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The Connection

**Northeast
Louisiana
Baptist
Association**

**and
Morehouse
Baptist
Association**



Churches Connecting for God's Glory



Will you pray for 5 homes in your neighborhood each day? To participate in this strategy, log onto www.blesseveryhome.com. Churches can join by logging onto www.louisianabaptists.org.

You will be given the names and addresses of 5 households to pray for each day.

R. David Terry Offering

2017 Receipts:

\$1,501.35

as of July 24, 2017

Balance on Building Loan:

\$178,469.60

as of July 24, 2017

Money received is applied to the principal on the building loan.

Thank you for giving.

Sandel Drive Mission Center

\$1,400.00

as of July 24, 2017

Week of Prayer for Associational Missions and R. David Terry Offering

August 6 – 13

Please take time during this week to pray for your associations. The Prayer Guide has been updated and is available upon request by contacting the Associations Center at 318.537.9548. It is also posted on the website at www.nelba.net.

59 churches and missions makeup Northeast Association and Morehouse Association has 18 churches and 1 mission. Please pray for these churches and missions to be effective in their worship, ministry, and activities.

Pray for the partnerships, missionaries, annual events, churches needing staff, and for the Unreached, Unengaged People Group: The Tai Man, Shan of Myanmar!

Thank you for your prayers!

Impact August 28 – 30 7 P.M.

First Baptist Church, West Monroe
Worship Band: Shane Longoria
Speaker: Wade Morris
Cost: \$2 at the door (each night)

Grades 6-12 Invited!

Area-wide conference with hundreds of students gathering to worship and hear from God. This event in many ways, marks the beginning of the school year and our area churches' intention to reach the next generation.



From the Associational Missionary, Jerry W. Price

While searching through my files recently I came across a prayer attributed to Sir Francis Drake, a 16th Century British naval explorer. With all the negative information that circulates in our world today, it was refreshing to meditate on Drake's sentiments expressed in a tumultuous age much like our own. As I pondered each phrase I was challenged once again to set loftier goals, focus on always taking the high road, and to honor our Lord Jesus in all that I strive to do. The prophet Micah writes, "... the LORD requires of you only to act justly, to love faithfulness, and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8 HCSB) I encourage you to read through this prayer and apply its reflections to your personal situation and see if the Lord doesn't **disturb** you just a little.

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves, when our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little, when we arrive safely because we have sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess, we have lost our thirst for the waters of life; having fallen in love with life, we have ceased to dream of eternity; and, in our efforts to build a new Earth, we have allowed our vision of the new heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture on wider seas where storms will show your mastery; where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars. We ask you to push back the horizons of our hopes; and to push into the future in strength, courage, hope and love.

Blessings,

Love and sympathy are extended to:

Barbara Roberts and family in the death of her husband, **Rev. Oda Wayne "Tuck" Roberts**. Bro. Tuck pastored several churches before becoming an evangelist. He led revivals in numerous churches in our area. He will be missed by all of us!

Kathi McGaugh, her family, and Grace Baptist Church in the death of her husband, **David McGaugh**. David served as music minister at Grace, Monroe.

Charlene Robinson, her family, and Riverside Baptist Church, Bastrop in the death of her son, **Harold "Hal" Robinson**. Hal served as music minister and pianist at Riverside.

Billy Vaughn, **Carmen Morrow** and family in the death of their mother, **Bonnie Vaughn**. Bonnie was the wife of the late Rev. Billy Vaughn, pastor of Bonita Baptist Church, Bastrop.

Congratulations on your August anniversary!

