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The Connection

Northeast
Louisiana
Baptist
Association



and
Morehouse
Baptist
Association

Churches Connecting for God's Glory

5 Church Revival set for August 19 – 23

Twin Oaks, Bonita, Horseshoe, New Friendship, and Oak Hill Baptist churches in Morehouse Association will join together for a Progressive Revival in August. Pastors of the churches will speak at a church they do not serve.

The schedule is: **Sunday** at Twin Oaks at 6 P.M. with speaker Ken Ronaghan; **Monday** at Bonita with Bob Lonadier speaking; **Tuesday** at New Friendship with Luther Sanson speaking; **Wednesday** at Horseshoe with Andy Myrick speaking; and **Thursday** at Oak Hill with Todd Wooden speaking. Monday–Thursday time is 6:45 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend!



Vacation Bible Schools continue!

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Church</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| First West Fairbanks | August 2–4 | 6:00–7:15 P.M. |
| First West Calhoun | August 9–10 | 6:00–7:30 P.M. |

VBS results needed by August 15!

Please submit your **Total Enrollment** (children and leaders) and **Professions of Faith** by **4 P.M. on Wednesday, August 15**. Call 318.537.9548, email to office@nelba.net, or fax to 318.537.9581. Vacation Bible School results will be published in the September issue of *The Connection*.

Keep these results on file! This information will be needed to complete the **Annual Church Profile** for your church!!



BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRIES

You are invited to the

Building Dedication

1005 University Ave.
Monroe LA 71203

Saturday, August 25
2 P.M.

Impact August 27 – 29

Venue: First Baptist Church, West Monroe

Doors open: 6 P.M. **Event time:** 6:30 – 8 P.M.

Speaker: Chad Poe—www.chadpoe.com

Worship Band: Shane Longoria

Grades 6 – 12 and leaders are invited!

Cost: \$1 per person each night

Something new is planned for this year! **Monday** is Middle School night; **Tuesday** is High School night; and everyone will meet together on **Wednesday** night!

This area-wide conference with hundreds of students gathering to worship and hear from God marks the beginning of the school year and our area churches' intention to reach the next generation!



From the Associational Missionary Jerry W. Price

Our Week of Prayer and R. David Terry Offering for Associational Missions is scheduled for August 5 – 12. Please set aside some time to pray specifically for your associational leadership, our churches, and our cooperative work. Northeast Louisiana and Morehouse Baptist associations exist to serve, assist, inform and resource our local participating churches. Your association serves as a support system designed to enhance the work of pastors, staff, other ministers, and congregations. The associational leadership equips, motivates, and empowers local churches to carry out their God-given mandate to spread the gospel to all the world. As our associational network endeavors to meet the needs of the churches, an incredible dynamic develops: we work together to make Christ known in our communities to the glory of God.

It is my belief that churches can operate more effectively and efficiently as they utilize the collective resources provided through the partnership and interaction of local churches in the association. Our primary focus is the Lord, His people, and His congregations working together to accomplish more. Baptist churches willingly seek to join with other Baptist churches for the purpose of such things as prayer, training, fellowship, doctrinal emphasis, missions, and so much more.

Your local association is only as effective as the support it receives from contributing churches. We are fully funded by the financial contributions of local participating churches. Thank you for being a faithful partner!

May our associations continue to positively and proficiently encourage and equip the local church to fulfill her mission of reaching the world for Christ. Will you accept the challenge to lead out in your church to help promote and support associational missions?

R. David Terry Offering

2018 Receipts:

\$1,407.43

as of July 23, 2018

Balance on Building Loan:

\$143,119.84

Congratulations on your August anniversary!

