

# NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

## Staff Updates

### Pastor Anniversaries

Mike Stowell	1987	<b>FBC Keithville</b>
Ron Johnson	2007	<b>Mission Point</b>
Calvin Hubbard	2010	<b>Barksdale</b>
Luke Allen	2010	<b>Covenant Bossier</b>
Terry Young	2016	<b>Airline</b>

### Staff Changes

**FBC Haughton:** *Scotty Gibson*, Music, retiring

**Springs of Grace:** *Jahill Richards*, pastor, to church planting in Minneapolis.

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## IS OUR WORLD OVER RUN WITH CRISES? Five lessons we can learn from the prophet Daniel

In every facet of life, we see new weekly crises in front of us, from issues in our own city and nation, to overseas wars and rumors of war. Our hearts hurt when we see the breakdown of society with rolling shootouts in Shreveport and tragedies like the recent school shooting in Nashville.

In his day, the prophet Daniel had his hands full with one crisis after another. He was a great model in how to pray through a crisis in his life. Here are some lessons on how Daniel prayed.

- 1. Daniel listened to God.** We listen to God by being in His Word. In *Daniel 9:2*, he is reading God's promise from Jeremiah to bring back the Israelites to Jerusalem. Help your church focus on God's Word during trying times.
- 2. Daniel focused his attention on God.** Daniel did this physically in *Daniel 9:3*, "I set my face toward the Lord God." Could it be that the reason a crisis causes us more harm than normal is that we are looking at ourselves and other things rather than God?
- 3. Daniel expressed his desires with emotion.** In *Daniel 9:3*, the prophet did more than make his requests known to God. Daniel pleaded with God through fasting, sackcloth and ashes. Show God that your prayer is more than a passing request, but that it is the passion of your heart.
- 4. Daniel thanked God for his love and promises.** As we help our church members navigate a crisis, encourage them to express their gratitude to God. *Daniel 9:4*. Thankfulness helps us see beyond our problems.
- 5. Daniel confessed his own sin and sin of his countrymen.** In *Daniel 9:5*, he specifically mentioned what the people of Israel had done wrong. He knew that God's help would only come because of His grace, not because they deserved it.

Stay faithful Church

*Lane*

**SCENES FROM THIS YEAR'S SPRING BIBLE DRILL...**  
Hosted by **FBC Haughton**



**Emanuel:** 2012 Ford E-450 25 passenger people mover. 40,000 miles. \$35,000 or best offer. Call 318-464-2455 or 318-773-9165

**Narrow Gate:** Heaven's Gates & Hell's Flames Drama, Vivian Elementary/Middle school auditorium. June 4,5, & 6, at 7 pm each night. To get involved, contact Eric Cunningham, 318-465-7246.

REGISTER @ [BETHANYC3.COM](http://BETHANYC3.COM)

**BROKEN VESSELS**

**GERALD FADAYOMI**

**THE SQUATCH**

**\$240**

**2023 First Quarter Financial Report**  
Church Contributions to Association Budget - \$151,988.14  
Budget Expenses of Association - \$130,967.53

## Fellowship Trips

**Ellerbe:** Israel Trip, Feb. 1-10, 2024. Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, Jordan River, Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Mount Carmel, Caesarea, Garden of Gethsemane, Golgotha, Garden Tomb, Beersheba, & 23 more Biblical sites. \$4,440. Contact Dennis Sims, [Dennis@EllerbeBaptist.org](mailto:Dennis@EllerbeBaptist.org)

**Woodridge:** Senior group trip to Branson. Sept. 26-29, 2023. \$613 for double occupancy. Includes transportation, room, 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners, 5 shows, Titanic Museum. Contact Linda Lynch, 318-422-9259 or church office, 318-861-3519 for more details.

## Staff Opportunities

PASTOR	MUSIC	YOUTH	CHILDREN	OTHER
Emmanuel - FT/Bi-Vo Haynes Avenue - Bi-Vo Shreve City - Bi-Vo Springs of Grace Westlake - Bi-Vo	Belle Park - PT Lakeview - PT Westwood - PT	Barksdale - PT Blanchard - FT Eastwood - FT Mooringsport - PT North Keithville - PT Plain Dealing - PT/FT Princeton FBC - PT Westwood - PT Vivian FBC - FT	Belcher - PT Ferry Lake - PT	Bethany - Nursery Coordinator - PT Blanchard - Hourly Nursery Workers Emmanuel - Janitor/Custodian - PT Norris Ferry - Administrative Assistant - PT New Birth - Children's Church - Volunteer

## NLBA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, May 11, 2023  
Bethany Camp & Conference Center  
9766 Hwy 79, Bethany, LA 71007



### Leadership Session - 11:00 AM

"Luke" will demonstrate how his simple obedience to his own master's commands can translate into a blessed and fulfilled life of obedience to Jesus Christ as we follow our Master. The doors of the Gospel have been wide open for Dr. Keith Manuel of LBC to train with "Luke" at elementary and middle schools as well as kids' summer camps and retreats. Join us to see how your church could use "Luke" to reach families.

### Lunch & Business Meeting - 12 Noon

Please RSVP [carlene@nwlba.org](mailto:carlene@nwlba.org) or 318-686-5736



## BCM ALUMNI REUNION

For anyone blessed to have been involved in Baptist Collegiate Ministry, so many of our favorite memories of young adulthood are from time spent in BCM. Many of us met our spouse or went on our first mission trip because Baptists committed to reaching and ministering to us during our college years. The Shreveport BCM holds memories, friendships, and life-shaping moments for countless folks around the Shreveport-Bossier area. On March 31<sup>st</sup> our extended BCM family gathered at the BCM building to celebrate these memories and reconnect.



