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The Connection

Churches Connecting for God's Glory



**Northeast Louisiana and Morehouse
Baptist Associations**

**Annual Meetings planned
for October 5 and 26**

Morehouse Annual Meeting

**Monday, October 5
7 P.M. Worship Service**

**Message by Stan Wyant, pastor
Faith Baptist Church, Bastrop**

**Faith Baptist Church
809 Cleveland St., Bastrop**

Northeast Annual Meeting

**Monday, October 26
10 A.M. Worship Service
followed by lunch**

**Message by Dr. Steve Horn
Executive Director of the
Louisiana Baptist Convention**

**Community Baptist Church
164 DeFreese Rd., West Monroe**

**Please make your reservations for
lunch by Wednesday, October 21
by calling 318.537.9548 or emailing
office@nelba.net**

**Everyone is invited to attend
these Annual Meetings!**

**Thank you, Pastors!
You are appreciated!**

Your faithfulness to God and the church where you serve is greatly appreciated by Northeast and Morehouse Baptist associations. Thank you for going over and beyond what is required and striving to do God's will in all you do! May God bless you as you continue to serve Him!

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**October is Pastor Appreciation month.** Need an idea of ways to appreciate your pastor? Contact the Associations Center at 318.537.9548 or email Glenda at office@nelba.net.



7<sup>th</sup> Annual Gospel Benefit for St. Jude's

**Night of Hope Concert**

**Friday, October 23**

**7:00 P.M. Rayville**

**Rayville Performing Arts Center**

**Talent Includes:**

Joseph Habedank, The Talleys,  
Tim Lovelace, 3 Heath Brothers,  
and Josh and Ashley Franks.  
Tickets: \$20 to \$28.50.

**Call 318.417.3929 or email  
SJNighthofHope@gmail.com.**



## From the Associational Missionary Jerry W. Price

As I write this article, my spirit is uplifted to see the massive prayer events taking place on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. **The Return: National and Global Day of Prayer and Repentance and Franklin Graham's Prayer March 2020** simultaneously aired on September 26<sup>th</sup> and were quite inspirational and challenging. A call to personal and national repentance was issued repeatedly at both events.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have been sliding near the precipice of disaster in our country. For many years we have put our heads in the sand when it comes to God's undeniable truth. We have stood aside and let evil enter into our government, our schools, our churches, and our personal lives. We tolerate the idea that right seems wrong, and wrong seems right in our country and in our churches.

Every one of us needs to understand that we are at a tipping point, and our country can choose to descend into the depths of destruction and despair or actively repent and experience genuine revival. As Christians we have faced an unbelievable amount of hardship and fear through a global pandemic, economic upheaval, riots, and pillaging throughout our nation. One thing we should all understand is that these events are being filtered through the hand of God.

What is God trying to say to us as believers? What is he saying to me? What is he saying to you personally? All we have to do is look to Scripture to understand what God is saying. *"When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."* 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 ESV.

We need to let God search our hearts and uncover the areas in our lives that we are unwilling to face, then confess and repent. I am asking God in my own heart to reveal areas that are not pleasing to Him. Please join me in your own personal prayer time to seek God and truly turn away from those things that are not pleasing in His sight.

God is giving us a chance to turn back to Him and the truth of His Word. If, as believers, we heed his call, God promises He will hear from heaven and heal our land, homes, churches, and communities. Be encouraged, our Father said he will never leave us or forsake us. He is the merciful Savior. *"Draw near to God and he will draw near to you."* James 4:8

God bless you Associational family,



## Northeast Baptist School Homecoming Game October 2

6:30 P.M. Knights of Royalty Senior Night  
7:00 P.M. Football Game

The event will be held at the West Ouachita Youth Sports Association, 200 Bill Golson Rd., West Monroe (Hwy 34 south.)

