.m. There will be food (free Lasagna courtesy of on the Geaux Catering), Fellowship, and God. Speaker: Billy Weatherall.
- Killian First Baptist Church, Springfield: Cajun Cookoff and Car Show, September 14, 8 a.m. Cost: \$10 entry fee. \$25 vehicle registration fee. There will be live music, food and more. Kids will eat free. For more information call 225.788.6963. Pastor: Dallas Stewart.
- The Open Door Church, Lafayette: Church Renewal Conference, September 9-10. The event will be sponsored by the NAMB Replant Team and Evangeline Baptist Association. It will include in-depth Bible study, practical instruction to improve Biblical Preach and proven steps to renew your church. Cost: Free. Speakers: Mark Clifton, Sr., Joe Crider, Richard Blackaby, Jimbo Stewart, Frank Lewis, Rick Risher. Register at LouisianaBaptists.org/revive. Pastor: Jeffrey Williams.
- Northwest Louisiana Baptist Association annual Men's Fish Fry, Sept 9, serving time 5:30 p.m. Speakers: Ron Johnson, Pastor Mission Point Baptist Church, and Pastor Danny Taylor, Ida Baptist Church. Worship: Kirk Talley First Baptist Blanchard. Cost: \$10. Registration Camp and Conference Center 318.938.1221. DOM: Lane Moore.
- North Monroe Baptist Church, Monroe: Sportsman's Banquet, September 12, 5 p.m. (doors open), 6:30 p.m., dinner starts. This event helps to fund the global mission efforts of North Monroe. You can spon-

- sor and buy tickets for this event now. Go to <https://nmsportsmansbanquet2024.pushpayevents.com/> for all the info and to get involved. Pastor: Bill Dye.
- Ridge Avenue Baptist Church, West Monroe: Dixie Echoes in concert, September 13, 6 p.m. Admission is free and a love offering will be taken. Pastor: Jim Wolfe.
- Maurepas Baptist Church, Maurepas: Greg Sullivan Ministries in concert, September 15, 10 a.m. Pastor: Glynn Reine Sr.
- Bethany Baptist Church, Bethany: Annual car show Saturday September 21. For a car entry or more information, please contact Marvin Cooper (318) 517-3743. For vendor booth, please contact Jessica Shoalmire (318) 218-8298. Pastor: Marvin Cooper.
- Dry Bones Men's Conference, September 22, 6 p.m. at the Jack Howard Theater in the Monroe Civic Center. Speakers: Joby Martin, the Church of Eleven 22, Ike Byrd, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Monroe and Rick Aultman, Mangham First Baptist Church, Managham. Worship will be led by Blake Davis of North Monroe Baptist Church. For more information go to www.drybonesmenconference.org.
- Benson Baptist Church, Converse: Southern Plainsmen of Hornbeck in concert, September 28, 6 p.m. Pastor: (None)
- First Baptist Church, Keithville: Outdoorsman Fellowship, September 28, 5-8 p.m. Guest Speaker: Gevan Spinney, First Baptist Church, Haughton. Cost: \$10. There will be fish, deer burgers, gumbo and pulled pork. Door prizes for youth boys and men and a gun raffle. To register go online to, <https://onrealm.org/FBKeithv.../PublicRegistrations/Event>. Pastor: Mike Stowell.

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.

JGI AMYF JPHYI MDQ, KMJA AMYG? JLA AMBS

YCDJP? JGI MY PJDAM, D JQ GBA. JLA AMBS AMJA

TLBTMYA? JGI MY JGPKYLYI, GB.

UBMG BGY:AKYGAF-BGY

Clues:
Y = E; A = T

Answer to July 25, Scripture Crypto:
Leviticus eight:nine

REVIVE



SUMMIT

SEPT. 9-10

**Open Door Community Church
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Join the NAMB Replant Team and Evangeline Baptist Association for a 2-day event including in-depth Bible study, practical instruction to improve Biblical preaching and proven steps to renew your church.

SPEAKERS

Mark Clifton, Sr.
Joe Crider
Richard Blackaby
Jimbo Stewart
Frank Lewis
Rick Fisher



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Day 1 • Sept. 9

- 8:15 am Doors Open
Light breakfast snack items and coffee available
- 8:45 am Welcome and Prayer
- 9:00 am Opening Scriptural Focus, Frank Lewis
- 9:10 am Main Session 1
Richard Blackaby – Doing Church God’s Way
- 9:55 am Break
- 10:15 am Main Session 2
Joe Crider – Worship in Church Revitalization
- 11:00 am Break
- 11:15 am Main Session 3
Colin Pugh – Winning Your Community for Christ
- 11:55 am Main Session 4
Kyle Bueermann – Keep Going
- 12:30 pm Lunch provided
- 1:30 pm Breakouts
Rick Fisher:
Powerful Praying Church
Richard Blackaby:
Increasing Your Fruitfulness
Joe Crider:
Why do we gather?
Frank Lewis:
Steps to Expository Preaching
- 2:30 pm Break
- 2:45 pm Breakouts repeated
- 3:45 pm Break
- 4:00 pm **JimBo Stewart – Leading in Church Revitalization**
- 5:00 pm **Frank Lewis – Diagnosis of a Declining Church**
- 6:00 pm Dinner provided

Day 2 • Sept. 10

- 8:30 am Doors Open
Light breakfast snack items and coffee available
- 8:45 am Welcome and Prayer
- 9:00 am Opening Scriptural Focus, Frank Lewis
- 9:10 am Main Session 1
Richard Blackaby – Overcoming Limits in Ministry
- 9:55 am Break
- 10:15 am Main Session 2
Frank Lewis – Preaching When it is Hard
- 11:15 am Breakouts
Colin Pugh and Matt MacNaughton:
Thriving in Bi-vocational Ministry
Kyle Bueermann:
Thriving in Rural Ministry
Joe Crider:
What’s at Stake on Sunday Mornings? Scripture-Guided Worship
Frank Lewis:
Preaching through Philemon
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Breakouts repeated
- 1:50 pm Break
- 2:00 pm Main Session 3
Mark Clifton – Gospel Hope for Dying Churches
- 3:00 pm Dismissal