- ✠ **Larry Anderson**, music minister ~ 1 year ~ First, Bastrop
- ✠ **Grant Bamburg**, pastor ~ 3 years ~ Victory, Monroe
- ✠ **Valerie Barley**, graphic designer ~ 7 years ~ North Monroe, Monroe
- ✠ **Barry Blanton**, associate pastor/discipleship ~ **15 years** ~ Cedar Crest, West Monroe
- ✠ **Kenneth Clark**, children's pastor ~ 12 years ~ North Monroe, Monroe
- ✠ **Kendal Clayton**, student pastor ~ 2 years ~ North Monroe, Monroe
- ✠ **Tyler Cory**, Calhoun campus worship pastor ~ 3 years ~ First, West Monroe
- ✠ **Theresa Dickerson**, preschool pastor ~ 2 years ~ North Monroe, Monroe
- ✠ **Robbie Freeman**, music minister ~ 14 years ~ Lakeshore, Monroe
- ✠ **Linda Hill**, secretary ~ 8 years ~ Mt. Vernon, West Monroe
- ✠ **David Hogg**, worship and college pastor ~ 1 year ~ First, Swartz
- ✠ **Jericho Jones**, young adult pastor ~ 2 years ~ First, West Monroe
- ✠ **Parker Lee**, connections pastor ~ 8 years ~ North Monroe, Monroe
- ✠ **Tracey Linson**, secretary ~ 4 years ~ McClendon, West Monroe
- ✠ **Rick McPhearson**, administration/adult education ~ 26 years ~ Mt. Vernon, West Monroe
- ✠ **Chad Merrell**, campus pastor ~ 6 years ~ First West, Fairbanks
- ✠ **Rhonda Moody**, women's ministry associate ~ 8 years ~ First, West Monroe
- ✠ **Lynette Murphy**, assistant office manager ~ 7 years ~ Granberry Counseling Center, Monroe
- ✠ **Summer Naron**, secretary ~ 3 years ~ Peniel, West Monroe
- ✠ **Glenn Naylor**, music and outreach ~ **5 years** ~ Mt. Vernon, West Monroe
- ✠ **Myla Owens**, secretary ~ 2 years ~ Cypress, West Monroe
- ✠ **Charlotte Rogers**, secretary ~ 16 years ~ Ridge Avenue, West Monroe
- ✠ **Karen Sammons**, director ~ **15 years** ~ Ray of Hope Ministry, Monroe
- ✠ **Tim Spencer**, executive pastor ~ 2 years ~ First, West Monroe
- ✠ **Ron Thomas**, adult and administration pastor ~ 11 years ~ First Swartz
- ✠ **Gary Traylor**, pastor ~ 14 years ~ New Hope, Jones
- ✠ **Chris Trombatore**, student pastor ~ **5 years** ~ First, West Monroe
- ✠ **Matthew Walker**, pastor ~ 1 year ~ Peniel, West Monroe

VBS Results Needed by August 15!

Submit your **total enrollment** (children and leaders) and **professions of faith** by Tuesday, **August 15** to the Associations Center by calling 318.537.9548, emailing office@nelba.net or faxing 318.537.9581 so your church info can be included in the next issue of *The Connection!*



The children of
Rev. and Mrs. Danny Hawthorne
 invite you to join them in
Celebrating 50 years of service in ministry
 by their father
on Sunday, August 27
 Please join in any or all of the following:
Worship at 10 A.M.
Lunch immediately following the service
Reception at 2 P.M.
Agape Bible Church
 2208 Wellerman Rd.,
 West Monroe LA 71291

People, Places and Events!

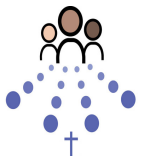
- ⇒ **GriefShare**, a Christ centered, biblically-based program to aid you through your journey of losing a loved one, begins at 5:30 P.M. on August 23 and concludes November 15. The class meets at First West Counseling Center, 212 Cypress St., West Monroe. The only cost is for the workbook. For more details, contact First West at 318.322.5104.
- ⇒ **Senior Adult Fall Progressive Revival** dates are September 18, 19, and 20 at 10 A.M. each morning. Speaker will be Joe McKeever with music by the Foto Sisters. Locations—Monday: Parkview, Monroe; Tuesday: New Chapel Hill, West Monroe; and Wednesday: Lakeshore, Monroe.
- ⇒ **New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Extension in Monroe**—Undergrad and grad classes are taught from August 21 – December 11 at North Monroe Baptist Church. New student orientation is August 14. Final day to register and pay tuition is August 18. For more information, contact Jay George at 318.343.4730 or email him at jay@northmonroe.org. To register for classes, log onto www.nobts.org.

It's a girl for the Price Family!



Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Price on the birth of a granddaughter, Vera Kayte, on July 5. She weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces. Proud parents are Russell and Kristin (Price) Hutzler. Proud big brother is Wyatt. Jerry serves as associational missionary for Northeast and Morehouse Baptist associations. The Prices have 16 grandchildren ... the girls are now ahead ... 9 to 7!

