



## Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association

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Together We Do What We Cannot Do Alone

### Blue's News

**Annual Meeting:** Thank you for your participation in the ELBA annual meeting. It was well-attended with a time of great fellowship and an encouraging message from Dr. Mark Tolbert, NOBTS Professor and Interim Pastor at Hebron Baptist. Thank you, Dr. David Lane, for serving two years as our Moderator. Thank you, Dr. Larry Hubbard, for serving as our Vice-Moderator for the past two years and welcome as our Moderator moving forward. Our reports emphasized our motto, *Together We Do What We Cannot Do Alone*. Thank you to Rev. Paul Taylor, Bro. Jason Dyess, and the entire Pine Grove Baptist family for hosting our annual meeting and to your people for the delicious meal.

**Pastor Appreciation** has slipped under the radar this year due to Hurricane Ida. Our pastors (and staff) do not serve to earn the praise of others, but a word or act of encouragement will renew their heart and strength. If you missed the opportunity to express appreciation for your pastor and ministers, let them know how much you appreciate them.

**Covid-19?** The number of Covid-19 cases dropped below 650 for the first time since July 7<sup>th</sup>. The pandemic is not over. We still need to use best practices to limit the spread. Never feel safe enough to be careless is a good rule of thumb for now.

**Disaster Relief** will be wrapping up most of its jobs in the coming days. Here is the run-down on our churches after the storm. Eight churches received moderate to major damage requiring repair or a rebuild. Churches Helping Churches through the Louisiana Baptist Convention are aligning partner churches from other areas who desire to help our most damaged churches. Seven of our pastors received moderate to major damage as well. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Planning for 2022:** Now is the time to be finishing your church's plans for 2022. Here are the leadership quotes for this time. 1) Aim for nothing and you will surely hit it. 2) Plan, or plan to fail. 3) He that shoots at something has a better chance of hitting it than the one who does not shoot at all. 4) Plan, budget, implement, and evaluate is like wash, rinse, repeat.

**ELBA 2022:** There is a synergy when we do things together. We network, pray, encourage, help, cooperate, and engage our culture and world for Christ. Our Moderator and Vice-Moderator, Larry Hubbard and Dana Trahan have met and are planning some cooperative activities for the coming year. Stay tuned for more information.

**Question: Do we want to continue the Latino Ministry?** The Latino Ministry partnership with New Bethlehem, ELBA, the Latino congregation, and LBC is in its third year. This ministry is a bare bones ministry from a financial position. The Covid-19 Pandemic hit just as the ministry was gaining traction. We are now in the third year of the commitment. The LBC mission stipend provides \$18,000 annually to this effort, which is half of the financial support for the ministry. The LBC support will end after June 2022. This will be a \$9,000 shortfall in receipts for the ministry for the remainder of 2022 and the association will have a decision to make on funding 2023. Latino pastor Miguel Flores believes that the ministry is gaining traction once again. I am asking our churches to consider a special offering or to include the Latino Ministry in your budget for 2022 to offset this loss.

**Save the Date: Ministers and Wives Country Christmas Fellowship—Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, Colyell Baptist Church, 19524 Hwy 42. The One Life Worship Team will bring music and Dr. Philip Caples will encourage our pastors.**

Remember New Year's Eve 2020...we stayed up late not to welcome 2021, but to make sure 2020 left. Wow, 2021 has had challenges of its own. Still, we have much for which to be thankful. As we enter the months of November and December, pause to count your blessings and be thankful for all God has done for us (1 Thess. 5:18). Let us also celebrate what God has done for us sending His Son Jesus into the world to be the Savior of the world (Isa. 9:6). I am thankful for your church's continued support to Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association. It is an honor to serve our Lord, His churches, and you in our association.

**On Another Note...** The holidays are not merry for everyone. Darlene Abbott, with our Counseling Center, is hosting a seminar from the GriefShare study, "How to Survive the Holidays." This event will be held Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-3:00pm. Please announce this to your churches and encourage those interested to attend. Darlene is ELBA's grief specialist.

*Richard Blue*



**CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES  
September 2021**

Agape	\$0.00	\$0.00
Amite	\$0.00	\$2,800.00
Bethel	\$114.09	\$1,190.19
Carroll	\$165.92	\$339.52
Central	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Community	\$1,067.00	\$10,582.00
Colyell	\$1,266.00	\$10,848.38
Denham Springs, FBC	\$1,026.48	\$11,806.58
Don Avenue	\$469.13	\$4,272.98
Emmanuel	\$160.00	\$2,650.00
French Settlement	\$0.00	\$2,598.45
Gray's Creek	\$892.00	\$3,530.00
Greater Third Zion	\$0.00	\$0.00
Head of Island	\$0.00	\$934.80
Hebron	\$330.02	\$3,132.10
Holden	\$180.14	\$2,215.17
Judson	\$1,950.46	\$15,141.69
Live Oak	\$3,351.34	\$25,816.37
Livingston FBC	\$0.00	\$4,464.00
Macedonia	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Magnolia	\$200.00	\$1,800.00
Maurepas	\$0.00	\$438.90
Midway	\$0.00	\$1,476.34
New Bethlehem	\$100.38	\$815.07
New Covenant	\$0.00	\$100.00
Northside	\$767.63	\$5,429.38
One Life	\$0.00	\$1,230.00
Pine Grove	\$570.77	\$4,209.26
Red Oak	\$200.00	\$700.00
River of Life	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside	\$265.75	\$2,305.05
Salem	\$0.00	\$0.00
Satsuma	\$0.00	\$0.00
South Walker	\$0.00	\$1,186.50
Southside	\$0.00	\$2,750.00
The New Beginnings	\$118.32	\$1,265.40
Victory	\$355.21	\$1,892.36
Walker	\$2,232.90	\$21,238.09
Watson	\$264.67	\$3,862.78
The Way Church	\$325.00	\$2,925.00
Community Ch Spfd	\$50.00	\$450.00
Walker Comm Min	\$0.00	\$600.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$16,423.21</b>	<b>\$158,196.30</b>

