

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

Staff Updates

Pastor Anniversaries

<i>William Valentine</i>	2005	Lakeview
<i>Don Crook</i>	2006	Fellowship
<i>Darrell Cooper</i>	2006	Princeton
<i>Jeff Raines</i>	2012	FBC Shreveport
<i>David McKinney</i>	2014	Memorial
<i>Chad Mills</i>	2016	Beulah Land
<i>Marvin Cooper</i>	2017	Bethany


New Staff

Brookwood: *David Rice*, Pastor, from Cross Roads Baptist Church, Marshall, TX (wife, Celina)

Staff Changes

Keithville FBC: *Larry Alton*, Music, from Interim

Wow! The new year is here and it’s already moving very fast. I hope your church is in the midst of preparing for upcoming drills to be held in our area. The **District Bible Drill** will be on Sunday, April 8 2:30 pm, at Woodridge Baptist Church in Shreveport. If your church is planning on participating, please let me know the date of your church drill, which version of the Bible is being used (KJV, HCS or CSB), the church Bible Drill Leader and their contact number. Information can be emailed to teresa@fbchaughton.org or mailed to Teresa Small, C/O First Baptist Church, 105 E. Washington, Haughton, LA 71037. A suggested church drill date is March 25 and the State Drill will be held at Temple Baptist in Ruston, on April 24 @ 6:30 pm.



Harry Forrester served faithfully as our District Bible Drill leader and we want to honor and recognize him at the April District Drill. Want to extend a “Thank you” for his faithfulness? Cards or notes can be sent to me at the above address and will be given to him on April 8.

I look forward to serving each of you and don’t hesitate to call with questions @ 949.2441 or 773.1611.

In His Love,
Teresa Small

Fellowship Trips

Cypress: Ireland Trip. Group 1-April 18-28, 2018. Group 2-April 22-May 2, 2018. \$3,499 plus \$250.00 (optional/ insurance) Contact Cindy at 318-965-2296

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Grawood: Pews for sale. 19 are 20ft., 42 are 12ft.
Contact Chris Willcutt at 318-925-9508

In late 2017, two losses from the Northwest family were *Barbara Walker* (Broadmoor Church) who served as secretary at the Association office when we were located on Woodlawn Ave. from 1977-1997. Also, *Richard Hunter* (Woodridge Church) who served as Association Treasurer for seven years during the early 2000’s. Their faithfulness to the churches of our Association will be long remembered.



CONFERENCE
Thursday 9am-7pm
March 5, 2018



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Staff Opportunities				
PASTOR	MUSIC	YOUTH	CHILDREN	OTHER
Belcher Belle Park Gray Kingston Road Mansfield Road New Bethel Red River Springs of Grace Summer Grove Willow Point	Bethany-PT Emmanuel/Vivian-PT Koran - PT Waller -PT	Ban Suk - PT Barksdale-PT Calvary-FT Cross Point—PT Emmanuel S’port - PT Pilgrim Home - PT Princeton FBC - PT	Clarion - Children - PT Norris Ferry-FT N. Keithville - Children’s Worker - PT Ferry Lake-PT	Emmanuel/Vivian-Pianist Ferry Lake-Pianist Northwoods - Secretary- PT Trinity Heights-Keyboardist Drummer Do not wish to receive this publication? Please contact us at carlene@nwlba.org or 318-686-5736

Baptist News

“This Association exists to assist our family of churches in reaching and discipling people for Christ.”

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NORTHWEST LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018
GRAWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
5841 Colquitt Road
Keithville, LA 71047

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Leadership Session-11:00 am

Hugh Smith, with **The Voice of the Martyrs (VOM)** will be our guest speaker. VOM is a nonprofit, interdenominational Christian missions organization that offers practical and spiritual help to persecuted Christians around the world.



