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Together We Do What We Cannot Do Alone

Blue's News

Thank you, ELBA Churches, for your response to Operation Living Water. You gave \$6,192 to provide bottled water for areas of our state affected by saltwater intrusion into their water supplies. ELBA added \$3,000 and sent a check to the LBC for \$9,192. Another ELBA church sent \$1000 directly--\$10,192 from ELBA churches and more to come. *Together we do what we cannot do alone.*

Belarus Bibles: Thank you churches for your contribution of \$1,000 for Belarus Bibles. The war-torn areas of eastern Europe are an open door for the gospel of Jesus Christ. Several people from our area and state have participated in the work of Belarus Missions in recent months. Thank you for your willingness to advance the gospel in Europe.

Congratulations Dr. Tom Higginbotham for being recognized by the Louisiana Baptist Convention **Bi-vocational Pastor of the Year.** Bro. Tom and Patty will be recognized at a luncheon during the Louisiana Baptist Convention Tuesday, November 14th. Thank you Bro. Tom for your work for our Lord at Don Avenue Baptist Church.

Newsletter Changes...As a cost-saving measure, **this will be the last printed newsletter ELBA will mail out.** Beginning in 2024, the ELBA Newsletter will be sent via email for the following reasons:

The *cost of printing and postage* has significantly increased in the past year. One newsletter is four pages color copy print. That is 1,200 copies per run 6 times a year, or 7,200 copies.

Bulk Permit mailout costs have soared this year. We are one of three organizations that still do bulk mailouts at our post office. Replacement parts for our copier are becoming rare and *soon will be extinct.*

Our machine is adequate for day-to-day operation and it is still able to do what we need it to do. Cutting the number of copies will help prolong its life.

We will now communicate through FaceBook, email and our website at www.elbamissions.org. If you have recently changed your email address and wish to continue to receive our newsletter—and we want you to receive it—please send your updated email to info@elbamissions.org. Like us on FaceBook at Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association. Thanks for your cooperation. Yes, we have moved into the 20th Century with our technology. We are working to move into the 21st Century. Thank you for your patience!



TIME CHANGE: Fall Back Sunday, November 5th, 2:00 AM.

SAVE THE DATE: December 4, 2023, 6:30 p.m., Minister and Mates Christmas Fellowship at Northside Baptist Church.

Happy Thanksgiving

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth. Serve the LORD with jubilation; Come before Him with rejoicing. Know that the LORD Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, And His courtyards with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting And His faithfulness is to all generations. —Psalm 100

Merry Christmas

*For a Child will be born to us, a Son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.
— Isaiah 6:1-7*

Happy New Year!

*It is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we first believed. ¹² The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let's rid ourselves of the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.
—Romans 13:11-12*

—Richard Blue

**CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES
To Date**

Agape	\$0.00	\$0.00
Amite	\$0.00	\$3,200.00
Bethel	\$199.38	\$1,486.15
Carroll	\$317.59	\$614.16
Central	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Community	\$0.00	\$9,686.00
Colyell	\$1,500.00	\$13,755.64
Denham Springs, FBC	\$1,315.11	\$16,854.78
Don Avenue	\$538.64	\$6,258.05
Emmanuel	\$250.00	\$1,540.00
French Settlement	\$0.00	\$1,711.00
Gray's Creek	\$444.00	\$3,364.00
Greater Third Zion	\$0.00	\$0.00
Head of Island	\$0.00	\$508.10
Hebron	\$397.05	\$3,983.19
Holden	\$226.44	\$1,854.81
Judson	\$1,418.94	\$14,255.81
Live Oak	\$2,979.18	\$28,626.40
Livingston FBC	\$1,085.00	\$10,325.00
Macedonia	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Magnolia	\$200.00	\$1,800.00
Maurepas	\$70.00	\$667.00
Midway	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Bethlehem	\$75.00	\$900.00
New Covenant	\$0.00	\$0.00
Northside	\$374.79	\$4,882.97
One Life	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pine Grove	\$371.61	\$4,418.63
Red Oak	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
River of Life	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside	\$350.61	\$3,123.05
Salem	\$0.00	\$500.00
Satsuma	\$250.00	\$250.00
South Walker	\$0.00	\$2,506.50
Southside	\$180.40	\$1,908.24
The New Beginnings	\$444.88	\$1,539.06
Victory	\$152.46	\$1,643.85
Walker	\$2,239.31	\$19,820.97
Watson	\$462.96	\$4,744.58
The Way Church	\$225.00	\$2,025.00
Community Ch Spfd	\$0.00	\$350.00
Wholly Grounds	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$16,168.35	\$171,302.94

Capital One	\$99,465.89
Louisiana Baptist Foundation	\$696,668.54
TOTAL Checking & Savings	\$796,134.43

News from the Churches . . .



