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CONSTITUTION of the EASTERN LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this Association shall be the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association (referred to as ELBA), cooperating with the Louisiana Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

ARTICLE II. MISSION

In order to serve God, the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association will involve and assist churches in a cooperative fellowship to do missions, evangelism, leadership, and ministry support to build the Kingdom of God.

ARTICLE III. ARTICLES OF FAITH

The ELBA Statement of Faith shall be the Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention at its annual meeting in 2000.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be composed of messengers elected by and representing the churches affiliated with this body. When such messengers are approved by the Association, they shall be seated and entitled to participate in the affairs of the body. Qualifications for membership and messenger representation are outlined in ELBA Bylaws, Section 1.

ARTICLE V. AUTHORITY

This Association shall never attempt to exercise any power or control over any church, but may offer counsel founded upon Biblical principles. Although the Association recognizes and affirms the autonomous nature of each church, ELBA is an autonomous body and therefore reserves the right to determine its own policies and direct its own business.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Officers of this Association must be members in good standing of churches within the Association, and be recognized for their loyalty to Southern Baptist doctrines. At the May Executive Board Meeting of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association the following officers shall be elected to serve for a one year term beginning at the close of the next Associational Annual Meeting:

1. Moderator, who shall serve as Chairman of the Executive Board and President of the Corporation; the Moderator shall be limited to two consecutive terms.
2. Vice-Moderator, who shall serve as Vice-Chairman of the Executive Board, and Vice-President of the Corporation;
3. Clerk, who shall serve as the Secretary of the Executive Board and Secretary of the Corporation;
4. Treasurer, who shall serve as Treasurer of the Executive Board and Treasurer of the Corporation.

Other officers and committee chairpersons may be elected by the Executive Board or by the Messengers at the Associational Annual Meeting as needed by the Association. Selection and service of these officers are outlined in the ELBA Bylaws, Section 2.

ARTICLE VII. TRUSTEES

The Trustees of the Association shall be the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Associational Missions Coordinator.

ARTICLE VIII. MINISTRY TEAMS

This body shall encourage and promote such Associational Ministry Teams as deemed necessary for the work of the Association. The leader of each Ministry Team shall be elected by the Association. The Team Leader, in cooperation with the Associational Council, shall be responsible for securing support personnel as outlined in the ELBA Bylaws, Section 7.

ARTICLE IX. EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Association shall have an Executive Board consisting of one pastor (or his designee) and one lay member from each church or mission. The Executive Board is to attend to all matters of the Association between sessions and carry out all directions given by the Association. Selection and service of this board is outlined in the ELBA Bylaws, Section 6.

ARTICLE X. ASSOCIATIONAL COUNCIL

The Associational Council shall consist of all elected Associational Officers, Ministry Team Leaders, and the chairperson of each standing committee. The council shall meet to recommend planning and programming to the Association as outlined in the ELBA Bylaws, Section 3.

ARTICLE XI. MEETINGS

The Association Annual Meeting shall be held in the month of October. The Associational Arrangements Committee shall recommend the exact time, date, place, and preacher for the annual session as outlined in ELBA Bylaws, Section 8. Special associational meetings may be held as are deemed wise for the promotion of its work. The Executive Board shall have the power to change the stated time and place of these meetings in case of emergency or necessity.

ARTICLE XII. COMMITTEES

Standing committees deemed necessary for the work of the Association shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and shall be elected by the Association at the Associational Annual Meeting. Any ad hoc or special committee deemed necessary shall be named by either the Associational Council or Moderator. Committees of the Association shall function as outlined in the ELBA Bylaws, Section 8.

ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS

The Constitution may be amended at any regular session of the Association by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the messengers present. Notice of such changes shall be published twice in the Associational newsletter prior to such meeting, presented in the first session of the annual meeting, and voted on before the close of the last session.

BYLAWS Of the EASTERN LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP

A. MESSENGERS

Each church shall be entitled to three (3) messengers for the first fifty (50) members and one (1) additional messenger for each twenty-five (25) members, up to a maximum of fifteen (15) messengers. This Association may refuse to seat messengers who are not in fellowship or doctrinal agreement with this body. It may also refuse to seat messengers whose church is not in fellowship or doctrinal agreement with this body.

B. AFFILIATION

1. CHURCH AFFILIATION

a. Church Actions

Any church seeking affiliation with this Association which is not a mission sponsored by a member church of this Association, shall take the following steps:

- 1) Present a letter of petition to the Executive Board at any regular session of business, at least 90 days prior to the annual meeting.
- 2) Provide a copy of the minutes of the church business meeting in which the vote to pursue affiliation is recorded.
- 3) Provide information concerning the manner by which the church was constituted and provide a copy of the church's governing documents, budget, and ministries.
- 4) Submit a copy of the minutes of the church business meeting in which the vote to adopt the Baptist Faith and Message, year 2000, is recorded.
- 5) Provide evidence of the church's commitment to both support Associational activities and provide regular and systematic financial support. (i.e. statement concerning intent to promote Associational

events within the church, statement of anticipated financial support to the Association and Cooperative Program [explain Cooperative Program if needed]).

- 6) Provide evidence of the church's commitment to support and attend both the Associational Annual Meeting and the Executive Board meetings. (i.e. naming prospective Executive Board Members, statement of intent to elect messengers to the Associational Annual Meeting).
- 7) Commit to providing reports to the Association each year in a timely fashion using the Annual Church Profile.

b. Association Actions

- 1) Letters of petition seeking Associational membership shall be referred to the Credentials Committee, which shall make a recommendation at the Associational Annual Meeting.
- 2) The Credentials Committee shall guide the petitioning church through the affiliation process.
- 3) Petitioning churches shall be taken under watchcare of the Association for one year. While under watchcare the petitioning church will be invited and encouraged to participate fully in Associational activities, but will not be seated as messengers at the Associational Annual Meeting. Members of said church will not be allowed to be elected to positions of Associational leadership. At the conclusion of the year of watchcare, at the next Associational Annual Meeting, the Credentials Committee shall make the recommendation to either accept or reject the petition.

2. MISSION AFFILIATION

a. Mission Actions

A mission that has constituted, having been sponsored by a local ELBA church, shall be considered for admission into the Association as a church upon meeting the following requirements:

- 1) Present a letter of petition to the Executive Board at any regular session of business, at least 90 days prior to the annual meeting.
- 2) Provide a copy of the minutes of the church business meeting in which the vote to pursue affiliation is recorded.
- 3) Provide information concerning the manner by which the church was constituted and provide a copy of the church's governing documents, budget, and ministries.
- 4) Submit a copy of the minutes of the church business meeting in which the vote to adopt the Baptist Faith and Message, year 2000, is recorded.
- 5) Provide evidence of the church's commitment to both support Associational activities and provide regular and systematic financial support. (i.e. statement concerning intent to promote Associational events within the church, statement of anticipated financial support to the Association and Cooperative Program [explain Cooperative Program if needed]).
- 6) Provide evidence of the church's commitment to support and attend both the Associational Annual Meeting and the Executive Board meetings. (i.e. naming prospective Executive Board Members, statement of intent to elect messengers to the Associational Annual Meeting).
- 7) Commit to providing reports to the Association each year in a timely fashion using the Annual Church Profile.

b. Association Actions

- 1) When a letter of petition is received by the Association, the Credentials Committee shall guide the petitioning church through the affiliation process.
- 2) The one-year watchcare period shall be waived.
- 3) The Credentials Committee shall make a recommendation at the Associational Annual Meeting to either accept or reject the petition.

C. CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP OF AFFILIATED CHURCHES

One of the purposes of an Association is to maintain biblical, theological, and ecclesiastical integrity among Baptists. While the Association cannot tell a church what its beliefs and practices should be, the Association can insist that any member church meet certain standards that define a Baptist church. Credential requirements and a screening committee are necessary for associational churches to maintain relationships with churches of like faith, order, and practice. Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association extends membership only to churches that meet Associational standards for faith, order, and practice. Any member church that no longer meets these standards will be subject to dismissal.

The basic theological and ecclesiastical order expressed in the Baptist Faith and Message is our test for membership. All member churches will subscribe to or affirm the current Baptist Faith and Message as our doctrinal standard. Other, more specific criteria used to measure like faith, order, and practice include the following:

- The Bible is our sole authority of faith, order and practice.
- A Baptist church is a body of baptized believers.
- Baptism is by water immersion upon confession of faith in Christ.

- The Lord's Supper commemorates the death of Christ, causes us to remember the cross, and helps us to anticipate his second coming.
- Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association churches cooperate with the Louisiana Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.
- Scriptural officers of a church are pastors and deacons. We believe that churches are pastor-led, deacon-served, and congregationally-governed, all under the headship of Christ.

D. DEFINITION OF A CONTINUING COOPERATING CHURCH

A cooperating church in the Association shall be defined as one which does the following:

1. Maintains faith, order, and practice consistent with the Baptist Faith and Message.
2. Contributes financially to support the work of the Association.
3. Reports to the Association each year in a timely fashion using the Annual Church Profile.
4. Elects messengers to the annual meeting of the Association.
5. Participates in cooperating ministries.

Failure to maintain meaningful participation through these means for a period of two years in succession shall invite inquiries from the Credentials Committee as to the church's future intentions regarding participation in the Association.

E. CHURCHES ON PROBATIONARY STATUS

When a serious question has been raised about a member church's faith, order, or practice, the Association or Executive Board, by a majority vote, shall ask the Credentials Committee to investigate the charges and bring a report of its findings at the next meeting of the Association or Executive Board.

- The Credentials Committee shall investigate and present a recommendation that the church be: 1) Absolved of the charges, if based on erroneous information; 2) Restored, if the church has corrected the problem; 3) Placed on probationary status for a period of one year, in hopes the problem can be corrected. Two-thirds vote of the messengers or Executive Board members present shall be necessary to place a church on probation.
- Messengers from a church that is under scrutiny by the Association shall not be allowed to vote on matters to come before the body until the church has been cleared of the charges made against it. This prohibition includes matters related to its own status in the Association.
- Should a member church be placed on probationary status, the Credentials Committee shall continue to dialogue with the church and encourage renunciation of the aberrant faith, order, or practice.
- Upon completion of the probationary period, the Credentials Committee shall recommend that the church be restored to membership in the Association along with any necessary contingencies or dismissed from the Association because of aberrant faith, order, or practice.

F. REMOVAL

The Association shall be at liberty to withdraw its affiliation from any church which has failed to evidence doctrinal soundness, spiritual unanimity, accord, and cooperation with the Association. The following action shall be taken:

The Executive Board shall refer such actions to the Credentials Committee for review and recommendation at the next Associational Annual Meeting.

G. WITHDRAWAL

Any church may withdraw from cooperation with the Association by providing the following:

1. A copy of the business meeting minutes of the church as evidence of the church's desire to withdraw.
2. A written notice of the intention to withdraw from the Association and the effective date of the withdrawal to be presented at the Associational Annual Meeting.

SECTION 2. OFFICERS

Officers of this Association must be members in good standing of churches within the Association, and be recognized for their loyalty to Southern Baptist doctrines. Duties of the officers shall be as follows:

The Moderator shall call to order and preside over the meetings of the Association, Executive Board, and Associational Council in an orderly manner and Christian spirit. He may have other officers of the Association to preside on such occasions as he may see fit. The Moderator may appoint ad hoc or special committees as necessary to accomplish the work of the Association. The Moderator shall be limited to two consecutive terms. Upon vacating the office at the end of a second term, he may not succeed himself for the period of one year.

The Vice-Moderator shall assist the Moderator and preside at his request or in his absence. The Vice-Moderator may, if the Moderator so directs, preside over sessions of the Associational Annual Meeting.

The Clerk shall keep a full and accurate record of all proceedings of the Associational Annual Meeting, the Associational Council, and the Executive Board. He/she shall provide all minutes of previous meetings in written form, and at all meetings, have on hand, minutes from the previous year.

The Treasurer shall receive all funds of and for the work of the Association and shall disburse them in accordance with the instructions of the Association. The Treasurer is to be a member of the Associational Council, the Finance Committee, and an ex-officio member of the Executive Board unless elected as an Executive Board member by his church. He shall:

- keep an accurate record of all monies received, with their sources and designations
- review vouchers for compliance to financial policy and approve/disapprove payment
- be authorized to sign checks according to financial policy
- review the monthly financial report
- make quarterly reports to the Executive Board and the Associational Annual Meeting for approval
- be responsible for the filing and payment of quarterly taxes.

The Historian shall make a record of the current events and provide a printed annual report at the Associational Annual Meeting for adoption.

Other officers and committee chairpersons may be elected by the Executive Board or by the Messengers at the Associational Annual Meeting as needed by the Association.

SECTION 3. ASSOCIATIONAL COUNCIL

Composition: The Council is composed of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Ministry Team Leaders, and the chairperson of each standing committee. The Associational Missions Coordinator and Associate Associational Missions Coordinator are ex-officio members.

Responsibilities: This council shall appoint Nominating Committee Members, set and oversee the associational calendar, coordinate the work and ministry of the Association, and appoint ad hoc and special committees as needed.

Meetings: The Associational Council shall meet at least one week prior to sessions of the Executive Board and other times as necessary.

SECTION 4. TRUSTEES

The Trustees will perform the execution of the Association's legal documents as required by law in effectuation of direction given by and only with the prior approval of the Association's messengers or Executive Board between sessions. The Trustees shall have no authority or powers except those explicitly granted to them by the Association's Articles of Incorporation. The messengers may delegate authority to officers or committees; however, the Trustees shall be accountable to the messengers as provided in the Association's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

SECTION 5. ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS

This Association shall meet annually in the month of October. The exact time, date and place shall be recommended by an Associational Annual Meeting Arrangements Committee and approved in the annual session.

Special meetings of the membership of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association may be called by the following: 1) Executive Board; 2) Moderator/Chairman; or in his absence, 3) Vice-Moderator/Vice-Chairman; or in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, 4) Clerk/Secretary; 5) or any three members of the Executive Board.

Notice of all regular and special meetings of the membership and the Executive Board shall be given by email or written notice at least seven days prior to such meetings. The purpose of special meetings shall be included in the written notice.

SECTION 6. EXECUTIVE BOARD

Selection and service: Nominations for membership on the Executive Board shall be made by the church or mission church, but members must be elected by the Association. The Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Associational Missions Coordinator (AMC), and Associate Associational Missions Coordinator (AAMC) shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Board. Ex-officio members will not have a right to vote unless they are also members of the Executive Board elected as representatives of their respective church or mission.

Responsibilities: The Executive Board is to attend to all matters of the Association between sessions and carry out all directions approved by the Association in its Annual Meeting. They are to make an annual report to the Association of all work implemented. The Executive Board shall steward a Policies and Procedures Manual for the Association. The Executive Board may request a financial audit at such time as it may deem necessary and shall furnish the audit to churches that are members of the Association.

Meetings: The Executive Board shall hold quarterly meetings. The Moderator may call a special meeting of the Board when necessary. All Executive Board Members must be notified at least two (2) weeks in advance of any meeting not on the Board-approved schedule.

