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Together We Do What We Cannot Do Alone

Blue's News

Happy New Year!!!

I consider it an honor to serve our association of churches as we close out 2022 and look with hope into 2023. I pray that you have enjoyed a blessed Christmas holiday and ready to march into the work of our Lord in the New Year. Here are a couple of things you may find helpful as we begin cooperatively in 2023:

Connect1Child Foster Care and Adoption Ministry: In cooperation with the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home we are launching this ministry and our Christian Social Services Ministry Team will lead in promoting this opportunity. Its purpose is to engage our churches with supporting Foster Care in our association. Work is underway and a coordinator will begin contacting churches soon.

Church Strengthening Team: I am asking our association to develop a Church Strengthening Team. There is a need to come alongside to help struggling churches. This may include a walk-beside partner or help the church to enter mission-status under the direction of a stronger church, which will help the church define and rediscover their Great Commission objective. This work will require cooperation, perseverance, money, effort, and much, much prayer.

Send Relief Mission Trip: A mission trip aimed at **college, young adult, and possibly, graduated seniors** is in the works. Ray McCon, Family Life Minister at Walker Baptist Church, is organizing a Mission Trip through "NAMB Send Relief". An informational meeting will be held for all interested churches or individuals at Walker Baptist Church, Sunday, January 8, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. Please plan to attend or send someone in your place. This will be the first associational mission trip in a few years.

Dates: June 17-23, 2023 (seven-day trip)

Location: Send Relief NAMB Ministry Center, Memphis TN

Age: College and Young Adult age, possibly Graduated Seniors

Cost: \$210 + travel + lodging - we will possibly be able to stay at a local church "world changer" style to save money

Expected Ministry Action: Cleaning out homes damaged by water and flood, prepare for community rebuilding, and community outreach.

Iron Sharpens Iron – National Men's Equipping Conference will be held Saturday, February 4, 2023, at Live Oak Baptist Church, 35603 Coxe Ave, Denham Springs, from 8:30-12:30. Cost is \$29 for early registration through January 30, 2023. Cost for students is \$20. Make your reservation at the following link, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/469955097347?aff=efbneb>. **SAVE THE DATE!!!!** (See Page 3)

Reminder of Vision: *Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association is a networking group of like-minded, healthy churches fulfilling the Great Commission by transforming lives for God's Kingdom.*

Networking: working together as a team using each church's spiritual distinctiveness cooperating to advance the gospel and further the kingdom of God. We need each other.

Like-minded: same faith/belief with a common mindset that the world needs Jesus.

Healthy churches: A healthy church transforms lives through the gospel and grows believers to full maturity in the faith. A healthy church is a worshiping, bible-centered, kingdom visioned, and praying; it is also a church who acts on faith, is evangelistic, mission-minded with the world in view, and cooperative in spirit.

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**CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES
To December 10, 2022**

Agape	\$0.00	\$25.00
Amite	\$0.00	\$8,000.00
Bethel	\$122.21	\$1,587.48
Carroll	\$232.68	\$1,480.28
Central	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Community	\$1,095.00	\$11,839.00
Colyell	\$1,319.00	\$16,564.80
Denham Springs, FBC	\$0.00	\$16,933.99
Don Avenue	\$514.68	\$5,907.32
Emmanuel	\$0.00	\$2,705.00
French Settlement	\$251.00	\$3,177.00
Gray's Creek	\$0.00	\$5,070.00
Greater Third Zion	\$0.00	\$0.00
Head of Island	\$0.00	\$1,068.25
Hebron	\$424.61	\$4,743.97
Holden	\$242.03	\$3,102.53
Judson	\$1,502.57	\$16,650.29
Live Oak	\$0.00	\$29,708.99
Livingston FBC	\$1,050.00	\$8,500.00
Macedonia	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Magnolia	\$200.00	\$2,400.00
Maurepas	\$0.00	\$868.00
Midway	\$0.00	\$1,250.28
New Bethlehem	\$0.00	\$959.23
New Covenant	\$0.00	\$0.00
Northside	\$770.72	\$6,344.52
One Life	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Pine Grove	\$424.10	\$5,327.93
Red Oak	\$100.00	\$800.00
River of Life	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside	\$206.38	\$2,763.23
Salem	\$0.00	\$0.00
Satsuma	\$0.00	\$250.00
South Walker	\$0.00	\$1,779.75
Southside	\$215.25	\$2,377.13
The New Beginnings	\$0.00	\$1,301.26
Victory	\$113.44	\$1,900.27
Walker	\$2,115.14	\$24,194.19
Watson	\$1,244.21	\$5,060.98
The Way Church	\$225.00	\$2,475.00
Community Ch Spfd	\$0.00	\$550.00
Wholly Grounds	\$0.00	\$300.00
Total Contributions	\$12,368.02	\$200,165.97

