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February 2019

**The Connection**

**Northeast  
Louisiana  
Baptist  
Association**



**and  
Morehouse  
Baptist  
Association**

***Churches Connecting for God's Glory***

## **Secretary/Ministry Assistant Training set for April 4**

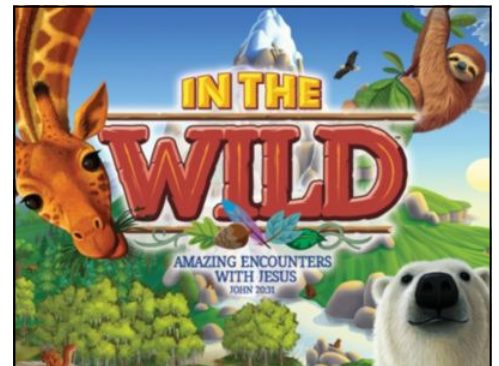
*Appreciated and Encouraged* is the theme for the training planned for Thursday, April 4 at the Associations Center.

Jane Barrett with Opt for Success will lead this event. Jane serves as church administrator/discipleship at Mt. Hebron Baptist Church in Elmore, Alabama, where she has been on staff for over 30 years. Her areas of responsibility include managing the business affairs of the church, coordinating the work of the committees, serving as office manager and staff liaison for Women's Ministry, and assisting the pastor with pastoral duties. She teaches with enthusiasm and conviction because she believes strongly in the importance of the work of ministry support professionals.

**The event begins at 9 A.M. and ends at 3 P.M.** Cost is \$25 which includes lunch and materials. Scholarships are available if your church will not pay this fee for you.

**Reservations are needed by 4 P.M. on Thursday, March 28.** Call 318.537.9548 or email office@nelba.net to register.

This event does **not** replace the Secretary/Ministry Assistant Appreciation Day in November! It is set for November 5.



## **Free VBS Leader Training Available!**

Northeast Association will pay the \$20 per person registration fee for your church's VBS leaders to attend the **VBS Clinic** at Tall Timbers Conference Center, Woodworth, LA on **Saturday, March 9.**

Contact the Associations Center at 318.537.9548 or email Glenda at office@nelba.net and give her the names of those who plan to attend from your church. We will register for you! **Deadline to register with us is 4 P.M. on Thursday, February 28.**

No association clinic is planned for this year.

*Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25 NIV*



## From the Associational Missionary Jerry W. Price

As we make a fresh start into the 2019 associational year, I am encouraged by the vast amount of opportunities, activities, ministries and challenges which lie ahead.

It seems 2018 passed by in a flash, and it is hard to believe January 2019 is almost history; however, your associational staff, team leaders, and officers stand ready to assist your church in reaching the goals you have set for Kingdom growth. Please feel free to call on us for information, resources, training opportunities, or any other service we can provide.

It is the express desire of Northeast Louisiana and Morehouse Baptist associations to assist all our churches in carrying out what God has assigned for your congregation to do for His divine purposes. The cooperative effort between our churches and the associations becomes more vital as we see the many pressing needs that surround us. Working together will strengthen the bonds of fellowship and enlarge the vision of what can be accomplished in the days ahead.

It is through the continued faithfulness of our participating churches that our associations carry out our various ministries. By supporting your associations, we were able to multiply the ministries of our churches by providing resources for Vacation Bible School, joining together in Harvest Crusade events, training church deacons in ministry skills, hosting a chaplaincy training seminar, holding a church safety and security seminar, supplying instruction and fellowship for church secretaries/ministry assistants, cooperatively giving to support numerous missionaries and church planters, and providing many other vital church endeavors.

With the resources you provide to the association, we touch the lives of students at the ULM-BCM and Northeast Baptist School. We make an impact in our communities with ministries such as Ray of Hope in Ouachita parish and the Care & Hope ministry in Morehouse parish. The Lord is glorified as we strive to meet the various needs that surround us.

Please join me in the prayer that 2019 will be our greatest year yet. As churches participate in the work of the association, may we see the Kingdom of God expand throughout our communities, our state, our nation, and our world.

