



## Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association

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Together We Do What We Cannot Do Alone

### Blue's News

2022 is here. It is exciting to see our churches ready to move forward. Some opportunities to help us advance the work of the Lord are coming our way. Let me note that LBC-ECON and the ELBA Associational Council meetings are scheduled on the same day. Since ECON begins at 1:30pm, I am asking our Council members to meet early at 9:00am. We can conduct our business and still have time make the beginning of ECON in Covington. Below are some ELBA happenings and IRS information for your consideration:

#### ELBA CALENDAR

- January 24th                      Associational Council, 9:00 AM at the ELBA office  
LBC-Evangelism Conference begins at 1:30 PM. See information below and on page 3.
- January 30th                      Foster Care Meeting with Baptist Children's Home Director, Perry Hancock at Riverside BC;  
Purpose: To Impact Our Parish with the Gospel  
Plan: Equip members of EBLA Churches to be Foster Care Parents  
Experts: Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries  
Where: Riverside Baptist Church, 368990 LA Highway in Watson, LA  
When: January 30, 2022, at 5 PM  
\*Please read Perry Hancock's letter to all ELBA churches
- February 7th                      Executive Board meeting, Gray's Creek, 5:30 PM Meal and 6:30 PM Meeting

**IRS Mileage:** Ray Swift, LBC Pastoral Ministry Leader reminds us that the IRS Mileage Rate allowable for 2022 business-related expenses will be \$.585 per mile.

**Louisiana Baptist Convention Evangelism Conference:** There is something for everyone here. ECON brings value to me personally and for the work of the local church. It is worth your time and effort to attend. Steve Beckham from the Baton Rouge Association will speak as is Lee Strobel. Check out the LBC-ECON site for information on times, speakers, and Breakout Groups: <https://louisianabaptists.org/event/2022-evangelism-conference/>. See page 3 for more details.

**Disaster Relief Training:** While many of our churches have their own response teams for Disaster Relief in times of crisis, let me urge you to bring a group to one of these training events for the following reasons: 1) This enables one to respond to a crisis with our ELBA DR-Team; 2) Your church can develop your own DR response team to work in cooperation with the LBC; 3) To acquire knowledge to better help your church's DR response in times of crisis. I highly recommend anyone planning to attend one of these training events to watch the videos online and do online registration for the training you plan to attend at <https://louisianabaptists.org/missions-ministry/disaster-relief/volunteer-training/>. Locations, areas of training, times, and costs are provided at this site. See page 3 for training dates and locations.

**Church Growth & Sunday School:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022, the LBCEA is hosting Dr. Jeff Iorg, President of Gateway Seminary, who will speak on the topic of Growing Your Church in a Multi-Cultural World. This meeting will be held at FBC Denham Springs, 27735 Hwy 16 (Pete's Hwy), Denham Springs. See Page 3 for details.

When I was the sole staff leader in a church, I attended every conference where I could develop the skill set to care for and grow my congregation. The world we live in is changing and we need to be ahead of the curve. Dr. Iorg is a high-quality leader and I urge not only our Christian Educators, but pastors, Sunday School Directors and church leaders who want to see their church advance the gospel of Christ to attend. It will be an investment, not a waste of your time. I will send out a flyer with more information next week. I want to thank Sean Keith of the LBC and leadership team at FBC, Denham Springs for bringing this opportunity to our area

*Richard Blue*

\* The letter from Perry Hancock is posted on the [elbmissions.org](http://elbmissions.org) website under downloads

**CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES  
December 2021**

Agape	\$0.00	\$0.00
Amite	\$0.00	\$3,600.00
Bethel	\$252.29	\$1,752.82
Carroll	\$0.00	\$742.82
Central	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Community	\$0.00	\$12,899.50
Colyell	\$1,124.58	\$14,604.11
Denham Springs, FBC	\$1,531.70	\$16,383.25
Don Avenue	\$710.56	\$5,910.79
Emmanuel	\$0.00	\$3,640.00
French Settlement	\$196.88	\$3,760.31
Gray's Creek	\$0.00	\$4,291.00
Greater Third Zion	\$0.00	\$0.00
Head of Island	\$36.00	\$1,495.44
Hebron	\$0.00	\$3,939.40
Holden	\$344.28	\$3,181.87
Judson	\$0.00	\$18,180.10
Live Oak	\$0.00	\$32,514.96
Livingston FBC	\$0.00	\$6,132.00
Macedonia	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Magnolia	\$200.00	\$2,400.00
Maurepas	\$0.00	\$792.90
Midway	\$0.00	\$2,455.05
New Bethlehem	\$0.00	\$1,102.53
New Covenant	\$0.00	\$100.00
Northside	\$902.36	\$7,027.16
One Life	\$1,000.00	\$2,230.00
Pine Grove	\$0.00	\$5,088.26
Red Oak	\$100.00	\$800.00
River of Life	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Riverside	\$345.27	\$3,125.31
Salem	\$0.00	\$0.00
Satsuma	\$0.00	\$250.00
South Walker	\$593.25	\$1,779.75
Southside	\$0.00	\$2,750.00
The New Beginnings	\$0.00	\$1,440.88
Victory	\$360.30	\$2,649.30
Walker	\$2,894.99	\$28,861.04
Watson	\$0.00	\$4,764.40
The Way Church	\$325.00	\$3,900.00
Community Ch Spfd	\$50.00	\$600.00
Walker Comm Min	\$0.00	\$600.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$12,167.46</b>	<b>\$208,144.95</b>

