



Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association

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Together We Do What We Cannot Do Alone

Blue's News

The fourth of July is the half-way mark of the summer with school beginning Friday, August 11, 2023. July 4th is also a reminder to our churches that the new church year begins September 1st. Do not let the grass grow under your feet!

Sunday School classes, life groups, small groups, or whatever they may be called in your church serve a common function. It is a smaller representation of the church overall where ministry, discipleship, and evangelism take place. People visit a church for a time because of worship services and preaching but stay because of their Sunday School/Small Group/Life Group. **ReGroup** is an annual training event hosted by Louisiana Baptists to help our teachers/leaders prepare classes for the new church year. Encourage your leaders to attend and encourage your church to help with the small registration fee charged (\$10 per person). It will be money well-invested. It is hard to contain an enthused, on-fire, and ready to go Sunday School, Small Group teacher, or Life Group leader.

Bring your small group teachers to **ReGroup**.

THINGS TO KNOW IN PART TWO: SUMMER OF 2023!

Church Nominating Committees: Your church's Nominating Committee should be at work to recommend teachers, committee, and other church leadership for the new year beginning September 1st.

Elect Messengers:

Do not forget to elect messengers for the **Annual Associational Meeting** this year at Hebron Baptist Church, 24063 LA-16, Denham Springs, LA 70726, on October 2, 2023, beginning at 5:30 for a fellowship meal and 6:30 for the main meeting.

LBC messengers should be elected for the November 14th meeting at the Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, 8282 I-10 Service Road, New Orleans, 70126.

ELBA Executive Board Members: Each ELBA church is allowed to have one pastor and one church member on the Executive Board of the association. Please select and elect your representatives to the ELBA Executive Board for the 2023-2024 Associational Year.

Association Church Profile (ACP) packets will be coming your way soon. We are here to serve you. Call KaRetha Kelley at the ELBA office if you need help with your profile. The ACP has been streamlined. Why is this important? The association and the LBC preserve your church's information as a history of your church's ministry. When kept annually, this information can help a church to review the past, and plan for ministry activity moving forward. Your association can serve as a resource and depository of this information.

The **ELBA Nominating Committee** is also at work. Will you prayerfully consider where the Lord would have you to serve moving into the new Associational Year. Officers, Committee Members, and Ministry Team leaders are being vetted for recommendation to the **ELBA Executive Board** meeting August 7th to be held at Don Avenue Baptist Church, 1010 Don Avenue, Denham Springs, LA 70726 beginning with a meal at 5:30 and the meeting to follow at 6:30.

ReGroup is coming to Baton Rouge August 12th, sponsored by the Evangelism and Church Growth Team at your LBC. Please save the date on your calendar and plan to bring your Sunday School/small group leaders. Please get this announcement to the person in charge of your church's Sunday School or small group ministry. It will be a few years before it returns to this area again. The cost to attend is a mere \$10. Don't miss it!!!

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-regroup-conference-tickets-633597255447>

Promo Materials can be found at [LouisianaBaptists.org/regroup23](https://louisianabaptists.org/regroup23)

Video Promo: <https://vimeo.com/labaptists/download/832742008/aaa7f4368f>

See you at ReGroup and at the Executive Board Meeting!

—Richard Blue

**CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES
To Date**

Agape	\$0.00	\$0.00
Amite	\$800.00	\$2,400.00
Bethel	\$142.49	\$878.95
Carroll	\$0.00	\$296.57
Central	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Community	\$1,491.00	\$5,207.00
Colyell	\$1,856.00	\$7,812.43
Denham Springs, FBC	\$0.00	\$8,978.64
Don Avenue	\$609.02	\$3,538.44
Emmanuel	\$0.00	\$850.00
French Settlement	\$0.00	\$1,177.00
Gray's Creek	\$455.00	\$1,751.00
Greater Third Zion	\$0.00	\$0.00
Head of Island	\$0.00	\$267.60
Hebron	\$399.89	\$2,222.75
Holden	\$0.00	\$881.23
Judson	\$1,407.68	\$8,716.43
Live Oak	\$3,269.55	\$15,679.24
Livingston FBC	\$1,210.00	\$5,590.00
Macedonia	\$0.00	\$0.00
Magnolia	\$0.00	\$800.00
Maurepas	\$0.00	\$0.00
Midway	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Bethlehem	\$0.00	\$500.00
New Covenant	\$0.00	\$0.00
Northside	\$425.32	\$2,914.89
One Life	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pine Grove	\$474.25	\$2,772.00
Red Oak	\$100.00	\$600.00
River of Life	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside	\$426.27	\$1,857.38
Salem	\$0.00	\$0.00
Satsuma	\$0.00	\$0.00
South Walker	\$0.00	\$1,320.00
Southside	\$160.23	\$895.89
The New Beginnings	\$0.00	\$551.52
Victory	\$166.90	\$954.47
Walker	\$1,783.30	\$10,919.56
Watson	\$0.00	\$2,460.08
The Way Church	\$225.00	\$1,125.00
Community Ch Spfd	\$0.00	\$250.00
Wholly Grounds	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Contributions	\$15,401.90	\$94,168.07

