

## NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

### Staff Updates

#### Pastor Anniversaries

Randy Johnson	1974	Countryside/Keithville
James Jenkins	1991	Baptist Bible
Draper Wright	2016	New Zion
Cecil Marr	2017	North Shreve
Roger Harris	2019	Countryside/Mooringsport
Corey Smith	2019	Heritage

#### New Staff

**Grawood:** Cassidy Simmons, Children

#### Staff Changes

**Benton FBC:** David Worthington, Music, Interim

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### 2021 SBC Convention Wrap-Up

Two weeks ago in Nashville, TN, the largest gathering of Southern Baptists occurred in over 25 years. 15,726 registered messengers from across the country elected Ed Litton from Alabama as their new president with a 52% majority over Georgia pastor Mike Stone.

The Executive Committee (an 86-member body charged with acting on the SBC's behalf between annual meetings) drew opposition at multiple junctures, with messengers claiming the EC had too much authority and needed to be more accountable to the churches.

No official convention action was taken on Critical Race Theory. However, messengers adopted a broad resolution repudiating "any world view that denies that racism, oppression, or discrimination is rooted, ultimately, in anything other than sin."

Sixty-four new IMB missionaries were appointed to join the 3,631 missionaries already on the field. NAMB announced more than 8,200 new churches have been planted in the U.S and Canada in the past decade.

#### Northwest Pastor Sightings in Nashville



### Church News

**Barksdale:** Faith Bible Institute "FBI". Classes start August 19, 2021, 6:15-8:30 pm. For enrollment and cost, go to [www.fbiclass.com/register](http://www.fbiclass.com/register) and click sign-up. School code: Bossier 2 LA. For more information, call 318-742-1641.

**Eastwood:** Promise Keepers 2021 Simulcast, July 16, 6:30 pm -9:30 pm, July 17, 9:30 am- 2:30 pm. Simulcast of live event from ATT Stadium in Arlington. \$20 per person/box lunch provided on Saturday. Register at : <https://promisekeepers.brushfire.com/simulcast-2021/507853>. For more info, call 318-949-9433.

**Red River:** After faithfully serving the Lord as pianist for 50 years, Marilyn Andrews is retiring.

**Summer Grove:** July 11, 5pm, The Hoppers in concert, Worship Center. Love offering received.

**Western Hills:** Church Anniversary, celebrating 60 years, 1961-2021

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## A PRAYER FOR AMERICA On This July 4th

Father, we bow before you because we have nowhere else to turn. For over 200 years, you blessed our nation beyond compare. Our country has been the freest, wealthiest, and most opportunistic nation in the history of the world. But no longer. Lord, we don't feel very blessed today. Frankly, it seems like we are under a curse. Maybe we are.

Over the past year, we've experienced a pandemic, been quarantined, and watched a national economy come to a halt. We've witnessed riots and destruction and seen a president impeached.

Father, we are divided by race, ideology, and politics. Even family and church members have been at odds. Lord, you told us, "A house divided cannot stand."

We implore You, our Gentle Shepherd, to come to our aid in this desperate hour.

We thank you that you are a God of mercy and grace because we certainly don't deserve your goodness. We deserve wrath and judgement for our rebellious, arrogant spirits. We've been greedy and prideful. We've made a mockery of the definition of family, and killed our unborn.

Father, your word says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord," but also it says, "The wicked shall be cast into hell and all the nations that forget God." Should we be surprised that our leaders not only lack Godly wisdom but seem to have lost all common sense.

That's why we come to you, Lord. Would you hear the prayers of an unworthy remnant who are crying out to You? Humble us! Heal us! Unite us! Revive us!

Father, we plead for a movement of your Spirit. Like your mighty hand that parted the Red Sea and provided a way of escape for the Israelites, would you once again provide a way out?

You and You alone are sovereign. You are omniscient and omnipotent. Nothing is impossible with you! You alone have the words of eternal life. We cry out to you for the sake of our children and our children's children, to once again make us one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Amen



Over 300 years ago, Isaac Watts penned the first and second verses of the hymn "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past." *O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come. Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home. Under the shadow of thy throne, Thy saints have dwelt secure. Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.*

Pray Hard Church,  
Lane

### Staff Op-

PASTOR	MUSIC	YOUTH	CHILDREN	OTHER
Mooringsport North Keithville Westwood South Bossier	Benton FBC-PT Emmanuel/Vivian-PT Keithville FBC-PT	Emmanuel/S'port-PT Grawood-PT Mooringsport-PT Princeton FBC-PT Westwood-PT North Keithville-PT	Belcher-PT Cross Point-PT Ferry Lake-PT	Brookwood - Ministry Assist./Youth & Family- FT Emmanuel/Vivian-Pianist Blanchard FBC -Administrative Assist.-PT



## Bethany Camp & Conference

Trey Miller, Acting Director

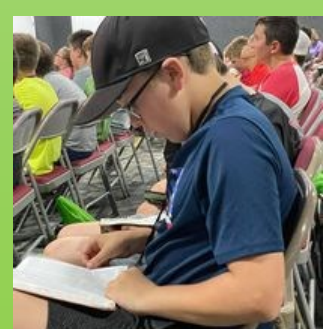
## BETHANY CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER Has Changed!