SECTION 7. MINISTRY TEAMS

This Association shall maintain such ministry teams as may be deemed necessary to achieve its mission and that of its member congregations. Ministry Team Leaders shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and presented in the May Executive Board Meeting and assume the responsibility of their respective positions immediately following the Associational Annual Meeting. Ministry Team Leaders may appoint team members as needed in order to assist them in carrying out the team tasks. A list of Ministry Team and Job Descriptions shall be reviewed annually by the Associational Council, and published in the Annual Book of Reports. The Associational Council shall recommend to the Messengers of the Annual Meeting or the Executive Board between sessions the following: (1) addition of Ministry Teams; (2) deletion of non-functioning Ministry Teams; (3) or modification of Ministry Team structure.

SECTION 8. COMMITTEES

Standing Committees shall be organized with at least a chairperson and secretary. Standing committee members are elected for three-year rotating terms so as to provide continuity in the work of the committee. The chairperson may serve two years of a three-year term. Each committee shall maintain written records and minutes of all meetings. These records are the property of the Association and will be passed on to subsequent committee leaders and filed at the Association office.

The Nominating Committee will be a standing committee consisting of six members appointed by the Associational Council to serve rotating terms. This Committee shall nominate the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Historian. In addition, they shall nominate team leaders with the help and assistance of the above nominees as outlined in Article VII, ELBA Constitution. The Nominating Committee shall nominate members for the Finance Committee (3), Personnel Committee (3), Scholarship Committee (3), and the Annual Meeting Arrangements Committee (3). They shall also nominate Baptist Collegiate Ministry Representatives (2) and Living Waters Baptist Assembly Trustees (4).

The Finance Committee shall consist of six members nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Association to serve rotating terms. They shall oversee the general financial policies and procedures for accountability. They are to prepare the annual budget for the Association, seeking the input of the Associational Council. Quarterly, the Finance Committee and Treasurer shall review the financial report and present it to the Executive Board and at the Annual Meeting. This Committee is to promote appropriate Associational stewardship emphases. The Committee shall call for an annual financial review from a qualified Association member. This Committee shall be assisted by the Associational Treasurer.

The Personnel Committee shall consist of three members nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Association to serve rotating terms. They are to: 1) provide counsel to the AMC concerning the employment and termination of all Associational employees, 2) recommend salaries and compensation packages for all employees, 3) define employee job descriptions in cooperation with the Moderator and Associational Missions Coordinator, and 4) cooperate with the Associational Missions Coordinator in employee supervision.

The Credentials Committee shall consist of three members nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Association to serve rotating terms. They shall: 1) examine petitioning documents, 2) meet with petitioning congregations to orient them to the purposes and work of the Association, and 3) provide them with Associational information (i.e. most recent Associational Minutes Book, Budget, Constitution and Bylaws, Calendar, Leadership, Ministry Teams, etc.). This Committee shall also investigate matters concerning membership referred to it by the Association.

The ELBA Scholarship Committee shall consist of three members nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Association to serve rotating terms. The Committee shall have sole authority in granting the two Associational scholarships and report the names of the recipients at the Spring Executive Board Meeting. Scholarships shall be awarded to students attending or desiring to attend either Louisiana College or New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary according to the adopted scholarship policies.

The Missions and Ministry Center Committee shall consist of six members nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Association to serve rotating terms. The Committee shall 1) manage the operation, maintenance, and the use of the Missions and Ministry facility; 2) oversee and provide guidance related to the use of the Church Incubator facility.

Ad Hoc and Special Committees shall be appointed for the duration of the task. Special committees are appointed for a task that recurs annually. Each committee shall maintain written records and minutes of all meetings. These records are the property of the Association and will be passed on to subsequent committee leaders and filed at the Association office.

The Annual Meeting Arrangements Committee shall be a special committee appointed at least three months prior to the present year's annual meeting for the purpose of recommending the time, place, and preacher and planning the program for the Associational Annual Meeting of the following year. The Committee shall provide the information to the Associational Council in time for the proposed time, place and preacher to be printed in the Book of Reports and the Annual Minutes Book.

The Resolutions Committee shall be a special committee appointed for the purpose of receiving and preparing resolutions to be presented at the Associational Annual Meeting.

Living Waters Baptist Assembly (LWBA) Trustees shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Four members are elected to serve on the LWBA Board of Trustees for three-year terms on a rotation system and to act as a liaison between the Assembly and the Association.

Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) Representatives shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Two members are elected to serve for three-year terms on a rotation system. They assist in providing direction in the administration of the BCM ministry and act as a liaison between the BCM and the Association.

SECTION 9. MISSIONS AND MINISTRY CENTER AND CHURCH INCUBATOR

Associational Missions and Ministry Center shall be used for the following purposes: 1) Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association Offices; 2) Disaster Relief Chain Saw Unit; 3) Associational Volunteer Builders Team; 4) Associational Party Trailer; 5) Future ministry units or teams may be added as opportunities present themselves. Additionally, these facilities shall be used as a Church Incubator for new mission church starts. All terms of agreement between the new mission and the Association are covered in the Church Incubator Policies and Procedures Manual.

SECTION 10. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

This Association shall be governed by *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, 10th ed. (Cambridge, Mass.: Perseus Publishing, 2000).

SECTION 11. FISCAL YEAR

This Association's fiscal year shall be from January 1 to December 31 inclusive.

SECTION 12. RECORDS

Records of the Association shall be protected from fire, theft, and other damages with regard to the importance of such records, and shall be open for public review by members of the Association upon written request and authorized by the Association and/or the Executive Board.

SECTION 13. REPORTS

All Associational Ministry Teams and standing committees shall provide written reports at the regular meetings of the Executive Board. Ad hoc and special committees shall provide written reports to the Executive Board as deemed necessary or as requested by the Moderator.

SECTION 14. AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by a simple majority of messengers present at the Associational Annual Meeting provided notice of change has been given as stated in Article XII of the Constitution.

ORDER OF BUSINESS
EASTERN LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

180th Annual Meeting

October 3, 2022

Walker Baptist Church, Walker, LA

Welcome..... Dr. Jason McNaughten
Song Celebration *“House of the Lord”* Bro. Tim Richardson
Call to Order Dr. Larry Hubbard, Moderator
Motion to Seat Messengers

Motions to Adopt:

Printed Program

Book of Reports

Arrangements Committee Report

Resolutions Committee Report

Motions to Discuss:

Credentials Committee Report

Connect Child Foster Care Report

Associational Missions Coordinator Report..... Dr. Richard Blue

LBC Ministry Report..... Dr. James Jenkins

Mission/Ministry Reports

Treasurer/Financial Report – Mrs. Elena Lavigne

Song of Praise

“I’ll Fly Away”

Bro. Tim Richardson

Recognition of New Pastors and Staff..... Dr. Larry Hubbard

Recognition of Guests Dr. Larry Hubbard

Song of Praise

“Blessed Assurance”

Bro. Tim Richardson

Celebrating Challenge from God’s Word Dr. Jason McNaughten

Song of Praise

“My Jesus”

Bro. Tim Richardson

Benediction

Adjourn to Serve and Minister

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Arrangements Committee recommends that the 181st Annual Session of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association be held on Monday, October 2, 2023, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at Hebron Baptist Church in Denham Springs, Louisiana.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

To Walker Baptist Church

Whereas Walker Baptist Church, Pastor Jason McNaughten, has graciously hosted the One Hundred Eightieth Annual Meeting of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association, and

Whereas, the worship team of Walker Baptist Church and under the leadership of Bro. Tim Richardson has graciously led in the music and worship periods of the meeting, and

Be it resolved that the messengers of the One Hundred Eightieth Annual Meeting of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association express our thanks and heartfelt gratitude to each of them.

CREDENTIALS REPORTS

The Credentials Committee recommends that The Oaks Church and The Wholly Grounds Church, after the affiliation process and watchcare this last year, both petitions to join the Association be accepted.

ASSOCIATIONAL FOSTER CARE CONNECT1 CHILD PROGRAM

Foster and Adoption Ministry Coordinator

The Associational Foster Care and Adoption Ministry Coordinator is a volunteer within a local Baptist Association who develops, organizes, and coordinates associational foster care and adoption ministries with member churches.

Qualifications:

- Personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a desire to serve in ministry
- Active member of a church within the association
- Passionate about engaging churches in foster care and adoption ministry
- Comfortable with public speaking and connecting with new people
- Willingness to participate in training/continuing education related to foster care and adoption ministry efforts

Responsibilities:

- Develop, organize, and coordinate associational foster care and adoption ministries
- Recruit and secure foster care and adoption ministry directors for each church within the association
- Provide basic training for church directors to develop associational foster care and adoption ministries
- Provide ongoing support and training for church directors

One Hundred Seventy-Ninth Annual Session
Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association

Monday Evening, October 3, 2022
Walker Baptist Church, Walker, LA

1. Dr. Jason Dyess McNaughten welcomed messengers and guests to the meeting. He opened with prayer.
2. The One Hundred Eightieth Annual Meeting of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association was called to order at 6:37 p.m. at Walker Baptist Church, by Moderator, Rev. Larry Hubbard, Pastor of Riverside Baptist Church, Denham Springs. He shared that on this date in history Andrew Fuller and others started the missionary movement based on Acts 2 “One heart and one mind” and how appropriate to be holding our meeting on this anniversary.
3. Rev. Johnny Morgan, Pastor of Live Oak Church, Denham Springs, LA made the following motion: **“Mr. Moderator, I move that the 180th Annual Meeting of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association be convened for business and those messengers registered and other duly certified messengers who arrive later be organized into a body for the purpose of carrying on the Associational work and whatever business might be transacted.”** Rev. Mark Carroll seconded the motion. Rev. Hubbard asked for questions. There were none. He asked all in favor say “amen”. The motion carried.
4. Bro. Jason Pemberton, Pastor of Watson Baptist Church, Watson, LA made the following motion: **“Mr. Moderator, I move that the messengers adopt the Book of Reports in its entirety including the printed program for the meeting.”** Rev. Johnny Morgan seconded the motion. Rev. Hubbard asked for questions. There were none. He then asked all in favor of approving the motion say “amen”. The motion carried.
5. Rev. Larry Hubbard recognized Rev. Merelin McCon who made the following motion: **“Mr. Moderator, I move that the messengers adopt the Arrangements Committee report, as printed on page 2 in the Book of Reports, that the 181st Annual session of Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association be held on Monday, October 2, 2023, at Hebron Baptist Church.”** Rev. Henry Shelton seconded the motion. Rev. Hubbard asked for questions. There were none. He then asked all in favor say “amen”. The motion carried.
6. Rev. Randall Gill, Pastor, New Bethlehem Baptist Church of Watson also requested **“Mr. Moderator, I move that the messengers adopt the Resolutions of Appreciation, as printed on page 2 in the Book of Reports, be accepted.”** Bro. Harris Dickson seconded the motion. Bro. Hubbard asked for questions. There were none. He then asked all in favor say “amen”. The motion carried.
7. Rev. Larry Hubbard recognized Rev. Bill Pianki, Pastor, French Settlement Baptist Church on behalf of the Credentials Committee recommends that The Oaks Church and The Wholly Grounds Church be accepted to join the Association. Rev. Hubbard asked for questions. There were none. He then asked all in favor to say “amen”. The motion carried.
8. Rev. Larry Hubbard then recognized Vice- Moderator, Rev. Dana Trahan to step into the Moderator position due to his involvement with the next matter of business. Rev. Trahan shared the following motions (also found on page 3 of the Book of Reports): **“ Motion #1: I move that Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association enter a partnership with the Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home for the purpose of developing a Foster Care and Adoption network under the umbrella of Connect1Child. I further move the adoption of the job description for an Associational Foster Care and Adoption Ministry Coordinator found on page 2 of this Book of Reports.**
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 - **A Connect1Child will call-out an associational leader to work with churches to recruit, vet, train, and support at least one Foster family in each ELBA church.**
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- Present foster care and adoption ministry reports to the association
- Develop relationships with the Department of Children and Family Services and other area community partners to identify existing resources and understand ongoing needs within the local foster care community
- Serve as a point-of-contact for DCFS and community partners to disseminate information related to foster care/adoption among churches within the association

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- For the church, it is the gospel that changes lives, and this is an opportunity to perhaps change a life for eternity.
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Rev. Brian Gunter, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Livingston seconded the motion. Bro. Larry Hubbard introduced Bro. Perry Hancock with Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home to speak to this matter. He thanked the assembly for all they do pertaining to the Fall Food Roundup and support of the children homes. He shared a powerpoint “snapshot” of the Foster Care Ministry. He said there is a Foster Care crisis in Louisiana where there are more children than homes. These children are then placed in detention centers. They are practically modern-day orphans. He showed the region including Livingston Parish is where the greatest need is located. He reported currently 37% of foster children need homes. Bro. Hancock shared this is a great opportunity to recruit foster parents from our churches and support them in providing care. The Connect1 Child Program will partner with Louisiana’s Department of Family Services and associations and churches to meet needs. He shared many ways the churches can help by providing visitation rooms in their buildings, holding parents day out for foster parents, support groups, Christmas gifts, VBS offerings, and perhaps family groups where the Gospel can be shared. He thanked the assembly for considering this ministry. Bro. Larry Hubbard moved that the motions shared and printed on page three be accepted. There was brief discussion concerning the recent overturn of Roe V. Wade and how the church needs to step up and help. Bro. Larry added we need to be the salt and light to our community. Bro. Dana Trahan asked for further questions concerning **Motion #1. Bro. Brian Gunter committed FBC Livingston to financially support this ministry, along with Bro. Mark Carroll of South Walker Baptist Church and Bro. Larry Hubbard of Riverside Baptist Church. Bro. Trahan asked all in favor to say “amen”. None opposed. Motion carried. Rev. Larry Hubbard asked that the second Motion pertaining to the financial commitment now be accepted. Rev. Trahan asked for questions. Rev. Larry Hubbard made a note that it is currently not in our budget but will be looked at by the finance team and encouraged churches to support the need, participate financially, and see to it that we can support the minimum of two years. Bro. Dana Trahan asked all in favor to say “amen”. None opposed. Motion carried. Dr. Richard Blue asked to speak to the job description. It was found on page 2 of the Book of Reports. He said the Association will be receiving applications for this position. Bro. Dana Trahan passed the moderator role back to Rev. Larry Hubbard.**

9. Mrs. Elena Lavigne gave a treasurer’s report. She shared the financial reports found on pages 16 through 20 in the Book of Reports. She also shared the 2023 budget and reminded the assembly to support their association and recognize that we work hard to live within our means. Bro. Larry Hubbard asked for questions. There were none. He asked all in favor of accepting the financial report to say “amen”. None opposed. The report accepted.
10. Dr. Richard Blue introduced Dr. James Jenkins with the Louisiana Baptist Convention. He was here to share a brief report from the Convention concerning their Cooperative Program. He said the oxymoron was that he, a black pastor, would give a brief report. The assembly broke out in laughter. He thanked everyone for allowing him to attend and speak. He reminded them we do much more together than we can ever do apart. He shared

ASSOCIATION MISSIONS COORDINATOR REPORT

Dr. Richard Blue, Association Missions Coordinator

Year in Review: The association year follows the church year, September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022.

The 2021-22 Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association Year in Review saw ups and downs. It began with the downs of another Covid-19 outbreak with the Omicron Variant striking our churches.

We had a breakout year from Covid despite another round early in the year. Covid is still around, and a couple of our churches adjusted to deal with it. Our new normal will always require a plan B to cope with the uncertainty of this disease while we find ways to continue ministry to the world.

