



## Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association

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Together We Do What We Cannot Do Alone

### Blue's News

Have you noticed??? The early spring trees are beginning to bud and tulip trees are in full bloom. Spring is here. Covid-19 is declining in most of our churches as the weather warms and people are able to get outside. What does this mean for our churches?

**Plan Now!** We are about fifty days from Easter at this writing. Seize the day! If you have not made plans to march toward Easter, plan now. Easter is the High Holy Day on the Church Calendar. We serve a living Savior and we have something to celebrate. Whether it is preaching on Jesus' walk toward the cross, celebrating the Lord's Supper on Palm Sunday, observing Holy Week services, or celebrating Christ's resurrection, we have the opportunity to proclaim Jesus as Lord. Do something to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ this spring.



**Would you pray about your church's involvement in some new and renewed ministries through ELBA?**

**Louisiana Baptist Children's Home—Foster Care Network:** ELBA is cooperating with the Baptist Children's Home to develop a Foster Care Network for the churches in Livingston Parish. Our churches are being asked to initiate a pilot program to encourage families to become Foster Parents, and to develop a care network within the church for these Foster Families. Livingston Parish has the largest number of children who need a Foster Home in our state. These children come from troubled homes. The goal is to help their parents become stable parents to raise their children. For the church, it is the gospel that changes lives and this is an opportunity to perhaps change a life for eternity. A coordinator will be needed from each church—someone who is interested in Foster Care.

**Evangelism Conference:** A group of our association's pastors are meeting to organize an evangelism conference for our association. Pray for God's direction and stay tuned for more information.

**Church Liability Update:** An important letter from Guide One Insurance agent David Galloway for church's regarding liability for sexual abuse claims is a **must-read** for pastors and church administrators. See his letter at [www.ELBAmissions.org](http://www.ELBAmissions.org) under the resource/download tabs.

**Camp Living Waters:** We are blessed to have a good children's camp in our area. ELBA has supported the ministry of Camp Living Waters since its inception. If your church is planning for a children's summer camp, consider your camp. Director Scott Mercer is in need of camp counselors and workers this summer. See the flyer at [www.ELBAmissions.org](http://www.ELBAmissions.org) under the resource/download tabs for more information on the summer counselor jobs.

**Christian Women's Job Corps and Christian Men's Job Corps** are being organized for a relaunch. CWJC has been a part of our association for the past seven years. Covid-19 has crippled this ministry. Dr. Bobby Shaffett and her leadership team has held together through the pandemic and are preparing to relaunch. We are blessed that Dr. Stephen Bond has agreed to guide us in a Christian Men's Job Corps. Pray for this ministry that God might allow these ministries to gain traction. The goal of these ministries is to point people to Jesus Christ.

*Richard Blue*

**CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES  
January 2022**

Agape	\$0.00	\$0.00
Amite	\$800.00	\$800.00
Bethel	\$126.83	\$126.83
Carroll	\$0.00	\$0.00
Central	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Community	\$1,212.00	\$1,212.00
Colyell	\$1,840.00	\$1,840.00
Denham Springs, FBC	\$2,407.81	\$2,407.81
Don Avenue	\$385.97	\$385.97
Emmanuel	\$475.00	\$475.00
French Settlement	\$284.00	\$284.00
Gray's Creek	\$0.00	\$0.00
Greater Third Zion	\$0.00	\$0.00
Head of Island	\$105.50	\$105.50
Hebron	\$0.00	\$0.00
Holden	\$266.62	\$266.62
Judson	\$3,875.83	\$3,875.83
Live Oak	\$2,497.02	\$2,497.02
Livingston FBC	\$1,404.00	\$1,404.00
Macedonia	\$0.00	\$0.00
Magnolia	\$200.00	\$200.00
Maurepas	\$0.00	\$0.00
Midway	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Bethlehem	\$101.07	\$101.07
New Covenant	\$0.00	\$0.00
Northside	\$457.04	\$457.04
One Life	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pine Grove	\$565.00	\$565.00
Red Oak	\$100.00	\$100.00
River of Life	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside	\$255.04	\$255.04
Salem	\$0.00	\$0.00
Satsuma	\$0.00	\$0.00
South Walker	\$0.00	\$0.00
Southside	\$0.00	\$0.00
The New Beginnings	\$0.00	\$0.00
Victory	\$0.00	\$0.00
Walker	\$2,006.96	\$2,006.96
Watson	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Way Church	\$325.00	\$325.00
Community Ch Spfd	\$50.00	\$50.00
Wholly Grounds	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$19,740.69</b>	<b>19,740.69</b>

Capital One	\$99,618.93
Louisiana Baptist Foundation	\$848,732.11
<b>TOTAL Checking &amp; Savings</b>	<b>\$948,551.04</b>

## *News from the Churches . . .*

**South Walker Baptist Church**, 13719 Hammack Road, Denham Springs, LA. Saturday, April 16th at 9am. *"Breakfast with the Easter Bunny"* There will be Breakfast, Crafts, Face painting, Games, Egg Hunt, and more!

### **Kid Min Expo,**

March 5th, Greenwell Springs Baptist Church. \$10 fee includes lunch. Registration 8:00am, Opening Rally 9:00am, Dismissal 3:00pm. This will be VBS Training and Overall Children's Ministry Training. It is sponsored by LBC. See their website at [louisianabaptists.org/kidminexpo](http://louisianabaptists.org/kidminexpo) or contact Bro. Robbie Isom, **Judson Baptist Church**, with questions.