**Judson Baptist Church Placing of
the Wreaths**

Please joins us on December 16, 2023 at the Judson Baptist Church cemetery. They will host an event at 11:00 AM to "Remember, Honor, and Teach" by placing wreaths on the graves of Veterans.

You will be joining 4,000 other participating locations across America. This will be their second year to take part in hosting this event at the cemetery.

They will be placing 69 wreaths at Judson and 21 wreaths at other cemeteries in our community.

Contact the church office with questions. 225/665-5481

The Way Church in Denham Springs will be accepting resumes to fill the student pastor position now until January 31st. Please send all resumes to david.annison@thewaychurchds.com

**SOUTH WALKER AND THE NEW BEGINNINGS CHURCHES
PRISON MINISTRY NEEDS**

Bro. Mark Carroll, Pastor of SWBC and Chaplain with the LPDC, is in need of "gently used" Adult Sunday School literature. If you have past workbooks, leaders manuals, etc., around your church, please consider donating them to the work of prison ministry. Donations can be dropped off at the ELBA offices or South Walker Baptist Church.

Sheila Wall, with TNBBC is personally collecting books for inmates at the Livingston Parish Correctional Facility. Donations of new or gently used books are requested for the Facility's library collection. All genres are welcome, especially nonfiction. Books must be **Soft Cover**. Hard cover and magazines are **not** allowed. You may contact Sheila at 225-328-5972 regarding pick-up or delivery.

These books are needed and would be most welcomed.

Our office is taking names and providing names to churches regarding a need for pianists. If you are interested in filling in from time to time or have a need for a fill-in pianist, we hope to be able to help. Please contact the office at 225-664-9309 or email karetha@elbamissions.org if you would like to be placed on this list.

Ministry News



Lottie Moon
Christmas
Offering
Week of Prayer
Dec. 3 thru 10
Set your goals!



PINE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
 21949 HIGHWAY 444
 JUST SOUTH OF LIVINGSTON
NOVEMBER 5 AT 6:00PM
 REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW

Christmas
 NIGHT OF WORSHIP

ANDREW BELMORE ~ MADISON HOPE ~ QUINT ADKINS
 &
The Celebration Choir
Saturday, December 16th- 7PM- FREE EVENT
 Watson Baptist Church 35831 Cane Market Road Watson LA



Judson Baptist Church
 32470 Walker Road North
 Walker, LA
November 4, 2023
 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
 \$20.00 per person/lunch included

This is a training event for all women who lead missions, Bible study, missions education and women's discipleship in the local church and association or for women who are interested in doing so.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, November 4, 2023
 Register online: <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/women-who-lead-walker>

VOLUNTEER NEEDED
SPANISH SPEAKING VOLUNTEER
FOR OUR CLOTHES CLOSET ON
TUESDAYS FROM 10AM - 1PM
SEE JOHNETTE BROUSSARD.
Thank you!



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This will be the final printed Newsletter. Beginning January 2024, all newsletters will be available via email, website, and social media. 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
REMINDERS**

**ELBA'S OFFICES WILL
BE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS ON...**

Wednesday, November 22 through
Friday, November 24
Thanksgiving
and
Wednesday, December 20
Through Monday, January 1, 2024
Christmas and New Year

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesdays Pastor Prayer Time—10:00am

NOVEMBER 2023

- 4 Women Who Lead—Judson BC
- 14 LBC Annual Meeting, Franklin Ave BC
- 20 YEC – Alexandria, LA
- 22-24 ELBA Offices Closed – Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 2023

- 4 ELBA Christmas Party – Northside BC
- 3-9 Week of Prayer - Lottie Moon Missions
- 25 Christmas Day
- 20-1/1 ELBA Offices Closed – Holidays

JANUARY 2024

- 1 New Year's Day
- 15 Association Council—10:00am ELBA

FEBRUARY 2024

- 5 Executive Board –TBA

