

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

Staff Updates

Pastor Anniversaries

<i>Carlos Meza</i>	2006	Calvary Spanish
<i>Kevin Smith</i>	2013	Northwoods
<i>John Anderson</i>	2014	Cornerstone
<i>Brent Shoalmire</i>	2015	Oak Hill

New Staff

Linda Lay: *Eddie Kent*, Pastor, (wife: Jenny)

Staff Changes

Gray: *Wayne Shew*, Pastor, resigned

Linda Lay: *Gary Hostetter*, Pastor, resigned

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Church News & Calendar

Blanchard FBC: Price Harris in concert. Nov. 17, 7pm. Everyone welcome. Love offering.

Calvary: 2018 Night of Praise, Jan. 12, 6:30pm. Featuring Steel Magnolias, Ammer Gayle Whatley, Jake Cowley, Calep Lewis, Allen Family and Voices of Louisiana College.

Shreveport FBC: VETERANS DAY honoring those who served. A Tribute through Music. Sanctuary Choir, FBC School Choirs and Orchestra. Thursday, November 9, 6pm

NLBA Office: Tri-fold printable church bulletins; Individual Communion Wafer & Juice sets, to give away. Call 318-686-5736.

We are pleased to announce that **Teresa Small**, Children & Preschool Director, FBC Haughton, is the new Bible Drill Director for Northwest LA Baptist Association.

Associational 2017-2018 Calendars are available. These contain dates for both Louisiana Convention and for the Northwest Association.



Staff Opportunities

PASTOR	MUSIC	YOUTH	CHILDREN	OTHER
Belcher Belle Park Brookwood Caddo Prairie Gray Kingston Road Mansfield Road New Bethel Red River Springs of Grace	Bethany-PT Emmanuel/Vivian-PT Koran - PT Waller -PT	Ban Suk - PT Barksdale-PT Emmanuel S'port - PT Pilgrim Home - PT Princeton FBC - PT	Clarion - Children - PT Norris Ferry-FT N. Keithville - Children's Worker - PT Ferry Lake-PT	Emmanuel/Vivian-Pianist Ferry Lake-Pianist Northwoods - Secretary- PT Trinity Heights-Keyboardsist Rhythm Guitarist Drummer Do not wish to receive this publication? Please contact us at 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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47TH ANNUAL MEETING WRAP UP

On Monday night, October 9th, at Airline Baptist Church in Bossier City, the Northwest Association gathered for worship and closed out the ministry year.

A challenging message was preached by Bossier City's own Jarrett Stephens, who is currently the Teaching Pastor at Prestonwood Baptist Church. Christ honoring music was provided by the choirs from Airline and Cypress churches.

In the Business Session, a 2018 Operating Budget of \$589,123 was approved by messengers. Also approved was the 2018 Annual Meeting to be held at Calvary Baptist Church in Shreveport.



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 9, 2017
WESTERN HILLS
BAPTIST CHURCH

4153 Pines Road
Shreveport, LA 71119
(all meetings & lunch will be in the gym)

LEADERSHIP SESSION

11-11:30am– Q & A time with John Anderson and Joey Ketchum and meet house director Ms. Jody.

11:30am –Walk through the facility

TOUR THE CARPENTER HOUSE

Located on the property of Western Hills Baptist Church

Learn how your church can be involved in ministry at the Carpenter House.

12noon– Lunch & Business Meeting

RSVP to 318-686-5736 or carlene@nwlba.org



The Carpenter House is a 10,000 square foot, 16 room, short-term transitional living center. The facility was originally a two-story education building. Grand Opening is scheduled for early 2018.

RefreshHer 2017 is now in our archives. We did some things differently this year and the feedback has been positive. Thank you for embracing the day. We began the weekend with movie night. We were privileged to be one of the groups to preview the Mully Movie, which showed in national theaters October 3, 4 & 5. Our speakers were exciting and left us with challenges. One thing I was hesitant about was not having breakout sessions, but watching the fellowship during the day was good. Instead of moving from session-to-session in a small group of our buddies, there were more opportunities to make new friends and exchange ideas. It is good to find new ways to do old things, AND, it is good to keep some of the old ways as well. One guest told me that her daughter was so impressed with the importance of missions after our weekend that she was starting a missions group at her church. They have already had their first meeting. Another lady told me they were starting a group at their church. MISSIONS & MISSIONS EDUCATION are important. Join us in September 2018. *Sandy Wisdom-Martin*, National WMU Executive Director, will be our guest speaker. **THANK YOU** for registering by our new deadline. That helped everyone do their job better and easier.

Monday, November 6 - Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer. Summer Grove Baptist Church Women on Mission group will be our host. We will begin at 10:00 am, and a light lunch will be served after our program. It will not be the same without YOU!

UPCOMING Monthly EVENTS

23-24	Association Office Closed Thanksgiving
27 (Date change)	Pastors Prayer 9:00 am Association Office

12⁸ 2018
a call to
Prayer III

SUNDAY NIGHT

6:00 PM

Cypress Baptist Church, Benton, LA
Northwest Louisiana Baptist Association

Missions & More Camp (M&M Camp) - November 10-11, 2017. This camp is for FIRST- SIXTH grades, and is held at Camp Bethany. *Kris Simpson*, Associational Children's Mission Director, has a great weekend planned. The theme this year is the **Underground Church**. There will be a scavenger hunt, worship, and a bonfire/hayride, among other things. The children will "learn about Christians in closed nations in a fun and exciting, kid-friendly way."