During our evening together, alumni from multiple generations gathered to celebrate their time in the BCM. While the group enjoyed dinner, we swapped stories of how we came to the BCM and its impact on our lives. Often this turned to the subject of the director who led BCM during our time and what a blessing they were. Jamey Droddy, a former director, spoke about BCM memories and the impact he has seen through many years. After dinner, pictures and mementos spread around the room became our focus, and it was amazing to watch alumni of different generations mingle. Whether the alumni remembered disco being alive and well, or couldn't remember a time before the internet, they could bond over their shared experience of this great ministry. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event happen. If you would like to join us at the next alumni event you can stay connected through our "Shreveport BCM/BSU Alumni & Friends" Facebook group or contact the BCM office to let us know how to better connect better with you!

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## SHARING CHRIST THROUGH PHYSICAL NEEDS IN NORTH SHREVEPORT

Someone once said, "little is much when God is in it." This rings out so true when it comes to the clothing closet at **North Shreve Baptist Church**.



What started off in a small closet in the church foyer has moved to the church gym due to the growth that has taken place in just a very short time.

In July of 2016, a handful of people recognized that there was a great need in their community. They noticed that there were many individuals and families who were having a real struggle just providing clothes for their everyday needs.

Since the donations began, God has been blessing this ministry. What began only meeting a few needs, has now grown to meeting the needs of anywhere from fifteen to twenty people twice a month. Middle School uniforms are also available, along with some replacement home goods.

Not only are physical needs met, but Mrs. Teresa's prayer is that every time someone walks in, their heart will be open to hearing about Christ. Teresa said, "This is not just a clothing closet, but an opportunity to share the hope of Christ with them."

Donations to the North Shreve Clothes Closet are accepted Monday through Thursday, 9am-2pm.

For more information concerning this ministry or any other type of compassion ministry, contact John Anderson at 318-230-3446 or [janderson@nwba.org](mailto:janderson@nwba.org)



### Loneliness Speeds Aging More Than Smoking

Recent data gathered from biometrics and blood samples from 12,000 men and women found that feeling hopeless, unhappy, and lonely increased biological age more than smoking. An international team of experts says that the biological clock is damaged by unhappiness, increasing the risk for Alzheimers, heart disease, diabetes and other illnesses. "Mental and psycho-social states are some of the most robust predictors of health outcomes and quality of life, yet they have been largely omitted from modern healthcare," said study author Manuel Faria of Stanford University.

Source: Deep Longevity

### Southern Baptists Remove Saddleback Church Over Female Pastor

The SBC Executive Committee voted to remove Saddleback, along with four other churches, as "not in friendly cooperation" with the denomination. The move came after recently retired pastor Rick Warren ordained three women as pastors defying Biblical principles and Article VI in the Baptist Faith & Message. Article VI reads, "While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of the pastor is limited to men as qualified by scripture."

Source: Baptist Press



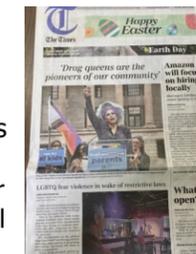
### Johnny Hunt Sues SBC, Executive Committee, & Guidepost

Longtime pastor and former SBC President Johnny Hunt, has filed a lawsuit seeking unspecified damages related to allegations of defamation and the invasion of privacy based on accusations made against Hunt in the 2022 Guidepost report stemming from an investigation into the alleged mishandling of sexual abuse by the EC. While the suit, which demands a jury trial, does not specially list a financial amount desired for damages, it states, "Hunt's life was forever changed when the Defendants publically released their report.. He lost his job; he lost income from speaking engagements; and he lost income from publishing opportunities, and the Defendants should be held liable."

Source: Baptist Press

### Shreveport Times - Easter Sunday

On one of the holiest days of the year on the Christian calendar, in one of the most church-ed areas of the United States, the Shreveport Times treated its readers to front page information on "Drag Queens being the pioneers in our community." This was beyond shameful and a poke in the eye of God and thousands of church-going Christians in northwest Louisiana.



## THE BAPTIST FAITH & MESSAGE

*What We Believe*  
as Southern Baptists

We continue with our series on the Baptist Faith & Message 2000, with this month's column.

### Article II-C: God The Holy Spirit

**"The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, fully divine. He inspired holy men of old to write the Scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts men of sin, of righteousness, and of judgement. He calls men to the Saviour, and effects regeneration. At the moment of regeneration He baptizes every believer, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. He seals every believer unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the guarantee that God will bring the believer into the fullness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service."**

In some ways, the Holy Spirit is the neglected, if not forgotten, member of the Trinity. However, it is important for us to understand how thoroughly the Bible depicts both the personhood and deity of the Holy Spirit.

One of the clearest demonstrations of the Holy Spirit's personality is the use of personal pronouns in reference to himself. Acts 10:19-20 and Acts 13:1-2 both give evidence of the Holy Spirit speaking personally to Peter as well as to the believers in the Antioch church. These are the actions of a cognitive, perceptive being, not an impersonal force.

In John 16:13-14, Jesus also uses personal pronouns to speak of the Holy Spirit. "When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you unto all the truth. For He will not speak on His own, but He will speak whatever He hears. He will also declare to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, because He will take from what is Mine and declare it to you."

According to Jesus, the Holy Spirit arrives, guides, discerns the truth, hears and speaks, discloses future events, testifies about Jesus, and glorifies him - all demonstrations of personhood.

A faithful look at God's Word leads us to the conclusion that the Holy Spirit is an equal partner with the Father and the Son in the Godhead. His role in the creation, redemption, and the revealing of Scripture is distinct yet inseparable from the work of the other members of the Trinity.

**Next month: Article III of the BF & M: Man**