

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
John Lary	2016	Calvary
Chad Mills	2016	Beulah Land
Marvin Cooper	2017	Bethany
Andy Liu	2017	Chinese Mission
Roy Davis	2018	Gray
David Rice	2018	Brookwood
Kurt Zortman	2023	Elm Grove

New Staff


Summer Grove: Tre LeMalle, Elevate Worship Leader

Staff Changes

Springs of Grace: Jeff Segner, Assoc. Pastor, Retired

Church News

Bossier FBC: IGNITE WKND, Feb. 9-11. Friday, 6:30 pm - 11 pm, Saturday, 10 am - 9 pm, Sunday, 9:30 am - 12 pm. Student Conference to Connect, Disciple, & Send students! Worship, Breakouts, Rec, Family Groups, Food & Silent Disco! \$80. To register, contact students@firstbossier.com or 334-332-6646.



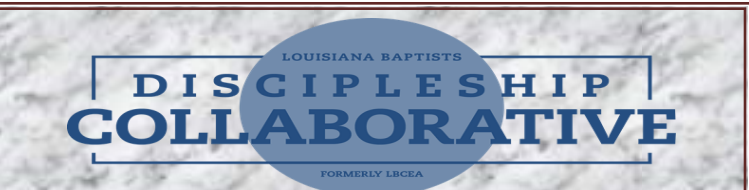
District Bible Drill
Sunday, April 7, 2024
Woodridge Baptist Church
2:30 pm

Church Drill information should be sent to Teresa Small, (teresa@fbchaughton.org) by Wednesday, March 20, 2024. For any questions, call Teresa at 318-773-1661

WEEK OF PRAYER for
North American Missions and
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
March 3-10, 2024

5875 W. 70th St
Shreveport LA 71129
318-686-5736 FAX: 687-9701
Return Service Requested
E-mail: carlene@nwlba.org
Website: www.nwlba.org
www.Facebook.com/NWLBA
Hours: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm/Mon-Thur.
8:30 am - 12:00 noon/Friday
Lane Moore, Director of Missions

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The Discipleship Collaborative – A Network of Ministry Professionals

If you are responsible for the church small group ministry, join us. We provide resources, training, and tools to help assist you as you lead your church to make disciples who make disciples.

Special Guest - Ken Braddy, Director of Sunday School & Network Partnerships at Lifeway Christian Resources. (Ken will be joining us via ZOOM)

Topic - "Enlisting and Developing Leaders for a Healthy, Growing Small Group Ministry in Your Church."

Join us Monday, February 12th, at Airline Baptist Church, 4007 Airline Drive, Bossier City, LA. We will meet for lunch at 11:30 AM. Ken will join us via ZOOM from 12:00 Noon until 1:00 PM. There will be time for questions and answers. Lunch is free and if you register by February 7th you will receive a free resource from Ken Braddy. To register, go to LouisianaBaptists.org/DC24

2023 FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT
Church Contributions to Association Budget-\$144,596.59
Budget Expenses of Association-\$136,546.35

Staff Opportunities

PASTOR	MUSIC	YOUTH	CHILDREN	OTHER
Ford Park - Bi-Vo Pilgrim Home - Bi-Vo Red River - Bi-Vo Shreve City - Bi-Vo Westlake - Bi-Vo	Ferry Lake - PT Greenwood - PT Lakeview - PT Trees - FT/PT Westwood - PT	Belle Park - PT North Keithville - PT Plain Dealing - PT/FT Princeton FBC - PT Westwood - PT Vivian FBC - FT	Belcher - PT Ferry Lake - PT	FBC Blanchard - Hourly Nursery Workers New Birth - Children's Church - Volunteer

Northwest Louisiana Baptist Association

Baptist News

Churches, Missions &
Ministries Working
Together To Be
More Effective

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AN EVENING OF
Prayer, Repentance & Renewal

That's our theme for 2024. In a few days your Association churches will come together once again for our 9th annual **CALL TO PRAYER**. Our host church for **February 4th is Eastwood Baptist Church**. Each year hundreds of Southern Baptists have come together to join their voices and hearts in crying out to God for a fresh work in our lives and our churches.