Churches began seeing a break-out just before Easter yet with fewer people returning as hoped. Still, many of those now attending were not returning from Covid but developed a sense for the need of God in their lives as a result of Covid. A few churches have done very well in the regathering of the church with God granting open doors for the gospel.

We welcome new pastors to our ELBA family: Henry Shelton (Satsuma), Brian Gunter (FBC, Livingston), and Travis Cronan (Hebron).

Two churches are entering into full fellowship of our association this year: The Oaks Church, Denham Springs, and Wholly Grounds, Walker.

The spirit of cooperation continues to take root in our ELBA family.

Our Christian Counseling Center continues to provide Christ-based counseling for people who need professional counseling. Jarrod Hegwood is the Director of our Counseling Center along with Darlene Abbott, BCB-S, Erica Matthews, PLPC. There is also Denham Springs Addictive Disorders, a business that rents space from us to provide help to those with addictive disorders. David and Bridgett Dickson are Christians who help people get their lives on the path of sobriety in the name of Jesus.

The FORGE had a break-out year with attendees noting it was the best FORGE in several years. Thank you, Mike Fielding, for your leadership with the FORGE.

ECON-LP was developed by a group of pastors to a conference to inspire, equip, and encourage the laity and our churches to evangelize Livingston Parish. One hundred forty attended the training held at First Denham. Josh Spinks (Lead Pastor, The Way Church), Jarrod Hegwood (Director of the Christian Counseling Center & former Youth Minister), and KaRetha Kelley (State Board, Child Evangelism Fellowship) led our breakout groups for sharing Christ with adults, youth, and children. Dr. Preston Nix, Evangelism and Evangelistic Preaching Professor from NOBTS provided inspiration and encouragement for pastors and those in attendance. Thank you again, Dr. Leo Miller, Matt Calhoun, and Paul Keating of First Denham for your generosity and help in making this event a smashing success. We are also grateful for those who had booths that offer evangelistic opportunities: Campers on Mission, ELBA Disaster Relief, Obedience 2 Death Ministry, and Child Evangelism Fellowship.

Several of our pastors are working to help our association in a partnership with the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home to establish a Foster Care network with them and our state. Connect1Child will be presented in the annual meeting to our association by Dr. Perry Hancock. This ministry will address the dire need for foster families. This opens the door for a family and a church to change a life. This is a huge commitment for our association to enter. Pray for God to show us the way.

Made to Multiply is a follow-up to the ECON-LP that will provide in-depth training for the people of our churches Saturday, October 22nd, 9:00-4:00, at the ELBA office, Suite B. Lunch will be provided. Sign up will begin soon. Josh Spinks will be leading this conference.

Have you caught the common thread in this report. The association is a conduit where churches can partner together to do the work of the kingdom through Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and your church's financial support. We can do nothing without you. Thank you.

Richard Blue, D.Min.

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CRISIS MINISTRY TEAM REPORT

Bro. Howard Turner, Team Leader



As usual, your Disaster Relief ministry is at work, as I type this report team members are preparing to head for Florida in response to hurricane Ian. God has blessed our association with faithful volunteers.

This time last year your ministry team was responding in our own parish to hurricane Ida. LAC5008 cut trees off 151 homes in Livingston Parish during that response, by far the longest response spanning 3 months, as the team spent a total of 34 days helping our churches and neighbors. Plus, the team throughout the year did numerous local one day jobs.

In addition the team responded to emergencies in Colorado, Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky, and made 2 trips to St. Matthews church in the Bahamas rebuilding the church that was destroyed in 2019.

And if that was not enough, ELBA is now the proud owner of a new storage facility located on Weiss Road. This will now house all of our Disaster Relief trailers and equipment. Many volunteers spent countless hours making this dream become reality. It is an honor and privilege to be part of an association that values spreading the Good News of Jesus by using various opportunities as God opens the doors. God bless.

Camp Living Waters Report

Stacy Morris, Director



Stacy Morris was called as the Camp Director this year. She and the team at CLW worked very hard this summer to host the scheduled camps and continue camp ministry. Please pray for the team leaders as they prepare for the 2022-2023 ministry year and make plans for upcoming camp improvements and events.

CHILDREN'S/VBS MINISTRY TEAM REPORT

Bro. Robbie Isom, Team Leader



The state VBS training changes its name this year to KidMin Expo. The change incorporated VBS training and other children's ministry training. It was held this year at Greenwell Springs Baptist Church on March 5th.

We will hold our yearly Children's Ministry Training on October 18th at Live Oak Baptist Church. It will be from 5:30pm until 8:30pm. Some of our breakout sessions will include: The importance of Teaching the Books of the Bible, Recruiting Workers, and Creative Teaching. We hope you will bring as many children's workers as possible.

CHURCH PLANTING MINISTRY TEAM REPORT

Bro. Josh Spinks, Team Leader

Due to our community recovering from the COVID Pandemic, the Church Planting ministry has not been able to do much ministry in the recent past. However, 2023 looks to be an upcoming and exciting year of ministry opportunities. With the success of ECON-LP this year, training opportunities for evangelism and church planting/revitalization are on the horizon. We will hold a follow-up training event on Saturday, October 22nd at the ELBA's Missions and Ministries Room. Bro. Josh Spinks will be leading "Made to Multiply" that will provide further in-depth training. Lunch will be provided. Please keep the church planting team members in your prayers as they seek the Lord for His direction in the new year.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL SERVICES TEAM

KaRetha Kelley, Leader

The year 2022 has been a time of reopening and moving forward. Our CommUnity Hands ministry office is now open every Thursday from 9:am until Noon. We continue to try to provide services to “ward off homelessness, hunger, and health issues” on an emergency basis with case-to-case decisions being made by the board of directors. Our mission statement is *“We are disciples of Jesus Christ, proclaiming the Gospel by coordinating our friendship to serve the needs in our community; offering help and hope to families in danger of experiencing homelessness, hunger and health issues.”* If you or your church would like to participate with this ministry in 2023, please contact the ELBA office for details. Please continue to pray for this ministry as we serve the Lord by serving our CommUnity.

The Christian Counseling Center continues to faithfully serve our churches and the community with godly guidance and life skills counseling to improve the quality of lives for those who walk through our doors. A GriefShare group is held each week on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 3:00pm. It is open to anyone in need of grief comfort. We also continue to refer clients to Denham Springs Addictive Disorders and vice-versa. We are grateful for the counseling they bring and their passion to help those dealing with addictive disorders. Please continue to pray for them as well as our counselors as they minister together to help those in need. The Dicksons can be reached at 225-243-5573.



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Changes to our fee schedule with church partnerships were made and approved by the Executive Board in August this year. We are continuing to serve our “church referral” clients now at the rate of \$50.00 for the church/client. However, to keep our center at the industry rate for our counselors, the association has agreed to allow a “stipend” of up to and not to exceed \$3,000.00 per month to be used to offset the difference. You may contact the office for details.

We are thankful for the counselors that continue to serve our center.



Jarrod Hegwood, LPC

Director of the Christian Counseling Center.



Erica W. Matthews, MS, PLPC



Darlene Abbott, BCSW, S

Please remember the scripture directive for the ministry has been and continues to be

Luke 4:18- 19 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, ¹⁹To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Bro. Mike Fielding, Leader

The FORGE was a huge success and we have over 20 decisions and salvations from 12 different churches. Our attendance was just shy of 300. It sparked a lot of interest in other churches that have not participated, and I feel like our attendance will grow next year. We have a lot of momentum for the FORGE again after not having held an event for two years. We will be planning the 2023 FORGE very soon.



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S JOB CORP

Bobbie Shaffett, Ph.D., ELBA CWJC Site Coordinator

2022 Report

Christian Women's/Men's Job Corps

Future Looking Ahead to 2023

Stephen Bond who has completed national Site Coordinator Level I Training and a team of men representing several ELBA churches plan to establish a local Christian Men's Job Corps ministry.

Christian Women's Job Corps will be seeking a new Site Coordinator, as Bobbie Shaffett retires at the end of 2023, after leading the ELBA program for 10 years. She still plans to be involved in volunteer service but is looking forward to mentoring a new coordinator and assistants who complete national training requirements.

Present 2021-2022 Programming Year

Volunteers met monthly in 2021 for in-service training, offering participation both in-person and by Zoom video-conferencing on special topics led, first by local instructors, and later, by national instructors.

All fourteen seats in our ELBA classroom were filled for the **Spring 2022** session held on Tuesdays for 12 weeks. Volunteers from six ELBA churches and four others pilot-tested our new one-day-per-week format. On May 31, a celebration tea given to honor meal providers, church liaisons, mentors and other volunteers was attended by 28 ladies. ELBA's new women's ministry leader, Theresa Broussard, was the featured speaker. Each semester participant also gave a brief testimony about what the Lord was doing in their lives.

The **Fall 2022** session began on September 7, the Wednesday after Labor Day and is scheduled to end with a celebration on November 30. The grief group that meets in the classroom each week asked us to change our meeting day to Wednesday to make the room available for them on Tuesdays. This works out great for us since we meet only once per week now. Although seven new students registered, three attended week 1 and only 1 new student week 2. Past participants (now volunteers who give back to the program) also attend morning Bible Study and Life Skills classes. Mentors, meal providers and guest speakers join in a career networking lunch held each week. After lunch, the classroom becomes a computer lab when five laptops are set up.

We are exploring options for adding a new name more indicative of our role, as most of the other CWJC programs in the national have done. A few ideas proposed locally include:

Heart to Heart Connections, Community Connections Network, and Building Bridges.

What name would you suggest to highlight the **networking** and **mentoring** aspects of the program more effectively? This will be discussed at the November advisory council meeting.

We are also in the process of **re-evaluating** and **re-assessing** current needs to target programming, and two others of the **8 key elements required** to be a part of the CWJC national WMU program. The last four include: **Bible study, advisory council, covenants and certification.**

Past History of ELBA CWJC

- 2014** ELBA leaders begin exploring the possibility of establishing a local CWJC site.
Bobbie Shaffett attends Level I national training in Covington hosted by LA Baptists.
- 2015** ELBA votes to establish new ministry. David Brown, association missions coordinator, includes space for CWJC in new building plans. Volunteers begin monthly planning meetings at Hebron Baptist.
- 2016** Five new volunteers representing three denominations attend Level I training in Montgomery, AL along with Bobbie Shaffett who attended Level II training there.
First fall session plans changed drastically after the Great Flood!
Walker Baptist Church provided space for one-day-per-week classes.
Graduation ceremony included in Sunday morning service at WBC.
- 2017** Fall session hosted at Judson Baptist Church (in former ELBA offices).
Five laptop computers purchased by a donor for two-days-per week program.
Graduation ceremony included in Wednesday night service at Judson Baptist Church.
Spring follow-up discipleship training session held on Sunday nights at Hebron Baptist Church, attended by parents and family of students, as well as students and volunteers.
- 2018** Fall session hosted by Hebron Baptist Church two days per week.
Graduation celebration reception held in classrooms on the last day of class.
Spring follow-up One Year Bible study prayer, care, share group (still continues 2022)
- 2019** Fall session (finally) held in our own classroom at ELBA's new office on Comar Drive.
Celebration meal held last day of class with graduation robes (stoles by Edith McCon)
inviting families and volunteers.
- 2020** COVID pandemic closes offices and churches. Volunteers and students meet for follow-up through social media and video-conferencing.
- 2021 ***
- 2022 ***
- 2023 ***

*See above Report

WOMEN'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY

Theresa Broussard, Leader

I have made many connections this year by attending the Louisiana Baptist state and our local associational meetings. Slowly but surely God is guiding and ordering my steps as your Women's Missions and Ministry Associational leader!

The most important activity to mention is the Georgia Barnette State Missions offering. Even though the Week of Prayer for the offering, September 11th-18th, has passed, the state has packets with activities for children, Youth, and Adults to learn about Missions and why they are so vital to spreading the Gospel. From Disaster Relief to Church Planting, "Georgia" is how we reach our state for Jesus. I am a recipient of Disaster Relief and was saved in a south Louisiana mission church, where there was NOT a church on every corner. I can't imagine how different I would be without that quaint little church in "Cajun Country", sweet memories of the most important decision of my life.

I pause with a heavy heart as I contemplate the families in the path of Hurricane Ian's wrath! Again, I am thankful that as we meet for Annual meeting, volunteers from Chaplains, Assessors, Chainsaws and Mudout crews are being assembled to minister to these hurting families.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fall is here and Christmas is around the corner! With Christmas, comes Lottie Moon Christmas offering!

Be ready to share Lottie and the importance of International Missions. She was a small lady who God used mightily to impact China with the Gospel! She definitely is a heroine of great faith.

Abide Women's Conference - February 3-4 - NOBTS

This is a must not miss event! Guest Speakers: Kelly Minter,

Tara Dew and Stephanie Lyon. See the website Prepareher.com

PAST EVENTS: Women Who Lead - 1st Baptist Franklinton

Was an impactful event to equip and encourage whether currently leading or feeling God's nudging to step into leadership. As women, we sometimes find ourselves leading without knowing it, and other times, we are called to positions of significant leadership, like Queen Esther, for such a time as this!

We had 5 ladies from ELBA churches travel to Bogalusa. We loved it so much, we plan to bring Women Who Lead to our parish in September 2023!

In May, we celebrated with and prayed for the volunteers of CWJC at their Spring Tea Lunch.

In March, 1st Denham hosted a beautiful Ladies event called Renew. Tara Dew was their guest speaker. It definitely was a time of renewal. Also in March was the WMU Annual Meeting in Lafayette aptly named Embrace. The dates are already set for April 21-22, 2023 in Natchitoches!

This year has been filled with amazing equipping! My goal is to connect the ladies of our parish with each other as well as these opportunities to be equipped. God will accomplish His will no matter what, it is just a blessing when we get to be used by Him.

I recently heard some shocking stats on Livingston parish. Needless to say, our parish is hurting, lost, dying and going to hell. We must be obedient and answer the call of the Great Commission to Go ye therefore...we have a mission and a mission field that is abundant, though the laborers are few! Let's do together what we can't do alone and reach LP with the life changing Gospel of Jesus Christ!

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Each year, the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association is proud to award scholarships to members of our associational churches, who are pursuing theological educations at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and/or Louisiana College. There was one scholarship awarded this year in the amount of 750.00. The applicants must show evidence of Christian Service, Ministerial Calling, and Academic Achievement.

This year we are pleased to recommend this recipient for the 2022-2023 Academic year:

Miguel Flores was on staff at New Bethlehem Baptist Iglesia. He currently serves as a Spanish Pastor in Baton Rouge. He will be attending New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Thank you to the association for valuing theological education and allowing us to serve on the Scholarship Committee.

Grace and Peace,
2022 *Scholarship Committee*

2023 HISTORY REPORT Mary Broussard ELBA Historian

Every CHURCH should celebrate their pastors, anniversaries, historical milestones, and ministry successes. Please keep these many ministry markers in your church records. If you need help in recording and preserving your church history, please contact your Association office and we will be happy to help.

