

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

Staff Updates

Pastor Anniversaries

Chuck Pourciau	1999	Broadmoor
Michael Reichard	2011	Koran
Bill Treadway	2013	Mt. Gilead
Larry Earhart	2013	Salem

New Staff

Eastwood: Brad Kirby, Pastor, from Virginia, (wife, Emily)

Ellerbe: Jarred Pellegrin, Youth/ Education, from Broadmoor



Sympathy

Austin Tucker
1938-2022

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Church News

Narrow Gate: All Mule Rodeo, Vivian City Arena, Mule Rodeo Ministries. April 2, 7pm. Events: Hoof Ball, Hyde Ride, Ribbon Race, Bird Run, Phone Book Race, Egg Race, Wild Mule Saddling. \$5 entry per event. Free for spectators, concessions available. Call before you haul, 318-465-7246

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JUNE 13-17
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DISTRICT BIBLE DRILL

Sunday, April 10, 2022
2:30 pm

Woodridge Baptist Church in Shreveport
All church Drill information needs to be emailed to teresa@fbchaughton.org by Sunday, April 13.
Any questions can also be sent to this email or text 318-773-1611. Don't forget to request your **Church Drill Packet** by emailing Darlene.taylor@lbc.org

Staff Opportunities

PASTOR	MUSIC	YOUTH	CHILDREN	OTHER
North Keithville - Bi-Vo Red River - Bi-Vo Shreve City - Bi-Vo	Lakeview - PT Oil City FBC - PT Trees - FT Woodridge - FT	Barksdale - PT Elm Grove - PT Emmanuel/Sport - PT Grawood - PT Mooringsport - PT North Keithville - PT Plain Dealing - FT Princeton FBC - PT Westwood - PT	Belcher - PT Ferry Lake - PT	Haughton FBC- Preschool-FT

Northwest Louisiana Baptist Association

Baptist News

Churches, Missions &
Ministries Working
Together To Be
More Effective

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What Should We Do With A "Woke" Jesus in the 21st Century?

Short lived candidate for Texas Governor, Matthew Dowd, recently stated after attending church, "I was thinking that if Jesus were here today in church, he would be accused of being woke. How about we just say it is human decency to treat all with respect and dignity and that it is constitutional to say all men and women are equal."

His attempt to look cool with the "in crowd" fell short. This is a curious comment since the people who claim to be woke are often the least respectful and decent to people who disagree with them. For example, Franklin Graham underwent heart surgery in late 2021, and what did the "respectful" woke crowd tweet?

- * *They are implanting a new one to fill the empty hole.*
- * *They're getting rid of the black heart he had.*
- * *He obviously didn't pray hard enough.*
- * *Bless his bigoted, racist heart.*

To disagree publicly with an ideological position that's described as being "woke" will get you ridiculed, maligned, or possibly fired if you work for the wrong company.

Let's get back to Jesus. To be woke is to support abortion on demand. The Bible does not support abortion. When the pregnant Elizabeth met with pregnant Mary, the baby in Elizabeth's womb responded in a conscious way (Luke 1:41). Do woke abortion advocates treat those who oppose abortion with "human decency"? Not even close.

A newer arena the woke crowd has crashed is that of sports. We have recently seen the forcing of women's sports to accept biological males who now identify as female. Under the guise of "equity and fairness for all," universities and organizations are allowing males and females to compete in the same league. Obviously, men and women are not equal in all things. Are we shocked that these men are shattering women's sports records at alarming rates? You could have predicted it.

Jesus was hard on the hypocrites. He spent an entire chapter on them in Matthew 23. Those talking and promoting "human decency" and treating "others with respect and dignity" are many times the worst offenders of the very thing they advocate.

Is today's church perfect? Not hardly, but at least we have a fixed moral standard to evaluate our beliefs and behaviors. The woke crowd has no such standard but love of self (I John 2:15-16).

Blessings,
Lane

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Bethany Camp & Conference

Trey Miller, Director



An Eventful Spring at Bethany has us rejoicing over where 2022 has taken us. Already we've had over a thousand campers on the grounds from dozens of different churches. We have many more weekend retreats scheduled for this year. However, this is the time of the year we move toward preparing for summer. Spring involves routine maintenance, repairing equipment, and building new amenities, all focused toward eight weeks of constant summer camp usage. It's an exciting time knowing that thousands of youth and preteens are about to meet the LORD at Bethany. While that can be exciting, it's a daunting task to have 88 acres of camp property ready for use. I am blessed to have a staff dedicated to ministry and ready for the challenge.

We are also looking forward to the ministry opportunities with our summer staff. Bible studies are being prepared, and team building activities are being organized as we continue to accept applications for our summer staff. There's still a few openings left for our summer teams.



If you know of a youth or college age young adult who is looking for a great summer ministry experience, please tell them to apply on our website or have them call the camp at 318-938-1221.

Compassion Ministries

John Anderson



It's hard to believe we just passed our one year anniversary for **Masada Transitional Living Center**. Since we opened, we've had the pleasure of providing a place to call home for 32 individuals who were displaced for a variety of reasons. I want to share some of the comments from a few of our tenants.

Taylor wrote, "Masada is a safe haven. Somewhere to go when you have nowhere to go. You're welcomed with open arms and a warm smile. No one judges you here, no matter your background or history."

Mary said, "Due to the fire at my home at the Fairfield Condominium Apartments, it has been an incredible temporary home."

Brian added, "Masada is a Godsend. Especially since I got discharged from the Willis-Knighton Rehab Center."

Sylvia stated, "Masada has given me a clean, safe place to call home till I get back on my feet."

