

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

Staff Updates

Anniversaries

Rocky Maddox	1985	Rose Park/Pastor
Reginaldo DeLeon	1991	Ebenezer/Pastor
Randy Harper	1996	Bellaire/Pastor
Paul DeRousse	1999	Emmanuel/Assoc. Pastor
Ken Basco	2003	Bellevue Rd/Pastor
Tommy Patton	2003	Cypress/Sr. Adult Pastor
John Fream	2008	Cypress/Pastor
Darrell Dean	2012	Providence Rd/Pastor

Correction from July, 2017 newsletter:
David Lee 1996 Ban Suk/Pastor

Staff Changes

Belle Park: Danny Taylor, resigned
Brookwood: John Walker, Assoc. Pastor/Admin.
Mansfield Road: Donny Bradley, resigned
North Shreve: Cecil Marr, Pastor from Interim

Family & Friends Sympathy

Howard Cole
Served as Pastor and Interim Pastor
of several churches in
Louisiana and Arkansas

Jim Germain
Children’s Minister
Belle Park Baptist Church

Fellowship Trips

Summer Grove: Israel/Holy Land-10 day trip. February 6-15, 2018. Starting at \$3,498.00 per person. Contact Becky Singletary, 318-686-1470 or becky@summergrove.org
Trinity Heights: 2017 Senior Adult Trip to Branson, MO. November 7-10. Double occupancy: \$495.00/Single Occupancy: \$613.00. Cost includes travel, lodging, 6 shows, 3 dinners and 1 play. Contact Pat Wilson, 318-309-0088, ASAP, to make a reservation.

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Church News & Calendar

Keithville FBC: Ark-La-Tex Southern Gospel Convention. August 18 - 6pm, August 19 - 5pm. Free admission, love offering. For more info call 318-925-9476.
Trinity Heights: The Browders- a Southern Gospel group. August 20, 6:00 pm. Free concert. Love offering.



ACP’S (Annual Church Profile) have been mailed. Check to make sure they have been received by the person responsible for filling them out. Please include any updates on email addresses and cell phone numbers.
Due date: September 22, 2017

Staff Opportunities				
PASTOR	MUSIC	YOUTH	CHILDREN	OTHER
Belle Park Brookwood Caddo Prairie Mansfield Road New Bethel Red River Springs of Grace Vivian FBC Woodland Hills	Pinecroft - PT Waller -PT Woodland Hills - PT	Ban Suk - PT Emmanuel S'port - PT Pilgrim Home - PT Princeton FBC - PT Providence Rd - PT	Bethany - Nursery - PT Clarion - Children - PT N. Keithville - Children's Worker - PT Ferry Lake-PT	Ferry Lake-Pianist Northwoods - Secretary- PT

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CAN THE CHURCH MAKE MISTAKES IN THEIR OUTREACH EVENTS?

Most of our churches completed their week of VBS in June or July. That type of outreach event has become the standard in many churches. Easter events, Christmas events, Women’s or Men’s events are also the norm today.

What’s the return on our investment? Are more people becoming Christ followers and fully devoted disciples who are engaged in the local church?

Research has shown some concerns that churches need to guard against when making Outreach Event plans.

- 1. OUTREACH EVENTS BECOME AN END UNTO THEMSELVES
Do we feel the pressure to simply put events on the church calendar? What are our goals? Why did we provide bags of groceries for those families? Volunteers need to know a clear vision of what the church is doing and why the church is doing that ministry.
- 2. OUTREACH EVENTS CAN CREATE A CONSUMER CULTURE BOTH OUTSIDE AND INSIDE THE CHURCH
Events should always be about the mission and vision of the church or about the completion of the Great Commission in your community. However, the “I’ll be back when the church gives something else away” has bitten many churches over the years and has to be guarded. Also, as a church puts on more outreach events, some folks within may be encouraged to come forward to request the church promote their personal projects.
- 3. OUTREACH EVENTS CAN INTERFERE WITH A DISCIPLESHIP CULTURE
Becoming more Christ-like cannot be accomplished merely through outreach events. Becoming a disciple is an ongoing lifestyle of obedience to winning the lost, building up believers and equipping others to do the same.
- 4. EVENTS CAN DRAIN AND EXHAUST CHURCH RESOURCES... STAFF, VOLUNTEERS, MONEY AND COMMUNICATION
Too many events can burn out the staff and burn out the volunteers to the point where they won’t volunteer again for quite a while. They can tax a church budget and sometimes hurt ongoing initiatives where real spiritual transformation takes place.

So do the big events! Love on your community! They build great memories and team building for the Body of Christ. But don’t have a “one and done” mentality. Remember to follow up and build new relationships that will lead to effective discipleship.

Be blessed,
Lane



Thursday, August 10, 2017
Kingston Road Baptist Church
8900 Kingston Road, Shreveport, LA

11:00 am Leadership Conference
in the Activity Room

STRATEGY IDEAS AND HELPS FOR THE



Campaign in 2018

Special Guest:

Rev. Andrew Ryzhkov and wife, Inna, from Byelorussia. They will be sharing about mission opportunities for 2018. Andrew and Inna are in partnership missions with Louisiana Baptists.



12 noon Lunch & Business Meeting
in the Gym

Please RSVP to carlene@nwlba.org or 318-686-5736

Northwest Louisiana Baptist Association
Churches working together to be more effective.

