

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

Staff Updates

Pastor Anniversaries		
John McDonald	1992	Westlake
Buddy Hankins	1993	Southside
Robert Beadle	1993	FBC Benton
Larry Black	2002	Faith Fellowship
Shaun Armstrong	2009	Grace
Mark Crook	2010	Trees
Shane Nugent	2012	Cross Point

New Staff

Barksdale: Ben Alderman, Youth, from Belle Park Baptist Church (wife, Savana)

Staff Changes

Calvary: Allen Flood, Youth, from Kentucky. (wife, Lindsay)
Westwood: David Venable, Pastor, retiring
Woodridge: Matt McCann, Associate Pastor, to Argentina with IMB

Northwest Louisiana Baptist Association
Churches working together to be more effective



Pinecroft Baptist Church
kitchen crew prepared lunch for the May Executive Board Meeting. Church Hostess, Claudia Lucas (second from left) is 98 years old with no intention of slowing down.

Airline: Several rolling TV carts and TVs, \$50 a piece. Call church office for more information 318-746-3495

Providence Road: The Steel Magnolias in concert. June 23, 6pm, no charge.

Fellowship Trips

Haughton: Israel Trip with Dr. Gevan Spinney. December 27, 2018-January 5, 2019. \$4,599. For more details, contact church office, 318-949-2441.

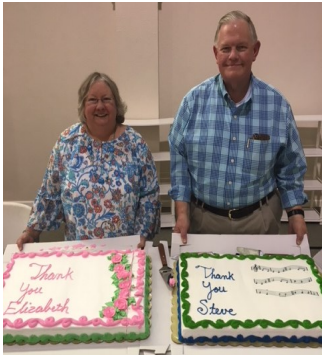
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Airline: Jenny Pederson, wife of Doug Pederson, Head Coach of the Super Bowl Champion Philadelphia Eagles, spoke to several hundred women recently at their Women’s Event.



Eastwood: Recently broke ground on the construction of a new 4.5 million dollar Auditorium. (Pictured) Pastor Rusty Shuler and wife, Angela



North Shreve: Honored Steve Miller and wife, Elizabeth with a reception. Steve has been the Bi-Vocational Music Minister at North Shreve since 1980.

Staff Opportunities				
PASTOR	MUSIC	YOUTH	CHILDREN	OTHER
Belcher Belle Park Oak Hill Springs of Grace Summer Grove Westwood Willow Point	Bethany-PT Emmanuel/Vivian-PT Koran - PT Waller -PT	Ban Suk - PT Cross Point—PT Pilgrim Home - PT Princeton FBC - PT Westwood - PT	Clarion - Children - PT N. Keithville - Children's Worker - PT Ferry Lake-PT Woodridge-FT	Ban Suk-Assoc. Pastor/FT English Speaking Brookwood-Daycare Director 30 hrs per/wk Emmanuel/Vivian-Pianist Ferry Lake-Pianist Do not wish to receive this publication? Please contact 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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FIVE FLAWS I'VE SEE IN HANDLING CHURCH CONFLICT

In some cases light conflict can be a sign of vitality. The church is growing and working through challenges with people, parking and building space.

However, the majority find church conflict to be a real burden and a serious distraction to the Lord’s work.

1. I'LL JUST IGNORE AND IT WILL GO AWAY

If it’s a minor bump that may be true. Failure to set boundaries may only embolden a person to continue their bad behavior. I’ve heard over and over, “you know so and so, that’s just the way they are.” Excusing bad behavior in church never works in the long run.

2. THIS IS JUST A STAND ALONE INCIDENT

To see certain conflicts as totally unrelated to anything else in the church might be unwise. There’s normally a pattern to conflicts and they don’t occur in a vacuum. For example a church might make a change in the worship service and that creates upheaval in the Children or Youth area.

3. I CAN HANDLE THIS BY MYSELF

Sometimes the Lord blesses and you can resolve it alone. If you’re the pastor, you have staff members or lay people who love you

and support the decisions you make. Lean on them to help you handle the problematic issues that arise in ministry. They should be ready to support you.

4. IF I SET LIMITS OR BOUNDARIES ON PEOPLE IT WILL BE VIEWED AS MEAN OR UNKIND

Resolving conflicts at some point in time will bring all of us to this moment. In reality, it is kinder to set limits with those who can’t set them for themselves. There are times when a church leader has to say, “You can’t act like that here,” or “We’re not going to speak to one another like that at church.” This can be a real expression of love.

5. I'LL JUST ACCOMMODATE THE DIFFICULT PERSON AND THAT WILL SOLVE IT

We might feel better when we do it, but yielding ground or giving them things they want in church will not solve it. I’ve not seen that work with four year olds or adults.

Here are two great quotes I found from Rev. M. R. Marcuson concerning conflict.

A strong, effective and compassionate shepherd functions as the IMMUNE SYSTEM for the congregation.

Shepherds are to protect the wider church community from the least mature, for the sake of the whole and for the sake of the future.