Remember, *"If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were precisely those who thought most of the next."* - C.S. Lewis

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee recommends that the following be elected to serve in leadership positions in the Association for 2022–2023 and for terms listed on Committees:

Officers

Moderator – Larry Hubbard

Vice Moderator – Dana Trahan

Clerk – KaRetha Kelley

Treasurer – Elena Lavigne

Historian – Mary Broussard

Ministry Team Leaders

Children’s Ministry Team Leader – Robbie Isom

Christian Social Services Leader – KaRetha Kelley

Christian Women Job Corps. – Bobbie Shaffett

Christian Men Job Corps. – Steve Bond

Church Planting Team Leader – Joshua Spinks

Crisis Ministry Leader – Howard Turner

Disaster Relief Chain Saw Leader – Tom Higginbotham

Women’s Missions & Ministry Leader – Theresa Broussard

Youth Ministry Leader – Mike Fielding

Committees

Finance – Randy Smith (25)

Personnel – Paul Taylor (25)

Scholarship – Linda Burleigh (25)

Camp Living Waters Trustees – Shain Picou (25)

NEW CHURCH STAFF

Welcome to new ministers called to our churches since the 2022 Annual Meeting.

Pastor Brian Gunter, Livingston Baptist Church Henry Shelton, Satsuma Baptist Church
Travis Cronan, Hebron Baptist Church

REPRESENTATIVES ON ASSOCIATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

(From 2022 Annual Church Profiles)

AGAPE’: Rev. Chris Hardison
AMITE: Rev. Michael Luce
BETHEL: Rev. James “Bubba” Courtney
CARROLL: Mr. Floyd Patterson
CENTRAL: Rev. Robby Dickerson
CHRIST’S COMMUNITY: Rev. Willis Easley, Rev. Robert Ingalls
COLYELL: Rev. Jeremy Glascock
COMMUNITY: Dr. Dane Blankenship
DENHAM SPRINGS, FIRST: Dr. Leo Miller
DON AVENUE: Dr. Tom Higginbotham, Mr. Jimmy Miley
EMMANUEL: Rev. Max Landry
FRENCH SETTLEMENT, FIRST: Rev. Bill Pianki, Richard Bowlin
GRAY’S CREEK: Rev. David Brown, Mr. Billy Pruett
GREATER THIRD ZION: Rev. Calvin Brown
HEAD OF ISLAND: Rev. Billy Minyard
HEBRON: Dr. Mark Tolbert
HOLDEN, FIRST: Rev. Russell Hinson
JUDSON: Dr. David Lane, Rev. Robbie Isom
LIVE OAK: Rev. Johnny Morgan, Rev. Frank Mons
LIVINGSTON, FIRST: Rev. Allen Bandy
MACEDONIA: Rev. Roger Dunlap
MAGNOLIA:
MAUREPAS: Dr. Glynn Reine, Sr.
MIDWAY: Rev. Daniel Martin
NEW BETHLEHEM: Rev. Randall Gill, Mr. Jeff Johnson
NEW COVENANT:
NORTHSIDE: Rev. Lynn Rodrigue, Joe Wheat
ONE LIFE:
PINE GROVE: Rev. Paul Taylor
RED OAK: Rev. Jack Varnado
RIVER OF LIFE: Rev. Bobby Ready
RIVERSIDE: Rev. Larry Hubbard
SALEM:
SATSUMA: Rev. Henry Shelton, Ralph Bryson
SOUTH WALKER: Rev. Mark Carroll
SOUTHSIDE: Mr. Pat Critterton
THE NEW BEGINNINGS: Rev. Charles Ray Smith, Lionel Bankston, Johnny Fuentes
THE OAKS: Rev. Mike Wilkes
THE WAY: Rev. Joshua Spinks
THE WAY LIVINGSTON: Rev. Rhett Major
VICTORY: Rev. Chad Ward, Rev. Fred Dyess
WALKER: Rev. Jason McNaughten, Rev. Merelin “Ray” McCon,
WATSON: Rev. John Pemberton
WHOLLY GROUNDS: Rev. Joey Beeson

MESSENGERS

(As listed on the 2022 Annual Church Profiles)

AGAPE': Rev Chris Hardison

AMITE: Rev. Michael Luce, Mrs. Shawn Wilson, Mrs. Fran Bolen

BETHEL: Rev. James "Bubba" Courtney

CARROLL: Mrs. Denise Flippen, Mr. Randy Flippen, Mr. Floyd Patterson,

CENTRAL: Rev. Robby Dickerson

CHRIST'S COMMUNITY: Rev. Willis Easley, Robert Ingalls, Mr. Ben Eisenberg, Mr. Derick Kimble, Mr. Jeff Miller, Mr. James Cothorn, Mr. Darren Blevins, Mr. James Martin, Mr. Kenny Glover, Mr. Leory Scott, Mr. George Easley, Mr. David Branton, Mr. Jimmy Bell, Mr. Steven Barnett, Mr. Jonathan Johnston

COMMUNITY CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD: Rev. Dane Blankenship

COLYELL: Rev. Jeremy Glascock, Mr. Ron McMorris, II, Mrs. Debra Schexnayger, Mrs. Amanda Glascock, Mr. Shain Picou, Mr. Raymon Schexnayder

DENHAM SPRINGS, FIRST: Dr. Leo Miller

DON AVENUE: Rev. Tom Higginbotham, Mr. Jimmy Miley, Mr. Joe Didier, Sr. Shirley Didier

EMMANUEL: Rev. Max Landry, Mrs. Joannie Landry, Ms. Elise Foster, Ms. Bobbie Street, Mr. Rick Fornea

FRENCH SETTLEMENT, FIRST: Rev. Bill Pianki, Mr. Larry Clegg, Ms. Debbie Clegg, Mr. Roy Farrow, Ms. Tammy Farrow

GRAY'S CREEK: Rev. David Brown, Mrs. Kathryn "Jenelle" Brown, Mrs. Marian Cavalier, Mr. Window Cavalier, Mr. Billy Pruett

GREATER THIRD ZION: Rev. Calvin Brown

HEAD OF ISLAND, FIRST: Rev. Billy Minyard

HEBRON: Rev. Travis Cronan

HOLDEN, FIRST: Rev. Russell Hinson, Mrs. Lorraine Pankey, Mrs. Lisa Hinson, Mr. Phil Pankey

JUDSON: Dr. David Lane, Mrs. Gayla Isom, Mr. Freddie Arnold, Mr. Cody Wilson, Mr. Kenneth Spivey, Mrs. Linda Gibson, Ms. Peggy Young, Rev. Merelin McCon, Mrs. Edith McCon

LIVE OAK: Rev. Johnny Morgan, Rev. Frank Mons, Mr. Joseph Hinson, Mr. Michael Fielding, Dr. Richard Blue, Mrs. Vickie Blue, Mr. John Broussard, Mrs. Theresa Broussard

LIVINGSTON, FIRST: Ms. Trisha Mizell, Mr. Jim Jenkins, Mrs. Terry Jenkins, Mr. Keith Rowe,

MACEDONIA: Rev. Roger Dunlap, Mr. Bobbie Sullivan, Mrs. Odette Sullivan

MAUREPAS: Mrs. Jeannie Stewart, Ms. Rosemary Balfantz, Mr. Troy Brettel, Dr. Glynn Reine, Sr., Mrs. Kathy Reine

MIDWAY: Rev. Daniel Martin

NEW BETHLEHEM: Mr. Neil Gill, Mr. Dennis Sheffield, Rev. Randall Gill, Jody Settoon, Donna Starns, Bonnie Devall

NEW COVENANT:

NORTHSIDE: Rev. Lynn Rodrigue, Mrs. Nicole Rodrigue, Mr. Joe Wheat, Mrs. Elaine Wheat, Mr. George Travis, Ms. Grace Katchur, Ms. Gloria Barton

ONE LIFE: Mr. Tyler Wales, Mr. A. J. Holland, Mr. Josh Hill

PINE GROVE: Ms. Madelyn Varnado, Mr. Clark Robertson, Rev. Paul Taylor, Mr. Randall McNabb, Mrs. Kathy Hutchinson, Ms. Kandy Wheat, Ms. Jerri Taylor

RED OAK: Rev. Jack Varnado, Mr. Gerald Hughes, Mrs. Mary Hughes, Charlotte Hutchinson

RIVER OF LIFE: Rev. Bobby Ready

RIVERSIDE: Rev. Larry Hubbard, Mr. Larry McClure

SALEM:

SATSUMA: Rev. Henry Shelton, Mr. Ralph Bryson, Mrs. Sheila Bryson, Mrs. Sherry Shelton, Mr. Ed Sullivan, Mr. Randy Simoneaux, Mrs. Nora McKenzie, Mr. Press McKenzie, Mr. Leslie Falks, Mrs. Juanita Falks, Mr. Dana Hudson, Mrs. Dianne Sullivan

MESSENGERS CONTD.

SOUTH WALKER: Rev. Mark Carroll

SOUTHSIDE: Mr. Buddy Nelson, Mrs. Betty Nelson

THE NEW BEGINNINGS: Rev. Charles Ray Smith, Ms. Audrey Lazarus, Mrs. Margie Jones

THE OAKS: Rev. Mike Wilkes

THE WAY DENHAM SPRINGS: Rev. Josh Spinks

THE WAY LIVINGSTON: Rev. Rhett Major

VICTORY: Rev. Chad Ward, Rev. Fred Dyess, Mr. Cecil Dyess, Mr. Dailey Hite, Mrs. Barbara Hite

WALKER: Rev. Jason McNaughten, Mrs. Edna Leonard, Mr. Steve Bond, Rev. Ray McCon, Mrs. Hilda Daniels, Mrs. Ginger Glascock, Mr. Paul Roberts, Jr., Mrs. Janice Roberts

WATSON: Rev. John Pemberton, Rev. Gerald Martin, Matthew Simmons

WHOLLY GROUNDS: Rev. Joey Beeson

IN REMEMBRANCE

BETHEL: Allie Dubois, Olga Dubois

CHRIST'S COMMUNITY: Judy Champagne, Zac Johnston, Linda O'Neil, Louis Vicknair, Yancy Watkins

DON AVENUE: Darren Didier

EMMANUEL: Betty Street, Rosemary Firmin, Arlene Achord, Dorothy Fox, Bobby Neal, Thelma Rice

GRAY'S CREEK: Joseph (Joe) David Wilson, Vickie Ruth Clayton, Barbara Harris

HEBRON: Carol Ann Averett, Billy Dean, Albert Grimmer, Jr., Frances Wax Hanley, Gloria Gill Holden, Pat Hood, Donald Stevenson, Karen Sullivan, Connie Jones Thilges, Joan Truxillo, Betty Walker, John Weatherford, Anne Whittington, Shirley Crane Wilson

JUDSON: Eunice Lee Moore Boucher, William "Billy" Burchfield, John Coyle, Deloy Hodges, Tressie Davis Hodges, Gloria Faye Buhler Kimble, Madge Lorraine Ladner, Bonnie McKinney, George "Ashley" Moore, Addie "Warren" Sartwell Palmer, O.B. Quinn, Allen "Ray" Sibley, Elmon F. Williams, George Edward Young

LIVE OAK: Erika Morgan, Jeanette Jerome, Peggy Farmer

MACEDONIA: Patricia Addison Barton, Odis David White

NORTHSIDE: Bessie House, James M. Sullivan, Jane Webb, Dorothy McMurray, Cheryl Purvis, Jerry Foster, Debbie Smith, Darren Brouillette, Anthony Davis. Deaths in previous years – Bill Allen, Carolyn Allen, Gary Griffin, Francis Babin, Benjamin Bennett, Lance Blouin, Robert Bowers, Katherine Smith, Florence Blount, Kevin Blount, Daryl Bozeman, Luvenia Bozeman, Floyd Breaud, Hazel Brown, Betty Brown, Zara Cotton, Jonette Crawford, Cheryl Boykin, Clara Devall, W.T. Ellis, Marcell Ellis, Kenneth Ellis, Wanda Holmes, Barbara Gros, Ercell Grice, Athelene Halton, Jewell Hanley, George Jackson, Mary Hurst, Bobbie Hudson, Dale Hodges, Hattie Hill, James Kinkead, Shirley Langlois, Hansel Lea, Ione Leger, Betty Long, Robert Loving, Judy Martin, Norma May, J.F. Meadors, Randy Meadors, Billie Mertz, Eva Millet, Alvin Moak, Elsie Morgan, Howard Morgan, Nathan McCremon, Kenneth McGehee, Joe Norman, Mrs. Bert Owen, Doris Pendarvis, Dudley Penny, Burris Rabalais, Agnes Rabalais Ethel Raborn, Wanda Raborn, Patsy Ragsdale, Lessie Roberts, Rudy Roberts, David Rosemann, Sim Roth, James Sanders, Mrs. C. J. Seller, Betty Rosemann, James Shirley, Hazel Sibley, Mark Simmons, Thomas Smiley, Pat Smith, Isaac Squyres, Shirley Squyres, S.W. Stafford, E.L. Stewart, Ronnie Tate, Essie Thomas, Henry Thomasson, Rose Thornton, Douglas Treadway, Douglas Whitaker, Robbie Tidwell, Wanda Whitehead, Alvin Ballard, Pearl Fairburn, Willard Thames

Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association

Balance Sheet - January 1, 2022 through August 31, 2022

1030 - Capital One Checking -Operating	\$52,268.22
1040 - Designated Capital One Checking	\$44,904.81
Total Checking	\$97,173.03
Savings	
1200 - LBF Savings - Operating Fund	\$39,037.17
1202 - LBF Savings - Church Planting	\$5,474.39
1204 - LBF Savings - Temporary Savings	\$644,686.14
Total Savings	\$689,197.70
Fixed Assets	
1002 - ELBA's Addition of Suites B & C	\$343,685.00
1003 - ELBA's Shower Addition	\$11,850.00
1004 - ELBA's New M&M Building on Comar Dr	\$718,714.20
1006 - ELBA M&M Land on Florida Blvd.	\$140,000.00
1007 - Lot on Comar Drive for Storage	\$73,510.20
1011 - Konica Copier	\$7,181.40
1020 - Furniture and Fixtures	\$4,171.39
1021 - Computer & Office Equipment	\$30,115.46
1022 - Media Library & Equipment	\$18,452.65
1023 - Chain Saw Trailer	\$6,838.27
1025 - Party Trailer	\$11,057.89
1026 - Mobile Church Unit	\$10,000.00
1027 - Disaster Relief Truck	\$19,041.00
1028 - Disaster Relief Flatbed Trailer	\$8,815.10
1029 - DR Heavy Equipment-Bobcat	\$60,339.41
Total Fixed Assets	\$1,463,771.97
Total Assets	\$2,250,142.70
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
2000 - Federal Tax Payable	-\$6.34
2010 - FICA Payable	-\$418.78

2020 - Medicare Payable	- \$4.43
2030 - LA Tax Payable	\$5.95
Total Current Liabilities	- \$423.60
Total Liabilities	- \$423.60
Fund Principal	
2999 - Unrestricted Funds Balance	\$2,198,690.16
Excess Cash Received	\$6,971.33
Total Fund Principal and Excess Cash Received	\$2,205,661.49
Restricted Funds	
Total Temporary Restricted	\$44,904.81
Total Restricted Funds	\$44,904.81
Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds	\$2,250,142.70