Register through Camp Bethany, \$40.00 per camper/leader.



BRANSON @ BETHANY Christmas Show

LARRY DeLAUDER
BLUEGRASS GOSPEL HARMONICA
Two-time Instrumentalist of the Year

Special Guest, Barney Fife

Tribute Quartet

November 28, 2017
9:30 AM & 2:00 PM
(9:30 am is SOLD OUT)

November 29, 2017
9:30 AM

CAMP BETHANY
\$15.00
MEAL following each show

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Checks MUST accompany ticket sales.
Make checks payable to: NLBA/B@B
(NO CREDIT CARDS)

Tickets will be mailed upon receipt of checks.
PLEASE MARK WHICH SHOW ATTENDING.
RESERVATIONS-SEPTEMBER 18, 2017
TICKETS GO ON SALE-OCTOBER 2, 2017
NO REFUNDS AFTER NOVEMBER 14, 2017

Julia Chapman,
Louisiana State Fiddle Champion

And Mom, Rachel Chapman



Many, if not most, of you spend at least a little bit of time thinking about investments. You think about how you use your time effectively to accomplish a work or personal goal. Financially, you set aside regular contributions to a savings or retirement account that you won't reap the benefits of until years, maybe even decades, down the line.

Campus ministry is also an investment--and not necessarily a short-term one. Our churches do rely on college students to fill many roles in the church in the short-term. However, *when we invest in college students, we invest in the future of the church.* Collectively, as we spend time and money reaching and discipling college students, we are investing in the long-term growth of the kingdom of God and in the future leaders who will be the givers, goers and doers of the body of Christ.

This year marks the **50th** anniversaries of LSU-Shreveport, Southern University-Shreveport, and Bossier Parish Community College. Baptist Collegiate Ministry has been here from the beginning in our region, investing in the lives of students. Perhaps you have benefitted from the investment made by the

LBC and the NLBA in reaching and discipling college students. I know that I have been shaped by those who have seen campus ministry as important and necessary work. Thank you to each of you who continue to see the importance of investing in the next generation on our campuses.

Let's give our best to invest in the next 50 years of campus ministry!



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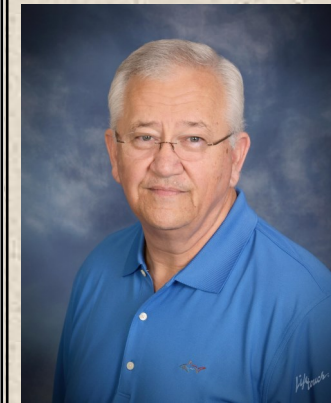
ASSOCIATION UPCOMING DATES 2017

Special EVENTS to Mark Your Calendars:

November 10-11	Missions & More Camp
November 28-29	Camp Bethany Grades 1-6
	Branson @ Bethany
	Tuesday- 9:30 (SOLD OUT)
	Tuesday- 2:00
	Wednesday- 9:30
	Tickets-\$15.00
December 7	Retirees Luncheon
	Trinity Heights Baptist Church

A Pastor's Perspective

We continue our Pastor's Perspective column after a break in October. In helping you know the Pastors in our area, we have been alternating between newer pastors and veteran pastors in our Association.



Dr. B. J. "Rocky" Maddox,
Pastor

Rose Park Baptist Church
Shreveport, LA

I have never forgotten some information that I received as a teenager many years ago. Some of the information that I still remember was given to me by teachers, football coaches, Sunday school teachers and our pastor. However, the information or advice that I am thinking about today was given to me by a crusty old man (I am now older than he was). He was my boxing coach. The advice that he gave me has served me well all through my life in a variety of situations. Let me share it with you.

His advice to me was simple. "Rocky, you do not have to be the fastest! It is not necessary for you to be the strongest! However, you can be the toughest!" I have used that little piece of information or encouragement in ministry over and over again.

Your church might not be the largest. Your opportunity might not be the brightest. But you can succeed if you will just stay in there and not quit. Don't give up. Continue to do what you know to do and do that the very best that you can until the final bell sounds!

There have been times in my ministry when I might have given in to the temptation not to work so hard or just to give up. But those words kept me in the fight. Maybe we are on the wrong side of town. Maybe we don't have a lot of new folks moving in our area. Who cares! Just keep **Preaching, Praying and Singing!** God has promised to bless the preaching of the Bible. I don't know how to do anything else. I can still hear that mentor in my life saying to me- "You do not have to be the fastest. You do not have to be the strongest. **You can be the toughest!**"

Dr. B.J. "Rocky" Maddox has been pastor at Rose Park for 32 years. The church has been enjoying record Sunday School attendance, averaging over 350. Rose Park continues to see strong Sunday nights with 80% of their morning attendance back Sunday evening. Rose Park would say they are a traditional church with their motto being "Church Like You Remember."