

## NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

### Staff Updates

#### Pastor Anniversaries

Mike Stowell 1987  
Ron Johnson 2008  
Calvin Hubbard 2010  
Luke Allen 2010  
Terry Young 2016  
James Snider 2019

**FBC Keithville**  
**Mission Point**  
**Barksdale**  
**Covenant**  
**Airline**  
**Elm Grove**

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### Fellowship Trips

**Israel Trip** hosted by Eddie DeHondt.  
Sept. 28, 2021 - Oct. 6, 2021, \$3,700.00. For more  
information call Annette Fredericks, 318-218-3141.

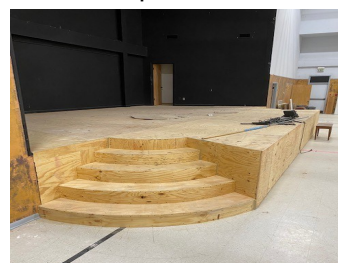
#### 2021 1st Quarter Financial Report

Church Contributions to Association Budget - \$130,628.66  
Budget Expenses of Association - \$121,362.50

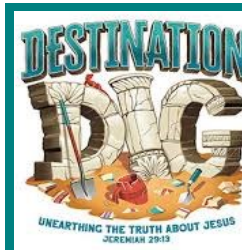
#### CPAC renovations are in full swing.

- New tile flooring in hallways and bathrooms
- Extension and redesign of the stage
- New ceiling
- Redesigned walls
- New carpet in all rooms

**Bethany**  
Camp & Conference Center  
[Bethanyc3.com](http://Bethanyc3.com)

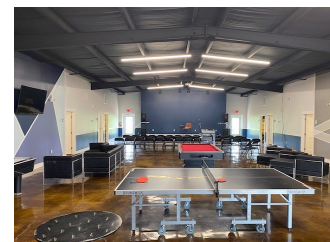
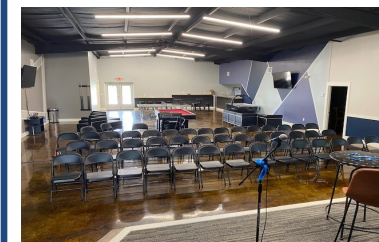


### Church News



Some VBS decorations are available to borrow for Lifeway's 2021 DESTINATION DIG VBS theme. For more information, contact Diana Duncan, VBS Director, Northwest Association, at 318-687-8272 or [dianaduncan@bellsouth.net](mailto:dianaduncan@bellsouth.net)

In April, **South Bossier Church** opened their new Student Ministry building. The 4,500 square foot facility contains space for Worship, Sunday School, and Recreation. Much of the work was done by church members. Landon Robin is Student Pastor.



### Staff Opportunities

PASTOR	MUSIC	YOUTH	CHILDREN	OTHER
Mooringsport Westwood South Bossier	Benton FBC-PT Emmanuel/Vivian-PT Keithville FBC-PT	Bethany-PT Emmanuel/S'port-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 Haughton FBC-Media Personnel-PT

Northwest Louisiana Baptist Association

# Baptist News

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Together To Be  
More Effective

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Thursday,  
May 13, 2021



**Norris Ferry  
Community Church**  
10509 Norris Ferry Rd., Shreveport, LA

#### Leadership Session 11:00 AM

**Mission Voice Network** is a Southern Baptist support ministry with a presence in hundreds of villages through out rural India. 97% of the world's unreached people live in the 10/40 global window. This window encompasses the



majority of the world's Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists. 1.34 billion people live in India. **MVN** plants dozens of new churches each year led by Indian nationals. Through those churches, **MVN** provides Child Care Centers, academic tutoring, and annual VBS events that see thousands of converts to Christianity. Also, through **MVN's** water well ministry, they have brought improved hygiene and

sanitation to thousands of families in rural India.



Join us at 11am to hear what God is doing in India in the face of daily persecution.

**\*Afterwards, a brief walk thru of the new Norris Ferry facility will be available.**

**Lunch & Business Mtg.**  
12 Noon

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## HIS GREATEST SHOW

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June 14-18  
June 21-25

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WORSHIP BY  
BROKEN  
VESSELS

STARRING  
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big camp  
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small camp  
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PER STUDENT

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## Shreveport Metro BCM Baptist Collegiate Ministry

Stephen Craver



Many of us plan for excitement and relaxation all at once in the month of May. We plan that perfect summer vacation right alongside the home improvement projects we've been wanting for a while. The Shreveport BCM looks the same. At the same time, we are sad to say "Goodbye" to seniors we love, yet excited about meeting new freshmen at orientation. We're looking to get back onto campuses and improving our BCM center.

Through it all, it's the students that have made this work meaningful. They've invited new students, prayed with one another, and led worship and family groups. Now several of them are preparing to go out and work at various camps and GOLA VBS through the summer. Join us in praying for them and the lives they'll have the chance to impact with the gospel.

We have a **special request** for this month. If you or your church have a used board game, checkers or chessboard, or card game that you no longer need, we would like to have them at the BCM. You can bring them by anytime during the week!

**How can you join in what's happening at the BCM this summer?**

1. Partner in praying for our going students (Bailey, Brown, Sarah, Brandon, and others)
2. Send us the contact information of incoming students for the fall of 2021. You'll find a helpful link on our website: <http://shreveportbcm.com/newstudents>
3. Put together a team from your church to provide a meal for the return of our Free Lunch program at LSUS
4. Partner with us financially and help impact campuses across Shreveport-Bossier at <http://shreveportbcm.com/give>

Sunday, April 11, 67 children and youth, 4th grade through High School, joined together for the District Bible Drill. Ten churches were represented as kids participated and came together at the host church, Broadmoor Baptist. A special thank you to *Broadmoor Baptist* and to the adults leading and teaching each week.



