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The Connection

Churches Connecting for God's Glory



**Northeast Louisiana and Morehouse
Baptist Associations**

Week of Prayer for Associational Missions

August 2 – 9

Listed below are some of the many ministries of our associations. Thank you for your prayers and continued support during this critical time in the life of our associations, churches, and communities.



- **Six Missionaries**—see details inside!
- **Baptist Collegiate Ministry** at the University of Louisiana Monroe
- **Northeast Baptist School** located in West Monroe
- **Seeker Springs Ministry**—summer camps are supported
- **Ray of Hope Ministry**—volunteers are needed on Mondays and Wednesdays! Contact Karen Sammons, director, at 318.348.3144
- **Care & Hope Ministry**—volunteers needed in Bastrop!! Contact Pam Walker, director, at 318.282.2230.
- **Hispanic pastors**—Alvin Rosenow and Pedro Salas
- **Senior Adult Revival** on November 16, 17, and 18 this year. Guests are Dennis Swanberg and Benji Harlan. Host churches are McClendon, First, Swartz, and Highland.
- **Impact** for Students and Youth
- **Leadership training** provided for church leaders, pastors, ministerial staff, and secretaries/ ministry assistants
- **Block Party Trailer** for churches to use for evangelistic events. Trailer includes 3 jumpers, popcorn and snow-cone machines, tables for these items, sound system, and other items. Cost to rent the trailer is \$150. Call 318.537.9548 to schedule the trailer.
- **Evangelism and special events**
- **Churches, pastors, and staff** in Northeast and Morehouse Baptist associations. Churches are listed on the website at www.nelba.net. Please pray for the associational staff, Jerry W. Price, associational missionary, and Glenda Suggs, ministry assistant.
- **The Associations Center** that is used for events, training, meetings, and offices.



From the Associational Missionary Jerry W. Price

A global pandemic, economic upheaval, political turmoil, rampant lawlessness, evil, darkness, gloom, misery...the list just goes on and on. Listening to the news these days can be quite disheartening. It's enough to make you want to escape to a remote spot in a secluded location and enjoy the wonders of God's creation without all the noise.

Life's circumstances often challenge even the most stout-hearted. Every believer experiences ample difficulties in life, some appear as minor inconveniences while others are immobilizing and tragic. Jesus told His disciples, "In the world you shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) We can rest in the Lord today knowing "He will never leave us or forsake us." (Hebrews 13:5)

A card I keep on my desk serves as a reminder of these truths, and I reflect on it often. It expresses a personalized interpretation of 2 Corinthians 4:8-10 written by Roy Lessin. He writes,

*I may be pressed on every side
by troubles, but
I will not be crushed and broken.
I may get confused, but
I will not give up and quit.
I may be hunted down, but
God will never abandon me.
When I get knocked down,
I am going to get up again and keep going.
Through suffering, this body of mine will
constantly share in the death of Jesus so that
the life of Jesus may be seen through me.*

Be encouraged today and share the life-giving message of Jesus with everyone God brings into your life! The Lord is on His throne!



August 10 and 11 6:00 P.M.

Training for Sunday School and Small Group Leaders

Topics include:

- Reaching and Connecting in a Social Distancing World
- Leading Bible Study Live and Online
- Finding New Ways to Minister and Care for People

To participate go to louisianabaptists.org/Regroup20

Congratulations on your June and August anniversaries!

June Anniversary:

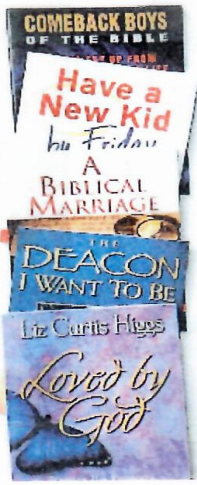
† **Danny Hawthorne**, pastor ~ 1 year ~ Greenacres, Bastrop

August Anniversaries:

- † **Larry Anderson**, music minister ~ 4 years ~ First, Bastrop
- † **Valerie Barley**, graphic artist ~ **10 years** ~ North Monroe, Monroe
- † **Barry Blanton**, discipleship pastor ~ 18 years ~ Cedar Crest, West Monroe
- † **Kenneth Clark**, young families pastor ~ **15 years** ~ North Monroe, Monroe
- † **Kendal Clayton**, college pastor ~ **5 years** ~ North Monroe, Monroe
- † **Wesley Coleman**, student and outreach minister ~ 2 years ~ First, Swartz
- † **Theresa Dickerson**, early childhood director ~ **5 years** ~ North Monroe, Monroe
- † **Robbie Freeman**, music minister ~ 17 years ~ Lakeshore, Monroe
- † **Tracy Hilburn**, secretary ~ 2 years ~ Cheniere, West Monroe
- † **Linda Hill**, secretary ~ 11 years ~ Mt. Vernon, West Monroe
- † **Robert Holloway**, pastor ~ 26 years ~ Watson, West Monroe
- † **Steven Keirse**, student pastor ~ **5 years** ~ North Monroe, Monroe
- † **Tracey Linson**, administrative assistant ~ 7 years ~ McClendon, West Monroe
- † **Rick McAdams**, pastor ~ **5 years** ~ The Anchor, Monroe
- † **Evan McFarland**, student pastor ~ 2 years ~ First, West Monroe
- † **Elizabeth McLellan**, children's minister ~ 2 years ~ New Chapel Hill, West Monroe
- † **Rhonda Moody**, women's minister ~ 11 years ~ First, West Monroe
- † **Lynette Murphy**, assistant office manager ~ **10 years** ~ Granberry Counseling Center, Monroe
- † **Glenn Naylor**, music and outreach minister ~ 8 years ~ Mt. Vernon, West Monroe
- † **Myla Owens**, secretary ~ **5 years** ~ Cypress, West Monroe
- † **Neill Roshto**, worship leader ~ 1 year ~ First, Swartz
- † **Karen Sammons**, director ~ 18 years ~ Ray of Hope Ministry, Monroe
- † **Tim Spencer**, executive pastor ~ **5 years** ~ First, West Monroe
- † **Gary Traylor**, pastor ~ 17 years ~ New Hope, Jones
- † **Matthew Walker**, pastor ~ 4 years ~ *Rescue Community, West Monroe. *formerly Peniel Baptist Church

May you be given more and more of God's kindness, peace, and love.