Capital One	\$109,831.00
Louisiana Baptist Foundation	\$615,994.86
TOTAL Checking & Savings	\$725,815.86

News from the Churches . . .

Please pray for our churches without pastors:
Salem, Holden, OneLife, Magnolia, Southside,
Gray's Creek & Macedonia

**THE
FORGE
ONE DAY
8•19•23**

Scan here
with your
phone



<https://forms.gle/JU6WzXMCgWNBnzuW8>
Or Call Mike Fielding 225-243-6138

**Sign up before Friday, August 4th to receive
the early bird discount of \$20 per Student.
After that, it is \$30 per student.
Adult leaders are free.
Price Includes T-shirt and Lunch
Held at Amite Baptist church.
9am-5pm August 19, 2023
Share this with other Youth Pastors!
Everyone welcome.**

Women's Missions Ministry Opportunity

Attention Ladies! We are beginning a "2nd Tuesday Book Club" with the first meeting beginning August 8th at 6:30pm. If you would like to learn how to liberate Christianity from it's cultural captivity, you will want to join us. Our first book will be "Total Truth" by Nancy Pearcey. Please contact Theresa Broussard at 225/678-6235 or email her at tbroussard2@currently.com for more details.

Ministry News

reGROUP CONFERENCE

Louisiana Baptists' premier training for
Sunday School and Small Group Ministry

August 12, 2023
9:00am - 12:00pm

Jefferson Baptist, Baton Rouge

LouisianaBaptists.org/regroup23

SAVE
THE DATE

Ladies Conference



with guest speaker Dr. Tara Dew

Wife of the President of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and
Leavell College

SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

WALKER BAPTIST CHURCH

EVERYMAN CONFERENCE 2023



We proclaim Him, admonishing *every man* and teaching *every man* with all wisdom, so that we
may present *every man* complete in Christ. Colossians 1:28

Sessions: A Man & His God / A Man & His Wife / A Man & His Kids / A Man and His World

Date: Saturday, September 16, 2023
Location: First Baptist Church, Mandeville
9am - 4pm

\$25 until September 1
\$35 after September 1
"Man Lunch" and snacks provided

To Register: www.fbcmandeville.org/events

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COMING SEPTEMBER

Please mark your calendars for Satur-
day, September 9th, at First Baptist
Church, Denham Springs.

Dr. Jake Roudkovski, Professor of
Evangelism and Pastoral Ministry and
Dean of the Professional Doctoral
Program of NOBTS will be our keynote
speaker.

SAVE THE DATE
MORE DETAILS SOON

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The next ELBA Newsletter will be mailed in September. 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.



ELBA Leadership Meeting REMINDERS

Tuesday, July 4th—Independence Day
ELBA offices closed

Associational Council Meeting
Monday, July 24, 2023
10:00am ELBA Office Conference Room

Executive Board Meeting
Monday, August 7, 2023
Don Avenue Baptist Church, 1010 Don Ave. DS
5:30 pm Meal and 6:30pm Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesdays Pastor Prayer Time—10:00am

JULY 2023

- 2 Religious Liberty Sunday
- 4 Independence Day – Offices Closed
- 17 Childhood Education Workshop – South
- 20 Childhood Education Workshop – North
- 24 Association Council – 10am ELBA

AUGUST 2023

- 6 Send Relief Sunday
- 7 Executive Board – 6:30pm DABC
- 8 WMM— “2nd Tuesday Book Club” 6:30pm
- 12 Regroup Conference, Jefferson BC, Baton Rouge
- 13 SBC Serve Day
- 19 The FORGE—Amite Baptist Church
- 27 Global Hunger Sunday