## Congratulations on your February anniversary!

- ✠ **Bobby Blasingame**, student pastor ~ 6 years ~ Mt. Vernon, West Monroe
- ✠ **Melinda Chapman**, secretary ~ 16 years ~ New Chapel Hill, West Monroe
- ✠ **Amelia Clary**, children's minister ~ 2 years ~ First West Calhoun
- ✠ **Gordon "Skip" Dean**, pastor ~ 28 years ~ Highland, West Monroe
- ✠ **Jennifer Dykes**, childcare coordinator ~ 3 years ~ North Monroe, Monroe
- ✠ **Taylor Freeland**, pastor ~ 3 years ~ Tillou, Bastrop
- ✠ **Nicole Gregory**, human resources director ~ 3 years ~ North Monroe, Monroe
- ✠ **Gary Guice**, music minister ~ **15 years** ~ Bonita Road, Bastrop
- ✠ **Bill Haley**, music minister ~ 3 years ~ Clark Springs, Eros
- ✠ **Cody Keys**, associate pastor ~ 8 years ~ First, West Fairbanks
- ✠ **James Moffett**, pastor ~ **20 years** ~ Pine Grove, Bastrop
- ✠ **Andy Myrick**, pastor ~ **5 years** ~ Oak Hill, Bastrop
- ✠ **Jerry Price**, associational missionary ~ 17 years ~ Northeast and Morehouse Baptist associations
- ✠ **Willie Jean Shields**, financial secretary ~ 29 years ~ Highland, West Monroe
- ✠ **Lanny Turner**, music minister ~ 13 years ~ Parkview, Monroe
- ✠ **Keith Walker**, administrator ~ 11 years ~ First, Bastrop

To be recognized on your ministry anniversary, contact the Associations Center at 318.537.9548, email office@nelba.net, or fax 318.537.9581

### *Love and sympathy are extended to:*

*Luther and Trudy Sanson and family in the death of Trudy's father on December 26. Luther serves as pastor of Twin Oaks Baptist Church, Bastrop.*

*Terry Davis and family along with Ouachita Baptist Church in the death of Penny Davis on December 31. Penny served as secretary of Ouachita for 18 years.*

## 2019 R. David Terry Offering

**\$313.25**

*as of January 23, 2019*

## Balance on Building Loan:

**\$115,191.04**

*as of January 23, 2019*



Time to Spring Ahead

Daylight Savings Time begins March 10!

Be on time for Bible Study and Worship! Set your clocks **ahead** one hour on Saturday night, March 9!

## 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](mailto:phancock@lbch.org) or Susan Nolan at [snolan@lbch.org](mailto:snolan@lbch.org) or call 318.343.2244.

## Is your church involved in Compassion Ministries?

Understanding the physical needs of those around you and attempting to help with them is what Compassion Ministry is all about. These type of ministries give our churches remarkable opportunities to share the love of Christ and reach people for faith in Him.

A functioning Compassion Ministry includes four components:

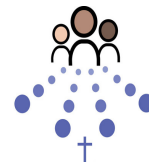
1. Meet a real need of people in our area
2. Build trust with the people cared for
3. Share the gospel, seeking to lead people to faith in Jesus Christ
4. Connect people to the local church

Has your church considered trying a new type of ministry to reach people in your area? Maybe it is time for a change!

Here are a few examples of Compassion Ministries:

- Adult Bible Study (not Sunday School)
- Celebrate Recovery
- Children's Bible Study (not Sunday School)
- Clothing Ministry/clothes closet
- Disaster Relief
- Feeding Program
- Financial Management Classes
- Food Pantry
- Multi-housing/Mobile Home Park Ministry
- Nursing Home
- Senior Adult/Shut-ins Ministries (numerous)
- Tutoring
- Volunteering at Care & Hope (Bastrop) or Ray of Hope (Monroe) ministries
- Ones you think of on your own!!

## Churches Connecting



**New Chapel Hill, West Monroe**—You are invited to an Encounter Weekend on February 22 – 24 with Evangelist Sammy Tippit and worship led by ODE. Services times are Friday at 6:30 P.M.; Saturday at 6:00 P.M. with a chili and soup supper from 4 – 5:30 P.M.; Sunday at 10:45 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. For more information, call the church office at 318.396.2433. Come and bring a friend!