PLEASE RSVP

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12 Noon-Lunch & Business Meeting



NLBA 2018 HARVEST

Sunday School Training for Small Groups



Jeff Ingram, Adult Ministry Strategist, Louisiana Baptist Convention

Sean Keith, Sunday School/ Discipleship Strategist , Louisiana Baptist Convention

Sherrie Albritton, Childrer's Minister, Fair Park Baptist Church, West Monroe

Steve Maltempi, Youth Minister Strategist, Louisiana Baptist Convention

Monday Night
February 12, 2018
6-8 pm

Host Location:
Brookwood Baptist Church
9014 Brookwood Church Way
Shreveport, LA 71106

Sessions for: **Children, Youth & Adult Leadership**

- **6 pm** - Complimentary light supper and General Session in the Auditorium.
- Age Graded Break-out Sessions to follow.
- **RSVP** how many are coming from your church to: carlene@nwlba.org or 318-686-5736

“Putting Evangelism Back In Sunday School”

Compassion Ministries
John Anderson

WOW, is the only word I can describe for the month of December. The Bible tells us that love is expressed through our actions. Seventeen churches were able to express their God-given love as they were recipients of over 4,000 plush toys that came from Children’s Hunger Fund, Dallas, Texas. These churches conducted numerous Christmas outreach programs where they were able to bless thousands of children in their neighborhoods. We may never know just how many lives were changed through this one act of kindness, but the recipients will. So thank you to all the churches that participated in this wonderful opportunity to share the *Love of God*.

Save the date, April 21st. **“Here for You”** is coming up again. This is a day when churches from all over the state will be out in their communities sharing and expressing the *Love of God* through their kind actions.

For more information on this or any other Compassion type ministry, please contact me, John Anderson at 318-686-5736, or on my cell at 318-230-3446. You can also email me at janderson@nwlba.org

MARCH 4-11

WEEK OF PRAYER for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

I was listening to the radio today as I was traveling back to Bethany from the hospital and after a funeral. The DJ made a comment that hit me. He said, “life often bumps into us and sometimes with force.” This new year has been a bumpy one so far.

I mentioned the hospital. January 9th, my wonderful mother-in-law, Shirley Cook, had a portion of her colon removed after being cancer free for almost 27 years. She is one of the most special women I have ever known, and to see her hurting so badly saddened me so much. She is a strong woman and I believe God is going to restore her health and strength. Please pray for her.

The funeral was a tough one. A dear brother, Tom Dungan, who I have known and worked with since 1996, suddenly became ill and passed away. The good news, he was indeed a brother in the Lord Jesus and he is in heaven. The bad news, he loved so many of us so well. He will be missed until we join him in that heavenly home. His brother spoke very highly about him and said one thing that will stick with me. He said “Tom made me a better man.” I can most certainly agree with

him about Tom.

As I reflected on that, I wondered if other people will say that about me when I have left this earth. I am going to work towards that goal the remaining days God gives me here, as I keep my focus on Jesus, bumps and all.

Camp Bethany
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Toys from Children’s Hunger Fund put smiles on the faces of many children in our area.



Sat, 17 Feb 2018
CHILDREN'S MISSIONS DAY 2018
GO Serve!
Serving is FUN!!

3 Ideas:

Idea #1: Birthday Kits
Kids decorate white baker's boxes (or brown paper grocery bags)

Fill with dry cake mix, canned frosting, candles, Gospel tract, & maybe a toy

Distribute the kits in your neighborhood

Idea #2: Penny Contest
Form teams (boys, girls, age groups, etc)

Teams compete to collect the most pennies

Send the money to a WMU-sponsored charity (The Carpenter House is one suggestion)

Idea #3: Honor War Veterans
Kids make patriotic cards thanking our veterans for their service

Either visit NWLA War Veterans' Home or mail the cards there

Or, send the cards to Brookshires for their Honor Flight program (veterans go to Washington DC to visit the memorials)

Email me, Kris Simpson, at krisandrandy011@gmail.com & let me know how it went!!