## Congratulations on your October anniversary!

- + **Werner Aswell**, education minister ~ 26 years ~ New Chapel Hill, West Monroe
- + **Ricky Baker**, pastor ~ 24 years ~ Grace, Monroe
- + **Stewart Bedillion**, pastor ~ **10 years** ~ Riverside, Bastrop
- + **Wendy Driedger**, worship and children's assistant/Mother's Day Out director ~ 4 years ~ North Monroe, Monroe
- + **Janice Dumas**, ministry assistant ~ 8 years ~ Fair Park, West Monroe
- + **Julie Dupriest**, administrative assistant ~ 14 years ~ Granberry Counseling Center, Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries, Monroe
- + **Neil Everett**, pastor ~ 24 years ~ First, Calhoun
- + **Gary Guice, Jr.**, youth minister ~ **10 years** ~ Bonita Road, Bastrop
- + **Darrell Linden**, worship leader ~ 6 years ~ Oak Grove, Eros
- + **Chad Logan**, youth minister ~ 2 years ~ McClendon, West Monroe
- + **Charles Martindale**, music minister ~ **10 years** ~ Watson, West Monroe
- + **Brenda McPhearson**, financial assistant ~ 4 years ~ First, West Monroe
- + **Jodie Naylor**, ministry assistant ~ 8 years ~ First, Monroe
- + **Debbie Robertson**, assistant to executive pastor/human resources ~ 22 years ~ First, West Monroe
- + **William Sikes**, pastor ~ 6 years ~ Loch Arbor, Monroe
- + **Robert "Bodie" Spicer**, pastor ~ 1 year ~ Clark Springs, Eros
- + **Misti Stone**, missions and discipleship administrator ~ 2 years ~ First, West Monroe
- + **Cindy Taylor**, education minister ~ **15 years** ~ Highland, West Monroe
- + **Phillip Thigpen**, Thrift Store director ~ 6 years ~ First, West Monroe
- + **Vickie Walker**, secretary ~ **15 years** ~ Bethel, West Monroe
- + **David Wallace**, music minister ~ 18 years ~ Cypress, West Monroe

To recognize a pastor or staff member on their anniversary contact the Associations Center at 318.537.9548 or email [office@nelba.net](mailto:office@nelba.net).

## Critical Need for Cottage Parents at the Children's Home

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

Husband/wife teams critically needed. Full-time positions include salary, benefits, paid vacation and training. Provide love, care, and hope in Christ for children in need. Applicants should not have children living at home under the age of 18. Must have a sense of call and commitment to a ministry of service to children and be an active member of a local Southern Baptist church.

Please send resume to Susan Nolan at [snolan@lbch.org](mailto:snolan@lbch.org) or PO Box 4196, Monroe, LA 71211-0496.

## Plan on these Fall Events ...

**January Bible Study Preview**—scheduled for **October 22** has been canceled. Dr. Philip Caples will be making videos of the preview that will be available on the Louisiana Baptists website at [www.louisianabaptists.org](http://www.louisianabaptists.org).

**Secretary/Ministry Assistant Appreciation Day**—**Thursday, November 5** from 8:30 A.M. until 1 P.M. The date has been changed due to the National Election. Everything else will remain the same—training, door prizes (ask your church to provide one,) donuts, and lunch!

**Reservations due by Monday, November 2.** Contact 318.537.9548 or email [office@nelba.net](mailto:office@nelba.net) to make your reservations! Plans are being made for the conferences. If you have a subject you would like discussed, call Glenda at the number above.

**Senior Adult Fall Progressive Revival**—Dates have been changed to **November 16, 17, and 18** at **10 A.M.** Guests will be Dennis Swanberg and Benji Harlan. Watch for additional information on the locations! A love offering will be taken each day for the revival team! We are working diligently to make everything COVID-19 friendly!

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

Digital copies of *The Connection* are available. If you would like to receive your copy electronically, please send your full name and email address to Glenda at [office@nelba.net](mailto:office@nelba.net).

## Annual Church Profiles

At the time of this printing, ACPs are still needed from these churches:

**Faith and New Friendship in Bastrop**  
**Berean, Calvary, Center Point, Greater New Antioch, Jerusalem, New Light, and The Crossing** in Northeast Association.

The report can be entered online, mailed, or brought to the Associations Center at 7103 DeSiard St., Monroe. Thank you for completing the report ASAP!

## Churches Connecting



**Victory, Monroe**—Mega Sports Camp VBS is set for Saturday, October 10. Registration begins at 8:30 A.M. The camp concludes at 2:30 P.M. Grades K – 5 are invited!

**North Monroe, Monroe**—Congratulations to Richard Ainsworth who is retiring as traditional worship pastor after serving 11 years. He and his wife, Lee, are anticipating the next season in their life and are looking forward to visiting their grandchildren more!

