

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

Staff Updates

Pastor Anniversaries

Brad Jurkovich	2013	FBC Bossier
Tim Dye	2013	Freedom
James Sykes	2014	Gospel Light
Josh Cagle	2018	Oak Hill
Clay Fuqua	2019	FBC Blanchard
Eric Cunningham	2020	Narrow Gate

Sympathy

June Moore  
1949-2023

June faithfully served as secretary to the Baptist  
Collegiate Ministry (BCM) in the Northwest Louisiana  
Baptist Association for 14 years.

Church News



**Legacy  
Grandparenting  
Summit - 2023**

Helping you build  
your spiritual legacy.

**NOVEMBER 4, 2023**  
8:30am - 2:00pm  
at Brookwood Baptist Church

Tickets- \$59.00  
regular registration

REGISTER TODAY



**Brookwood:** Shreveport Chapter of Reasons To Believe presentation "Adversary: Satan and His Demons," Oct. 10, 6:30 pm. For more info, contact Mark Riser at markriser1@comcast.net.

**Gray:** Bible Revival, Oct. 16-20, 6:30 pm. Bible Conference & Revival Combination. Pastor/ Evangelist, Nick Holden.

**Redeemer:** 11th Annual Mission Conference with Jim Elliff, Oct. 6-7. Schedule as follows: Oct. 6 - Supper, 5:30 pm, Session 1, 7 pm, Dessert, 8:15 pm. Oct. 7, Session 2, 10:00 am, Lunch, 11:30 am, Session 3, 1:00 pm. Free admission. Register online at [www.redeemershreveport.org](http://www.redeemershreveport.org)

**Red River:** *Jerry Masters*, Pastor, retiring.

ANNUAL MEETING MESSENGER CARDS

are available on the ASSOCIATION WEBSITE - [nwlba.org](http://nwlba.org)  
Under Registration and Forms

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)

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8:30 am - 12:00 noon/Friday  
Lane Moore, Director of Missions

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A LOOK INSIDE THE NUMBERS OF  
YOUR ASSOCIATION

The most recent church calendar year has ended and the numbers are in. If your church doesn't report an *Annual Church Profile*, your church isn't included in these totals. Northwest Association has 110 churches and mission churches. You might say these totals are a view at the 30,000 foot level of Southern Baptist life in Caddo and Bossier parishes.

**Total Church Membership - 61,285**  
**Total Baptisms - 1,004**  
**Other Additions to the church - 1,262**

- On any given Sunday in your Association there are 14,000 Southern Baptists in worship and 10,018 in Small Group Bible Study.
- Northwest Southern Baptists gave over 67 million dollars to their respective churches in the 2022-2023 church year.
- No Association in Louisiana gives more to the Cooperative Program than Northwest. In the 2022-2023 church year you gave over 2.5 million dollars, and nearly 5 million in total mission gifts.

Your Southern Baptist influence is strong in Northwest Louisiana. Never take that for granted. Where there is great influence there is also great responsibility. These are challenging days for many of our churches. A decade ago these numbers were much larger. Let's continue to push back the darkness with a gospel witness to Northwest Louisiana.

*We BELIEVE We Can Do More For The*  
**KINGDOM TOGETHER,** *Than Separately.*  
ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12

Staff Opportunities

PASTOR	MUSIC	YOUTH	CHILDREN	OTHER
Ford Park - Bi-Vo Haynes Avenue - Bi-Vo Pilgrim Home - Bi-Vo Red River - Bi-Vo Shreve City - Bi-Vo Westlake - Bi-Vo	Greenwood - PT Lakeview - PT Westwood - PT	Belle Park - PT North Keithville - PT Plain Dealing - PT/FT Princeton FBC - PT Westwood - PT Vivian FBC - FT	Belcher - PT Ferry Lake - PT	Blanchard - Hourly Nursery Workers Blanchard - Financial Secretary - PT Brookwood - Ministry Assistant - FT Eastwood - Assist. Daycare Director - FT New Birth - Children's Church - Volunteer

Northwest Louisiana Baptist Association

Baptist News

Churches, Missions &  
Ministries Working  
Together To Be  
More Effective

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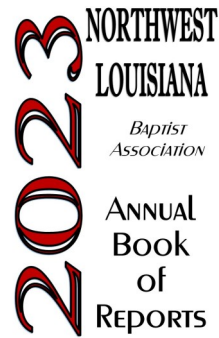


For the 53<sup>rd</sup> time,

Northwest Southern Baptists will gather on Monday morning, October 16<sup>th</sup> at First Baptist, Benton, for our annual business session. Each year

the Association is accountable to our churches for the ministry and finances that our churches have cooperatively given for greater kingdom purposes. Book of Reports are available to any church member that requests a copy. As I begin my 19<sup>th</sup> year at the Association, I'm grateful for the trust that our church leaders have placed in me and our staff.

At our annual meeting this month we'll highlight two of our own pastors as we honor the legacy of the pastorate and also look to the future with our new pastors. Randy Johnson has served as pastor of Countryside Baptist in Keithville for 49 years. Rick Daniels was called as pastor at Belcher Baptist earlier this year and was ordained to the gospel ministry two weeks ago.



Both men will share God's Word from different perspectives as pastors.

**Be sure to display the inside poster in your Sunday School class.**

On the back page of this newsletter is a summary of the Northwest Association church year 2022-2023. This information compiled from the *Annual Church Profiles* was recently submitted to our state convention. Most church members focus on the ministry where they serve, and sometimes the bigger picture can be lost. This summarized data will provide you with a much larger view of the impact Southern Baptists are making across Caddo and Bossier parishes.

I hope to see you at First Baptist, Benton, later this month.

*Lane*



**CHRISTMAS SHOW**



**Blake & Jenna Bolerjack**  
From Oklahoma



**Bossier Brass Quartet**



**Charles Marshall**  
Comedian  
From Missouri

**TUESDAY, November 28, 2023**  
**SOLD OUT** 9:30 am & 2:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY, November 29, 2023**  
9:30 am

- \$17.00 (No Credit Cards)
- Meal following each show
- Checks must accompany ticket sales.
- Make checks payable to: NLBA/B@B
- 5875 W. 70th St. Shreveport, LA 71129

- Call: 318-686-5736 for ticket sales
- Tickets mailed upon receipt of checks.
- Please note on check the show attending
- Tickets go on sale September 5, 2023
- No refunds after November 15, 2023

**BETHANY CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER**  
9766 Hwy. 79, Bethany, LA 71007

**Tickets on Sale Now!**  
**318-686-5736**  
**Tuesday AM show is sold out!**



# NORTHWEST LOUISIANA

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

# 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, October 16,

Schedule: 10 AM - BUSINESS MEETING/WORSHIP

12 NOON - LUNCH & MINISTRY TABLES

*First Baptist Church Benton*

201 BELLEVUE STREET, BENTON, LA

The Legacy of

the Pastorate

and the

First Time Pastor



## ANNUAL MEETING PREACHERS

**Randy Johnson** is the longest tenured pastor in the Association. He has led the Countryside Baptist Church for 49 consecutive years.

**Rick Daniels** became pastor of Belcher Baptist Church earlier this year and is one of our newest pastors in the Association.

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CHURCHES ARE REMINDED TO ELECT MESSENGERS AND INVITE  
THE CONGREGATIONS TO ATTEND. GUESTS ARE WELCOME.

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PLEASE POST THIS IN YOUR CHURCH