Capital One	\$63,558.20
Louisiana Baptist Foundation	\$689,197.70
TOTAL Checking & Savings	\$752,755.90

News from the Churches . . .

Hebron Baptist Church has called Bro. Corey McKinney as their Youth Minister and Bro. Tyler Williams as their Minister of Music/Worship. **Bro. Travis Cronan, Pastor**

Bro. Russell Hinson has retired as pastor from **First Baptist Church, Holden.**

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Fulfilling the Great Commission: introduce the lost to Jesus as Lord; bringing new believers into the church.

Transforming lives: developing reproducing disciples fulfilling the Great Commission; rooted in the Word, Spirit-controlled, and possessing a Christ-centered worldview.

For God's Kingdom: He is Lord and is worthy of all honor and glory. It's for Him and not for us that we work together for His kingdom.

The great missionary, William Carey said, "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God." This is accomplished only by the Holy Spirit's power and direction in our lives. The Apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 3:20-21, *Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us— to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.* In 2023, let us both expect great things from God and attempt great things for God. See you soon!

Bro. Richard

"Contend" Apologetics Conference

NOBTS is hosting an event called "Contend". It will be a one-day, student ministry apologetics conference where we will deal with some of the most pressing issues facing teens today; things like gender, sexuality, transgenderism, race, atheism, proof of the resurrection, reliability of the scriptures, etc. It will also be a moment for us to "call out the called" into gospel ministry.

This is a promo video that can be downloaded and shown if that would be helpful: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sJ81bixEor2YSuHHGSyEm6uXNupJjs_Y/view?usp=sharing

The confirmed speakers are: Frank Turek (Main Session), Gary Habermas (Main Session),

Breakouts: James Walker, Bob Stewart, Tawa Anderson, Daniel Ray, Greg Wilton

Link to register: <https://brushfire.com/nobts/contend2023/536958/details>

Ministry News

**TWELVE DIFFERENT
SEMINAR SPECIFIC
TO MEN AGE (13+)**

**8:30 AM -
12:30 PM**



Brian Doyle



Jay Penton



Rex Tignor



Larry Leak



Ken Paxton



Daniel Domangue



**HOSTED
BY**

**MAN UP
MINISTRIES**



BATON ROUGE, LA

Saturday, Feb 4, 2023

Live Oak Baptist Church
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The next ELBA Newsletter will be mailed in March. Updates will be emailed as needed. If you are not presently on our email list and would like to be included, please send the information to info@elbamissions.org.



ELBA Leadership Meeting REMINDERS

Association Council Meeting
Monday, January 30, 2023 *
ELBA Office—10:00am

Executive Board Meeting
Monday, February 6
The New Beginnings Baptist Church
9768 Florida Blvd, Walker, LA
5:30pm Meal 6:30pm Meeting
* Date change due to LBC ECON

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mondays Pastor Prayer Time—1:00pm

JANUARY 2023

- 2 New Year's Day Holiday – Offices Closed
- 16 Martin Luther King Day
- 22 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 23 ECON – FBC, West Monroe
- 30 Association Council – 10am - ELBA Office

FEBRUARY 2023

- 4 DR Training – N.O., Vintage Church
- 6 Executive Board – 6:30pm-The New Beginnings
- 11 DR Training – FBC, Deville
- 19 Focus on WMU Sunday
- 25 DR Training – FBC, Bossier City
- 26 Racial Reconciliation Day

Each new year brings us new opportunities to know Him more, to walk in faith, and grow by His grace.

May your year be blessed in the Lord.

“...Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.” — 1 CORINTHIANS 2:9 KJV

Happy New Year!
From Your ELBA Staff

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&
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