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS 2022

4000 - Agape	\$25.00
4001 - Amite	\$7,200.00
4003 - Bethel	\$1,148.22
4005 - Carroll	\$859.98
4006 - Central	\$0.00
4007 - Christ Community	\$8,777.00
4008 - Colyell	\$11,270.74
4009 - Denham Springs FBC	\$12,377.84
4010 - Don Avenue	\$4,495.85
4012 - Emmanuel	\$1,610.00
4014 - French Settlement	\$2,306.00
4015 - Gray's Creek	\$4,178.00
4016 - Greater Third Zion	\$0.00
4017 - Head of Island	\$824.00
4018 - Hebron	\$3,510.28
4019 - Holden	\$2,292.32
4020 - Judson	\$13,824.78

4021 - Live Oak	\$23,149.94
4022 - Livingston FBC	\$5,828.00
4023 - Macedonia	\$1,200.00
4024 - Magnolia	\$1,800.00
4025 - Maurepas	\$668.00
4026 - Midway	\$1,250.28
4027 - New Bethlehem	\$809.23
4028 - New Covenant	\$0.00
4029 - Northside	\$4,361.46
4030 - One Life	\$1,000.00
4031 - Pine Grove	\$3,960.57
4032 - Red Oak	\$500.00
4033 - River of Life	\$0.00
4034 - Riverside	\$1,955.05
4035 - Salem	\$0.00
4036 - Satsuma	\$0.00
4037 - South Walker	\$1,186.50
4038 - Southside	\$1,973.99
4039 - The New Beginnings	\$994.96
4040 - Victory	\$1,504.03
4041 - Walker	\$16,844.58
4042 - Watson	\$3,816.77
4043 - The Way Church	\$1,800.00
4044 - Community Church of Springfield	\$450.00
4046 - Walker Community Ministries	\$300.00
4999 - Total Budget Church Contributions	\$150,053.37

EXPENSES – January – August 2022

Missions & Ministries

5000 - Baptist Collegiate Ministry	\$4,410.01
5001 - ELBA Mission Projects	\$0.00
5002 - Fellowship Christian Athletes	\$721.22
5004 - Camp Living Waters	\$6,408.45
5005 - Mission Support	\$3,200.00
5007 - Scholarships	\$750.00
5014 – Christian Social Serv./Benevolence	\$800.00

Total Missions & Ministries \$16,289.68

Organization & Promotion

5015 – Christian Women Job Corp	\$736.05
5100 - Annual Meeting	\$0.00
5101 - Church Enrichment	\$1,265.36
5103 - History	\$0.00
5104 - Media Library	\$89.05
5105 - Minister's Conference	\$319.52
5106 - Children & Vacation Bible School	\$0.00
5107 - Women's Missions and Ministry	\$79.75
5108 - Youth	\$4,000.00

Total Organization & Promotion \$6,489.73

Operations & Maintenance

5200 - General Office Expense	\$3,302.29
5201 - Postage	\$751.25
5202 - Utilities	\$17,737.88
5203 - Janitorial	\$3,913.75
5205 - Multi-Peril Insurance	\$17,347.47
5206 - Software (Pur, Sup, Train)	\$1,673.75
5207 - Equipment & Maintenance	\$1,852.28
5208 – Website	\$0.00
5209 - Miscellaneous	\$0.00
5210 – Lawn Service	\$2,800.00

5211 – Heavy Equipment	\$0.00
Total Operations & Maintenance	\$49,378.67
Salaries & Benefits	
5313 - Financial Secretary	\$19,096.00
5350 - Employer Tax Expense	\$1,460.80
5351 - Other Expenses	\$360.40
5360 - Staff Appreciation	\$1,125.00
AMC Compensation Package	
5300 - AMC Salary	\$24,057.76
5301 - AMC Housing	\$17,666.72
5302 - AMC Retirement	\$10,400.00
5303 - AMC Life & Health Insurance	\$1,993.34
5304 - AMC Health Insurance	\$869.39
Total AMC Compensation Package	\$54,987.21
Total Salaries & Benefits	\$77,029.41
Administrative Expenses	
5010 - AMC Ministry Expense	\$933.48
5011 - AMC Auto Expense	\$1,887.14
5012 - AMC Convention/Cont. Ed	\$725.24
Total Administrative Expenses	\$3,545.86
Total Expenses	\$152,733.35

BUDGET 2023

Account	Total
Missions & Ministries	Baptist Collegiate Ministry ELBA Mission Projects Fellowship Christian Athletes Camp Living Waters Percentage Basis Est. Mission Support Scholarships Disaster Relief/Chain Saw Ministry Christian Social Ser./Benevolence Estimated Total \$36,000.00
Organization & Promotion	<hr/> Christian Women Job Corp \$1,200.00 Annual Meeting \$1,000.00 Church Enrichment \$1,000.00 History \$75.00 Media Library \$200.00 Minister's Conference \$2,000.00 Children & Vacation Bible School \$1,000.00 Women's Missions and Ministry \$1,300.00 Youth \$4,000.00
Operations & Maintenance	General Office Expense \$5,000.00 Postage \$1,000.00 Utilities \$30,000.00 Janitorial \$5,200.00 Multi-Peril Insurance \$25,000.00 Software (Pur, Sup, Train) \$1,700.00 Equipment & Maintenance \$2,154.00 Website \$500.00 Miscellaneous \$0.00 Lawn Service \$5,000.00 Heavy Equipment \$500.00

Salaries & Benefits	Financial Secretary	\$29,503.32	3% increase
	Employer Tax Expense	\$2,385.00	
	Other Expenses	\$600.00	
	Staff Appreciation	\$1,125.00	
Salaries & Benefits	AMC Salary	\$31,721.68	3% increase
	AMC Housing	\$26,200.00	
	AMC Retirement	\$22,800.00	
	AMC Life & Health Insurance	\$6,313.32	
	AMC Total Package	<u>\$87,035.00</u>	
Administrative Exps.	AMC Ministry Expense	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	
	AMC Auto Expense	\$2,500.00	
	AMC Convention/Cont. Ed	\$2,600.00	
Total		<u><u>\$251,577.32</u></u>	

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY
SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY
2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Joe Luna, Director

The Baptist College Ministry at Southeastern Louisiana University strives to equip students to be mature followers of Jesus that impact the campus with the Gospel and help transform the world around us.

1. **LEADERSHIP TEAM**—A total of 14 students serve on the BCM Leadership Team. These students strategize, plan, coordinate, and implement the activities and various ministries at the BCM.
2. **ATTENDANCE**—200+ students attended one or more BCM ministries or events so far during the 2022-2023 school year. I am not able to comment on last year's attendance.
3. **FUSE**—FUSE is held every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. FUSE is a time of praise and worship followed by the studying of God's Word. We are averaging 100 students each week. Our attendance has been steadily climbing since the beginning of the semester. I am told that we have reached and retained many more students than normal. We started off the semester with the CORE series (Created, Ostracized, Restored, Empowered) diving deep into the gospel. For the rest of the semester, we will be studying how the gospel transforms our love for God, others, mission, etc...
4. **BIBLE STUDY GROUPS**—The BCM sponsors a variety of Bible study groups each week. These Bible studies meet at various times and locations. These Bible studies are led by students who are on the BCM Leadership Team and by my wife and I.
5. **SUMMER MISSIONS**—About 10 BCM students served as summer missionaries through the Louisiana Baptist Convention, the North American Mission Board, the International Mission Board, and in various camp settings.
6. **INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY**—BCM is attempting to restart an international ministry. With the help of some of our local churches we are attempting to build bridges in that area, prayer for that would be much appreciated.
7. **Vision moving forward...** God has placed a strong desire in me to see students on the campus of SELU be introduced to Jesus and grow into mature followers of Jesus. We have already implemented leadership training for students interested in growing as leaders. We have also implemented impact training to train leaders to engage the culture of the campus and seek the restoration of the broken. That being broken people as well as physical things that can be repaired. My hope is to develop leaders who have a deep desire to become all things to all people so that some may be saved. As that happens, my prayer is that we will see an influx of students that do not have a church background that we can help disciple and send into our local churches to be a blessing and support, thus increasing the overall church attendance in this area.

8. Goals

- To train and equip 10 new leaders that are ready to start leading by the end of the school year
- To see 15 students surrender their lives to Christ through the ministry of the BCM to campus
- To see 10 students equipped and sent out to the mission field
- To start a culture of discipleship that includes evangelism and mobilization.
- To build stronger ties with churches in the associations we relate with

I want to thank you for your continued financial support and encouragement. The BCM would not possibly reach our campus if it were not for your support. I would ask that you pray for the BCM staff and students as we impact our campus for Jesus Christ. I would also like to invite you to let us know how we can assist you in your ministry. We would be happy to help you in any way we can.

STATE MISSIONS SERVICES FOR CHURCHES AND ASSOCIATIONS

EXECUTIVE TEAM

Dr. Steve Horn, Executive Director

One of the best things about 2021 was that 2020 officially moved to the rearview mirror!

As the year began, it was obvious people were anxious, yet hopeful. Anxious that COVID would continue to spread, but hopeful the vaccines would provide a level of protection and a pathway to some degree of normalcy.

The following reports reveal that even in the aftermath of a pandemic and a second summer of devastating storms, God's spirit was at work, God's people were at work, and lives were changed. I'm confident you will be blessed and encouraged as you review the following reports.

An account from the book of Joshua has been on my heart in recent months. Moses was dead and Joshua was charged with leading God's people into the Promised Land. As he prepared the people, he told them. "... keep a distance of about a thousand yards between yourselves and the ark. Don't go near it, so that you can see the way to go, for you haven't traveled this way before," Joshua 1:4, CSB. The phrase "... you haven't traveled this way before," resonates in my spirit as I reflect on 2021. Coming out of pandemic, observing civil unrest, tenuous political activities, and relentless natural disasters, I believe it's safe to say, in a sense, "we haven't traveled this way before."

Here is what the Lord is showing me relating to 2021 and beyond. Even when we haven't been this way before:

- We still have the presence and promise of God. Our challenge is to pay attention and move when God moves and stay when He says stay.
- Even though we haven't been this way before, others have. We serve a God who worked in the past and continues to work in the present.
- We need to prepare to meet with God and follow His instructions. God instructed Joshua to tell the people to "consecrate" or prepare yourselves.
- We need to be sure that we don't miss the purposes of God. God has a purpose for us as well as for those we seek to reach. According to a guy I read regularly, "we are missionaries to this culture." I say amen and amen.
- Finally, as we go this way, we need to pause and praise God.

As we travel this way we must go with conviction and courage (Joshua 1:7-9). Go with the conviction that we have what our culture cries for – truth. However, this truth doesn't support an agenda or party. It's the path to freedom. No doubt we'll need courage. Godly convictions have always faced resistance. We need courage to speak the truth in love.

God's challenge to Joshua is still applicable today. We haven't traveled this way before, but our guide is all-knowing and all-seeing. He promises He'll never leave us or forsake us. Let us rejoice in this assurance and marshal our efforts and resources to maximize Gospel impact in Louisiana.

BUSINESS AND INFORMATION SERVICES TEAM

Dale D. Lingenfelter, Director

The Business and Information Services Team serves as a support group for all the work of the LBC State Missions Services. The team provides expertise in the areas of financial accounting, information technology, facilities maintenance, office services, and human resources as well as providing hosting and program services for conferences and camps through Tall Timbers. Our goal is to enhance and support the work of all LBC Teams, so they accomplish the missions and ministry goals of the Convention.

In addition to coordinating the Annual Church Profile (ACP) process for the state, Shana Johnson serves as **Information Services Support Manager** and is responsible for the overall information technical support systems of the Convention and provides assistance to several state entities that are housed within the Baptist Building. In cooperation with other SBC state conventions and national SBC entities, Information Services has been instrumental in developing an online database of all SBC congregations and leadership. This program has become the national database for all SBC congregations and all SBC entities, both state and national. The database consists of all information collected through the ACP each year, as well as information directly communicated to the office. All information is retained to maintain historical statistical and leadership information for each reporting congregation. Through her team's effort along with assistance from the entire State Mission Services Staff, ACP reporting of all Louisiana Baptist congregations maintains an above average reporting percentage within the SBC network of congregations.

The **LBC Accounting Team** provides competent tax and accounting information to Louisiana Baptist churches. In addition to supporting the finances of State Missions Services, we assist with questions on Budgeting, Accounting, Payroll Taxes, and Church Accounting issues. We are here to help you! Our contact information can be found on the LBC website. In addition, consistent with prior years, the Louisiana Baptist Convention received an excellent review on our Annual Audit Report.

Tall Timbers resumed summer camps in 2021 at a reduced capacity each week. With about two-thirds of normal summer camp attendance, there was a great response in camper decisions for Christ and an excitement from campers as well as camp staff after not having any programmed Louisiana Baptist camps the prior year. All damaged buildings from Hurricane Laura and Hurricane Delta in 2020 were refurbished and able to use before summer camps began. In addition to hurricane repairs, the remainder of Lee Lodge hotel room renovations were completed, as well as a building conversion to a cabin which gave an additional forty bed spaces to be used. Interest in guest retreats in the non-summer months increased as the spiritual need to meet together and retreat became known after year one of the pandemic. We anticipate more needs in the future for our increasing number of guests as God continues to move in the lives of those at Tall Timbers.

The Business and Information Services Team considers all of its various areas of support work as ministry unto the Lord. We count it a privilege to serve our Lord by serving our colleagues and Louisiana Baptists in the work of reaching Louisiana for Christ and strengthening our churches.

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY Mark Robinson, Director

Our Baptist Collegiate Ministries experienced a year of reestablished growth following almost two years of Covid-19 sanctions on campus programming. We have had significant impact on the campuses making outreach contacts with over 30,500 students on twenty-eight campuses around the state. BCM ministries on twenty-eight campuses had over 3,400 students involved in the weekly ministry. Our goals that drive the ministry are REACH – CONNECT – STRENGTHEN – MOBILIZE. Our efforts are focused under each of those categories. The above statistics are under the reach aspect of ministry along with evangelism. We saw 250 new Christ followers through various ministries. Also, each summer we receive contact information of over one thousand incoming freshmen from our partner churches.

The CONNECT component of ministry involves connecting students to each other in fellowship programming and connecting them to a local church in the campus area. Nine hundred were educated in the function and purpose of the cooperative program. All of the rest have been educated in the idea of cooperative missions through raising money for our GOLA summer missions program. One hundred twenty students were involved in vocational ministry training. Through disciple now events, revivals, GOLA VBS, and consultations BCM has aided over 260 churches in ministry.

STRENGTHEN involves discipling students and training them to share their faith along with training in leadership. 565 students were involved in leadership, 640 in evangelism and 1200 in discipleship groups. There were also 588 International students involved in our programs.

In the area of MOBILIZE, 208 Collegians served in summer or semester missions, and an additional 365 Collegians served on short term mission trips. We have mobilized VBS 2 VBS teams to serve in eighteen churches in Louisiana and one to serve churches in Wyoming. We also sent a team of twelve to serve churches in Costa Rica.

The Louisiana BCM teamed up with the International Mission Board student mobilization conference hosting the largest attendance of the REV 7:9 conference alongside our Collegiate Evangelism Conference providing the largest attendance at such an event in the country with nearly five hundred students being educated and inspired to serve on mission.

Thank you for your partnership in reaching the University cities of Louisiana.

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

John Kyle, Director

Seeking – Serving – Supporting

Louisiana Baptists (State Missions Services) are *Here for You* to help you Seek the Lost, Serve Churches, and Support Cooperative Missions and Ministries. Your Communications Team is involved in all of these areas with the goal of helping you maximize Gospel impact in your community.