Jude 1:2 TLB



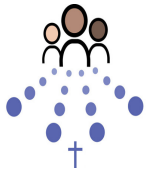
Sampson Resources Available Free!

You and your church can access numerous training resources through Sampson Resources FREE through August 2020.

You will need the password for your church.

If you do not have your password, call the Associations Center at 318.537.9548.

Churches Connecting



Ouachita, West Monroe—Revival services are planned for August 16 – 19. Sunday service begins at 6 P.M. Monday – Wednesday services begin at 6:30 P.M. Evangelist is Morris Anderson with music provided by Ben Waites. Please bring your mask. Everyone is invited!

Positions Available:

Pastor—*Northeast:* Emmanuel, Liberty

Morehouse: New Friendship

Music—*Northeast:* New Chapel Hill, Victory

Youth—*Northeast:* Bayou Oaks, Cheniere

Childcare/Nursery—*Northeast:* First, Monroe

Connection Deadline: August 15!

Send church news to office@nelba.net or call 318.537.9548.

Pray for these missionaries supported by your associations:

- **Justin Haynes**, pastor of Refuge Church, New Orleans, LA (Bywater area of New Orleans)
- **Larrese Rollins**, pastor of The Well, Monroe, LA (south Monroe)
- **John Russell**, pastor of Greater New Antioch Baptist Church (former College Place Baptist Church, Monroe)
- **Ryan Sidhom**, pastor of River City Church, Vancouver, WA. Also serves in Portland, Oregon.
- **Dave Storey**, missionary and church planter, serving Miramichi Valley Church, Doaktown, New Brunswick, Canada
- **Todd and family** serving in Europe. Due to where they are serving, this is all we can share with you.

Would you prefer a digital copy of *The Connection*?

Digital copies of *The Connection* are available. If you would like to receive your edition electronically, please send your email address to Glenda at office@nelba.net.

Annual Church Profiles

Mailing: Week of August 10

Training: Tuesday, August 18

9 A.M. Associations Center

Guest instructor: **Shana Johnson**,
LBC Information Services Support Supervisor

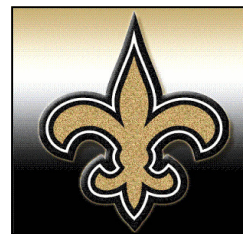
Make reservations by 4 P.M. on Thursday,
August 13 by calling 318.537.9548
or emailing Glenda at office@nelba.net.

ACP Deadline: 12 NOON on September 11

It's a girl for the Ulmer Family!

Congratulations to Bryan and Allie Ulmer on the birth of their daughter, Noa Lane, on July 11. She weighed 4 pounds 11 ounces. She is also welcomed by big brother, Judah!! Bryan serves as youth minister at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, West Monroe.

Thanks Drew Brees!



Drew Brees, quarterback for the New Orleans Saints pro football team, donated 700 boxes of food to Ray of Hope Ministry! These pictures show only a few of the many boxes. These items will be a blessing to the over 1200 families that depend on Ray of Hope for food each month.



If you would be interested in volunteering at Ray of Hope or helping financially, please contact Karen Sammons at 318.348.3144. The ministry is also seeking a new location.



Ray of Hope Ministry distributes more than 30,000 pounds of food each month!

Events to remember ...

Morehouse Association

August 2020

- 2-9 Week of Prayer for Associational Missions
- 6 Executive Board Meeting, 7 P.M., Oak Hill, Bastrop
- 18 ACP Training, 9 A.M., Associations Center, Monroe

September 2020

- 7 Labor Day. Associations Center closed.
- 13-20 Week of Prayer for State Missions and Georgia Barnette Offering

The Senior Adult Fall Progressive Revival usually held in September is scheduled for November 16, 17 and 18.

Northeast Association

August 2020

- 2-9 Week of Prayer for Associational Missions
- 18 ACP Training, 9 A.M., Associations Center, Monroe
- 24 Pastor/Staff Fellowship, 11:30 A.M., Ouachita, West Monroe

September 2020

- 7 Labor Day. Associations Center closed.
- 13-20 Week of Prayer for State Missions and Georgia Barnette Offering
- 24 Finance Committee Meeting, 1:30 P.M., Associations Center, Monroe
- 27 Executive Board Meeting, 10:30 A.M., Lakeshore, Monroe
- 27 Pastor/Staff Fellowship, 11:30 A.M., Lakeshore, Monroe

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Louisiana Baptists

August 2020

- 10-11 Digital Regroup, 6 P.M., various sessions. For more information on sessions and times, log onto the website at www.louisianabaptists.org.

September 2020

- 7 Labor Day. Baptist Building closed.
- 11-12 Greenhouse Workshop for Church Planting and Revitalization, Tall Timbers
- 12 Bridges Out of Poverty Conference, Tall Timbers
- 13-20 Week of Prayer for State Missions and Georgia Barnette Offering
- 19 Mission Builder Roundtable, Temple Baptist Church, Ruston
- 29 Executive Board Meeting, Tall Timbers

For more information or to verify status of Louisiana Baptists events, call 1.800.622.6549 or log onto www.louisianabaptists.org.

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*The effectual
fervent prayer
of a righteous man
availeth much.*

James 5:16b

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