**New Hope, Monroe**—Part-time student minister needed. Submit resume to [info@newhopemonroe.org](mailto:info@newhopemonroe.org) or mail to Youth Search Committee, Becky Beezley, chairman, 3870 Old Sterlington Rd., Monroe LA 71203.

**Northeast Baptist School, West Monroe**—PTO Lunch/Dinner Fundraiser, Wednesday, February 6 from 11 A.M. to 6 P.M. Homemade Chicken Pot Pie and dessert. \$6 per plate. Go to website [www.nbs.school](http://www.nbs.school) or call 318.325.2077 to place an order. The school is located at 5225 I-20 Service Rd., West Monroe (Well Rd. Exit). Proceeds to benefit the van fund.

**First, Monroe**—Bus available. 1992 International yellow bus. Approximately 142,000 miles. Contact Elaine Clark at 318.325.3126 or email [eclark@firstmonroe.com](mailto:eclark@firstmonroe.com).

### Positions Available:

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

**Music**—*Northeast:* Peniel

**Children**—*Northeast:* Cheniere

**Receptionist**—*Northeast:* First, West Monroe

### Connection Deadline: February 15!

### Available for supply:

R.C. Smith. Contact him at 318.388.1158.

## FRESH GROUNDED FAITH

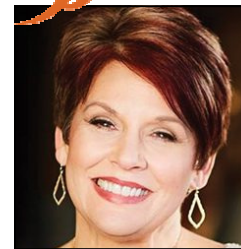
WOMEN'S EVENT

March 1 and 2, 2019

Friday 7 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

Sat. 9 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

First Baptist, West Monroe



Jennifer Rothschild

Featuring Jennifer Rothschild, Lisa Whelchel, Karen Abercrombie "Miss Clara of War Room," with Michael O'Brien as worship leader.

Get your tickets early and save! Check with co-host churches, online at [www.FreshGroundedFaith.com](http://www.FreshGroundedFaith.com), or call 800.859.7992. Group rates available. Visit [www.firstwest.cc](http://www.firstwest.cc) for co-host churches.

# Events to remember ...

## Morehouse Association

### February 2019

7 Executive Board Meeting, 7 P.M., Oak Hill, Bastrop

### March 2019

3-10 Week of Prayer for North American Missions and  
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering  
10 Daylight Savings Time begins  
20 Spring begins

### April 2019

19 Good Friday  
21 Easter

## Northeast Association

### February 2019

14 Retired Ministers Fellowship, 11:15 A.M., Catfish  
Cabin, Monroe  
25 Pastor/Staff Fellowship, 11:30 A.M., First, Monroe

### March 2019

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Annie Armstrong Easter Offering  
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14 Retired Ministers Fellowship, 11:15 A.M., Catfish  
Cabin, Monroe  
20 Spring begins  
25 Pastor/Staff Fellowship, 11:30 A.M., First, Swartz

### April 2019

11 Retired Ministers Fellowship, 11:15 A.M., Catfish  
Cabin, Monroe  
19 Good Friday  
21 Easter  
25 Finance Committee Meeting, 10 A.M., Associations  
Center, Monroe  
29 Executive Board, 10:30 A.M., Northeast Baptist  
School, 5225 I-20 Service Rd., West Monroe  
29 Pastor/Staff Fellowship, 11:30 A.M., Northeast Baptist  
School, 5225 I-20 Service Rd., West Monroe

## Louisiana Baptists

### February 2019

1-2 Collegiate Evangelism Conference  
4-5 Preschool/Children's Ministers Retreat, Tall Timbers  
11-17 Focus on WMU  
16 Children's Mission Day 2019  
22-23 REAL, Statewide Women's Event, First, Pineville  
23 Louisiana Baptist Foundation Board of Trustees  
Orientation, Baptist Building, Alexandria  
26 State WMU Council Meeting, Baptist Building,  
Alexandria

### March 2019

3-10 Week of Prayer for North American Missions and  
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering  
8-9 VBS Retreat, Tall Timbers, Woodworth  
10 Church Bible Drills  
10 Daylight Savings Time begins  
20 Spring begins  
29-30 RA Congress, Tall Timbers, Woodworth

To verify status of LBC events,  
call 1.800.622.6549.



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