Seeking the Lost

Louisiana Baptists are serious about giving everyone in the state the opportunity to say “yes” to Jesus. The primary way we help you seek the lost is through *Here for You*, Louisiana Baptists’ multi-media outreach strategy. Launched statewide in 2019, the goal of *Here for You* is to insert God’s truth inside every heart and every home almost every day using current communication platforms. In 2021, God’s truth was seeded in just under 94% of TV households across the state. Through social media, you reached an average of 134,455 every month and streaming services added an additional 34,756 people to that number. Our partnership with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association’s internet evangelism ministry generated 4,648 views of the Gospel presentation via the *Here for You* landing page and 1,013 people indicated a decision for Christ.

Your gifts through the Georgia Barnette Louisiana Missions Offering and the Cooperative Program fuel this outreach.

Serving the Churches

We serve churches by communicating outreach, training opportunities, and providing information and resources churches utilize in their local settings.

Every week, 5,664 people receive the E-newsletter which promotes upcoming opportunities. Our website, LouisianaBaptists.org, was redesigned in 2021 with the goal of making the site more user friendly. Last year it's estimated there were more than 172,000 unique page views and over 15,000 video views via the website. We regularly communicate with churches, individuals, and churches via Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Last year, Facebook reached over 950,000 people followed by Instagram with a reach of over 191,000 people. Twitter also generated almost 118,000 impressions.

Coordinate: The Church Planning Guide, is sent to every church with the option to purchase additional copies as desired. Over 4,000 copies were printed and distributed last year. A digital copy is also available for download on the website.

Many churches utilized the *Change Me Personal Revival Guide* last year. Just under 13,000 copies were distributed.

Supporting Cooperative Missions and Ministries

One of the distinctives of Southern Baptists is cooperation. We believe we can accomplish more together than separately as it relates to reaching the lost and furthering God's Kingdom. Our mechanism for accomplishing this is the Cooperative Program. Resources including weekly prayer slides (suitable for showing during the offering), videos and other resources are available to demonstrate and educate how your gifts through CP are maximizing Gospel impact in Louisiana and Beyond.

Stewardship education is also an important element to supporting the churches. Last year, over eight hundred stewardship books were distributed to pastors and church members.

Whether it is Seeking the Lost, Serving the Churches, or Supporting Cooperative Missions and Ministries, Louisiana Baptists are *Here for You*.

EVANGELISM AND CHURCH GROWTH TEAM

Keith Manuel, Director

The focus of this past year's Evangelism Conference hosted by First, Covington was on personal revival. We were challenged and equipped by our speakers and seminars. Next year ECON will be January 23-24, 2023. Our host is First, West Monroe, and we will focus on personal evangelism.

Sean Keith is your Sunday School, Discipleship, and Revitalization Strategist. The return of the in-person ReGroup Conference was attended by approximately two hundred in 2021 and a larger crowd is expected this year. In addition, over five hundred people received small group training around the state. The Digital ReGroup Conference reached another two hundred participants. Fresh Start, our strategy for helping churches that need some form of revitalization,

continues to connect with Pastors and churches. ReGroup Live will be in two locations in 2023. Digital ReGroup launches September 9, 2022.

Your Adult Ministries and Church Administration Strategist is Jeff Ingram. He coordinated the Senior Adult luncheon at ECON which included over 375 in attendance. He also led meetings across the state for the Louisiana Association of Baptist Ministry Assistants, January Bible Study Previews, and the Bi-Vocational Ministers' Banquet. His work in Church Administration is mainly in consultations with churches/associations that cover the following areas: Pastor/Staff Salary Breakdowns; IRS Compliance; Best Practices for Church Finance Committees; Church/Associational By-Laws; Code of Ethics for Ministerial Staff; Church Staff Job Descriptions; and Sexual Harassment & Abuse.

Brandon Lewis serves as your Youth Strategist. The Youth Evangelism Celebration (YEC) ministered to 4,700 youth and adults. Over seven hundred spiritual decisions were recorded and sent back with their churches to follow up. Our camps were back in full swing this summer at Tall Timbers with approximately 1,100 teens gathering for worship, equipping, and fun. Over one hundred fifty students made decisions for the Lord. In addition to the spiritual decisions

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made at camps and YEC, students learned how to share their faith to return to their home mission field equipped to impact others with the Gospel. Over 5,500 students learned how to share the Roman Road or use their personal testimony to share the Good News. We are praying for an even bigger crowd at YEC on November 20-21, 2022, at the Rapides Coliseum as we get closer to pre-pandemic participation.

Serving as your Children's Ministry Strategist is David Anderson. This year our children's camps at Tall Timbers had attendance of almost 1,200. We had seventy-five children make professions of faith and combined they gave \$6,900 to missions. VBS trainings allowed approximately two hundred workers to be trained to lead their congregations. David also assists our churches with the State Bible Drill, Childhood Education Workshops, and a statewide retreat for Children's Ministers.

The Evangelism & Church Growth Team loves to serve you by providing training for your leaders and church members in evangelism, discipleship, administration, and age-group ministries. You can get updates from our team on Facebook by liking and following our page "Evangelism & Church Growth Team of Louisiana Baptists."

MISSIONS AND MINISTRY TEAM

John D. Hebert, Director

The Louisiana Baptist Missions and Ministry team has undergone staffing changes in 2022. Mrs. Janie Wise retired from her lengthy career in Women's Ministries and Mrs. Christine Gill has been hired to take her place. Mrs. Gill began January 1, 2022. Mike Shumock, our Mission Builder retired, and Rev. Mark Morelock was hired as Associate Disaster Relief and Volunteer Mobilizer. Rev. Mark Jelks joined our staff in June as a Mission Builder Field Strategist. Miss Jess Archer accepted a position as State Director of WMU among South Carolina Baptists and her replacement is not yet announced. Below you will find the reports from every area of our work.

Church Planting

Dr. James Jenkins

The Church Planting team is comprised of Lane Corley, our Anglo-Church Planting and Replant Strategist, and Carlos Schmidt, Language Church Planting and Partnership Missions Strategist. In partnership with our churches and associations, this team has worked to meet the goal of having 2,000 churches in our state convention by the year 2030 through our Multiply 2030 strategy. Multiply 2030 is the team's new movement to plant, replant, and revitalize churches that can reach the next generation and reach every people group in our state.

During 2022, the team has (1) planted 14 churches, 56 % of our annual conventional church planting goal; (2) revamped funding structures, supplement packages, and simplified administrative tools to accommodate and achieve the Multiply 2030 milestones; and (3) launched a simple church disciple making groups strategy that will connect Shreveport, Acadiana, Baton Rouge, and New Orleans. Churches planted since 2010 have now led over 17,000 people to Christ and church membership. Church planting has helped Louisiana Baptists to reach people groups including Anglo, African American, Vietnamese, Burmese, Chinese, Korean, Haitians, Eritrean, Arabic, Hispanic, and Portuguese.

Over 600 people have attended Church Planting and Multiplication Training events in 2022. These events have included Direct Training for those planting and replanting churches and Roundtables for those considering involvement in church multiplication projects. We've also introduced Training Cohorts or small groups of Pastors and Planters who collaborate and sharpen one another monthly in evangelism and disciple-making. Over 50 churches have participated in Cohorts in the last 5 years.

Partnership Missions and Language Missions

Rev. Carlos Schmidt

Partnership Missions was involved with international trip organization to Piedras, Mexico for evangelism and church planting work and assisted Disaster Relief in refugee resettlement in Poland. In Piedras, twelve Mexican churches participated. It was a first attempt at engaging our Hispanic churches in Louisiana in international missions. PM also conducted “round table” events in LaSalle, Northwest, and NOBA where 84 pastors and mission leaders attended.

Due to COVID Restrictions very few churches mobilized members into the mission field, but the partnerships are still active in prayer and church support. Current partnerships still include Haiti, Belarus, Brazil, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, Piedras Negras, Mexico, Cape Bretton Island Canada, Yucatan Mexico, and Madrid. New partnerships are being explored, in Alaska, New Mexico, New England, New York, Panama, Honduras, Colombia, Tanzania, and Poland.

In the area of language missions there has been a necessity to change the church planting strategy to “Simple” church. Most areas with populations of five thousand for Hispanics and two thousand for Asians have established churches. We are continuing to seek planters and sponsoring churches for Houma, Hammond, and Forest Hill for traditional church planting. We conducted E3 simple church training for Regroup in Lafayette, with forty-one people in attendance representing three Hispanic churches. I have also continued to collaborate with a potential Vietnamese church in Plaquemine.

Work has been ongoing in Iglesias Bautista El Buen Pastor in Metairie, to Restart the LaRose Hispanic Mission, as well as leadership development in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lafayette and Lake Charles.

Compassion Ministries

Dr. Jeffrey Cook

Many of our Louisiana Baptist churches are involved in Compassion Ministry seeking to: 1) Meet needs, 2) Build Trust, 3) Share the Gospel, and 4) Connect People to the Local Church. Jeff is assisted by a team of Association Compassion Missionaries (ACM) in several statewide associations. These workers are John Anderson, Deanna Corbett, Patrick Magee, and Pam Walker. Each ACM has continued to start new compassion ministries while leading in Compassion Ministry all across the state.

Dr. Cook has the responsibility to assist in planting Non-Traditional Churches. The goal is to have a multi-function Compassion led Non-Traditional Church Plant in every major city. We continue to see these types of churches started and sustained in New Orleans (Jacob Crawford), and Shreveport (Matt Tyson). A non-traditional church planting cohort has been formed to define “Non-traditional Church Planting” more clearly.

The Compassion Ministry Web page is being revamped with a Compassion Ministry Readiness Tool, inspiring videos from Compassion Leaders and free How-to pages for starting Compassion Ministry.

Dr. Cook has also led efforts to train pastors to be coaches for church planters and new pastors.

Men's Ministries and Disaster Relief

Dr. Stanley Statham

Since our last report, Louisiana suffered a direct hit from Hurricane Ida on August 29, 2021. Ida was a category 5 hurricane that brought substantial destruction to SE LA. LA DR opened an IMT (Incident Management Team) at the Baptist Building two days prior to the storm's landfall. The storm left over 1 million people without power. After initial assessments, the decision was made to invite SBDR teams from other states to operate what would eventually be 13 sites, the largest such deployment in LA DR history. Thirty-three state conventions responded to the needs of SE LA. DR provided over 750,000 meals to those impacted by the storm. We recorded over 250 first time professions of faith. The great work completed by DR Volunteers came at a cost, as we had eleven significant injuries. All volunteers survived their injuries and only one is still having lingering effects at the time this report is being provided.

Our 2022 in-person and on-line training events were successful. Three hundred people received training through our five events.

In March the LBC called Mark Morelock as the DR Associate and Volunteer Mobilization. The position allows for better coordination of DR responses and has allowed DR to expand into Rebuild Ministry. Rebuild Ministry is one of the major areas of DR ministry. We have begun to work in the Houma area and will expand as we have volunteers and resources available. Mark's role will also allow us to better respond to damaged churches in future disasters.

In 2021, LA DR partnered with Send Relief to adopt Western Europe in times of disaster. LA partnered with Ohio DR for this initiative because OH tends to have fewer disasters than LA and OH has a smaller DR volunteer group. Send Relief contacted us in late March when the war between Russia and Ukraine began. With millions of refugees fleeing, the humanitarian need was overwhelming. Send Relief's plan called for LA/OH/MS and KY to operate relief efforts in Gdansk, Poland. Each state taking a one-week rotation. The situation constantly changed, and we sought to meet as many needs as possible. LA sent 4 teams to Poland and one team to Romania. 37 DR Volunteers served by providing childcare, remodeling living spaces, and direct ministry to refugees. The four state conventions also provided \$28,000.00 to FBC Gdansk to purchase a van for their refugee ministry.

One of the highlights for LA DR was the dedication service for St. Matthews Baptist Church at Pelican Point, Grand Bahamas. The service was held on July 24, 2022. LA Baptists committed to rebuild the church after it was destroyed by Hurricane Dorian in 2019. DR volunteers faced covid, other tropical storms, and other challenges in the rebuild effort.

Volunteer Mobilization and Mission Builders

Rev. Mark Morelock

This year has been one of the busiest years for Louisiana Baptists Mission Builder program. As we've rebounded from some of the shutdown period of COVID-19, there has been an increase in volunteer participation and the need for Mission Church building.

We have hosted nearly 900 volunteers in coordination with churches and their membership supporting and working alongside one another. We have seen 2 projects to completion during this time, as well as 4 projects on-going including 2 Mission Church projects. In addition to on-going projects there are several Mission Church projects and church growth opportunities in their planning phases.

In March 2022, Louisiana Baptists welcomed Mark Morelock as Disaster Relief Associate & Volunteer Mobilization. Mark oversees the Mission Builders program and handles administrative, financial, and planning aspects of the projects. He recruits and coordinates volunteer associations, relationships, and deployments for the projects as well. In June 2022, Louisiana Baptists welcomed Mark Jelks as the Mission Builders Field Strategist. Mark provides on-site contracting guidance, volunteer team assembly, deployment, and instruction. He also works with permitting, sub-contracting and specific instructions for projects.

We are looking forward to another great year of service to our Louisiana Baptists partners and supporting the advancement of the gospel and Kingdom building through our Mission Builders program.

Women's Missions and Ministry

Mrs. Christine Gill

Women's Missions and Ministry (WMM) events are rebounding in 2021-2022. We are able to meet in person again, while continuing to utilize technology for some meetings and promotional campaigns. We are excited to share how God is using Louisiana Baptist women to serve in and minister throughout our state.

Embrace, the event for all Louisiana Baptist women, was held in March 2022 at FBC Lafayette, and 268 women attended. This event will be held in April 2023 at FBC Natchitoches.

Five *Women Who Lead* training events are scheduled in 2022. These one-day equipping conferences take place in different regions of the state, allowing for greater participation from our women. So far this year, *Women Who Lead* events have trained women in Natchitoches and West Monroe, and we are looking forward to providing leadership skills to women in Franklinton, Ball, and Sulphur before the end of the year.

WMM led Louisiana Baptist women to donate and pack over six-hundred gift boxes for incarcerated women in 2021, and we are set to exceed that number in 2022. The women's prison is allowing a limited number of visitors in 2022, as COVID restrictions ease.

Ministers' Wives Retreat, a weekend of encouragement for our ministers' wives in the state, resumed in October 2021. The retreat for 2022 is scheduled for October 21-22 at Tall Timbers. All Louisiana Baptist ministers' wives – not just pastors' wives – are encouraged to attend.

As we look to 2023, WMM is set to host National WMU for its annual Missions Celebration, which occurs in conjunction with the annual Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans.

Louisiana Baptist churches remained faithful in their giving for 2021. Our prayer is to be joined by more mission giving churches in 2022.

- Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering (Jan. 1-Dec. 2021)
Received \$1,581,098.89 State Goal \$1,700,000
- Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions (Sept. 1, 2021-Aug. 31, 2022)
(Report current as of June 2022)
Received \$4,084,769.79 State Goal \$5,200,000
- Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions (Jan. 1, 2021-Dec. 31, 2022)
Received \$1,638,942.63 State Goal \$2,200,000

Janie Wise retired as the Women’s Missions & Ministry Strategist in December 2021. Christine Gill has been serving as the new Women’s Missions & Ministry Strategist since January 2022.