There is a new local, national or world crisis every week and chaos follows right behind. We know that our Father is still in control in spite of the wars and rumors of war on every front. Our cities are in turmoil with every vice you can think of on display on a daily basis. The world in which we live is hurting everywhere. Clearly, we need an EVENING OF PRAYER, REPENTANCE & RENEWAL.

This year, four of our pastors from Bossier parish will bring devotionals as we move into separate sections of prayer.

Brad Kirby - Eastwood

"Message for Spiritual Healing"

Raymond Wilkinson - Open Road

"Message for Spiritual Renewal"

Calvin Hubbard - Barksdale

"Message for God's Hand in National & World Affairs"

Terry Young - Airline

"Message for the Church to be a Strong Witness"



Throughout the evening the Eastwood Baptist Church Adult Choir & Praise Team will lead us in worship. Over two dozen pastors will be reading Scripture and leading us in corporate prayer. Don't miss a great evening of encouragement, praise and prayer. I'll see you Sunday night February 4th at 6 PM.

2.4.24
SUNDAY NIGHT
6:00 PM
EASTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
2810 HWY 80 EAST, HAUGHTON, LA



**NORTHWEST
LOUISIANA
BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Thursday,
February 15, 2024


Kingston Road Property
8900 Kingston Rd, Shreveport, LA

12 NOON - Lunch & Business Meeting


Please RSVP 318-686-5736 or carlene@nwlb.org

Giving Tree Medical was originally founded by missionary physicians in California out of the necessity to deliver durable, high quality, and cost-effective equipment into the hands of medical providers around the world. Their primary mission is to provide missionary hospitals and physicians with better technology in under-served countries of the world. Giving Tree receives liquidated equipment from hospitals and clinics as well as partnering with national manufacturers and distributors to receive donated new equipment. Once the equipment and supplies are received at the warehouse, it is sorted, inventoried and stored until they receive a request from a partner hospital from the mission field. When the request comes, the process is then reversed. It is properly packaged for overseas travel and prepped for shipping from the Bossier warehouse which is located at 3920 Hwy. 527 in Haughton, LA. Giving Tree Medical, LLC, is a registered 501(c)(3) organization. You can go to the Giving Tree Medical website and find out more information to see additional pictures and ways that your church can be involved in a local mission with a world-wide reach.






Giving Tree Medical
A Missions Purchasing Company




GIVING TREE MEDICAL MISSIONS

A new ministry opportunity has opened in Northwest Association through the work of several Southern Baptist physicians. The Giving Tree medical team of physicians has opened a northwest Louisiana location and is looking for churches that can volunteer at the new warehouse in south Bossier parish.



First Shreveport youth sort and package medical devices.


Shreveport Baptist Collegiate Ministry
Stephen Craver, Director




With a new year comes a new semester at the Shreveport Baptist Collegiate Ministries. While last semester provided us with many great ministry opportunities and fun memories there's something special about a spring semester. New student leaders will lead their first small groups, and new baristas will join the fun at our GOLA Coffee Shop. None of these amazing opportunities would be possible without the continued support of the churches of the Northwest Louisiana Baptist Association.

One opportunity our students and staff look forward to each year is our annual Christmas break mission trip. This year we journeyed to Arlington, TX, where we worked alongside the folks at Mission Arlington. For their first day, our students worked Mission Arlington's Christmas store. This ministry allows underprivileged families to come and hear a gospel presentation, and then select presents for their children to have for Christmas. Our students loved getting to make Christmas possible for these families! During the rest of our trip students worked in childcare, clothing and food banks, and even Mission Arlington's medical clinic. One of the most rewarding experiences at the BCM is watching our students utilize the talents and gifts God's given them to minister. Even more rewarding is knowing they can do the same for our churches with the experience they've gained at the BCM!

As we move forward into a new semester of ministry, we hope you will partner with us. You can do this by praying daily for our staff and students. You can join your church group in providing a lunch. Also, you can become one of the financial partners that help send students to do missions. In whatever way God moves you to serve, we know you'll be blessed!