- ✠ **Larry Anderson**, music minister ~ 2 years ~ First, Bastrop
- ✠ **Valerie Barley**, graphic artist ~ 8 years ~ North Monroe, Monroe
- ✠ **Barry Blanton**, associate pastor/minister of discipleship ~ 16 years ~ Cedar Crest, West Monroe
- ✠ **Kenneth Clark**, young families pastor ~ 13 years ~ North Monroe, Monroe
- ✠ **Kendal Clayton**, associate college pastor ~ 3 years ~ North Monroe, Monroe
- ✠ **Tyler Cory**, Calhoun campus worship pastor ~ 4 years ~ First, West Monroe
- ✠ **Theresa Dickerson**, preschool pastor ~ 3 years ~ North Monroe, Monroe
- ✠ **Robbie Freeman**, music minister ~ **15 years** ~ Lakeshore, Monroe
- ✠ **Linda Hill**, secretary ~ 9 years ~ Mt. Vernon, West Monroe
- ✠ **David Hogg**, worship and senior adult pastor ~ 2 years ~ First, Swartz
- ✠ **Robert "Bob" Holloway**, pastor ~ 24 years ~ Watson, West Monroe
- ✠ **Jericho Jones**, young adult pastor ~ 3 years ~ First, West Monroe
- ✠ **Steven Keirsesey**, student pastor ~ 3 years ~ North Monroe, Monroe
- ✠ **Tracey Linson**, secretary ~ **5 years** ~ McClendon, West Monroe
- ✠ **Rick McPherson**, administration/adult education ~ 27 years ~ Mt. Vernon, West Monroe
- ✠ **Rhonda Moody**, women's ministry associate ~ 9 years ~ First, West Monroe
- ✠ **Lynette Murphy**, assistant office manager ~ 8 years ~ Granberry Counseling Center, Monroe
- ✠ **Glenn Naylor**, music and outreach ~ 6 years ~ Mt. Vernon, West Monroe
- ✠ **Myla Owens**, secretary ~ 3 years ~ Cypress, West Monroe
- ✠ **Charlotte Rogers**, secretary ~ 17 years ~ Ridge Avenue, West Monroe
- ✠ **Karen Sammons**, director ~ 16 years ~ Ray of Hope Ministry, Monroe
- ✠ **Tim Spencer**, executive pastor ~ 3 years ~ First, West Monroe
- ✠ **Ron Thomas**, adult and administration pastor ~ 12 years ~ First, Swartz
- ✠ **Gary Traylor**, pastor ~ **15 years** ~ New Hope, Jones
- ✠ **Jane Vaughn**, worship and children's assistant ~ 6 years ~ North Monroe, Monroe
- ✠ **Matthew Walker**, pastor ~ 2 years ~ Peniel, West Monroe

Love and sympathy are extended to:

*Jeff and Jennifer McPherson and family in the death of Jeff's grandmother, **Mary Elizabeth McPherson**. Jeff serves as facilities manager of North Monroe Baptist Church, Monroe.*

*James and Sheila Moffett and family in the death of Sheila's father, **William "Cooter" Smith**. James serves as pastor of Pine Grove Baptist Church, Bastrop.*

ReGROUP CONFERENCE 2018

Sunday School Leaders Training Event

Saturday, August 11

8:00 A.M. – 3:15 P.M.

Temple Baptist Church, Ruston

Mega Breakouts for Pastors/Staff, Adults,
Young Adults, Worship Leaders, Youth,
Children, and Preschool

See a complete list of breakouts at
LouisianaBaptists.org/ReGroup18

Cost: \$25 before July 31 (includes lunch)
\$30 after August 1 (includes lunch)

Register online at www.louisianabaptists.org

Campus Foster Parents are needed!

*Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family
Ministries, Monroe, Louisiana*

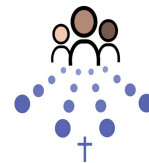
The Children's Home has a need for Baptist husband and wife teams to serve as Campus Foster Parents, formerly called Cottage Parents. These full-time positions include salary, housing, life and medical insurance, annuity, paid vacation, and training. Couples provide love, care, and hope in Christ to children in need. Applicants should not have children living at home under the age of 18.

Please send resume to Dr. Perry Hancock at phancock@lbch.org or Susan Nolan at snolan@lbch.org or call 318.343.2244.

Senior Adult Fall Progressive Revival dates planned!

September 17, 18, and 19 at 10 A.M. are the dates and time for this annual event. Locations are Monday at Ouachita; Tuesday at North Monroe; and Wednesday at Cedar Crest. Speaker will be Waylon Bailey, pastor of First Baptist Church, Covington. Greg Oden and family will provide the music. Plan now to participate!

Churches Connecting



New Chapel Hill, West Monroe—Welcome to Elizabeth McLellan, children's minister! Her first Sunday is August 5.