Mission Education

Miss Jess Archer

Missions Education had a fantastic start to 2021. The first event in Children and Youth Missions Education was M-JAM (Missions Jamboree) at Tall Timbers. The wonderful part about this exciting mission event is that children heard the Gospel message in a fun and exciting way and learned how to share it with their friends. Students met a young missionary family that serves with the International Mission Board in Argentina and learned about their ministry there. The 2021 total attendance for M-JAM was over 400.

Our 2022 camp numbers have exceeded our 2021 camp totals! We hosted two camps this year, and over 600 people attended.

Jess Archer joined Christine Gill in several “Women Who Lead” training events around our state.

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

Ray Swift, Director

The Pastoral Leadership Ministry Team is available to serve churches of all sizes across Louisiana. Ministry assistance includes encouraging pastors and staff, training and working with pastor search committees, resumé services, leadership development, church administration, and prayer resources. We believe every church, of every size, in every area, is necessary and valuable in maximizing Gospel impact, and we are committed to assisting each church towards that end.

During pandemics, global health emergencies, inflation, lack of labor-force and downturns in the economy, the church of Jesus Christ remains strong and through strong and dedicated pastoral leadership will continue to make a difference.

The worth of our cooperative spirit still remains: we are always accomplishing more when we join hearts, resources, and the Lord's vision. What joy it is for us to partner together in that spirit and serve Louisiana Baptists.

Shepherd's Rest: From time to time, pastors need to step away to reflect and be refreshed. Your Cooperative Program gifts provide the opportunity for a four-week sabbatical for the pastor at no cost to the church. For details visit louisianabaptists.org/shepherdsrest.

Resume' Services: Launched in March 2021, GoServeLA.org allows churches to post open ministry positions. Pastors and ministers seeking opportunities to serve can also confidentially post their resumes on the site. This service allows the process to be streamlined as well being more effective as it widens the net. Prospective candidates can review the open positions and directly apply with their resume.

Transitional Interim/Supply: Transitions can be tough, but they don't have to be tumultuous. Trained transitional pastors are available to assist churches during the transitional period between pastors. Pastor Search Committees can also be prepared and equipped for their assignment. If a need arises for pulpit supply while the pastor is out, Louisiana Baptists staff are available to assist as schedules permit.

Granberry Counseling: Counseling is part of ministry. But there are times when the counselor (pastor) needs some Godly counsel for themselves or their families. Granberry has twelve (12) counseling centers across the state with licensed and trained counselors. Whether the need is for an individual, couples or families, a Godly, confidential listening ear is available. And, thanks to your participation in the Cooperative Program, there is no cost for pastors and ministers. Log on to granberrycounseling.org to set an appointment.

Singing Ministers & Singing Women: These volunteers gather each August to prepare for concerts in local churches, detention centers, youth intervention programs, and prisons. As they share their talents, they also share their faith. For more information visit LouisianaBaptists.org/pastors.

Louisiana Baptists Sexual Abuse Resource Council: Along with team members representing all the State Missions Services, the Pastoral Leadership Director provides resources for churches who may need to care for individuals who have experienced sexual abuse. To report an instance of sexual abuse in a Louisiana Baptist Convention church or entity, use one of the following contact methods: 1.888.528.8282 or lbc.satf@lbch.org.

The Pastoral Leadership Ministry Team is excited and available to assist all Louisiana Baptist pastors and churches. Please let us know how we can serve you.

LOUISIANA BAPTIST MESSAGE

Dr. Will Hall, Executive Editor

The *Baptist Message* will complete 103 years of official ministry with Louisiana Baptists in 2022, and 137 years of service overall as two differently named entities.

We continue to focus on the Good News happening among Louisiana Baptists as the backbone of our journalistic ministry. To that end we captured many stories this year that represented the individual and cooperative endeavors of our churches and their related ministries (locally, statewide and around the world), such as:

- Trinity Baptist Church, Lake Charles, experienced forty straight weeks of baptisms, July 31, with 149 new believers taking this step of obedience, so far.

- Louisiana Baptists have partnered, through July, to plant 292 new churches toward the President's 2020 Commission goal of three hundred (delayed by the two-year pandemic, but likely to be reached in November).

- The launch of Vision 2030, which challenges our churches to grow from 1,611 congregations to 2,000 by the beginning of the next decade, and to win 25,000 souls for Christ at the same time.

- The response of Louisiana Baptists to the war in Ukraine by participating in ministry to refugees in Poland, Belarus, and Romania.

However, the *Baptist Message* also strives to inform and equip Louisiana Baptists to fully participate in the Baptist community (in our state, nationwide and globally), and consequently we have published key accounts about some controversial issues. These have included reports about:

- The departure of two Southern Baptist Convention North American Mission Board leaders due to accusations of inappropriate sexual behavior, and the ongoing lawsuit (April 2023 trial date) regarding NAMB's alleged involvement in the termination of a former state executive director.

- The SBC International Mission Board's record financial blessings, but lingering difficulties in recruiting missionaries.

- The SBC Executive Committee's hiring of pro-LGBT lawyers to represent them in the ongoing sexual abuse investigation of the SBC, the controversial pro-gay Guidepost's sexual abuse report adopted by messengers to the 2022 SBC Annual Meeting, and the growing number of lawsuits seeking victim compensation from the SBC (and the collective threat these issues pose to the Cooperative Program).

On the operations side of the house, our hope to unveil three subscription options for subscribers in 2022 has been delayed by technical complications. After months of working with our long-term web designer, we have concluded we will need to find another firm to complete the work. However, when the new architecture is in place:

- a casual reader who finds one or two items of interest online will be able to purchase each for \$1 per article.
- the person who prefers a digital-only yearly subscription will be able to purchase such for \$5; and
- the print subscriber will continue to get fourteen copies mailed to his or her home each year, plus have online access, for the \$14 annual payment for the newspaper.

Meanwhile, we are continuing to refine our coverage in both print and online, using the newspaper to publish more enduring news, and our website to cover breaking news and information.

Finally, we just completed a capstone project with seniors enrolled in the Computer Sciences Program with Louisiana Christian University. They provided some sharp recommendations for the design and function of the website, which we will incorporate by the end of the year. Moreover, the success has prompted us to agree to participate in future capstone projects.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC POLICY

Regarding the work of the Office of Public Policy, the 2022 legislative session was busy.

We worked with other conservatives in the state to win some key victories, but also experienced some disappointing defeats.

The Office of Public Policy worked with lawmakers to pass SB342, now known as Act 545, which tightened up existing pro-life measures in anticipation of a favorable ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. The monumental decision by the Supreme Court, which overturned *Roe v. Wade* and returned authority to regulate abortion to the states, triggered these updated Louisiana pro-life laws to ban abortions in our state.

Although the ban has been on again and off again (as Planned Parenthood and its partners have challenged it in court), the Louisiana Office of the Attorney General has expressed confidence that the statewide ban on abortions ultimately will be sustained.

The Office of Public Policy also testified in favor of the *Fairness in Women's Sports Act*, which, despite overwhelming support, failed to survive the governor's veto in 2021. This year it won supermajorities in both legislative chambers, and the governor allowed it to become law, as Act 283, without his signature. Consequently, biological males now are prohibited in the state from competing as females on teams designated for girls or women.

We also offered testimony in support of HB142, now Act 440, which permits parents to sue tech companies that do not implement age-verification technology to protect children from accidental or intentional access to pornography.

On the other hand, the Office of Public Policy opposed some disastrous legislation that would have seriously imperiled some of our cooperative missions and ministries:

-- We successfully testified against HB605 which threatened the religious liberty of Christian counselors and would have negatively impacted: the Granberry Counseling ministry of the Children's Home and Family Ministries; degree programs at Louisiana Christian University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; as well as individual Louisiana Baptist practitioners.

-- Likewise, we helped to kill HB507, which was described by its sponsors as merely offering technical tweaks and no substantive changes to existing laws, but in fact it would have deleted a major protection for minors against "coercive abortions."

The Office of Public Policy offered substantive written testimony to the Louisiana Governor's Drug Policy Board, which adopted a resolution against legalization of recreational marijuana.

However, lawmakers ignored similar research that showed the negative impact on children in other states, and subsequently they passed two "medicinal" marijuana bills that now make Louisiana a travel destination for pot smoking. Despite a direct appeal from the Office of Public Policy requesting his vetoes, the governor signed HB135 and HB137 into laws as Acts 438 and 439.

The Office of Public Policy pushed for passage of HB953 which would have improved the Louisiana Preservation of Religious Freedom Act by preventing the state from putting a greater burden on houses of worship during emergencies than are placed on any secular business, service, or assembly. The bill garnered supermajority support in both the House and Senate, but it was vetoed by the governor -- and lawmakers did not vote for an override session.

However, we plan to push for this same legislation in 2023.

Likewise, next year we will advocate for laws to restrict the THC content (what causes the "high") in medicinal pot, and to protect children unable to give informed consent from being mutilated by sex change surgery and from being permanently damaged by puberty hormone blockers.

LOUISIANA BAPTIST FOUNDATION

Dr Jeffrey Steed, Executive Director

Thank you, Louisiana Baptists, for the opportunity to partner in ministry. God is continuing to bless your Louisiana Baptist Foundation and we are grateful. We ended 2021 with over \$240 million in assets under management that represents funds owned by Louisiana Baptist churches and other ministries as well as gifts perpetually managed for Kingdom-impact. Every dollar generated on these funds represents another dollar to advance the Kingdom by spreading the Gospel.

In 2021, the Foundation continued the execution of its LBF Vision200™ strategic plan for the next 20 years as it seeks to partner in ministry with churches and other ministries. We are driven to advance the Kingdom...one dollar at a time, one ministry at a time, one life at a time. The overall vision of this plan is to

specifically advance the Kingdom through the Foundation's ministry by \$200 million over the next twenty years or less. Specifically, the Foundation will benefit the Kingdom through (1) facilitating planned gifts (example: non-cash gifts, estate gifts, charitable gift annuities, endowments, donor- advised funds and other special gifts beyond cash), and (2) serving churches and other ministries with funds management as well as other services to enhance their impact. As of the end of 2021, the Foundation's current Kingdom-impact amount that has been achieved is \$34.5 million towards the 20- year goal of achieving the \$200 million impact level.

To accomplish the goal of \$200 million over the next 20 years or less, the Foundation is focusing on four overall objectives:

- 1) **Planned Giving**: The following are provided for a comprehensive planned giving emphasis:
 - A. Providing educational content to churches such as the *Louisiana Legacy* publication to provide members practical ways they can benefit their church beyond cash,
 - B. Speaking in churches and other ministry organizations to educate constituents on being good stewards related to their estates,
 - C. Having robust planned giving website content,
 - D. Sending periodic communications to constituents,
 - E. Providing confidential one-on-one meetings with prospective donors on benefiting the Kingdom,
 - F. Encouraging individuals to have an impact on their family through their estates but not to forget impacting the Kingdom also through their estates,
 - G. Having the infrastructure in place to facilitate the logistics of special gifts, and
 - H. Providing an opportunity for every Louisiana Baptist to obtain a free basic Will document when at least tithing her/his estate to a church and/or other ministry.
- 2) **Church/Ministry Services**: The Foundation helps churches and other ministries earn more money on their God-given funds for the sake of having more money to fulfill ministry purposes and to impact lives with the Gospel. As an example, the Short-Term Fund helps ministries by allowing them to earn more on their cash reserves and designated accounts than they would earn at a typical bank. In 2021, additional church-business related services were added through our new emphasis, ChurchBiz Central™, in order to add value to churches and other ministries. These additional services include church loans, payroll services, and capital/stewardship campaigns.
- 3) **Comprehensive Marketing Plan**: The Foundation continues to have a comprehensive communication plan that utilizes multiple communication channels and platforms that focus on the Foundation's services to help advance the Kingdom.
- 4) **Operations**: The Foundation will continue to have a well-skilled and well-experienced staff that seeks to provide churches and ministries with top-tier service to help those organizations further enhance their impact on the Kingdom.

Through God's guidance, the LBF Vision200™ strategic plan is helping the Foundation further move forward in advancing the Kingdom...one dollar at a time, one ministry at a time, one life at a time. The Foundation is grateful to Louisiana Baptists for the many partnerships in ministry around the state. Please contact the Foundation by phone at 877-523-4636 or by email contact@LBFinfo.org if we can serve you.

LOUISIANA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Dr. Perry Hancock, President and CEO

In its 122nd year of ministry Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries continued its mission of providing love, care, and hope in Christ for children and families in need. The Children's Home provided a positive Christian witness through its residential child and family care programs, foster care and adoption ministries, Granberry Counseling Centers, Minister Care Residential, Women's Learning Center, Compassion for Kids, and Orphans Embrace.

The Children's Home provided ministry services for over 8,000 children, families, and individuals. Through its on-campus and off-campus residential programs, 124 children and 27 homeless mothers were served. An additional 194 families received placement referral services.

The Granberry Counseling Centers staff provided professional Christian counseling for 914 individuals during the year. Through its Minister Care program, a partnership with the LBC Pastoral Leadership team, Granberry provided counseling for 36 Louisiana Baptist minister families.

Women's Learning Center (formerly Christian Women's Job Corps) provided educational and job skills training for 34 women and support services for 126 women. The ministry maintained its adult education certification with the state of Louisiana as an official HiSET training and testing site. Additional certifications including Paraprofessional Education and Banking Services were added to the curriculum. Each day at WLC begins with Bible study and prayer.

Through a growing community care ministry, Compassion for Kids, the Children's Home served over 2,000 economically challenged children and family members in northeast Louisiana. Compassion for Kids provides life essentials and the message of Christ, meeting both physical and spiritual needs. Projects are conducted in partnership with local LBC churches and ministries.

The Children's Home also shared God's love in word and deed through its international orphan care ministry, Orphans Embrace. Twenty-two children were served through Louisiana Reach Haiti at its Children's Village in Croix-des-Bouquets. The Children's Home also provided shoes for over 5,000 children in Haiti through various ministry partners.

Construction of a third family care cottage was completed during the year, providing housing for four families served through the HomePlace ministry. Construction was begun on a second HomePlace apartment complex which will house four additional families.

The Children's Home also established a new Minister Care Residential program. The ministry provides housing, counseling, mentoring, and other support services for Louisiana Baptist ministers in transition. In the first few months of the program five ministers and family members were served.

Louisiana churches once again provided support for the Children's Home through the Cooperative Program and the Annual Children's Home Sunday Offering. Churches also met the needs of the children and families through the Fall Food Roundup, VBS offerings, and other special projects.

As a result of the support from our churches and the witness provided by the various ministries of the Home, many children and others experienced the joy of salvation in Christ. Thank you, Louisiana Baptists, for meeting needs and changing lives in Jesus' name through your Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries.

LOUISIANA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Dr. Rick Brewer, President

Praise the Lord for a miraculous year—and a much less tumultuous one free of significant storms and COVID shutdowns. As we moved past mask mandates and the necessity of quarantines, the faculty, staff, and students settled into a new normal. At Louisiana College—our new and blessed normal was the updating to university status—Louisiana Christian University.

While we remain committed to the strong foundation Louisiana College was built on, we want people to know we are unabashedly Christian in today's culture. Today's student wants to attend a university and often associates "college" with a community or technical college. The "definition" of a university is an institution of higher learning that has several colleges and graduate programs.