**THE BAPTIST FAITH
& MESSAGE**

*What We Believe
as Southern Baptists*

Following is another in our series on the Baptist Faith & Message 2000, with this month's column.

Article VI: The Church

"A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is an autonomous local congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the two ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. Each congregation operates under the Lordship of Christ through democratic processes. In such a congregation each member is responsible and accountable to Christ as Lord. Its two scriptural offices are pastor/elder/overseer and deacon. While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor/elder/overseer is limited to men as qualified by Scripture. The New Testament speaks also of the church as the Body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages, believers from every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation."

The Bible generally speaks of the church in two significant ways: as universal and local. The universal church is the complete body of believers who have trusted in Jesus as Lord and Savior. Membership in the universal church cannot be bought, inherited, or conferred by any human or angelic being. It comes only by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ. Key passages that address the universal church include: Matt. 16:18; I Cor. 15:9; Eph.1:22-23; 5:29-30; Col. 1:18; and Rev. 5:9-10;7:9.

However, most New Testament references to the church focus on local congregations. The local church may be defined as a body of baptized believers in Jesus Christ who live in the same community and gather at a common place for worship, fellowship, instruction, and service. The New Testament church is described in many ways: as a body with Christ as the head and believers as various parts of the body; as a building, with Christ as the chief cornerstone; as a bride, to be kept pure and eager for the coming of the bridegroom; as a mystery, hidden from the Old Testament believers but revealed to the apostles and given to Christians; and finally, as an organization with offices and ordinances.

In Southern Baptist life, voluntary cooperation is best exhibited through a local church's affiliation with an association, state convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention. It's also demonstrated through voluntary giving to state, national, and international causes through the Cooperative Program.


Next month: The Lord's Day

Culture Watch National & World News

Pennsylvania School Board President Sworn In Using Sexually Explicit Books

Karen Smith took her new position as President of one of Pennsylvania's largest school districts with her right hand raised and her left hand on a stack on books entitled, "Flamer," "All Boys Aren't Blue," "Beyond Magenta," "Lily and Dunkin'," and "The Bluest Eye." Smith stated that, *"The Bible doesn't hold much significance to me,"* so she selected other books that were important to her.


Source: The Washington Stand



Turkish Politician Falls Dead After Saying "Israel Will Suffer The Wrath Of Allah"

Seconds after invoking the wrath of Allah against Israel in the closing moments of his speech to Turkey's Grand National Assembly, Turkish parliamentarian Hasan Bitmez collapsed to the floor. Dr. Turhan Comez began giving him CPR while other officials provided any aid they could, but he was pronounced dead from a heart attack.


Source: Jerusalem Post



United Methodists Lose Over 7,000 Churches As Result Of LGBTQ Debate

Since 2019, thousands of churches have chosen to disaffiliate from the UMC over the homosexuality debate. Of the congregations that have left, over 3,000 have opted to affiliate with the Global Methodist Church, a recently launched theologically conservative alternative to the UMC.


Source: The Christian Post



Chief Rabbi Warren Goldstein of South Africa Tells Pope Francis To Repent

Rabbi Warren Goldstein was responding to Pope Francis reportedly having told Israeli President Isaac Herzog it is *"forbidden to respond to terror with terror."* Goldstein stated, *"Francis should take time to reflect on how you can repent for the sins of Pope Pius XII and the Catholic Church during the Holocaust. May God guide you to the path of atonement for sins, past and present."*

Source: Wall Street Journal



Sequel To The 'Passion Of The Christ' Being Filmed Now. Release Date Feb. 2025

It's been almost twenty years since The Passion of the Christ was released. Randall Wallace, veteran screenwriter of films like "Pearl Harbor" and "Braveheart," is working with Mel Gibson on the script. The first movie ended with a scene of a resurrected Christ ready to leave the tomb. Actor Jim Caviezel is returning to his role as Jesus. Wallace said, *"growing up in a Baptist Church in Memphis, the resurrection is one of the most meaningful parts of my faith."*

Source: The Baptist Record

