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Together We Do What We Cannot Do Alone

Blue's News

Wow! Spring has sprung! Before you know it, **it will be VBS time**. I am sure churches have their directors and teams already at work for VBS. Lifeway offers a superior VBS curriculum. Robbie Isom, ELBA's Children's Work Leader is working with BAGBR for VBS training this year scheduled for Sunday, March 24th, 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Jefferson Baptist Church in Baton Rouge. Encourage your VBS leadership and teachers to attend this most valuable training. VBS is one of the church's best outreach and evangelistic tools.



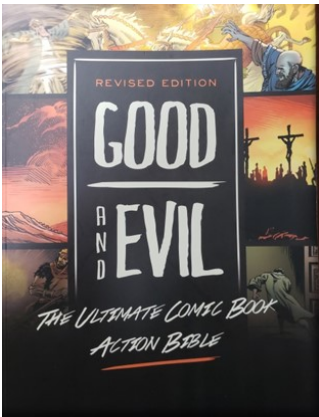
Cooperative Program: I need 6-8 pastors to meet with Stacey Morgan (LBC) and me March

5th, 11am-1pm to discuss how the LBC can best help churches to understand and promote

the Cooperative Program. You have the opportunity to inform our state leaders what you would like to see in the way of CP help.

Call me...the group is limited to eight—First come, first served. Thanks!

The Executive Board approved the Mission-Ministry Team's plan for the upcoming year that includes **local opportunities** for Mission service at Camp Living Waters and Global Maritime Ministries in New Orleans. The Team will have a finished plan for these opportunities soon.



Belarus Mission: ELBA is appealing to our churches for contributions to send *Good and Evil: The Ultimate Comic Book Action Bible* to the people of Belarus. A great evangelistic opportunity exists in September using these books in Belarus. An individual, Sunday School class, or church can purchase a box of these Action Bibles to be distributed for \$240. ELBA is cooperating with the Byelorussian Mission (Atlanta, GA) and BAGBR. There is the opportunity for anyone interested to participate in the Belarus outreach during the country's one thousandth anniversary celebration in September. Call the office for more information.

Easter Egg Hunts: The annual cooperative egg hunt is being planned. The cooperative effort showcases many of our ELBA congregations in their local areas, and allows an opportunity to share the gospel. Last year, over 2,000 people attended the event at Sidney Hutchinson Park. This year features a separate event to be held at the Live Oak Ball Park. Check the dates and times on the calendar page. Contact the ELBA office or Josh Spinks at The Way Church for more information.

On Second Thought...

The word "holiday" has its origins in the phrase "holy days" celebrating and remembering a day on the Church Year Calendar. Our *holy-days* have almost ceased to be holy. We have transferred their significance to other worthwhile, but secondary traditions. I love getting together with family and doing things together, but these must never be at the expense of the *holy* reason for the day's existence.

Easter is not just a time away from school, but it is the time when we celebrate the pivotal event of the world—the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. We celebrate the finished work of Jesus, who took our sins upon Himself, died on the cross for our sins, and was resurrected from the dead that we might have eternal life if we place our faith in Him. We remind ourselves of the great salvation that is ours in Jesus Christ, teach our children the significance and importance of the work of Jesus Christ, and collectively, proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. Celebrate Jesus! Make Easter truly a holy-day.

Hebrews 2:3a: *...how will we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?*

--Bro. Richard Blue

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES
January – February 15, 2019

	MTD	YTD
Agape	\$0.00	\$0.00
Amite	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bethel	\$82.20	\$82.20
Carroll	\$116.26	\$116.26
Central	\$157.00	\$157.00
Christ Community	\$1,089.00	\$1,089.00
Colyell	\$0.00	\$0.00
Denham Springs, FBC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Don Avenue	\$246.32	\$246.32
Doyle	\$0.00	\$0.00
Emmanuel	\$742.00	\$742.00
Faith	\$120.41	\$120.41
French Settlement	\$434.00	\$434.00
Gray's Creek	\$383.00	\$383.00
Greater Third Zion	\$0.00	\$0.00
Head of Island	\$195.65	\$195.65
Hebron	\$3,471.89	\$3,471.89
Holden	\$370.74	\$370.74
Judson	\$2,153.65	\$2,153.65
Live Oak	\$3,698.90	\$3,698.90
Livingston FBC	\$1,222.00	\$1,222.00
Macedonia	\$0.00	\$0.00
Magnolia	\$200.00	\$200.00
Maurepas	\$75.00	\$75.00
Midway	\$186.57	\$186.57
New Bethlehem	\$75.00	\$75.00
New Covenant	\$300.00	\$300.00
Northside	\$553.81	\$553.81
One Life	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pine Grove	\$368.90	\$368.90
Red Oak	\$100.00	\$100.00
River of Life	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside	\$235.52	\$235.52
Salem	\$0.00	\$0.00
Satsuma	\$0.00	\$0.00
South Walker	\$0.00	\$0.00
Southside	\$400.00	\$400.00
The New Beginnings	\$138.58	\$138.58
Victory	\$293.72	\$293.72
Walker	\$1,914.35	\$1,914.35
Watson	\$390.39	\$390.39
The Way Church	\$226.40	\$226.40
Community Ch Spfd	\$50.00	\$50.00
Walker Comm Min	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Contributions	\$19,991.26	\$19,991.26
Capital One		\$115,037.16
Louisiana Baptist Foundation		\$884,087.77
TOTAL Checking & Savings		\$999,124.93

News from the Churches . . .

