

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

Staff Updates

Pastor Anniversaries

Dennis Sims	1990	Ellerbe
David Lee	1996	Bansuk
Joey Ketchum	2006	Western Hills
David Keeny	2017	Woodland Hills
David Venable	2020	Westwood
Paul Walker	2022	Woodridge

Staff Changes

Belle Park: Robin Alderman Dean, Music
Haynes Avenue: Eric Zimmer, Interim Pastor

Church News

FBC Blanchard: Revival, Sept. 10-13, 6:30 pm, and lunch & Bible study, 11-13, with Bro. Jim Everidge.

Shreveport BCM /Stephen Craver



As you're reading this, the Shreveport BCM just completed another busy and blessed August. No month of our year compares to August. On-campus activities and outreaches fill every day of the calendar, giving numerous opportunities to meet new students and bring them the gospel. What strikes me as I reflect on this is the mobilizing of so many faithful servants from across many churches in our association. Over the last three weeks of August, they prayed, prepared meals, and showed up to show students the love of Christ. It brings to mind Hebrews 12:1, "Therefore since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance that race which is set before us." I can honestly say that the great encouraging cloud of witnesses here in the NLBA makes being your BCM director a joy, even in the busyness of August!

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
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.

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As usual, the Women on Mission in the churches of our Association have been busy. Each group meets monthly to pray for our missionaries, study the Bible and collect items for different organizations and ministries – here and abroad.

In August, we were thrilled to host the Women Who Lead training event which was held at Baptist Bible Fellowship. It was a great time of learning about working with women of all ages and backgrounds. These events are held three to four times a year in different locations throughout the State. We hope to host this event in the northwest part of the state again, so be on the lookout for more information.

September brings our annual RefreshHer event on September 9th which will be held at Broadmoor Baptist Church. Our focus will be ministering to children and their families. We'll hear from a missionary who is currently serving as a pediatrician. Other speakers - Emily Kirby, Christy Goodwin and Holly McCart - will tell about the work they are doing. We will also hear from a former resident of the Children's Home. Our Mission Action Project for this event is the Fall Food Roundup.

Also in September we will be collecting "gifts" for the annual Gift Distribution sponsored by the Louisiana Baptist Women's Missions and Ministry. This is a great opportunity to provide much needed items for women who are currently serving time at Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women. The items needed for this project are very size- and type-specific. The deadline for providing the gifts is September 15th.

For more information about these events and how the women in your congregation can help, contact Virginia Disotell at 318/518-4520 or nlba.wmu@hotmail.com

Staff Opportunities

PASTOR	MUSIC	YOUTH	CHILDREN	OTHER
Ford Park - Bi-Vo Haynes Avenue - Bi-Vo Pilgrim Home - Bi-Vo Shreve City - Bi-Vo Westlake - Bi-Vo	Lakeview - PT Westwood - 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 Blanchard - Financial Secretary - PT Brookwood - Ministry Assistant - FT Eastwood - Assist. Daycare Director - FT New Birth - Children's Church - Volunteer

Northwest Louisiana Baptist Association

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DEACONS, YOU CAN HELP YOUR PASTOR

Ever since Acts chapter 6, deacons and pastors have been serving side by side imperfectly for two millennia. Had the early church not called out seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and wisdom, the apostles could have eventually burned themselves out.

Here are 4 ways deacons can serve their pastor.

1. A DEACON CAN PROTECT HIM FROM HIS FAN CLUB

Immediately after feeding the 5,000, the crowd tried to "take Him by force and make Him king." (John 6:15) By the end of the same chapter, the hard teachings of Jesus were such that "many of His disciples withdrew, and were not walking with Him anymore." (John 6:66) Fans are fickle. Friends are faithful. Friends walk in and clean up the mess the fans left on the way out the door. Pastors need real friends, not fans.

2. A DEACON CAN PROTECT HIM FROM HIS CRITICS

This one is tricky, because the deacon can also be a critic. As was mentioned above, because we're dealing with flawed, imperfect men, there can be a fine line between the deacon's role as protector or the pastor viewing the deacon as a detractor. Many times the church critics see themselves as the pastor police, but only come off as school yard bullies. Is your church a safe place to pastor? Is it a safe place for the sheep to worship? Deacons, guard well the spiritual walls of your church.

3. A DEACON CAN PROTECT HIM FROM THE EVIL ONE

The devil is a terrorist who has pastors at the top of his target list. Pastors, encourage your deacons to pray for you daily, and to pray specifically before and during worship services. The great deceiver rarely knocks on the front door of the church. His allies normally sneak in the backdoor or they're already camped out inside. Satan can also use the "fans" in the church as a weapon or distraction for the pastor.