From the impressive new playground to the beautifully remodeled gym, it is safe to say the camp is not the same place it was just a few months ago. However, the greatest change in the last 15 months is thankfully seeing a summer camp full of children learning about Jesus. It is so uplifting to walk out of breakfast in the Dining Hall and see hundreds of children spread out around the camp, Bibles in hand, having their morning quiet time.

We have already served over 900 campers in June and we are just getting started. Due to COVID-19, none of these campers or adults have been here in over a year and hardly recognize the place. Between the dozens of small renovations we accomplished while we were unable to have camp last year, to our amazing Spring projects, the old Bethany feels like a New Campground. As the groups return, comments like *"This wasn't here before," "What a great upgrade,"* and *"This is so much nicer"*, have become commonplace.

All these changes were made possible because of the devotion of our associational churches to our ministry. From the monetary donations made by so many of our churches to the volunteer labor of churches like Airline and Grawood, we have been able to pour newness into our ministry. And with more than half a summer left, I am still so excited about all the LORD has done and is going to do this year!



## CULTURE WATCH in NATIONAL and WORLD NEWS

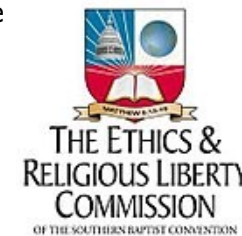
### 3rd Grader Forced to Remove "Jesus Love Me" Mask.



This didn't happen in New York or Los Angeles, but in Braxton, Mississippi, the heart of the Bible Belt. Lydia wanted to express her faith to her classmates but was told by school administration it was offensive and controversial. However, other students were allowed to wear a wide range of popular slogan masks expressing opinions. Alliance Defending Freedom currently has a pending lawsuit against the school.

### Russell Moore announces departure from ERLC.

Ending an occasional controversial eight-year tenure, as the head of the SBC's Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, Moore accepted a position with Christianity Today. The ERLC has been a flashpoint of controversy, most notably Moore's public opposition to candidate and then President Trump. In 2016, he stated any evangelical who votes for Trump would have to, repudiate everything they believe." He later clarified by saying he "understood that many supporters were motivated by biblical convictions and voted their conscience." In protest, some SBC churches, the most high profile being Prestonwood, announced they would escrow their Cooperative Program funds in 2017. Those funds were later released.



### The Persecution Connection Close to Home.

The country of Myanmar (formerly Burma) has recently battled a military coup along with the ongoing persecution of anyone who is not a Buddhist. *Open Doors World Watch* has Myanmar listed in the top 20 countries as the most dangerous for Christians. For many years, Northwest Association has been blessed to have a growing Burmese church that meets for worship in our Meadowview Mission Center. First Baptist Zo has a strong link to their persecuted brothers and sisters back in Myanmar. On most Sundays, the local fellowship led by Pastor Kham LaNang will have over one hundred in attendance.



## A Pastor's Perspective

### All In The Family

Members of the same family in ministry is not usual. Over the years we've had several fathers and sons in Northwest Association serving on the same church staff. However, it is unusual to have all those family members serving different churches, at the same time, in the same Association, and be gifted behind the pulpit and also leading worship.



The Keeny family has managed to keep it local. A few miles west of Blanchard, Dr. David Keeny serves as the bi-vocational pastor of Woodland Hills Baptist Church. In addition to pastoral duties, Dr. Keeny is a gifted piano player and vocalist and has served as a music minister in our Association. During the week you'll find Bro. David at Louisiana Baptist University serving as the Dean of the Theological Seminary. He's served on the LBU faculty for over a decade.

Not far from Dad's church, on the north side of Cross Lake, Rev. Chris Keeny is the new pastor at Westlake Baptist Church. Chris has served in other states, but Northwest Louisiana is now his new mission field. Musical ability didn't end with one generation of Keenys. Chris is also an accomplished musician. He plays the piano, guitar, bass guitar, violin and mandolin.



Amber Keeny Moulton has served the last eight years as the Worship Leader at Providence Road Baptist Church in southwest Caddo Parish. Amber is a gifted singer and song writer and has penned several musicals for her church. Pictured at left is the cover of Amber's newest CD, titled "It Is Well." Amber said, *"Dad was our influence. He gave us our love for music and passion for the Lord's work, but behind the scenes, the practice, practice, practice disciplinarian was mom."*



The Keeny's eldest son, Josh, is also a pastor and serves in southern Missouri.

David and Reta Keeny know they are blessed to have all three of their children in ministry and serving the Lord. Having two out of three close by, and serving in the same Association, is a double blessing!