

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

Staff Updates

Anniversaries

Robert Cole	1986	Camp Bethany
John McDonald	1992	Westlake/Pastor
Buddy Hankins	1993	Southside/Pastor
Robert Beadle	1993	FBC Benton/Pastor
Larry Black	2002	Faith Fellowship/Pastor
Shaun Armstrong	2009	Grace/Pastor
Mark Crook	2010	Trees/Pastor
Shane Nugent	2012	Cross Point/Pastor
Wade Allen	2016	Pilgrim Home/Pastor

New Staff

Cross Point: *Dakota Meadows*, Music, from Antioch Baptist, Dixie Inn, LA

Staff Changes

FBC Vivian: *Eddie Briery*, resigned.

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Church News & Calendar

Mt Gilead: June 4, 10:00 am, **157th Anniversary.**
Ed Baswell, guest speaker. *Simple Faith*, special music, from
Largo, FL. Lunch following morning service.



Fellowship Trips

Summer Grove: Israel/Holy Land-10 day trip. February 6-15, 2018. Starting at \$3,498.00 per person. Contact Becky Singletary, 318-686-1470 or becky@summergrove.org
Trinity Heights: 2017 Senior Adult Trip to Branson, MO. November 7-10. Double occupancy: \$495.00/Single Occupancy: \$613.00. Cost includes travel, lodging, 6 shows, 3 dinners and 1 play. Contact Pat Wilson, 318-309-0088, ASAP, to make a reservation.



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Staff Opportunities				
PASTOR	MUSIC	YOUTH	CHILDREN	OTHER
Brookwood Caddo Prairie Ferry Lake Kingston Road New Bethel North Shreve Springs of Grace Vivian FBC Woodland Hills	Pinecroft - PT Waller -PT Woodland Hills - PT	Pilgrim Home - PT Princeton FBC - PT Providence Rd - PT Vivian FBC - FT	Bethany - Nursery - PT Clarion - Children - PT N. Keithville - Children's Worker - PT	Countryside/Keithville-Pianist Ferry Lake-Pianist North Shreve-Pianist Northwoods - Secretary- PT

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SUMMER  GIVING - WHAT'S IT
GOING TO LOOK LIKE THIS YEAR?

Every year many churches hold their breath as they enter the summer months concerned about the giving patterns and faithfulness of their membership. Research has shown us several dominant characteristics of churches that have kept giving strong during the summer.

1. PLACE INCREASED EMPHASIS ON BELONGING TO
A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS OR SMALL GROUP.

(This one works all year, not just in the summer.) LifeWay Research shows that Sunday School attenders give six times more than those who only attend a worship service.

2. OFFER MULTIPLE GIVING VENUES.

Per-member giving increases when churches offer more options, and if they're gone this summer their giving shouldn't drop off as much. Options are: Sunday School, Worship Service, Online Giving, Mailing Offering Envelopes, Automatic Bank Drafts, or Kiosks in the foyer of the church. Young people don't write checks.

3. SET A SUMMER GOAL IN CHURCH GIVING.

People always give more if they are shooting at a goal. Tell the church what we need this summer.

4. PREACH ON BIBLICAL GIVING.

Many pastors might prefer another topic, but if Jesus spoke dozens of times in scripture about our stewardship of material possessions, we can too. In the 1980's and 1990's, some pundits did surveys of unchurched people who indicated they didn't go to church because "all those people talked about was money." I personally doubt the legitimacy of that statement, but it was an excuse they used and many pastors bought it. Of course Christians can be overbearing about a lot of things, but failing to teach financial stewardship is unhealthy.

6. MEANINGFUL AND TRANSPARENT FINANCIAL
REPORTING.

(This one is year round also) Some churches provide financial reports that only a CPA or CFO could translate. Church members need to be able to understand clearly how funds are given and spent. Clear breakdowns should be provided to the average lay person. I know this is a big one because I get the phone calls. If church members sense that financial information is being withheld, the giving slows down and this movie isn't going to end well. Be transparent. That's just good stewardship.

Be Blessed in Giving this Summer,

Lane

ALL NEW NLBA YOUTH CAMP!

Summer is Here!

Are your kids going to Camp?

Week 2 is full, but you can still send them to weeks 1 or 3. (dates inside)

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WMU/MISSIONS
Rhonda Berry

On May 2 we installed your new WMU Council for the 2017-2018 year.

Music Leader-Diane Reeder
Mission Action Leader-Glenda Hofius
Prayer Support-Karen West
Mission Friends Director-Kathy Chrietberg
Children’s Mission Director-Kris Simpson
Secretary-Treasurer-Deloris Reaves
Associate Director/WOM Director-Jennie Allison
Director-Rhonda Berry.

Please be in prayer as we make plans for the coming year. These ladies are full of enthusiasm and ready to work! The Bible Storying workshop went well. I first heard about Storying in 1999 while preparing for a mission trip. The place we were going was just beginning to use this approach, recording stories in the

local languages, and having the story boxes distributed to villages, typically one per village. *Lisa & Sam Paris* used Storying in Venezuela with many groups, and had several real-life experiences where a conversation with a stranger opened the door to sharing a Bible story. Thank you to all who came, and a special thank you to **GOLA Coffee House** for opening your doors to us.