## WMU/MISSIONS Rhonda Berry



Impromptu is a FUN word! It is great to plan and organize, but we also need to leave room in our schedules for unexpected events. We had an impromptu WMU Association meeting in March that was such a sweet time. Two young ladies from Zambia came and shared their testimonies with us; we heard about their childhood and when they came to know Jesus. They love to share their love for our Lord. Kellie and Duane Perego, formerly of Shreveport, first met Beauty Mulenga and Grace Daka when they were working with Family Legacy, a ministry that works with orphans in Zambia's capital city of Lusaka.



To help support their work they make jewelry and headbands to sell. Our "twenty plus WMU ladies" were very gracious in their financial support for these "twentysomething ladies." Grace and Beauty also demonstrated the many ways Zambian women use a chitenga, from a skirt, to a headdress, or carrying a child so that your hands are free.

**Mark your calendars** for events in the next few months: Tuesday, May 4 at 10:00 am, Summer Grove Baptist will host our quarterly meeting; *Pascal* and *Amy Stowell*, IMB missionaries from Brazil, will be our special guests. Saturday, September 11 will be RefresHer, held at Brookwood Baptist; Monday, November 1 we will celebrate our Day of Prayer for our City & State, and we will meet at First Baptist, Haughton.

Church leaders, do you have missions education in your church? So many of our missionaries heard God's call on their lives in Mission Friends, Girls in Action, Royal Ambassadors, and Youth on Mission. It takes dedicated leaders to support these groups and dedicated parents to be sure children attend. I challenge all of us to do our part.



## CULTURE WATCH in NATIONAL NEWS



The **Executive Committee** of the **Southern Baptist Convention** in Nashville, TN voted to disfellowship four churches from the SBC on moral grounds that violated Biblical standards and were out of line with Southern Baptist polity.

- \* Antioch BC in Sevierville, TN, due to knowingly employing a pastor convicted of rape.
- \* St. Matthews BC in Louisville, KY, and Towne View BC in Kennesaw, GA, due to adopting membership & leadership standards affirming homosexual behavior.
- \* Westside BC in Sharpsville, PA, due to knowingly employing a pastor who is a registered sex offender.

**Springtide Research Institute** in Bloomington, MN, has concluded an extensive research project. According to the Institute's research, nearly one-third of America's young people say they have no trusted adults in their lives, and 35 percent have no one to turn to during difficult and stressful times in life. *"For the first time in history, our youngest generations are more lonely and isolated than any other group of people, and their levels of loneliness and social isolation are at all-time highs,"* stated sociologist and executive director Josh Packard.

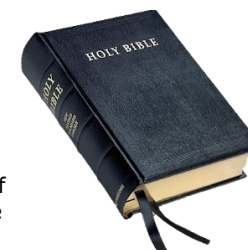


**Hallmark CEO touts rise in LGBT characters.** Ryan Foley, the CEO of Crown Media Family Networks, the parent company of the Hallmark Channel, recently boasted about the "seismic" shift in the number of gay and lesbian characters appearing of the networks original programming. *"I'm proud to expand our diversity,"* said Foley. Hallmark's new agenda has been criticized by SBC leadership, as well as the conservative group One Million Moms.

Source: The Christian Post

**"(H.R. 5) The Equality Act undermines everything we believe the Bible teaches about gender and the uniqueness of each human life. Gender is not fluid. Legislation like this reminds us that elections matter, and oftentimes, human life and personal liberty are lost."**

Dr. Ronnie Floyd, President of the SBC Executive Committee



## A Pastor's Perspective

### 70 YEARS LATER!

*A Unique Milestone*



Shreveport native and longtime Northwest Association pastor Joe Bob Alexander recently returned to the pulpit where he preached his first sermon in March 1951. *"I surrendered to preach at Highland Baptist Church on*

*March 11<sup>th</sup>, the final night of a week long revival. Two weeks later, I preached my first sermon,"* stated Alexander. While a freshman at Centenary College, a buddy of his who had also been called to preach, was scheduled to fill the pulpit at the Evergreen Union Church, just north of Minden, Louisiana. The friend admitted to Joe Bob he was too nervous and wasn't prepared. The 18 year old Joe Bob Alexander was ready, and said he would preach for him. A few weeks later the church asked him to return and called him to be their pastor. The newly married Joe Bob and Barbara Alexander only stayed 5 months at Evergreen Union Church, because they moved in September to Waco, Texas to enroll at Baylor University.

On March 21, 2021, Evergreen Church invited Joe Bob Alexander to return to preach 70 years later. Ironically, three lifetime members of Evergreen were present for both services. Joe Bob has stayed in touch over the decades with 83 year old Carolyn Thomas, who was 13 when he preached that first Sunday in 1951.



Joe Bob Alexander has served as pastor of three Northwest Association churches. Kelley Memorial in the late 1950's, plus Western Hills and First Greenwood in the 1980's and 90's. Over the last seven decades, 10 churches in Texas and Louisiana were blessed to have Joe Bob as their pastor. He has also served as interim pastor 20 times, three of those churches more than once. The

88 year old Alexander has no plans for a rocking chair. There is far too much family acreage to bush hog in both Waskom, Texas, and the Spring Ridge area of Keithville. Between John Deere and some pulpit supply, there's enough to keep this preacher busy for quite some time.