



## Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association

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Together We Do What We Cannot Do Alone

### Blue's News

**Praise God!** We are thawing out and Covid-19 numbers are down! It is an understatement to say that these days have been difficult. Now is the time to move forward safely reorganizing your Sunday School, Children, and Youth ministries. Are you ready for some good news? Here goes! Some "good news" activities for your church's consideration:

**Easter is Coming!** Easter is the high holy day of the Church Year Calendar and deserves our best effort. All Easter church activities and services should be well-planned and thought-out with social distancing and covid-19 mitigation in mind. To help you to plan for Easter, download a copy of *Pandemic Proof Easter* from ACS Technologies from the association's website at <https://elbamiissions.org/>. Plan now.

NAMB also has a video while aimed at church planters provides gleanings for all churches preparing for Easter 2021 at: [https://www.namb.net/send-network/podcasts/we-are-send-network/6-practical-ways-to-prepare-for-easter/?utm\\_campaign=Send%20Network%20News&utm\\_medium=email&\\_hsmi=110669832&\\_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8vYENakntAg0SLMxv\\_LGk3K\\_KDMkmHKF3pXNkPncOcrN\\_8i87Fkd8OIV4WKZRFA\\_sz\\_Dc8dSiCDvm-w3lqczMh2l8FQ&utm\\_content=110669832&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://www.namb.net/send-network/podcasts/we-are-send-network/6-practical-ways-to-prepare-for-easter/?utm_campaign=Send%20Network%20News&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=110669832&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8vYENakntAg0SLMxv_LGk3K_KDMkmHKF3pXNkPncOcrN_8i87Fkd8OIV4WKZRFA_sz_Dc8dSiCDvm-w3lqczMh2l8FQ&utm_content=110669832&utm_source=hs_email).

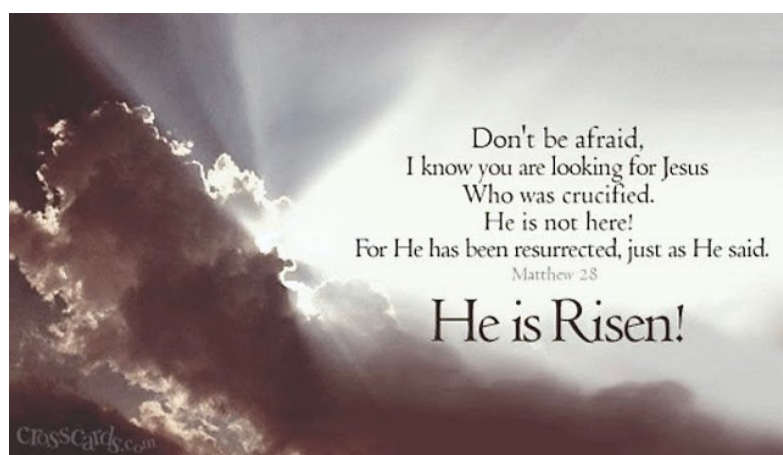
**COVID-19:** Louisiana COVID-19 numbers are dropping from the high numbers of the past three weeks. Unless extended, the Governor's Modified Phase Two Restrictions will expire March 3, 2021. I will apprise you of any changes on my Facebook page or Blue Plate Special, which can be found at <http://www.elbamiissions.org>.

Dana Trahan, President of our **Ministers Conference** invites you to our first Minister's Conference for 2021 at the ELBA Office in the Large Meeting Room, Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:30. Lane Corley, Church Planting Specialist for the LBC will be our speaker. Lunch will be provided. Let's get together. We need to see each other.

**Camp Living Waters:** Camp Living Waters will be open and ready for camps and other events this spring and summer. I urge our ELBA churches to support *your* Camp Living Waters. Camp dates and information can be found at <https://www.camplivingwaters.net/read-me>. Scott is hiring summer staff and needs volunteers to make these camps successful this summer. Call Scott Mercer at 985-345-1831 or email him at [CLW@CAMPLIVINGWATERS.net](mailto:CLW@CAMPLIVINGWATERS.net).

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:** Plan now for Vacation Bible School. The **ELBA VBS Clinic will be at Greenwell Springs Baptist Church on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**. ELBA is also hosting **Children's Ministry Training at Judson Baptist Church on Tuesday evening, April 20<sup>th</sup>**. Both training events provide valuable instruction for your teachers and leaders they will not want to miss. (See the announcement in this newsletter).

**FBC, Livingston** is hosting **God on Marriage and Family** led by Dr. Danny Akin, President, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-1:00. A love offering will be taken. For more information, check out FBC, Livingston's Facebook page on upcoming events.



Bro. Richard



## Ministry News



**Branson**  
April 19-21 / 21-23

2021  
*Springtime*  
**Jubilee**



**Myrtle Beach**  
April 26-28

See their website at

[Welcome to Spring Jubilee 2021 \(jubileeconferences.com\)](http://www.jubileeconferences.com)