Bro. James “Bubba” Courtney has been called as the pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, P. O. Box 550, Livingston, LA.

Bro. Jed Glascock has been called as the Associate Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, P. O. Box 550, Livingston, LA.



IRON SHARPENS IRON

National Men’s Conference 2019

Saturday, March 23rd—8:30am to 4:55pm

Dwayne Pickett, Christian Men’s Network and
 Steve Etner, The Pure Man - National Keynote Speakers

Amite Baptist Church, 7100 Amite Church Road,
 Denham Springs, LA 70706 225/665-2762

Www.ironsharpensiron.net or www.gulfsouthmen.org


Prayer Boot Camp

Tuesday, April 9th—ELBA Missions & Ministry Center

6:00pm until 8:30pm

Claude King, Speaker

Sandwich, chips, cookies and drinks will be served



ELBA's Annual Community Wide

Easter Egg Hunts

April 13	Live Oak High School	2pm to 5pm
	Watson, LA	
April 14	Sidney Hutchinson	3pm to 6pm
	Ball Park, Walker, LA	

Bring a basket (and a friend) to collect eggs and enjoy a day of celebration!

FREE- Games, Prizes, Food & Fun—FREE

Contact 225/664-9309 or email info@delbamissions.org for more details

Ministry News



ELBA's Children's Ministry Team will hold a **Children's Ministry Training** conference Tuesday, March 12th 5:30pm to 8:30pm at Satsuma Baptist Church, 29896 South Satsuma Road, Livingston, LA. David Anderson, Childhood Ministry Strategist and Jess Archer, Children/Youth Missions Strategist with the Louisiana Baptist Convention along with Robbie Isom, Children's Minister at Judson and Frank Mons, Minister of Education at Live Oak will lead the breakout sessions. FREE supper is provided. Please contact Bro. Robbie at brobbie@jbcla.com or 225/665-5481 or 225/772-8950 to register.

Vacation Bible School
Leadership Training
March 24, 2019
Jefferson Baptist Church
4:00pm



Join us for Spring Training!

Saturday, March 23, 2019
10:00am until 12:00 Noon

at ELBA's Missions and Ministry Building for
"The Sunday School Challenge"

You will learn how to reach and enroll new people, teach toward life-change and involve members on ongoing ministry. Contact 225/664-9309 or info@elbamissions.org to enroll. *Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

Check Louisianabaptists.org/SSC for additional resources



Church Growth Corner Freddie Arnold

The ELBA Quarterly Executive Council voted to accept the recommendations of the ELBA Missions and Ministry Team to focus our mission work in three areas emphasis this year.

Local mission projects would focus on sending teams to work in Disaster Relief and Camp Living Waters.

World missions would focus on sending teams to help support and provide for needs at the Global Maritime Ministry Center in New Orleans and Disaster Relief.

International missions effort would focus on helping send a couple of people to Belarus this year and collect money to purchase *Good and Evil Comic Book Bibles* (see Dr. Blue's article) to be distributed there. These Bibles cost \$10.00 each in purchased in Belarus. If they are purchased here in the United States, they cost \$30.00 each and we must pay to ship them. We will set up an account here at ELBA to receive donations for the Bibles and to help with travel expenses to support this ministry. We would like to provide one half of the travel expenses (\$3,000.00) for two persons to go in September 2019 with a team from the Baton Rouge Association.

Our ELBA leadership Team is hoping and praying that each individual and church will get behind them and support these goals with prayer, provision and participation. We will be providing more information as we develop plans and set dates.

Sunday School Challenge Conference: March 23rd at the ELBA office Center we will host the LBC Sunday School Challenge Team from 10am to Noon. The goal of this conference is to help move our Sunday Schools to be healthy and growing. The purpose of this conference is to provide the tools to help Sunday Schools to achieve these goals. For this to be successful, we need the leadership, pastors, directors and teachers to come and participate. I am excited about the potential for growth that can be achieved by better trained leadership.
Bro. Freddie Arnold

Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering March 3-10, 2019



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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@elbamiissions.org.

☑ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH 2019

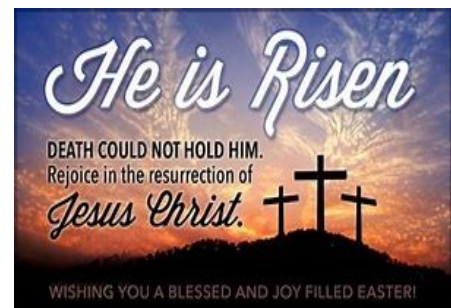
- 4 Minister's Conference – 10:00AM
- 3-10 Prayer Week/Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 9 Disaster Relief Training, Alexandria
- 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 12 Children's Ministry Training
- 23 Sunday School Challenge Day Training, 10:00AM
- 24 VBS Training/BAGBR—Jefferson Baptist 4:00PM

APRIL 2019

- 9 Prayer Boot Camp with Claude King 6:00PM
- 13 Easter Egg Hunt—Live Oak High—2-5PM
- 14 Easter Egg Hunt—Sidney Hutchinson Park 3PM
- 15 Association Council - 10:00AM, ELBA
- 21 Easter Sunday



Minister's Conference
Northside Baptist Church
March 4th, at 10:00AM



ELBA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS for the school year 2019 - 2020 are now available

Please contact the ELBA office at 225/664-9309 or
email info@elbamiissions.org for an application

Completed forms are to be returned to the ELBA office
no later than **April 22, 2019**

Scholarship awards will be reported in the
May 6, 2019 Executive Board meeting

