



Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association

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Together We Do What We Cannot Do Alone

Blue's News

The purpose of **ECON-LP** is to inspire, equip, and encourage lay people to share their faith with the lost. Join your association at First Church, Denham Springs Saturday, September 9th, for ECON-LP with registration beginning at 8:15 and the opening session at 9:00. Registration is free, but those planning to attend should sign up on Eventbrite to give us a headcount for lunch. Here is the eventbrite site for registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/econ-lp-2023-to-inspire-equip-and-encourage-churches-to-evangelize-tickets-691151070457?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Hey, check out the article that ran in The Advocate Saturday about ECON-LP.

https://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/faith-matters-livingston-parish-evangelism-conference-set/article_11da7e84-4121-11ee-af1c-3710e78bbce7.html

We are two weeks away from ECON-LP. Current registration is eleven. Make plans to attend and bring your congregations with you. It will be worth their investment of time. Jake Roudkovski is our keynote preacher. We have excellent breakout leaders too. 150 attended last year, and the goal for this year is 100. Bring your Sunday School and small group leaders. There will be special training for pastors, church leaders, parents, children's workers, and a track for youth to learn how to share their faith as well. The LSU game is a 6:30 game against a division II team.

The **Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association Annual Meeting** will be at Hebron Baptist Church Monday, October 2nd, with a meal at 5:30 and the meeting begins at 6:30. Dr. Keith Manuel (LBC Evangelism Director) will bring the annual sermon and the Hebron Praise and Worship Team will provide music. Plan to attend.

Our **DR Team** returned from Reading, Pennsylvania having helped people with mud-outs and chainsaw work following a flood. Two souls were saved, and The Bridge Church in Reading was seen by their community as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. Justin Woulard, Lead Pastor of The Bridge Church was grateful for the help of our ELBA DR Team. Thank you, team, for making the long journey for our Lord.

The **New Church Year** begins September 1st. If your church has not provided training, you can find training for all age group leaders on the <https://louisianabaptists.org/about/teams/evangelism-church-growth/regroup/>. The **ReGroup Digital Plus** provides year-round training for age-group leaders in Sunday School work.

Connect1Child, our Foster Care initiative in cooperation with the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home is gaining traction. Contact our Connect1Child liaison, Bridgett Dickson, to have her speak to your church, class, or group on how you can be a part of Connect1Child.

The **Christian Men's Job Corps** anticipates launching a fall semester soon. We need men who will serve as mentors (prayer partners) with men participating in the job corps activity this fall.

A few years back, we worked with **Byelorussian Missions** to support a Baptist work in Belarus. This nation has been in the news because of the Russian invasion of the Ukraine. Andrew Rishkov visited with me, Travis Cronan, and Dr. Jason McNaughten recently. The work continues in Belarus for the cause of Christ. Andrew has asked our association to raise an offering for the purchase of the illustrated bible story book, Good and Evil. This is a pictorial presentation of key bible stories used to evangelize and bring the lost to Christ. Please ask your church, Sunday School classes, or missions organizations to consider supporting this work. Dr. McNaughten has been to Belarus several times and Freddie Arnold and Bobby Sullivan were there in 2019. Leaders in our own LBC and neighboring associations are partnering with Andrew. Pray for the people of Belarus, for Andrew and his family. Andrew also is pastor of a large Russian-speaking congregation in Atlanta. ELBA will receive this offering through Thanksgiving for this mission enterprise.

Join me in praying for the following: **Churches without pastors** along with the contact person to submit resumes. Southside: Larry Badon: badon@eatel.net Magnolia: Dewayne Harmon: dewayneh1965@gmail.com Macedonia: David Groce: davidgroce01@gmail.com Holden: Sandi Stafford: sandi.stafford@ymail.com Gray's Creek: Pastor Search Committee: grayscreekpastorsearch@gmail.com Salem: Not receiving resumes at this time

ECON-LP: Saturday, September 9th, 8:30-3:30. **ELBA Annual Meeting**, Monday, October 2, 2023, at Hebron Baptist.

Louisiana Baptist Convention: Tuesday, November 14th, at Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, 8282 I-10 Service Road, New Orleans. I am proud to serve the pastors and churches of Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association. I will begin my sixth year as your AMC October 1st. Thank you for your continued trust. Indeed, we do more together than we can do alone.

—Richard Blue

**CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES
To Date**

Agape	\$0.00	\$0.00
Amite	\$0.00	\$3,200.00
Bethel	\$149.17	\$1,177.06
Carroll	\$0.00	\$296.57
Central	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Community	\$4,479.00	\$9,686.00
Colyell	\$1,898.40	\$10,655.64
Denham Springs, FBC	\$1,523.38	\$12,075.68
Don Avenue	\$774.89	\$5,045.13
Emmanuel	\$0.00	\$1,050.00
French Settlement	\$318.00	\$1,711.00
Gray's Creek	\$806.00	\$2,557.00
Greater Third Zion	\$0.00	\$0.00
Head of Island	\$240.50	\$508.10
Hebron	\$554.41	\$3,197.13
Holden	\$167.12	\$1,406.24
Judson	\$2,743.70	\$11,460.13
Live Oak	\$3,656.72	\$22,505.64
Livingston FBC	\$1,370.00	\$8,220.00
Macedonia	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Magnolia	\$200.00	\$1,400.00
Maurepas	\$274.00	\$597.00
Midway	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Bethlehem	\$75.00	\$675.00
New Covenant	\$0.00	\$0.00
Northside	\$493.77	\$4,008.26
One Life	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pine Grove	\$516.38	\$3,696.42
Red Oak	\$100.00	\$800.00
River of Life	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside	\$272.31	\$2,465.96
Salem	\$0.00	\$0.00
Satsuma	\$0.00	\$0.00
South Walker	\$0.00	\$1,913.25
Southside	\$278.54	\$1,452.84
The New Beginnings	\$0.00	\$1,094.18
Victory	\$126.73	\$1,258.27
Walker	\$2,471.73	\$15,334.71
Watson	\$411.66	\$3,864.94
The Way Church	\$225.00	\$1,575.00
Community Ch Spfd	\$50.00	\$350.00
Wholly Grounds	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Contributions	\$25,376.41	\$136,437.15