For more details and registration forms



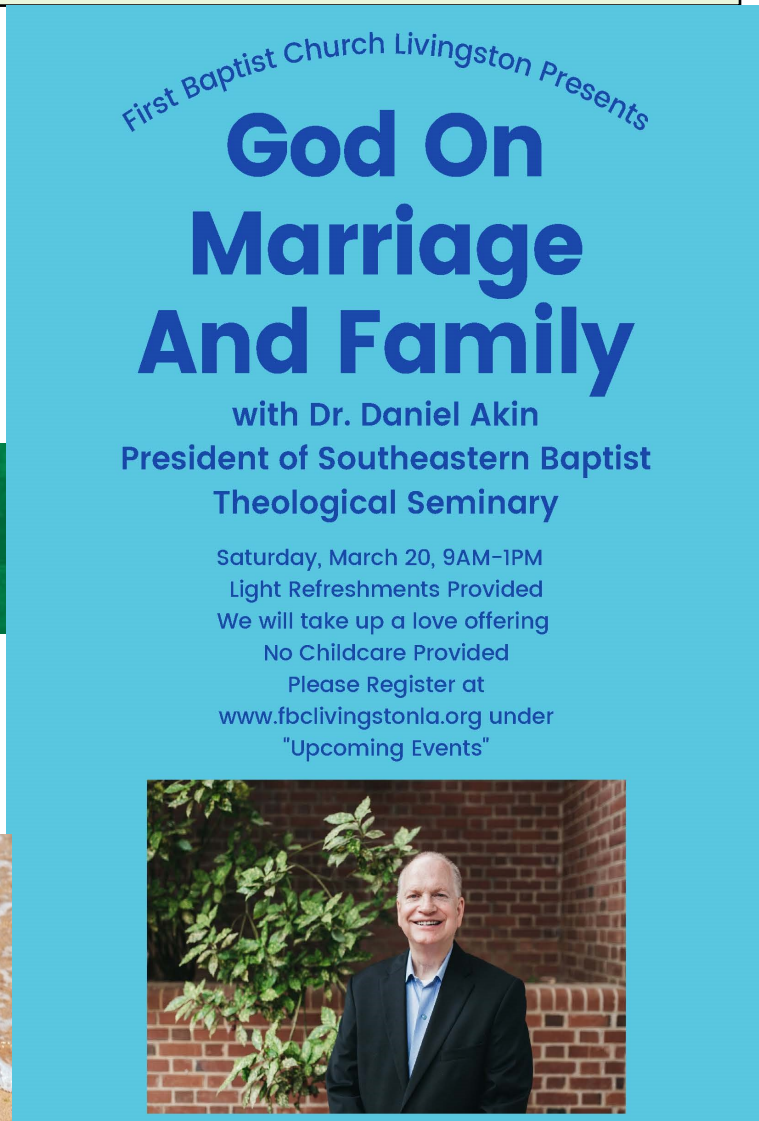
Contact Hebron Baptist Church  
at 225/665-6278 for  
more details!

*The Heart of Marriage*

EVERY  
RELATIONSHIP  
CAN BE BETTER

Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am  
Wednesdays, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

The LBC VBS Retreat South will be held at Greenwell Springs Baptist Church on March 6th. See the website at [2021 VBS Retreat - Greenwell Springs • Louisiana Baptists](#) for details and registration information.




First Baptist Church Livingston Presents

# God On Marriage And Family


with Dr. Daniel Akin  
President of Southeastern Baptist  
Theological Seminary

Saturday, March 20, 9AM-1PM  
Light Refreshments Provided  
We will take up a love offering  
No Childcare Provided  
Please Register at  
[www.fbclivingstonla.org](http://www.fbclivingstonla.org) under  
"Upcoming Events"



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

The ELBA Children's Ministry Team will hold their annual Children's Leaders Training on Saturday, April 20th at Judson Baptist Church. Be on the look out for details!



**DESTINATION  
DIG**

2021 VBS  
RETREAT

UNEARTHING THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS  
JEREMIAH 29:13

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The next ELBA Newsletter will be mailed in May. Updates will be emailed as needed.  
If you are not presently on our email list and would like to be included,  
please send the information to [info@elbmissions.org](mailto:info@elbmissions.org).

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

***Mondays at 10:00am Pastor Prayer Time  
Onsite or Online Via Zoom Meeting  
(Contact Bro. Larry Hubbard at Riverside  
Baptist Church for Zoom Information)***

**MARCH 2021 Scholarship Committee Time**

- 1 Minister's Conference – 10:30am
- 5-6 Disaster Relief Training – Deville
- 6 VBS Retreat – Greenwell Springs Baptist
- 7-8 Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Offg.
- 12-13 Disaster Relief Training – Ruston
- 13 Hispanic, VBS, North
- 14 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 19 Embrace – FBC Pineville
- 20 First Day of Spring
- 21 Church Planting Emphasis
- 27 Hispanic, VBS, South
- 28 Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday
- 29 Finance Committee Meeting – 10:00am
- 30 Christian Women Job Corps-Training

**Second Monday – Pastor Luncheon - Riverside**  
(Will be held when able to gather again safely)

- | APRIL | 2021                                      |
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| 2     | Good Friday                               |
| 4     | Easter Sunday                             |
| 9     | Senior Fest – NOBTS                       |
| 9-10  | RA Congress – Tall Timbers                |
| 11    | District Bible Drill                      |
| 16    | Kids Weekend – Tall Timbers               |
| 18    | SBC Seminaries Day                        |
| 19    | Association Council – 10:00am             |
| 20    | ELBA Children's Ministry Training, Judson |
| 21    | Administrative Professionals Day          |
| 23-24 | Children's Bible Drill                    |
| 25    | Cooperative Program Sunday                |
| 27    | Christian Women Job Corps-Training        |



***Minister's Conference***

Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>,

10:30am ELBA's Missions and Ministry Meeting Room  
Bro. Lane Corley, Church Planting Specialist  
for the LBC will be our guest.

*If you have ideas or suggestions on what topic you would like,  
please contact Bro. Dana Trahan at [pastor@1lifechurch.com](mailto:pastor@1lifechurch.com)*