So many groups and organizations are making changes in their approaches for reaching our world for Christ. Some of the changes are good, but some, not so much. Changing something just because you are “in charge” or to put “your stamp” on it is usually a weak reason for the change. Let’s be careful not to lose time and opportunities for mission education. We continue to hear that the millennials want action and that they don’t want to come to a meeting. Because of work, school, outside activities, time is a

cherished commodity. But, in the busyness of life, just carving out an hour to go do a good deed misses the mark. Why are we doing this good deed? Just to feel good and check it off our task list for the day? Children are watching and learning our attitudes about everything we do. Let’s challenge ourselves to let His love show in our faces, in our actions and in our attitudes when we are serving those around us. After all, we are doing these things because God loves us, and He loves the ones we are doing them for, too.

Missions Fashion Runway - August 3, 2017. You do not want to miss this! This will be our annual **WMU Training** and we will begin with a Missions Fashion Show.

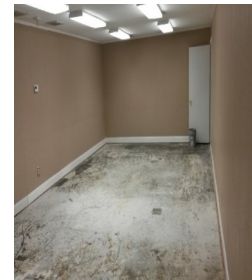
Rooted and Ready- RefresHer- September 16, 2017. We must be rooted in God’s Word and our relationship with Him to be ready to share Jesus at any

Compassion Ministries
John Anderson

Wow, what a blessing!

Over the last couple of weeks, the Meadowview Mission Center in Bossier City has had some much needed improvements. Because of generous, compassionate individuals and churches all across our association, we have been able to repaint the auditorium and replace the old worn-out carpet with new carpet in both the auditorium and a classroom. We also removed the old pews and are replacing them with newer pews that are being donated by First Baptist Church, Minden. Thanks again for partnering with your

Association to ensure a quality place of worship for the 3 churches that call the Meadowview Mission Center home.



For more information concerning how you or your church can get involved in a compassion 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

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Churches working together to be more effective.

UPCOMING Monthly EVENTS

June 5	Bi-Vocational 6:30 pm Association Office
27	Pastors Prayer 9:00 am Association Office

Camp Bethany
Robert Cole

WOW! The new slides are amazing! So far when each person has come up for air after plunging down the **green slide**, you hear words like “WOW,” “awesome,” “that’s crazy fun.” The **blue slide** is a lot longer and slower, and we are working on making it faster also. You have to come out here and give them a try!

Switching gears, we hosted the 36th annual Senior Adult May-Him on May 9th. We had 17 churches and right at 400 “just older youth” come out to sing, fellowship and share a meal together. It was a great day with lots of singing, smiling and eating.

Did summer get here too fast for you? It sure has for us. We are glad the days are longer because we need the extra daylight to wrap up all the last minute projects, finish remodeling the girls’ summer staff house, work with the pool, cut the grass, and oh, yes,

host weekend retreats. Lots to do, I had better get with it.

It is not too late to sign up for Kidz Kamp or Youth Camp. Please get those registrations in soon.

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ASSOCIATION UPCOMING DATES

Special EVENTS to Mark Your Calendars: **2017**
June 19-23 PreTeen Camp #1
June 26-30 (FULL) PreTeen Camp #2
July 3-7 PreTeen Camp #3
July 24-28 Camp Bethany
August 3 NLBA Youth Camp
September 11 Camp Bethany
October 9 WMU Training
November 28-29 Men’s Fish Fry/Camp Bethany
Annual Meeting
Airline Baptist Church
Branson @ Bethany

LBC UPCOMING DATES louisianabaptist.org

June 11-1 SBC/WMU Convention, Phoenix, AZ
June 27 State WMU Council Meeting
August 19 Baptist Building, Alexandria, LA
August 25-26 PreTeen Invasion/North
Connected, Tall Timbers (WMU)

God is using our BCM in the lives of students. Here are just 3 testimonies from a few of our students sharing what BCM has meant to each of them.

“The BCM has impacted my life in more ways than I can explain. I’ve gone all my life with it being so hard to make friends because people can be so cliquy and judgmental, and people had always been judgmental of my medical conditions. I decided to join my brother at the BCM at Refuel one Thursday and people were so nice to me. I’ve made tons of great, godly friends and I’ve grown so much closer to God during my time there so far. I am so grateful that God brought the BCM and all of its members into my life!”--

Hannah Powers, Bossier City

“For my past two years in college, the BCM has been a wonderful place to meet new people and form friendships that are valuable to me and my walk with the Lord. It’s a place where I am constantly encouraged to grow in Christ and tell others about Him!”--Kenzie Holley, Shreveport

“BCM is really important for me. It is like my home away from home. Thanks to BCM I realized I was a sinner and gave my life to Christ just a few months after moving to Shreveport. I am so thankful God brought me to this city; now I know why. It is amazing how the BCM reaches out to students, and the most important thing, shares God with them. I love being part of this ministry and I don’t know what college would be for me without the BCM.”--Susana Alvarez, Mexicali, Mexico

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Please pray for all of our students who will be serving in mission or ministry positions this summer. We have at least 13 students serving in some sort of full-time position for the summer and at least another 12 who will participate in a short-term experience.