These are just a few of the many comments I hear from so many of our residents.

So from all of them, and from the Northwest Baptist Association, thank you for all that you do to make it possible for people like these, and many more to come, to have a place to call home.

For more information concerning this or any other type of compassion ministry, contact John Anderson, Compassion Ministry Strategist at 318-230-3446, or janderson@nwlb.org

Shreveport Metro BCM Baptist Collegiate Ministry

Stephen Craver



Often as a young man I would wonder why every adult I knew would say, "time flies." Turns out they knew what they were talking about! Now another spring semester has flown by at the Shreveport BCM. To say we had a packed semester would be an understatement. Students worshiped and fellowshiped on Thursday nights with our ReFuel services, and students provided outreach on campus many Monday mornings. We took a trip to Collegiate Evangelism Conference in New Orleans, and even celebrated Valentine's Day. When the annual crawfish boil is the "small" event on the calendar you've stayed busy!

This brings to mind one of my favorite passages of scripture. In 1 Timothy 4, Paul encourages Timothy to be ready "in season and out of season." He says this in the context of discipling and raising up the next generation of Christ followers. How true this is with college students. On the one hand there's a season for fun, and teaching God's Word. There is never an "out of season" for when a student calls you crying on the phone because of the latest life crisis. There's no "up until all hours every Thursday night" season, or "we need a ride from the Dallas airport" season! Yet through it all, the Shreveport BCM turned out to be ready, for any season. We minister not only because we have great folks, and we do, but because God has called us,

and equipped us. I pray as we go forward toward summer in preparation and planning, you'll join us in serving, supporting, and praying. Thank you for your faithful support which keeps us ready in this vital ministry.



CULTURE WATCH

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS



Church of England Warns of Spike in Church Closures

Over 350 Church of England buildings are at risk of being closed or demolished in the next five years. The FFC (Friends of Friendless Churches) estimates that between 131 and 368 churches are at high risk, including several historic buildings that could be sold or torn down due in part to lost membership and tithes. Many closed during the peak of Covid and never recovered.

IMB: 7,317 People Groups Remain Unreached

Paul Chitwood, president of the International Mission Board, recently stated that SBC churches have given record amounts to the Lottie Moon Mission offering, even as countless short-term mission trips were canceled over the past two years due to the world-wide pandemic. *"More lost are alive than in any other time in history. There are 7,317 unreached people groups with less than a 2 percent evangelical presence, and 3,179 of those are unengaged with the gospel. That means there is not a church or a missionary anywhere in their village,"* Chitwood stated.



Revival in Argentine Prisons

Pastor Sergio Prada, who ministers in Argentina's prison system, told WORLD News Group that entire prison units are now effectively run by evangelical inmates. Pastor Prada said, *"They don't take over a cellblock with knives anymore. It's taken over by the Bible."*



Member of Finland's Parliament Arrested for Supporting Biblical Marriage

Paivi Rasanen, a Christian mother of five, and member of Finland's Parliament, was arrested for tweeting support for Biblical marriage and sexuality. She was interrogated by police for 13 hours and questioned as to how she interprets the Apostle Paul's letters. She still faces the possibility of prison time. Rasanen stated, *"I thought it was quite a privilege to have those kinds of discussions with the police and defend my faith."*



SBC Pastor Corey Brooks Stays on Chicago Roof Top 100 Days

Receiving national attention, the pastor of New Beginnings on the south side of Chicago was attempting to raise funds for a community training center to support families dealing with the affects of violence in his city. Weathering a brutal Chicago winter, Pastor Brooks lived in a tent on the roof top of a building across the street from his church. Brooks said, *"We believe the government cannot change hearts. They can legislate laws, but it is faith in Christ that changes hearts."*

Pastor's Perspective



Shane Nugent, Pastor, Cross Point Baptist Church, Benton, LA

Are You Thirsty? There's a Psalm for That!

It was on a Wednesday night when one of our Cross Point church members came to Bible study and shared an idea with me that he had been thinking about for a few days. He mentioned to me the catchphrase that Apple uses, "There's an app for that!" God impressed upon him that just like there is an app for everything, there is also a psalm for everything! This conversation led me to start preaching a new sermon series. I have recently preached the first sermon of this series and it was on Psalm 42:1-5. The first two verses of this psalm were the key verses for the message. Psalm 42:1 states, "As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants for You, O God" and Psalm 42:2 states, "My soul thirsts for God, the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?" I believe that we are definitely lacking in our thirst for God in America. We seek to fulfill our thirst with things that are not of Christ which leads to experiencing sin in our lives. These psalms are such an encouragement and also a challenge to Christians. We need constantly to evaluate our walk with Christ and ensure that we are desiring a closer relationship with him. I'm an avid outdoorsman and love to deer hunt! My wife would tell you that I like deer hunting too much! I love how the psalmist uses a deer as an analogy. You see a deer, especially during hunting season, is constantly running for its life. When a deer is running for its life, it's going to get tired and thirsty. The reality is, just as the deer must have water to survive physically, you and I must have water to survive physically. The psalmist says in verse two that "his soul thirsts for God, for the living God." We must realize that having a thirst for God is a matter of life and death. The life and death that I am speaking about is not physical but spiritual. This reminds me of when Jesus met the Samaritan woman at the well in John chapter four. We see in this story that Jesus offers the woman "living water." There is a big difference between physical water and living water. We must have a thirst for the living water, which is the Holy Spirit. I would like to ask you, are you thirsty for God?

Shane Nugent has been the pastor of Cross Point Baptist Church since 2012. Shane and his wife Shannon have 3 children.