Churches Connecting



New Chapel Hill, West Monroe—Welcome to Marty Black, pastor! July 23 was his first Sunday.

New Hope, Monroe—Welcome to Scottie Gray, pastor! He came to our area from Winnsboro!

Ouachita, West Monroe—A Faith Riders chapter has been organized through Louisiana Baptists. The first meeting is set for Friday, August 25 at 6:30 P.M. at Logan's Restaurant, West Monroe. Any Baptist church member in northeast Louisiana interested in being a part of this faith based Christian motorcycle organization is invited to this meeting. For more information, contact Hugh Hodge at 318.680.2403.

Parkview, Monroe—Living Proof simulcast with Beth Moore is Saturday, September 16 from 8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. Doors open at 7:30 A.M. Meal and nursery provided. FREE! Please register online at www.pbcmonroe.com.

Greenacres, Bastrop—Tony Campanale resigned as pastor to become pastor at First, Oak Grove.

Positions Available ...

Pastor—*Morehouse*: Greenacres

Music—*Northeast*: Agape Bible, Bayou Oaks
Morehouse: Bethel

Youth—*Northeast*: Agape Bible

Children—*Northeast*: Cheniere

Pianist—*Northeast*: Liberty

Technical Director—*Northeast*: North Monroe

Connection Deadline: August 15 ...

To have your church news included in the **September** issue of *The Connection*, please contact the Associations Center at 318.537.9548, email office@nelba.net, or fax 318.537.9581 by August 15.

Annual Church Profiles
Mailing: Week of August 14
Training: August 22
9:30 A.M. Associations Center
Make reservations by emailing
office@nelba.net or calling 318.537.9548.
ACP Deadline September 13!

Events to remember ...

Morehouse Association

August 2017

- 3 Executive Board Meeting, 7 P.M., Oak Hill, Bastrop
6-13 Week of Prayer for Associational Missions and
R. David Terry Offering
21 Administrative Team Meeting, 10 A.M., Associations
Center, Monroe
28-30 Student Impact, First, West Monroe

September 2017

- 4 Labor Day
10-17 Week of Prayer for State Missions and Georgia
Barnette Offering
18-20 Sr. Adult Fall Progressive Revival, 10 A.M.

Northeast Association

***Prayer Time is every Wednesday at 9 A.M. at the
Associations Center. You are invited!**

August 2017

- 6-13 Week of Prayer for Associational Missions and
R. David Terry Offering
10 Retired Ministers Fellowship, 11:15 A.M., Catfish
Cabin, Monroe
21 Administrative Team Meeting, 10 A.M., Associations
Center, Monroe
21 Pastor/Staff Fellowship, 11:30 A.M., Oak Grove, Eros
28-30 Student Impact, First, West Monroe
31 Finance Committee Meeting to work on 2018
Proposed Budget, 9 A.M., Associations Center.

September 2017

- 4 Labor Day. Associations Center will be closed.
10-17 Week of Prayer for State Missions and Georgia
Barnette Offering
14 Finance Committee Meeting, 10 A.M., Associations
Center, Monroe
14 Retired Ministers Fellowship, 11:15 A.M., Catfish
Cabin, Monroe
18-20 Sr. Adult Fall Progressive Revival, 10 A.M.
25 Executive Board Meeting, 10:30 A.M., Cedar Crest
25 Pastor/Staff Fellowship, 11:30 A.M., Cedar Crest,
West Monroe

Louisiana Baptists

August 2017

- 19 PreTeen Invasion North
25-26 Connected, Tall Timbers

September 2017

- 4 Labor Day.
10-17 Week of Prayer for State Missions and Georgia
Barnette Offering
26 Executive Board Meeting, Tall Timbers



- Week of Prayer for Associational Missions and R. David Terry Offering
- Impact—Students Grades 6 – 12
- ACP Distribution and Training
- Grief Share
- Register for Seminary Classes
- VBS Results Needed

*For everything that
was written in the past
was written to teach us,
so that through
endurance and the
encouragement of
the Scriptures
we might have hope.*

Romans 15:4 NIV

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