



Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association

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Together We Do What We Cannot Do Alone

Blue's News

Thank you for your prayers and encouragement as I continue to recover from neck surgery. I have been back at work since the beginning of January—at first, with shortened days and for the past three weeks full time. While I am still in the recovery phase, I am functional to work except lifting and toting anything over ten pounds. I start Physical Therapy Thursday, which should speed the overall recovery.

Thank you for attending and participating in our recent **Executive Board Meeting**. The Executive Board approved the formation of an Association Steering Committee tasked with the following: 1) Study and evaluate existing ELBA ministries; 2) Poll ministers and churches for new ideas and paths of cooperation and ministry for the association; 3) Recommend to the association a prioritized pool of ministries reflecting the current and foreseeable needs of the association and its churches; 4) Recommend at the August Executive Board Meeting a balanced slate of association ministry and mission actions that will strengthen and equip our member churches; 5) The Moderator will appoint a chairman who will guide this team and serve as spokesman for the team and report its findings to the association. Pray for this team as it is formed and performs its work.

Sunday School Workshop: Our next Minister's Conference has been strategically planned for a Monday evening with the hope of providing an opportunity for our *bi-vocational pastors* to join the meeting. Kevin Roberts with Lifeway will be with us to provide instruction and encouragement in the area of Sunday School. This will be help to churches needing to revitalize, strengthen, or enhance their Sunday School ministry. Remember, Sunday School is the small group ministry of most of our churches. If your church is small-group driven, there are some take-aways from a Sunday School workshop that will help your small group ministry. Everybody wins! We meet Monday, March 2nd, 5:45 meal; 6:30 workshop. Bring your Sunday School leaders with you. Give us a head count at the office by Wednesday, February 26th.

We cry out to God for revival. We will find it difficult to lead our churches to come alive for God if we as church leaders are not first revived ourselves. ELBA is supporting Northshore Association who is hosting a time for the personal revival of our pastors, ministers, and church leaders. **Revive! Christ and His Church Conference** will be held at First Baptist Church, Covington, Tuesday, March 24th, from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. The conference cost is \$10 cash/check (For Lunch + 2 Books). Register/RSVP today with the Northshore Baptist Association Office at (225) 567-5086 or email at office@NorthshoreBaptists.net. Conference leaders will be Richard Blackaby and Mark Clifton. Session Titles are "Christ's Presence and His Church," "Reclaiming the Glory," and "Living and Leading Out of the Overflow." I urge you to register today and join me March 24th. See you there!

Pray for ELBA ministries: Camp Living Waters, The Christian Counseling Center, and Christian Women's Job Corps. Check out the rest of this newsletter for important events, dates, and activities you will not want to miss. Thank you for your cooperation and participation in Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association. We do together what we cannot do alone.

Richard Blue

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES
January—February 10, 2020


| Church | MTD | YTD |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Agape | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Amite | \$2,780.92 | \$2,780.92 |
| Bethel | \$93.45 | \$93.45 |
| Carroll | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Central | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Christ Community | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Colyell | \$670.64 | \$670.64 |
| Denham Springs, FBC | \$2,299.12 | \$2,299.12 |
| Don Avenue | \$386.10 | \$386.10 |
| Emmanuel | \$1,198.10 | \$1,198.10 |
| Faith | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| French Settlement | \$244.20 | \$244.20 |
| Gray's Creek | \$535.00 | \$535.00 |
| Greater Third Zion | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Head of Island | \$135.26 | \$135.26 |
| Hebron | \$491.06 | \$491.06 |
| Holden | \$309.94 | \$309.94 |
| Judson | \$3,459.71 | \$3,459.71 |
| Live Oak | \$2,172.33 | \$2,172.33 |
| Livingston FBC | \$1,334.00 | \$1,334.00 |
| Macedonia | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Magnolia | \$400.00 | \$400.00 |
| Maurepas | \$142.00 | \$142.00 |
| Midway | \$174.84 | \$174.84 |
| New Bethlehem | \$84.54 | \$84.54 |
| New Covenant | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Northside | \$520.96 | \$520.96 |
| One Life | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Pine Grove | \$512.11 | \$512.11 |
| Red Oak | \$300.00 | \$300.00 |
| River of Life | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Riverside | \$231.85 | \$231.85 |
| Salem | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Satsuma | \$250.00 | \$250.00 |
| South Walker | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Southside | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| The New Beginnings | \$156.94 | \$156.94 |
| Victory | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Walker | \$1,673.60 | \$1,673.60 |
| Watson | \$1,002.57 | \$1,002.57 |
| The Way Church | \$225.00 | \$225.00 |
| Community Ch Spfd | \$50.00 | \$50.00 |
| Total Contributions | \$21,834.24 | \$21,834.24 |
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| Capital One | \$43,200.31 |
| Louisiana Baptist Foundation | \$748,866.75 |
| TOTAL Checking & Savings | \$702,067.06 |

News from the Churches . . .