4. A DEACON SOMETIMES NEED TO SAVE THE PASTOR FROM HIMSELF

The man the pastor sees in the mirror everyday can be his biggest challenge of all. A pastor needs to surround himself with men who love him enough to protect him from sinful or destructive behavior. Deacons, don't hold this sacred assignment lightly. It's to be done privately, respectfully and in love. (Matthew 18:15; Ephesians 4:15) Deacons, if you see your pastor drowning, yelling advice from the shore may be useless. You may need to jump in after him!

Acknowledgment for these 4 points to Mark Dance,
director of pastoral wellness at Guidestone Financial Resources.

Blessings, Lane

53RD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 16, 2023

10 AM LUNCH INCLUDED

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BENTON

ANNUAL MEETING PREACHERS: NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION PASTORS, RANDY JOHNSON & RICK DANIELS

ANNUAL MEETING MESSENGER CARDS AVAILABLE ON THE ASSOCIATION WEBSITE - NWLBA.ORG UNDER REGISTRATION AND FORMS

MEN'S FISH FRY

9.11

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



Guest Speaker:
Retired Army Lt. Colonel,
Kurt Zortman
and new pastor of
Elm Grove
Baptist Church

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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 IV-C: Sanctification

"Sanctification is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual maturity through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him. Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerate person's life."

Speaking of Sanctification, theologian Millard Erickson said, "It is the process by which one's moral condition is brought into conformity with one's legal status before God. It is the continuation of what was begun in regeneration, when a newness of life was conferred upon and instilled within the believer. In particular, sanctification is the Holy Spirit's applying to the life of the believer the work done by Jesus Christ."

Sanctification may be understood in two ways. First, there is positional sanctification, the state of being separate, set apart from the common, and dedicated to a higher purpose. Positional sanctification finds its place in the New Testament as a work of God occurring at the beginning of conversion.

Second, there is practical sanctification, the lifelong process by which the Spirit makes us more like Jesus. This requires our ongoing submission to Christ and our obedience to the voice of the indwelling Spirit. It is the daily taking up of our cross and following Jesus. (Luke 9:23)

Over the course of our Christian walk, we are conformed to Christ's character in two ways. First, the Lord implants and nurtures Christ's righteousness within us. (Phil. 2:13) Second, we obey the Scriptures under the power and guidance of the Spirit so that we "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

Despite the fears some may have about losing their salvation, the Spirit ensures that we persevere. Paul wrote that the preaching of the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but "it is the power of God to us who are being saved." (I Cor. 1:18)

Paul tells us, "I am sure of this, that He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Phil. 1:6)

Next month: Article IV-D of the BF&M: Glorification

CULTURE WATCH World & National News

Billy Graham's Historic South Korea Crusade Celebrates 50 Years
A crowd of 70,000 people overflowed the Seoul World Cup Stadium this summer as Franklin Graham returned to the location of his father's largest ever crusade. In 1973 the historic crusade drew 1.1 million Koreans. Pastor Billy Kim, who translated for Dr. Graham fifty years ago, extended the invitation for Franklin to return to honor his father's legacy.
Source: Christian Post

Willie McLaurin Resigns as Interim President of the EC
After serving for almost two years as Interim President, Willie McLaurin was interviewed last month to possibly become the next President of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville. During the Committee's search of education credentials it was discovered that he had falsified three different school records. McLaurin admitted guilt in the matter and immediately tendered his resignation.
Source: Baptist Press

Montana Pulls Out Of The ALA Over New Marxist President
The Montana State Library Commission voted to withdraw from the American Library Association following comments from ALA's new President, Emily Drabinski, who is a self-described socialist and who identifies as a "Marxist lesbian." Other states are considering similar action.
Source: Christian Post

Many Churchgoers Admit To Missing Church Because Of The Weather
More than three-quarters of regular churchgoers admitted that the weather will stop them from attending church at least once during the year. This number includes 39% who said they would miss "a few times because of weather," and 15% who said they "miss many times because of the weather." Missing church due to "travel/vacation" was second. "Sleeping in" came in third.
Source: Lifeway Research

Young Americans Unprepared For The Workplace
Employers are having an increasingly difficult time finding young people for low-level and entry positions who are able to perform even the lowest skills. Job placement organizations say one of the main reasons is pandemic "remote learning." Students were released from schools without any real-world abilities past logging onto a computer. According to the U.S. Labor Department, national productivity has fallen for the past five quarters, the longest contraction since 1948.
Source: Wall Street Journal

Branson CHRISTMAS SHOW

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