Looking forward to RefresHer

on September 16. There will be a change or two, and it's going to be a great day! *Kim Loewe*, WMU Director of Acadia Association, will share how God is working in their Association. *Jeff Cook*, Compassion Strategist Louisiana Baptists, will share about The Mississippi River Ministries and Backpack Ministry. We will be collecting for the backpacks at RefresHer, and a list of supplies will be on the registration form. Curtistine Earnest will take us to Russia via our International Mission Study. *Lane Moore* will remind us of the role WMU has in our Association. Our BCM missionaries to Botswana will be here to share about their trip. We heard their enthusiasm for God's call to Botswana at our May meeting.

See you all then!



Terry Young and *Jared Edmonds* did an amazing job leading the 3 weeks of **NLBA KIDZ KAMP**. We had 20 churches with 716 total campers over those three weeks.

The staff of young people these two guys put together to give leadership to our churches and kids was also amazing. God showed up in a mighty way as always. **Forty five** children made decisions to be believers in Jesus Christ and many others deepened their commitment to following Christ more fully.

It has been a great summer! Our staff continues to do an incredible job serving each of our guests. One of the new and unusual ways our staff has built relationships with the kids is being the gatekeeper at the top of the slide. The Camp is required to have a staffer at the top, and as the young people wait their turn to "Ride the Slide," and with no cell phone in hand, great conversation and relationship building takes place!

It is hard to believe we only have two more weeks to go back to weekend retreats. With our summer staffers leaving we are going to be short a cleaning lady. If anybody needs to make a little money while helping us serve Jesus, we could use you.

Give us a call so we can set up a visit.

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**ASSOCIATION UPCOMING DATES****2017****Special EVENTS to Mark Your Calendars:**

August 3	WMU Training Woodridge Baptist Church
September 11	Men's Fish Fry/Camp Bethany
September 18	B@B Reservations begin
October 2	B@B Tickets Go On Sale
October 9	Annual Meeting Airline Baptist Church
October 19	NLBA Staff Wives Fellowship FBC Bossier
November 28-29	Branson @ Bethany 9:30 & 2:00 on Tuesday, 9:30 on Wednesday, \$15.00



Construction for **The Carpenter House** (transitional living center) on the campus of Western Hills is making wonderful progress. A mission team from Austin, Texas, did great work in July.



Many of you have already experienced our newest outreach at the BCM, **GOLA Coffee**. Our purpose is to:

- **Build** community and deepen relationships to provide ministry & share the gospel.
- **Connect** students to local churches.
- **Educate** students about missions & financially support student mission projects.



We have had a slow summer of preparation and are looking forward to an exciting and busy start to our academic year. GOLA Coffee will be closed from 7/31-8/12 but will reopen on 8/14 with our normal hours of Monday-Saturday, 9am-11pm. To kick off the semester, we are offering a special incentive to come see us.

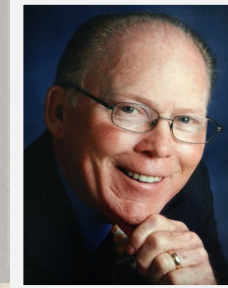
- Jamey Drodgy
- BCM Director
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All of our drinks will be 50% off for the entire month of August!

Remember, that our profits go to send our students on mission. Come see us!

UPCOMING Monthly EVENTS

August 14	Bi-Vocational 6:30 Association Office
August 29	Pastors Prayer 9:00 am Association Office

A Pastor's Perspective

Randall Johnson,
Pastor
Countryside Baptist
Church
Keithville, LA

Bob Dylan had a song in the sixties, "The Times They Are A Changing." Starting in the ministry in the early 70's, I have certainly seen a lot of changes. The fact is, we are faced with a paradox. Everything is changing, yet everything remains the same. In the years since Jesus walked the earth, man has not really changed. Man still has the need for security, peace, acceptance, and forgiveness. The message preached by the followers of Jesus is the same message we preach today. *We still preach the same Jesus who is able to meet man's needs.*

However, there has been considerable change in the methodology. I started in the ministry in a mix of hell fire and brimstone and great orators like Robert G. Lee (who I got to hear preach his great sermon "Payday Someday"), Adrian Rogers, and many other great preachers. They were all unified in message, but their delivery system was entirely different. From the conversational type delivery of Jonathan Edwards, to the hell fire and brimstone of Billy Sunday, we hear **Jesus and His love** for sinners. Looking at the church today, I hear the same message coming from a variety of delivery vehicles. When the mailman comes down your street, you are not concerned about the make and model of the truck. You're interest is in what it is carrying, the mail. I have been blessed to see the church incorporate many new avenues of worship, to which some are resistant. One thing about Baptists, we resist change.

But times change, even if people don't, and we need to use every tool God allows. We, at Countryside, are a small conservative church, but when we added monitors and praise and worship music, our members readily embraced it. Change is not always bad.

Think about tools God used to deliver His message. From a "man of slow speech," who became the liberator of Israel and delivered God's law, or the donkey that preached a message of warning to Balaam, or John the Baptist clothed in camel hair and eating locusts, God has used some unusual delivery vehicles. Consider the woman Jesus spoke to at the well. She believed and became a messenger, saying "come see a man." Consider the rooster that preached a message of remembrance to Simon Peter. Jesus used a former mental patient in Gadara, telling him to go home and tell what good things the Lord had done for him.

"The Times Are A Changing." **God is NOT!**

Rev. Randy Johnson has served the Countryside Baptist Church (formerly Berean) in Keithville since 1974. Countryside joined the Association a few years ago.