**Ouachita, West Monroe**—37<sup>th</sup> Homecoming is planned for Sunday, October 11 at 10:45 A.M. Dinner on the Grounds will follow the service. Family, friends, members and past members are invited!

**Bosco, Monroe**—87<sup>th</sup> Homecoming is set for Sunday, October 18 at 10 A.M. Pastor Marcelle Ronquille will bring the message. Lunch will follow the service. Gospel group Heaven's Echoes will sing during the service and after lunch. Members and former members are especially invited!

**Ouachita, West Monroe**—Fall Festival featuring a Drive Thru Trick-a-Trunk will be October 31 from 5 – 7 P.M.

## Positions Available:

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

**Music**—*Northeast*: New Chapel Hill, Victory

**Youth**—*Northeast*: Bayou Oaks, Cheniere

**Childcare/Nursery**—*Northeast*: First, Monroe

**Available: Planning Guide Calendars for 2020 – 2021** are available at the Associations Center. Calendars are FREE!

## Connection Deadline: October 15!

## Meet BCM Associate Director Kayla Frazier!



Kayla is from Puckett, Mississippi. Throughout college she was active in the Baptist College Ministry serving on the lead team and as a summer missionary. These years at the BCM sparked her heart for campus ministry and missions. After receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Sociology, and Religion from the University of Mississippi in 2010, Kayla served as an associate director in collegiate ministry at Delta State University for six years. This solidified her call to full-time ministry and led her to pursue more theological training.

Kayla moved to Texas in 2017 to attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. While at Southwestern she worked as an enrollment specialist and residential director. She earned her Master of Divinity in Women's Ministry in May 2020 and began as the ULM BCM Associate Director in July 2020. Welcome Kayla!

# Events to remember ...

## Morehouse Association

### October 2020

- 5 Annual Meeting, 7 P.M., Faith Baptist Church, 809 Cleveland St., Bastrop. No Ministry Fair or refreshments this year.
- 22 January Bible Study Preview canceled. See note inside about videos.

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- 3 National Election. Be sure to vote!
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- 26 Thanksgiving

## Northeast Association

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## Louisiana Baptists

### October 2020

- 16 Ministers Wives Retreat, Georgia Barnette Conference Center, Tall Timbers, Woodworth
- 16 RA Camp O Ree 2020, Camp Harris, Minden
- 18-24 Week of Prayer for Baptist Associations

To verify status of LBC events,  
call 1.800.622.6549.

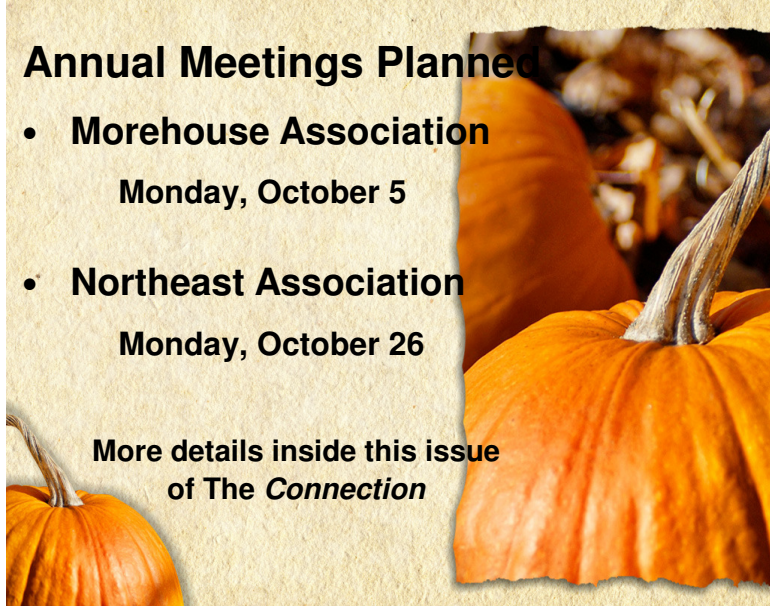
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- 11 Veterans Day
- 22-23 Youth Evangelism Celebration (YEC), Rapides Coliseum, Alexandria
- 26 Thanksgiving
- 29-Dec. 6 Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

## Annual Meetings Planned

- **Morehouse Association**  
**Monday, October 5**
- **Northeast Association**  
**Monday, October 26**

More details inside this issue  
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Be sure to  
vote on  
**November 3!**

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