

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

Staff Updates

Pastor Anniversaries

Stanley Bennett	2003	Liberty
William Valentine	2005	Lakeview
Don Crook	2006	Fellowship
Darrell Cooper	2006	Princeton
Jeff Raines	2012	FBC Shreveport
David McKinney	2014	Memorial
Chad Mills	2016	Beulah Land
John Lary	2016	Calvary
Marvin Cooper	2017	Bethany
Billy Flowers	2017	Emmanuel/Vivian
Andy Liu	2017	Chinese Mission
David Rice	2018	Brookwood
Roy Davis	2018	Gray

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**We still have 2021
Louisiana Baptists /Northwest Association
Church Planning Calendars available.
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2020 4th Quarter Financial Report

Church Contributions to Association Budget - \$131,002.20
Budget Expenses of Association - \$156,282.24

Fellowship Trips

Israel Trip hosted by Eddie DeHondt. Sept. 28, 2021 - Oct. 6, 2021, \$3,700.00. For more information call Annette Fredericks, 318-218-3141.



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2021 VBS RETREAT
UNEARTHING THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS
JEREMIAH 29:13

VBS RETREAT
Saturday, March 6, 2021 9 am 3 pm
First Baptist Haughton, 105 E. Washington Avenue, Haughton, LA
Age Group Breakout Sessions/Crafts/Missions/Music/Directors
\$10.00 per person (includes lunch)
Register at louisianabaptists.org/vbsretreat

Cypress Baptist, Woodridge Baptist and FBC Haughton kids gathered on Friday, January 15, 2021, for some fun Bible Drill practice. In anticipation of upcoming drills, these kids had fun practicing their Bible Skills. Thanks to Cypress Baptist for hosting and *Kevin Brown, Cathy Weeks*, and *Laura Durr* for leading and teaching.



District Bible Drill
Sunday, April 11, 2021
Broadmoor Baptist Church,
Shreveport, LA
2:30 pm

Church Bible Drill information is due by Thursday, April 1. Email to teresa@fbchaughton.org or mail to Teresa Small, c/o First Baptist Church, 105 E. Washington Ave., Haughton, LA 71037 Questions? Call Teresa Small at 318-949-2441.



Staff Opportunities

PASTOR	MUSIC	YOUTH	CHILDREN	OTHER
Ferry Lake Mooringport Westlake Westwood	Emmanuel/Vivian-PT Waller-PT	Bethany-PT Emmanuel/S'port-PT Princeton FBC-PT Westwood-PT North Keithville-PT	Belcher-PT Cross Point-PT Ferry Lake-PT	Emmanuel/Vivian-Pianist Haughton FBC-Media Personnel-PT

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Baptist News

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HAVE MANY AMERICANS COMPLETELY LOST THEIR WAY?



"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn..." Psalm 51:1

The events in our nation over the last few months have shaken millions of Americans. Like never before, it is time to turn to the Lord. This may not be just another moment in our country's history. The sobering reality is, this moment may decide how much longer we have a country that any of us recognize. All of this is happening in a context of distrust everywhere, decaying civic institutions and troubled cities and communities. Add to that heightened isolation over the past year due to a stressful pandemic, and one's emotions can be frayed to the limit.

Multiple times, the prophet Isaiah called God's people to return to Him so that He might have compassion upon them and abundantly pardon them. *Isaiah 55:5-7*.

The following is some helpful encouragement from my friend Tony Perkins.

7 WAYS TO PRAY FOR OUR NATION

- 1. Pray for unity within our country.** That will come only through the unifying gospel and the hope that is found in Jesus Christ. Pray that God's Spirit will move in America. *Philippians 2:9-10*.
- 2. Pray for the Lord to confuse and confound** the plans of those who operate counter to the truth. God has done this throughout the pages of scripture. *Isaiah 19*.
- 3. Pray that the Church would be the light of the world** in these dark and difficult times and that the Light would expose what has been done in darkness. *Ephesians 5:11-14, 6:18-20*.
- 4. Pray that our government leaders would recognize**, understand, and yield to the truth that the authority defined and limited to them in the Constitution ultimately comes from God. *Romans 13:1, Daniel 2:21*.
- 5. Pray that state legislatures will take up their responsibility** to review state election laws and expose any corruption or manipulation, and then change those laws and policies to ensure the integrity of our elections. *Proverbs 11:1, 16:11*.
- 6. Pray that God's people would resolve to stand** firm and unwavering in the power of God's might. *Ephesians 6:10-18*.
- 7. Pray that leaders within the Body of Christ** and its members would demonstrate the love of Christ to our neighbors and one another. In these uncertain times there is need for great wisdom. *Ephesians 4:2, 5:15-17*.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Thursday,
February 11, 2021

Northwoods Baptist Church
5924 North Market, Shreveport, LA 71107

Leadership Session - (2 speakers) 11:00 AM

Lunch & Business Meeting - 12 Noon

Dr. Jeff Steed, Executive Director of the Louisiana Baptist Foundation.
LBF assists with charitable gifts and donations to churches and other ministries. Dr. Steed and the LBF team can also help your church with investments and long range planning.