Capital One	\$144,344.90
Louisiana Baptist Foundation	\$825,549.18
<b>TOTAL Checking &amp; Savings</b>	<b>\$969,894.08</b>

## News from the Churches . . .

**Macedonia Baptist Church** has called Bro. Roger Dunlap as their pastor.

**The New Beginnings Baptist Church** pianist, Sheila Wall and her husband, David, “would like to thank the volunteers who worked to remove our trees that fell by Hurricane Ida. As hard as the work was and as hot and humid the weather was, every single person was cheerful!! The only things bigger than the smiles on their faces must surely be their hearts and their desire to serve our Lord by serving His people. We are humbled by their efforts and ask God’s blessings upon them all. As they prayed with us, we felt the peace and presence of the Holy Spirit. We want to thank ELBA and LBC for their compassion and assistance, as well.”



Please Remember Your Association as you plan your 2022 budget. **“Together We Do What We Cannot Do Alone”**

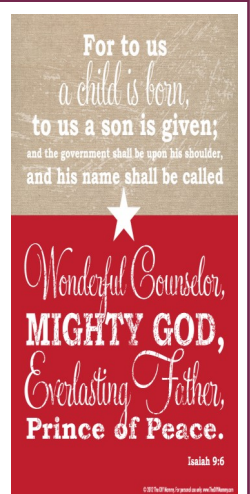
Final 2021 checks must be in the office by December 31st. Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

### Christian Counseling Center Seminar “Surviving the Holidays”

You are invited to attend a seminar which will give you practical advice on how to deal with grief during the holidays. Please join us at the ELBA Christian Counseling Center, 9126 Comar Drive, Suite C, Walker, LA. It will be facilitated by Darlene Abbott, LCSW; BACS. Please contact 664-0760 with questions or to sign up.

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



# Ministry News

**Together,**  
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2021 GOAL  
**\$185**  
million

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## LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

### Week of Prayer

November 28th through December 5th

The Week of Prayer is annually observed by SBC churches to pray for missionaries, their ministries and their families. Prayer is the fuel for spiritually sustaining missionaries in places where the gospel is greatly needed, but often opposed.

### Disaster Relief from Hurricane Ida

Hurricane Ida certainly took a toll on the Southeastern communities of our state. The Disaster Relief Teams have been working hard to help clear trees from roads and homes, and provide tarps and other assistance. Please pray for our teams as they work to complete the need.



### Special Thanks for Disaster Relief Help

The Ladies of FBC Ocean Springs, MS provided "prayers and purses" for victims of the hurricane. Your Association helped connect them with Dean Schouest, director with the Houma Civic Center and disaster relief services. The ladies of their community were greatly blessed by the kindness of strangers.



### Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

First Monday of November

*Courageous Life! Hebrews 13:6*



# Life!

Please plan to join us for a time of prayer on Saturday, November 6th at 9:30am in the ELBA's Missions and Ministry Room, 9126 Comar Drive, Suite B, Walker. Contact our new Women's Ministry Leader, Theresa Broussard at 225/678-6235 or the office at 225/664-9309 with questions.

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The next ELBA Newsletter will be mailed in January. 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).

**REMINDERS**



**Associational Council Meeting**

Monday,  
January 24, 2022,  
ELBA's Missions and Ministry Meeting Room  
10:00am

**Executive Board Meeting**

Monday, February 7, 2022  
Gray's Creek Baptist Church  
(Details to be announced in January)

*Happy Thanksgiving*



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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

**NOVEMBER 2021**

- 1 Ladies World Day of Prayer
- 7 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 7 Orphans and Widows Sunday
- 8 Disaster Relief Appreciation Day
- 11 Veterans Day (Observed)
- 13 VBS Fall Preview - Tall Timbers
- 14 LBC - Hispanic Fellowship Dinner - South
- 15 LBC Annual Meeting - Pastor's Conference
- 16 LBC Annual Meeting
- 21-22 YEC Conference - Rapides Coliseum, Alex.
- 25 Thanksgiving - Offices Closed
- 28-12/4 Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon Offering

**DECEMBER 2021**

- 1-4 Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon Offering
- 6 Minister's Country Christmas,  
Colyell Baptist Church - 6:30PM
- 21 First Day of Winter
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day-Offices Closed til Jan. 3