ASSOCIATION / LBC UPCOMING DATES

February 6	WMU Associational Meeting
February 17	Association Office 10am Children’s Ministry Day
March 4-11	<i>Plan some special ministries for your children to do.</i> Week of Prayer for North American Missions Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
March 10	M-Jam, First, Lafayette
April 8	District Bible Drill
April 16	Woodridge 2:30 pm VBS Training Location TBA



At the beginning of each year, there are many who commit to being more disciplined in reading scripture or even to read the Bible entirely in a calendar year. A tool that has been the most helpful to me over the past few years, and one that I have shared with our students many times, is a **S.O.A.P. journal**. In the past, journaling was always intimidating and time consuming. However, using the S.O.A.P. acronym to guide what you write can help focus your daily reading into actions and obedience. *Here’s how it works:*

- No matter how much you read each day, underline anything in the passage that is meaningful, raises questions, or stands out to you.
- When you are finished, review everything you underlined and choose 1 verse that God is drawing your attention to, then,
 - S--Write down this **Scripture** verbatim, including the reference.
 - O--Jot down an **Observation** about this verse. This is just a couple of sentences that restates what the verse says and/or what it is “saying” to you.
 - A--Write down a brief **Application** of this verse to your life. This sentence should clearly say what you believe you are to do in light of this verse or passage.
 - P--Compose a brief **Prayer**, expressing your thoughts and concerns to God.

This method is brief, but effective, and will result in a daily synopsis of what God is teaching you. I hope that God continues to use this simple method in my life, in the lives of our students, and in your life as you seek wisdom in God’s Word.



Jamey Droddy, BCM Director, 318-797-1946, droddy@gmail.com

UPCOMING Monthly EVENTS

February 1	Ministers of Music 11:30 am Bossier FBC
13	North Caddo Main Street Restaurant, Gilliam, LA 11:30 am
19	Senior Adult Leaders 9:00 am Association Office
27	Pastors Prayer 9:00 am Association Office

A Pastor's Perspective



Andy Liu
Pastor,
Chinese Mission Church
of First Baptist Shreveport, LA

I am so thankful

that my family can service our Lord at Shreveport because it is His grace to bring us here. In so many times I ask our Lord what His purpose for us to ministry here? After one year serving and praying, I sensed that our Lord want our Chinese Mission to carry on the spirit of our First Baptist Church, which is following the mission of God, for our God is mission God.

In order to join the Mission of God, we start to pray and watch where our Lord is working on our Chinese community and the entire city. Praise to

our Lord, He is the faithful God, we can see that every year there are some students and scholars come to Louisiana State University School of Medicine for studying. Most of them have never heard the name of Jesus Christ. Through the New Students Welcome Party we build the first hand relationship with them. This ministry of our Chinese Mission Church has been doing for several years, but it seems God bring more and more of them to us more than ever. May our Lord continue to use this ministry to glorify His name.

The other Mission we aware of is our Lord is working on those who are facing language and immigration difficulties in the city because God has bought them to us frequently this year. These groups we have never been connected and reached out before. May our Lord guide us to his Mission for the year to come.

And we will obey and follow his leading, for we know it is the reason why we are here to serve. Praise to our Lord.

My wife Lucy and I, we are from Wuhan, China. After earning a degree in Computer Science from Beijing Science and Technology University, I felt a call toward ministry. I led a House Church in China for seven years before pursuing a Master degree in Global Leadership (concentration is churching planting) at Dallas Baptist University. I come to First Baptist Church Chinese Mission highly recommended from my professors there, but also felt a strong sense of calling to be here to join the Mission of our Lord. We have an 8-year-old son, Jack. Our family is so grateful and proud to serve at FBC.

First Baptist has a long standing ministry to the Chinese people in Northwest Louisiana. Andy Liu is the pastor of the Chinese Mission Church of First Baptist Shreveport. Andy and his wife Lucy moved to Shreveport in February 2017.