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Thursday night worship services are mapped out for the semester, and family group leaders are lined up. Many pastors from our association volunteered their talents to create a series of video lessons to help our students in pursuing Christ. Of course, none of this happens without the ongoing support of the Northwest Louisiana Baptist Association and its churches. With so much going on you might begin to think that we could use a hand!

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In fact, there are many ways you can be a part of this exciting new year:

- 1. You can pray** – it's not the least you can do, it's the best thing you can do! If you'd like to pray for a specific student, we'd love to connect you.
- 2. You can bring** refreshments to one of our Thursday night gatherings. Put together a group from your church and come bless some students with delicious treats.
- 3. You can volunteer** to work a shift in our GOLA Coffee Shop. Free coffee and meeting college kids? How great is that!
- 4. You can help support** summer missions by giving to the Skip Noble Memorial Fund through the Shreveport BCM. Every gift given will go directly to help fund students doing missions this summer and will add to the already amazing legacy of Mr. Skip.



Happy New Year!

We are in a season of change and flexibility, which is what Missions is all about! **RefresHer is going to be Saturday, February 13, 2021.** We have many things planned, and pray you will be able to join us. For this RefresHer we are going to meet at Bethany Conference Center (formerly Camp Bethany). We will have Saturday only activities, beginning at 10:00 am. Registration will begin at 9:30 am. We will social distance in CPAC, seated at round tables; a lunch buffet will be brought to us there.

Registration can be sent to: Pat Broussard, 2059 Shadywood Lane, Shreveport, 71105

Make checks payable to: NLBA and reference RefresHer on your check

Cost is \$20.00 per person prior to February 3. After February 3, cost is \$30.00.

We must let Bethany know by Monday, Feb 8, how many plan to have lunch and how many tables to set up to properly social distance. We appreciate your help with this.

There is a youth conference the same weekend at Bethany Conference Center. If you would like to bring your youth please contact Bethany directly at 318-938-1221.

SBC Seminary Presidents Reaffirm Baptist Faith & Message:

Declares Critical Race Theory Incompatible

In a statement adopted in the Council's annual session, the seminary presidents assert that as "confessional institutions," the six seminaries stand "together in this classic statement of biblical truth." Additionally, the statement declares that while condemning "racism in any form," the seminaries agree that "affirmation of the Critical Race Theory, Intersectionality and any version of Critical Race Theory is incompatible with the Baptist Faith & Message."

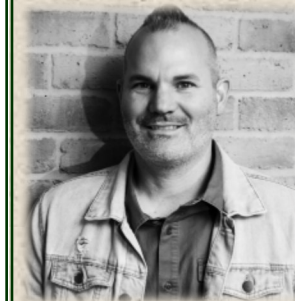
THE
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Clearly, CRT is at the forefront of our cultural and denominational moment. The closer you look into its history, advocates and aims, the more troubling it becomes. Critical Race Theory is not a biblical solution, stated Jason Allen, president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Allen added, Given our national denominational history, causes and cures of racism are often emotionally charged, yet we need the moral and theological clarity to guard against racism, while also defending our most cherished beliefs: the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the inerrancy and sufficiency of Scripture.

Jamie Dew, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, said *Our condemnation of racism arises from the teachings of Christianity itself, not from any modern secular ideology. CRT is not endorsed by any of our faculty.*

R. Albert Mohler, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary added, *The Convention has acknowledged our own history and moral responsibility. We make clear that racism has no rightful place within the SBC, our churches, or our entities. We are thankful for our African-American brothers and sisters, whose voices are needed and must be honored. We are not to be guided by secular ideologies, but by the Word of God alone and in the love of Christ.*

A Pastor's Perspective



Tim Dye,
Pastor,
Freedom Church
Bossier City LA

A Fresh Perspective for 2021

For many of us, 2020 was a year to remember. We did everything from navigating to isolating and even moments of being frustrated. Certainly, 2020 brought many distractions that have left a mark on our ministries. Have you become like Joshua, where God told him in Joshua 7:10 to "stand up- what are you doing on the ground?" I'm writing to remind you that leaders don't quit. There is nothing more demonic and effective in Satan's lies than that of creating insignificance and faithlessness. The great builder, Nehemiah, knew the work he was tasked to do involved a struggle. Yet, he was an engaged builder who kept building in spite of distraction and adversity.

We can't afford to slow down the work of God nor can we retreat from our post due to feeling insignificant. The key is a resilient leadership found in Nehemiah 6:3, where he sent messengers to say "I am doing a great work and cannot come down. Why should I leave to come down to you?"

Distractions rob leaders of the great work that we are called to. I'm asking that you not level off, or not to settle for an adequate work. The work that God has tasked you to do is a GREAT WORK! So, lead and don't come off the wall. You are a BUILDER!

Tim Dye has been the pastor of Freedom Church since 2013. Tim and his wife, Shera have one daughter.