Lane

Week One-FULL Week Two- SPACE STILL AVAILABLE
Week 1: June 25-29
Week 2: July 2-6
Family Fireworks Night on July 4!
kidz kamp at bethany
Camp Pastors Jerrad Edmonds & Terry Young
Music by Kidz Kamp Band
Cost: \$160
CampBethany.com | Facebook.com/KidzKampCampBethany

UPCOMING EVENTS

275 Registered! ONLY 70 MORE SPACES LEFT!
NOISE
Isaiah 54:17
July 23 - 27, 2018
Camp Bethany
\$230
\$250 for Lodge Rooms
For more information: clearcamps.com or campbethany.com
Speaker: Eddie Briery
Worship: Chelsea Grisham
CLEARCAMPS



Another great **MAY-HIM** was experienced by 288 participants at our 37th Annual Senior Adult Choir Festival at Camp Bethany.



Twenty-Three churches participated in the annual **VBS Training Clinic** held at Calvary Baptist Church.



Diana Duncan (right) is the VBS Director for the Northwest Association.



Robert & Joan Cole announce their retirement from Camp Bethany effective later this year.

(Pictured) Executive Board members lay hands on and pray over Robert Cole.



Camp Bethany Robert Cole

May has been a busy month. We have hosted groups every weekend along with several groups during the week. It is end of school time and several schools came to Camp Bethany for a “rewards” field trip. One group even stayed overnight. That group was also our first group to go swimming. It is good to hear the joyful squeals of happy children, as they run around the camp.

Joan and I are looking forward to one last summer of listening to those joyful sounds, as well as going to sleep to the rhythm of the bass guitars as they worship in the chapel. We are also eager to see how God shows Himself strong and mighty in various and sometimes surprising ways. He is so good and so faithful!

We also hosted the 37th Sr. Adult May-Him. As always, *Richard Beeman* did a fabulous job organizing and hosting the event. Summer staff training is coming up next week and then summer hits. We are not quite ready but we are quickly wrapping up a few projects and of course we are cutting a little grass.

Keep us in your prayers as we keep working hard for Jesus!

The Carpenter House



NEARING THE FINISH LINE! *The Carpenter House,*

which started towards the end of 2016 is aggressively nearing the finish line. We only lack a few things in order to be completely done, such as painting, the sprinkler system, flooring and furniture. Would you prayerfully consider helping us financially cross the finish line so that we can open the doors to those who are hurting and displaced? Thank you so much, and remember, together we can all make a difference.

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Before



After



UPCOMING Monthly EVENTS

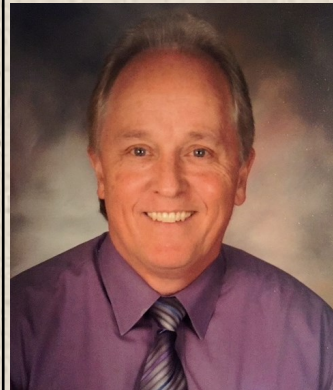
June 4	6:30 pm	Bi-Vocational Associational Office
26	9:00 am	Pastors Prayer Associational Office

ASSOCIATION / LBC UPCOMING DATES

June 10-13	2018 SBC/WMU Convention Dallas, TX
June 25-July 6	PreTeen Camps Camp Bethany
July 23-27	NLBA Youth Camp Camp Bethany
August 2	WMU Training
September 10	Men's Fish Fry Camp Bethany
October 8	Annual Meeting Calvary Baptist Church
November 13-14	Branson @ Bethany

A Pastor's Perspective

THE BRUTAL FACTS



Dr. Scott Teutsch,
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We often read statistics that paint a negative picture of where the church has landed in the 21st century. With that in mind I want to point out something that I think is positive and can be a great opportunity for us all today. According to statisticians, 60% of lost people in Louisiana will not respond to an invitation to attend a church

event, function or service. Yet, 70 % of the 60% are interested in having a conversation about God and even interested in knowing more about the Bible! In round numbers, that is approximately 1.1 million people living in our state. Let's consider the opportunities before us.

Where are these folks? They are in our neighborhoods, sitting with us at ball practice, coaching our kids and working next to us. How do we know if they are interested in talking? Well, we must start a Gospel conversation. Sadly, we have been fooled into thinking that going out in our culture with the Gospel doesn't work anymore.

What would I say? Simply start with your story or testimony. Nobody has one just like yours and people are interested in personal stories. Then take a moment to share a simple Gospel tool. The one I have been using lately is 3 Circles: Life Conversation Guide. It is amazing to watch the Holy Spirit speak as you draw some pictures on a napkin or piece of paper.

What do I do if they say yes to Jesus? Start doing life with them and model what a disciple of Christ does. Again, statistics show that what a new believer learns in the first three months will be what they reproduce.

What if? What if we started a Gospel conversation this week? *It could be the difference in eternity for some one you know!*

Scott Teutsch became pastor of Plain Dealing Baptist Church in 2016. He has pastored churches in Doyline, Sarepta, and Haughton. Scott is married to Lisa and they have three children.