As of the fall of 2022, LCU will have four graduate programs—with more planned in the not-too-distant future. Already, we offer a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT), Master of Education (MEd), and Master of Social Work (MSW). And we are taking applications for the new Martin Master of Business Administration in the Young School of Business.

The Jonathan E. Martin MBA program launching this fall is a significant development and an additional opportunity for equipping future business leaders who view their roles as marketplace ministers. LCU's MBA will offer distinctive emphases and embedded certificates for data analytics, finance, accounting, healthcare, marketing, management, entrepreneurship, and leadership as part of the MBA degree.

Another significant development in our degree offerings is the Bachelor of Applied Science degree beginning this fall.

This spring we signed an articulation agreement with Central Louisiana Technical Community College creating a pathway for their graduates to attend LCU to complete their final two years of student to earn a bachelor's degree.

The BAS degree is designed for students who have completed an associate of science, associate of applied science, associate of applied technology, or a technology degree and builds on a student's technical expertise and provides the next step to advance a student's careers goals. This program provides the pathway for students to complete the Bachelor of Applied Science degree by allowing students to transfer up to 60 hours of earned credits, 45 of which may be technical and/or approved military or police academy credits. LCU's online options provide the flexibility to meet the needs of working adults and transfer students from a variety of technical backgrounds.

With an individualized curriculum, students have the option of selecting a combination of stackable micro-credentials, certificates, concentrations, or minors to complete the 30 hours needed after all the general education requirements are fulfilled. Emphasis areas, such as computer science, cybersecurity, web systems, computer programming, project management, and business management, are designed to complement career goals and gain higher level positions.

LCU continues to expand our academic partnerships with Southern Baptist seminaries. Our MSW and MBA programs will now be offered as part of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary graduate programs, as well.

In athletics, we had the best year we've had in a long time, and we are so proud of our student athletes and their performance and dedication on the playing field and in the classroom. Transitioning to NAIA from NCAA Division III has been transformational. The Wildcats are quickly closing the gap with opponents who have offered athletic scholarships for decades. Thank you, Coach Reni Mason, for your stellar leadership enabling a smooth, effective transition to NAIA.

Transformation is a genuine focus for LCU in terms of providing all the University's students with life changing experiences and equipping them for their futures. This theme is also prioritized given the major campus improvement and additions in recent years. Here are just a few of the University's transformational advancements:

- Refurbished Residence Halls
- Replaced desks with classroom chairs and tables
- Upgraded classroom technology
- Upgraded computer labs
- Upgraded science labs
- Replaced/added HVAC systems campus wide
- Added cameras and lights to enhance campus safety
- Replaced turf at football/soccer stadium
- Moved from .5 Gig to 2 Gigs Wi-Fi
- Refurbished five locker rooms in H.O. West
- Added 237 Wi-Fi access points
- Added an outdoor sports court at Tudor Hall

Transformation has also meant the commitment of \$26 million to refurbishment and \$5.4 million for additional campus equipment and technology since 2015. Providing an environment for you to pursue intellectual and spiritual maturity is of utmost importance to the leadership of the University.

Louisiana Christian University celebrated our 10-year accreditation reaffirmation with no findings of non-compliance from our regional accrediting body SACSCOC. Thanks to VPAA and Provost Dr. Cheryl Clark for her steadfast leadership and pursuit of excellence. This is a testament to the academic rigor and commitment to standards of excellence at Louisiana Christian University.

As always, we will continue to work toward academic excellence and spiritual formation even in these difficult and warped times we are living in.

Keep Pressing On!

2022-23 ELBA CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Every Monday – Pastor Prayer Time – 1:00pm

OCTOBER 2022

- 2 CP Sunday
- 3 Annual Meeting – Walker Baptist Church
- 4 State WMU Council Meeting
- 8-9 Camp-O-Ree Camp Harris
- 15 M-JAM, Woodland Park, Hammond
- 17 National Boss's Day (Observed)
- 18 ELBA' Children's Ministry Training
- 21-22 Ministers' Wives' Retreat – Tall Timbers
- 22 Multiply Training – Missions & Ministry Rm
- 23 Day of Prayer for Associational Missions
- 30 Student Baptism Sunday

NOVEMBER 2022

- 6 Day of Prayer for Persecuted Church
- 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11 Veterans Day
- 12 VBS Preview – Twists and Turns - LBC
- 13 Orphans & Widows Sunday
- 14 Pastor's Conference
- 15 LBC Annual Meeting – Calvary BC, Alex.
- 20-21 YEC, Alexandria
- 24 Thanksgiving
- 30 CWJC Graduation

DECEMBER 2022

- 4-10 Lottie Moon Offering – Week of Prayer
- 5 **ELBA Minister's Christmas Party–Live Oak**
- 21 Winter Begins
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day–Offices closed til Jan. 3

JANUARY 2023

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

FEBRUARY 2023

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

MARCH 2023

- 4 DR Training - FBC Lafayette
- 5-10 Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Offering – NAMB
- 12 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 17 St. Patrick's Day

- 18 DR Training – FBC Covington

MARCH CONTINUED

- 23 Lifeway's Essential Conference – FBC, DS
- 31 Senior Fest – NOBTS

APRIL 2023

- 2 Personal Evangelism Day
- 7 Good Friday
- 9 Easter Sunday
- 16 Baptism Sunday
- 17 **Association Council – 10am ELBA**
- 21-22 EMBRACE Women's Conf. – Natchitoches

MAY 2023

- 1 **Executive Board – 6:30pm**
- 6 M-JAM, Tall Timbers
- 7 SBC Seminary Day
- 14 Mother's Day
- 21 Children's Ministry Day
- 29 Memorial Day – ELBA Offices Closed

JUNE 2023

- 4 Disaster Relief Sunday
- 5-8 Kids Camp 1, Tall Timbers
- 12-15 Kids Camp 2, Tall Timbers
- 13-14 SBC Annual Meeting – New Orleans
- 18 Father's Day
- 23-24 Breakaway Youth 1 – Tall Timbers
- 25 Mission Dignity Sunday
- 26-29 Breakaway Youth 2 – Tall Timbers

JULY 2023

- 2 Religious Liberty Sunday
- 4 Independence Day – Offices Closed
- 17 Childhood Education Workshop – South
- 20 Childhood Education Workshop – North
- 24 **Association Council – 10am ELBA**

AUGUST 2023

- 6 Send Relief Sunday
- 7 **Executive Board – 6:30pm**
- 12 Regroup Conference
- 13 SBC Serve Day
- 27 Global Hunger Sunday

SEPTEMBER 2023

- 4 Labor Day – Offices Closed
- 9 Champions Camp – Tall Timbers
- 10 Grandparents Day
- 11-15 Week of Prayer for Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering
- 16 Children's Missions Day
- 18 **Association Council – 10am ELBA**

2022 ACP Membership, Baptisms & Congregation Totals

Eastern Louisiana Association	Organized	Total Baptisms	Other Additions	Worship Attendance	Total Members	Resident Members
Agape', Denham Springs	1980	4		35	50	45
Amite, Denham Springs	1841	12		215	650	500
Bethel, Livingston	1945	0	0	70	300	289
Carroll, Walker	1971					
Central, Gonzales	1986					
Christ's Community, Denham Springs	1996	48	29	425	1610	1343
Colyell, Livingston	1851	4	1	137	1155	835
Community Church, Springfield	2013					
Don Avenue, Denham Springs	1952	2	3	55	77	77
Emmanuel, Denham Springs	1950	0	2	65	310	161
First, Denham Springs	1900	61	46	732	1516	1488
First, French Settlement	1954	6	3	51	331	220
First, Head Of Island	1962	0	0	17	81	80
First, Holden	1888	2	1	68	551	551
First, Livingston	1946	3	3	150	155	150
Grace Covenant, Denham Springs	2023					
Gray's Creek, Denham Springs	1947	3	2	62	106	106
Greater Third Zion, Maurepas	1993			15	40	40
Hebron, Denham Springs	1837	5	11	143	824	770
Judson, Walker	1889	36	21	215	1238	1184
Live Oak, Denham Springs	1985	36	23	255	738	610
Macedonia, Holden	1856	6	6	50	171	103
Magnolia, Holden	1919	8	6	70	406	102
Maurepas, Maurepas	1917	7	2	37	414	351
Midway, Livingston	1984			45	104	68
Mustard Seed, Denham Springs	2022	5	0	24	24	24
New Bethlehem, Denham Springs	1953	2	6	61	422	358
Northside, Denham Springs	1956	0	1	49	501	445
One Life, Denham Springs	2007	2	2	40	38	38
Pine Grove, Livingston	1889	6	4	115	495	275
Red Oak, Livingston	1933	0	3	40	315	315
River Of Life Worship Center, Port Vincent	1981					
Riverside, Denham Springs	1997	1		140	246	246
Salem, Walker	1854					
Satsuma, Livingston	1959	0	9	47	280	188
South Walker, Denham Springs	2001	7		85	312	206
Southside, Denham Springs	1969					
The New Beginnings, Walker	2006	4	13	75	114	108
The Way Church, Denham Springs	2011	18		160	240	240
The Way Church, Livingston	2016					
Victory, Walker	2008					
Walker, Walker	1907	9	10	253	1083	1007
Watson, Watson	2009			100	256	256
Wholly Ground, Walker	2011					
Eastern Louisiana Association Total		297	207	4101	15153	12779

2022 ACP Bible Study Information

Congregation	Total SS Enroll	Child	Youth	18-29	30+	Sunday School Avg	SS/Bible	VBS
							Study/Small Grp Avg	
Agape', Denham Springs	29	13	7	3	6	25	0	41
Amite, Denham Springs	190	0	0	0	0	190	0	100
Bethel, Livingston	67	22	5	4	36	52	70	90
Carroll, Walker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central, Gonzales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Christ's Community, Denham Springs	305	40	50	105	110	250	100	135
Colyell, Livingston	74	13	17	3	41	74	0	100
Community Church, Springfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don Avenue, Denham Springs	86	9	8	18	51	39	0	25
Emmanuel, Denham Springs	50	7	4	0	39	40	0	0
First, Denham Springs	394	102	53	18	221	394	10	1247
First, French Settlement	89	13	32	5	39	34	0	81
First, Head Of Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
First, Holden	76	7	10	4	55	60	0	50
First, Livingston	88	13	10	5	60	64	0	97
Gray's Creek, Denham Springs	88	18	17	17	36	40	0	50
Greater Third Zion, Maurepas	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Hebron, Denham Springs	454	34	61	114	245	81	0	25
Judson, Walker	449	74	64	60	251	155	0	364
Live Oak, Denham Springs	390	84	55	84	167	167	10	105
Macedonia, Holden	67	24	3	0	40	36	0	60
Magnolia, Holden	76	24	14	1	37	51	0	41
Maurepas, Maurepas	57	13	12	3	29	26	0	115
Midway, Livingston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Bethlehem, Denham Springs	38	13	6	2	17	38	0	35
Northside, Denham Springs	78	9	6	11	52	41	0	74
One Life, Denham Springs	26	10	0	0	16	26	0	0
Pine Grove, Livingston	110	31	17	15	47	80	15	95
Red Oak, Livingston	199	3	2	2	192	16	0	55
River Of Life Worship Center, Port Vincent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside, Denham Springs	130	24	14	8	84	85	0	100
Salem, Walker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Satsuma, Livingston	70	14	0	2	54	16	0	50
South Walker, Denham Springs	50	0	0	0	0	50	0	45
Southside, Denham Springs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
The New Beginnings, Walker	62	1	9	0	52	35	45	30
The Way Church, Denham Springs	95	0	0	0	0	95	0	60
The Way Church, Livingston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Victory, Walker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Walker, Walker	189	41	23	13	112	184	10	342
Watson, Watson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wholly Ground, Walker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	4079	656	499	497	2089	2447	260	3612

2022 ACP General Finance Information

Congregation	Receipts- Undesignated	Receipts-Total	Gift- Association	Total SBC Giving	Total Missions Expenditures
Agape'	\$14,109.00	\$67,109.00	\$300.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Amite, Denham Springs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bethel, Livingston	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Carroll, Walker	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Central, Gonzales	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ's Community	\$584,053.00	\$674,552.00	\$12,016.00	\$30,882.00	\$68,803.00
Colyell, Livingston	\$295,102.00	\$307,605.00	\$14,674.00	\$23,443.00	\$23,673.00
Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Don Avenue	\$220,092.00	\$223,338.00	\$6,602.00	\$63,411.00	\$64,266.00
Emmanuel	\$114,431.00	\$134,325.00	\$2,685.00	\$9,450.00	\$15,060.00
First, Denham Springs	\$2,015,133.00	\$2,509,262.00	\$17,975.00	\$104,410.00	\$162,837.00
First, French Settlement	\$87,488.00	\$99,136.00	\$3,426.00	\$10,365.00	\$12,281.00
First, Head Of Island	\$29,758.00	\$30,018.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,495.00
First, Holden	\$148,762.00	\$161,049.00	\$3,439.00	\$19,329.00	\$23,314.00
First, Livingston	\$359,000.00	\$397,800.00	\$7,025.00	\$53,500.00	\$97,100.00
Gray's Creek	\$117,000.00	\$130,500.00	\$5,313.00	\$19,411.00	\$21,211.00
Greater Third Zion,	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hebron, Denham Springs	\$308,757.00	\$394,852.00	\$4,663.00	\$35,170.00	\$37,921.00
Judson, Walker	\$639,480.00	\$796,588.00	\$17,458.00	\$123,935.00	\$144,036.00
Live Oak	\$538,624.00	\$631,137.00	\$36,028.00	\$77,901.00	\$108,104.00
Macedonia, Holden	\$95,310.00	\$101,573.00	\$1,200.00	\$10,713.00	\$17,656.00
Magnolia, Holden	\$111,841.00	\$150,365.00	\$2,400.00	\$8,233.00	\$8,233.00
Maurepas, Maurepas	\$84,594.00	\$256,008.00	\$673.00	\$5,118.00	\$6,770.00
Midway, Livingston	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Bethlehem	\$117,637.00	\$118,507.00	\$900.00	\$1,800.00	\$12,739.00
Northside	\$181,672.00	\$192,374.00	\$7,267.00	\$25,313.00	\$35,994.00
One Life	\$68,694.00	\$231,425.00	\$2,230.00	\$700.00	\$20,500.00
Pine Grove, Livingston	\$304,409.00	\$467,556.00	\$6,187.00	\$52,982.00	\$70,620.00
Red Oak, Livingston	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
River Of Life	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside, Denham Springs	\$295,993.00	\$325,599.00	\$2,960.00	\$7,400.00	\$9,900.00
Salem, Walker	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Satsuma, Livingston	\$181,842.00	\$195,637.00	\$250.00	\$23,881.00	\$31,734.00
South Walker	\$123,000.00	\$123,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Southside	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The New Beginnings	\$87,512.00	\$92,319.00	\$2,165.00	\$782.00	\$860.00
The Way Church	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Way Church, Liv	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Victory, Walker	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Walker, Walker	\$780,295.00	\$1,332,214.00	\$26,700.00	\$108,764.00	\$149,372.00
Watson, Watson	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wholly Ground, Walker	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTALS	\$8,484,588.00	\$10,723,848.00	\$184,536.00	\$816,918.00	\$1,146,504.00