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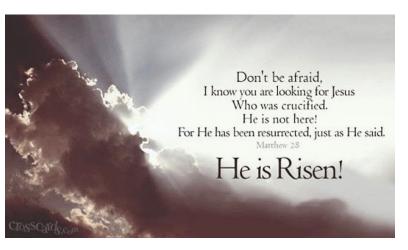
COVID-19: Louisiana COVID-19 numbers are dropping from the high numbers of the past three weeks. Unless extended, the Governor's Modified Phase Two Restrictions will expire March 3, 2021. I will apprise you of any changes on my Facebook page or Blue Plate Special, which can be found at http://www.elbamissions.org.

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 1st, 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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Plan now for Vacation Bible School. The ELBA VBS Clinic will be at Greenwell Springs Baptist Church on Saturday, March 6th. ELBA is also hosting Children's Ministry Training at Judson Baptist Church on Tuesday evening, April 20th. 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 20th, 9:00-1:00. A love offering will be taken. For more information, check out FBC, Livingston's Facebook page on upcoming events.



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| TOTAL Checking & Savings | \$917,014.06 |
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| Louisiana Baptist Foundation | \$821,785.15 |
| Capital One | \$95,228.91 |

News from the Churches . . .

Midway Baptist Church has called Bro. Daniel Martin as their pastor.

Bro. Carl Sullivan is the Interim Pastor of **Satsuma Baptist Church.**

Church Administrative/Ministry Assistants, and Secretaries,

"Encouraged & Affirmed!" is the theme for this year's Louisiana Association of Baptist Ministry Assistants (LABMA) regional conference. On Thursday, April 22nd, the conference will be held at FBC Pontchatoula. Rhonda Kelley will be the keynote speaker at all four conferences, and breakouts will be offered. Please check out www.LouisianaBaptists/LABMA for more information and to register for the conference closest to you. Questions? Contact Catherine Hall at Catherine.Hall@LouisianaBaptists.org or Jeff.Ingram@LouisianaBaptists.org



Completed forms are to be returned to the ELBA office no later than **April 20, 2021.**

Scholarship awards will be reported in the May 3, 2021 Executive Board meeting. Completed applications should be returned to:

EASTERN LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
P. O. Box 305
Walker, LA 70785

Please pray for all of our ELBA Pastors and Church Staff Members

And also pray for our churches currently seeking pastors:

Carroll Baptist Church, Don Avenue Baptist Church, Macedonia Baptist Church and Satsuma Baptist Church

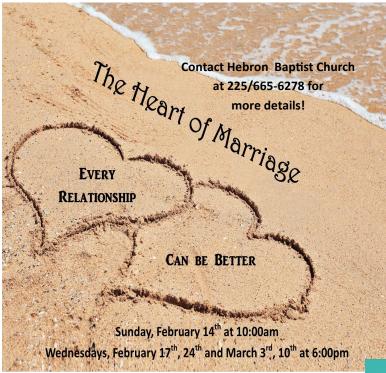
Ministry News



See their website at

Welcome to Spring Jubilee 2021 (jubileeconferences.com)

For more details and registration forms



The LBC VBS Retreat South will be held at Greenwell Springs Baptist Church on March 6th.

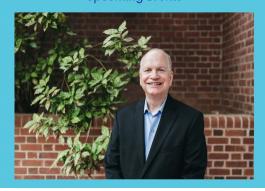
See the website at 2021 VBS Retreat - Greenwell

Springs • Louisiana Baptists for details and registration information.



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 under
"Upcoming Events"





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!



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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@elbamissions.org.

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☑ 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 5-6 | Minister's Conference – 10:30am Disaster Relief Training – Deville |
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| 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 |
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Second Monday - Pastor Luncheon - Riverside (Will be held when able to gather again safely)

Christian Women Job Corps-Training

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Good Friday

| 4 | Easter Sunday |
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| 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 |

Christian Women Job Corps-Training



Minister's Conference

Monday, March 1st,

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.