Capital One	\$88,041.76
Louisiana Baptist Foundation	\$818,810.10
<b>TOTAL Checking &amp; Savings</b>	<b>\$906,851.96</b>

## *News from the Churches . . .*

**Christ's Community Church** has called Bro. Kade McKee as their youth minister. Bro. Willis, Easley, Pastor.



*Thank You*

### Notes of Thanks

Dear Dr. Blue and Bro. Dana:

I wanted to write a note of appreciation for the recent opportunity to speak at your Pastor's Christmas conference. Joann and I enjoyed this opportunity greatly, and we appreciated the fine hotel accommodations, great meals, and the honorarium provided to us. The Lord is doing a great work through the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association, and we pray that this great work continues. If we can ever do anything to help your association, please let us know how we can serve the Lord in that manner.

In Christ, Dr. Caples and Joann

Notes of thanks have been received from the following pastors and churches for the help they received for Hurricane Ida relief. Please join us as we continue to pray for their full recovery.

Rev. Calvin Brown, Greater Third Zion Baptist Church

Dr. Glynn Reine, Maurepas Baptist Church

Please pray for your ELBA Officers and Team Leaders along with your Church Staff Members:

Larry Hubbard, Moderator, Dana Trahan, Vice Moderator,  
KaRetha Kelley, Clerk, Elena Lavigne, Treasurer,  
Mary Broussard, Historian,  
Team Leaders— Bobbie Shaffett, Howard Turner, Tom Higginbotham,  
Robbie Isom, Johnny Morgan, Frank Mons, Joshua Spinks, Paul Taylor,  
Theresa Broussard, and Mike Fielding

Please pray for our churches currently seeking pastors:  
Carroll Baptist Church, Don Avenue Baptist Church,  
Satsuma Baptist Church, Hebron Baptist Church, First Baptist Church,

## Ministry News



**Training Dates and Information:**  
 Volunteer appreciation luncheon included as part of Saturday's training. All volunteers welcome!


<b>New Orleans</b> Jan 28-29, 2022 First Baptist, New Orleans	<b>Baton Rouge</b> Feb 4-5, 2022 Jefferson Baptist Church	<b>Lake Charles</b> Feb 18-19, 2022 Trinity Baptist Church
<b>Ruston</b> February 25-26, 2022 Temple Baptist Church	<b>Deville</b> March 4-5, 2022 Philadelphia Baptist Church	

[LouisianaBaptists.org/drtraining](http://LouisianaBaptists.org/drtraining)  
 Thank you to everyone who supported DR efforts in southeast Louisiana!



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Meal: 6:00pm                      Conference: 6:30 to 8:30pm  
 Cost: \$15.00 per person to cover the cost of the meal



January 24-25, 2022  
 FBC Covington

Speakers:

Lee Strobel	Dr. Willie McLaurin
Shane Pruitt	Richard Ross, PhD.
David Evans	Steve Beckham
Michael Wood	

Worship by:

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

**REMINDERS**



**Associational Council Meeting**  
Monday,  
January 24, 2022,  
ELBA's Missions and Ministry Meeting Room  
9:00am (Note time change)

**Executive Board Meeting**  
Monday, February 7, 2022  
Gray's Creek Baptist Church, Denham Springs  
5:30pm Meal 6:30pm Meeting

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Wednesdays at 11:30am**  
**Pastor Prayer Time**

**JANUARY 2022**

- 1 New Year's Day
- 16 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 17 Martin Luther King Day
- 24 Associational Council Meeting 9AM
- 24-25 ECON – FBC, Covington
- 25 Senior Adult Luncheon, FBC Covington
- 28-29 Disaster Relief Training, FBC, New Orleans
- 30 Foster Care Meeting, Riverside Baptist

**FEBRUARY 2022**

- 7 Executive Board – Gray's Creek Baptist Church – Meal 5:30PM & Meeting 6:30PM
- 4-5 Disaster Relief Training-Jefferson BC, BR
- 6 George Liele Church Planting, Evangelism Day
- 10 Church Without Walls Roundtable – NOBTS
- 18-19 Disaster Relief Training, Trinity Baptist, LC
- 20 Focus on WMU Sunday
- 21-223 Kid Min Retreat
- 22 State WMU Council Meeting
- 27 Racial Reconciliation Sunday



We **LOVE**  
because He  
first loved us.  
1 John 4:19

happy  
**Valentine's**