First, West Monroe—Welcome to Brad Jett and his wife, Bethany! He began July 1 as worship pastor.

McClendon, West Monroe—Vickie Arthur will be honored on her retirement after 20 years of service as youth director on Sunday, August 12 at 6 P.M. in the Worship Center. Reception following in the gym. Everyone is invited!

Mt. Vernon, West Monroe—Homecoming celebrating 181 years of ministry is scheduled for August 19 at 10:15 A.M. Guests: Jerry Price and the Sanctuary Quartet. Covered dish style lunch after the service. Everyone is invited!

McClendon, West Monroe—Part-time janitor needed. Thirty hours per week. \$10 per hour. Experience required. Three references mandatory. Contact Tracey Linson at 318.322.2782.

Positions Available ...

Pastor—*Northeast*: Center Point, Emmanuel, Liberty

Music—*Northeast*: Agape Bible, Peniel

Youth—*Northeast*: Agape Bible, Bayou Oaks

Nursery Workers—*Northeast*: Cheniere

Janitor—*Northeast*: McClendon

Connection Deadline: August 15!

It's a boy for the Eckhardt Family!

Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Warren Eckhardt on the birth of their first grandbaby, Jack Rhoades Eckhardt, on July 16. He weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces. Proud parents are Tyler and Casey Eckhardt. Warren serves as associate pastor of North Monroe Baptist Church, Monroe.

Annual Church Profiles

Mailing: Week of August 13

**Training: Thursday, August 23
9 A.M. Associations Center**

Make reservations by emailing
office@nelba.net or calling 318.537.9548.

Refreshments will be served.

ACP Deadline is September 10!

Events to remember ...

Morehouse Association

August 2018

- 2 Executive Board Meeting, 7 P.M., Oak Hill, Bastrop
- 5-12 Week of Prayer for Associational Missions and R. David Terry Offering
- 19-23 5 Church Progressive Revival, details in newsletter.
- 23 ACP Training, 9 A.M., Associations Center
- 25 Building Dedication, BCM at ULM, 2 P.M., Monroe
- 27 Administrative Team Meeting, 10 A.M., Associations Center, Monroe.
- 27-29 Impact, 6:30-8:00 P.M., First, West Monroe. Doors open at 6:00 P.M. More details in newsletter.

September 2018

- 3 Labor Day. Associations Center closed.
- 10 **ACP due!**
- 15 Deacon Training, 8 A.M. – 12 NOON, Associations Center, Monroe. Breakfast provided. It's free!
- 17-19 Senior Adult Fall Progressive Revival, 10 A.M. Details inside newsletter.
- 26 See You at the Pole (area schools)

Northeast Association

August 2018

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- 9 Retired Ministers and Wives Fellowship, 11:15 A.M., Catfish Cabin.
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- 27 Administrative Team Meeting, 10 A.M., Associations Center, Monroe.
- 27 Pastor/Staff Fellowship, 11:30 A.M., Loch Arbor, Monroe
- 27-29 Impact, 6:30-8:00 P.M., First, West Monroe. Doors open at 6:00 P.M. More details inside.
- 28 Finance Committee meeting, 9 A.M., Associations Center to prepare 2019 budget.

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- 20 Finance Committee Meeting, 10 A.M., Associations Center, Monroe
- 24 Executive Board Meeting, 10:30 A.M., Lakeshore, Monroe
- 24 Pastor/Staff Fellowship, 11:30 A.M., Lakeshore, Monroe. David Burton, guest speaker.
- 25 Prayer walks at area schools
- 26 See You at the Pole (area schools)

Louisiana Baptists

August 2018

- 11 ReGroup Conference, Temple, Ruston. Details inside.
- 19 Love My Church—Sunday School Emphasis
- 21 Multi-site Roundtable, First, West Monroe
- 25 Connected, Calvary, Ruston
- 25 PreTeen Invasion
- 31 Begin reporting for ACP (LAONE.org)



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- 5-12 Week of Prayer for Associational Missions
- 13 ACPs will be mailed this week
- 19-23 Morehouse 5 Church Progressive Revival
- 23 ACP Training
- 25 BCM Building Dedication
- 27-29 Impact for Students

But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:19

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