Please pray for our churches currently seeking pastors:

Carroll Baptist Church, Walker Baptist Church, Don Avenue Baptist Church, and First Baptist Church, French Settlement



**South Walker Baptist Church
Women's Ministry Event with
Phyllis Elvington**

She is an awesome woman of God who loves to laugh. But don't forget to bring your Bible, she has a Bible check!

<https://www.phylliselvington.com/>

South Walker Baptist Church
13719 Hammack Rd,
Denham Springs, LA 70726



*Spring
Revival*

*Guest Evangelist:
Rev. Johnny Morgan*

*Guest Musician:
Andy Granger*

April 26-29, 2020
6:30 pm

*Northside Baptist Church
Denham Springs, LA 70726*

Walker Baptist Church
is hosting "March Gladness" Every Monday Night in March
at 6:30pm. Please join them!

Dr. Dennis Phelps—March 2nd

Dr. Jamie Dew—March 9th

Rev. Fred Luter—March 16th

Dr. Steve Horn—March 23rd

Dr. Rhyne Putman—March 30th

Ministry News

Dear Pastors & Children's Leaders, I would like to invite you to our 3rd annual ELBA Children's Ministry Training. This year it will be held at Christ's Community Church on March 3, from 5:30pm until 8:30pm. Supper will be served at 5:30 (free) and the training will begin at 6pm. If you would like to eat please let me know by February 26. You can call the church office or email me (both are listed above). Some of the breakouts we will be offering this year are: "How to Lead a Child to Christ," "Guiding Children to Discover the Bible, Navigate Technology and Follow Jesus," and "Teaching with Variety." I hope you will bring as many of your children's leaders as possible. If you have any questions feel free to contact me. In His service, Robbie Isom



ELBA Annual Children's Ministry Training

March 3—5:30-8:30pm (supper provided)

Christ's Community Church - No cost - Invite all your children's workers! Signup deadline (for supper only): February 26—Any questions or to signup: contact Robbie Isom:

665-5481 or brorobbie@jbcla.com



We are Partnering with BAGBR for VBS Training

Event Timing: Sunday, March 22, 2020
Event Address: Jefferson Baptist Church
9135 Jefferson Highway
Baton Rouge, LA 70809
Contact us at (225) 296-3943 or
baptistassociation@bagbr.org



"English Classes with New Bethlehem Baptist Church Latino Ministry"

37818 Reinninger Road, Denham Springs, LA 70706 Fridays at 6:00pm

Please register with Pastor Miguel Flores 225.603.0817

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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.

☒ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mondays at 10:00am—Pastor Prayer Time

FEBRUARY 2020

- 15 Children's Mission Day
- 15 Conference De Evangelismo – Broadmoor, Shreveport
- 21-22 DR Training, First, Opelousas
- 28-29 M-NOW – Tall Timbers, Woodworth

MARCH 2020

- 1-8 Week of Prayer for North American Missions
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 2 **Minister's Conference- 5:45PM meal, 6:30PM Service – Kevin Roberts, Guest**
- 3 **Children's Leaders Training - See page 3**
- 6-7 VBS Workshop, Tall Timbers
- 8 Daylight Savings
- 14 Capacitacion de Escuela Biblica Vacacional Mandeville
- 15 Church Planting Emphasis Sunday
- 20 Spring Begins
- 21 **Amite Baptist Church – Men's Conference**
- 20-21 R.E.A.L. Women's Conference – First, Pineville – see LouisianaBaptists.org/REAL
- 22 VBS Training – Jefferson Baptist Church, BR
- 24 **REVIVE! Christ and His Church Conference, FBC Covington, 9:00am to 3:00pm**
- 28 Capacitacion de Escuela Biblica Vacacional – Temple Baptist, Ruston
- 29 Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday

APRIL 2020

- 3-4 RA Congress 2020, Tall Timbers
- 5 District Bible Drill Tournament
- 6 **Minister's Conference – 10:00am Michael Sprague**
- 10 Good Friday
- 12 Easter
- 17-18 Kid's Weekend of Worship (KWOW) Tall Timbers
- 19 SBC Seminaries Sunday
- 20 **Association Council – 10:00AM**
- 22 Administrative Professionals Day
- 24-25 Greenhouse Workshop for Church Planting & Revitalization, Clare Springs, Pelican
- 26 Cooperative Program Sunday

Association

Council

Monday,
April 20, 2020



10:00AM at ELBA

Association Council Members

David Lane, Moderator Larry Hubbard, Vice Moderator, KaRetha Kelley, Clerk
Elena Lavigne, Treasurer, Mary Broussard, Historian, Team Leaders—Bobbie Shaffett, Justin Woulard, Howard Turner, Tom and Patti Higginbotham, Robbie Isom, Luke Hand