### **Renew Women's Conference "Finding Your Joy"**

March 25th-26th (See web site for details)



**First Baptist Church of Denham Springs,**  
27735 LA HWY 16, Denham Springs, LA 70726

Registration : Visit [www.firstdenham.com/events/renew](http://www.firstdenham.com/events/renew) to register. Deadline to register is Sunday, March 20th. (Please help us out by registering early so we have a good idea of how many to expect.)

Cost to Attend: The Renew Conference is \$25 to attend. This will cover the cost of your dinner, breakfast, and snacks along with some swag for everyone who attends.

Question. If I only attend one day, do I have to pay the same price? Yes, attending the event one day or both will cost the same price. We also do not issue refunds if extenuating circumstances keep you from attending.

#### **Childcare**

We will have childcare available for members and guests of First Denham (Babies - 5th Grade). If you are visiting from a sister church, we are so excited you're coming! We encourage you to set up childcare provisions through your church if possible. If you have questions or special circumstances concerning childcare, please let us know by emailing [renewconference@firstdenham.com](mailto:renewconference@firstdenham.com).

We've got everything covered. Just come with a Bible and an expectation to hear from God and be renewed!

# Ministry News



## REVIVE! Christ and His Church Thursday, March 24, 2022 (9 AM – 3 PM)

God has a purpose for every church. There is much that He wants to do through each church. However, it has been our experience that God gives each church and its leaders "crossroads moments" in their history where they must make decisions based on faith if they are to continue to be used to fulfill the purposes God has in mind for them. It has also been our experience that the current health of any church is a summation of the decisions made over many years.

Blackaby Ministries International (BMI), in partnership with the North American Mission Board, is excited to bring "REVIVE: Christ and His Church" to the Louisiana Northshore! Dr. Richard Blackaby and Dr. Mark Clifton will unpack several significant truths from the "Flickering Lamps" and "Reclaiming the Glory" books as well as from their extensive ministry with pastors and churches.

- We will begin at 9:00am (registration at 8:30am) and conclude at 3:00pm.
- The cost of \$10.00 includes lunch and the two featured books.

Whether your church is experiencing positive spiritual health or finds itself struggling, it is vitally important to be oriented to the Headship of Christ. We encourage you to set aside time to attend the entire gathering in March, determined to park your heart before God, allowing Him to speak to you in fresh and transforming ways. Bring several of your key leaders as well so that together, you can experience God's heart for you and your church!

### Session Titles

- "Christ's Presence and His Church"
- "Reclaiming the Glory"
- "Living and Leading Out of the Overflow"

Register/RSVP Today  
@ [www.NorthshoreBaptists.net](http://www.NorthshoreBaptists.net)

Cost is \$10 cash/check  
(For Lunch + 2 Books)

Conference Location:  
First Baptist Church  
16333 Hwy 1085  
Covington LA

A Video Invitation...  
<https://vimeo.com/665437773/8bb1f8d9b>

Questions?  
Phone (225) 567-5086  
Email [office@NorthshoreBaptists.net](mailto:office@NorthshoreBaptists.net)

*"The overwhelming response from the pastors was that they felt that every pastor in our association needed to hear what Richard Blackaby and Mark Clifton had to share. The Biblical challenge delivered by Richard Blackaby was powerful! The practical insights from Mark Clifton pertaining to the "nuts and bolts" of church revitalization was extremely insightful. The message of the Revive Conference is one that needs to be delivered to the church in North America!"*

Includes a Q & A  
time with  
Richard and Mark

**ANNIE  
ARMSTRONG**  
EASTER OFFERING

Week of  
Prayer for  
North  
American  
Missions:  
March 6th-13th  
National  
Offering Goal:  
\$70 Million

## EMBRACE

Women's Conference  
March 18-19, 2022

First Baptist Church  
Lafayette, LA

This event is for all Louisiana women. It will incorporate worship, Bible study, mission education/WMU and missions to help women realize their God-given value and purpose as they grow in Christ.

See the website  
[LouisianaBaptists.org/embrace](http://LouisianaBaptists.org/embrace) for details

## 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.

Meal: 6:00pm  
Conference: 6:30 to 8:30pm





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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@elbmissions.org](mailto:info@elbmissions.org).

**REMINDERS**



**Associational Council Meeting**  
Monday, April 18th  
10am—ELBA Office

**Executive Board Meeting**  
Riverside Baptist Church  
36890 La. Hwy. 16, Denham Springs  
Monday, 5:30pm Meal 6:30pm Meeting

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Wednesdays Pastor Prayer Time**

**MARCH 2022**

- 5 Kids Expo, Greenwell Springs BC
- 4-5 Disaster Relief Training, Philadelphia BC
- 6-13 Annie Armstrong Offering-Week of Prayer
- 13 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 18-19 Embrace Women's Conference, Lafayette
- 20 First Day of Spring
- 24 REVIVE Conference
- 25-26 Renew Women's Conference
- 27 Church Planting Emphasis Day

**APRIL 2022**

- 3 Cooperative Program Sunday
- 10 Personal Evangelism Commitment Day
- 15 Good Friday
- 17 Easter Sunday
- 18 Associational Council Meeting 10AM
- 24 Baptism Sunday
- 27 Administrative Professionals Day
- 25-28 LABMA Regional Conferences