Capital One	\$113,117.92
Louisiana Baptist Foundation	\$729,966.21
TOTAL Checking & Savings	\$843,084.13

News from the Churches . . .



**Children's Ministry
Training**

October 24, 2023

Featuring: David Anderson, Louisiana Baptist Convention

Robbie Isom, Judson Baptist Church
Frank Mons, Live Oak Baptist Church
Deleece Nichols, Greenwell Springs Baptist Church

Dr. Donna Peavey, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Satsuma Baptist Church
5:30-8:30pm

If you have any questions contact
Robbie Isom: 665-5481 or
robbie@judsonchurch.net

OneLife Church is hosting a Block Party at South Fork Elementary, 23300 Walker South Road, Denham Springs, LA Saturday, October 7th, 11 am – 1 pm.

This is a missions and outreach opportunity. They are in need of volunteers to help set up and man the games from 10 am set up and at 1 pm tear down. Please Contact Cameron Gober at [225.337.2922](tel:225.337.2922) if you can help or have questions.

South Walker Baptist Church

Pastor Mark Carroll, Pastor of SWBC and Chaplain with the LPDC, is in need of "gently used" Adult Sunday School literature. If you have past workbooks, leaders manuals, etc., around your church, please consider donating them to the work of prison ministry. Donations can be dropped off at the ELBA offices or South Walker Baptist Church. Please contact the office at 225/664-9309 to schedule drop off times.

Ministry News

ECON LP

EVANGELISM CONFERENCE
LIVINGSTON PARISH

Everyday Evangelism

To Inspire, Equip, and Encourage churches to evangelize
Livingston Parish.

With Children, Student, and Adult breakouts.

Saturday, September 9, 2023

First Baptist Church

27735 LA-16, Denham Springs, LA 70726

See your Pastor or church staff to sign up.



Speaker:
Dr. Jake Roudkovski



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A Ministry of Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association

September 9, 2023

Registration begins at 8:15

Coffee, snacks, fellowship

Opening Worship Rally – 9:00

Church Worship Center

Breakout Session One – 10:15

Lunch – 11:30

(Provided by the Men's Ministry of FBC)

Breakout Session Two – 12:30

Main Worship Rally – 1:45

Church Worship Center

We are grateful to First Denham's Staff, Worship Team, Men's Ministry, and Greeter's Team for their help in making this event possible.

Break Out Sessions

TBA:

Dr. Jake Roudkovski

Preparing Your Heart for Revival

Dr. Don Pucik

Turning Everyday Conversations into Gospel Conversations Josh Spinks

Sharing the Gospel with Teenagers:

Jarrod Hegwood

The Rise of the Nones in Louisiana - How to reach the unchurched, dechurched, never churched in our communities:

Lane Corley

Creating an Evangelistic Culture in the Church:

Keith Manual

Sharing the Gospel with Children:

KaRetha Kelley

10:15: The Wordless Book

12:30: Go-N-Tell

Conference Leaders

Dr. Jake Roudkovski, Prof. of Evangelism and Pastoral Ministry, Dean of the Professional Doctoral Program, NOBTS

Dr. Don Pucik, AMS, Northshore Association; attended Asbury Revival Breakout this spring and is a student of Revival Movements.

Josh Spinks, Lead Pastor of The Way Church, Denham Springs; International Trainer for E3 Ministries

Jarrod Hegwood, B.F.A., M.Div, L.P.C., Director of the Christian Counseling Center (ELBA); former Youth Minister

KaRetha Kelley, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Baton Rouge Chapter Local Coordinator, Serves on the CEF Louisiana State Board; ELBA Administrative Assistant

Lane Corley, SEND Louisiana, Director, Louisiana Baptist Convention

Dr. Keith Manual, LBC Evangelism Director, Louisiana Baptist Convention

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The next ELBA Newsletter will be mailed in November. 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.



ELBA Leadership Meeting REMINDERS

Monday, September 4th— Labor Day
ELBA offices closed

Associational Council Meeting
Monday, September 18, 2023
10:00am ELBA Office
Conference Room

ELBA'S 181ST ANNUAL MEETING
Monday, October 2, 2023
HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH
24063 La. Hwy. 16,
Denham Springs
5:30 pm Meal
and 6:30pm Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesdays Pastor Prayer Time—10:00am

SEPTEMBER 2023

- 4 Labor Day – Offices Closed
- 9 ECON-LP
- 9 Champions Camp – Tall Timbers
- 10 Grandparents Day
- 11-15 Week of Prayer for Georgia Barnette State
Missions Offering
- 11 WMM's GBO Trivia Night – Live Oak
- 16 Children's Missions Day
- 18 Association Council – 10am ELBA

OCTOBER

- 2 Annual Meeting, Hebron Baptist
- 16 National Bosses Day
- 24 ELBA Children's Ministry Training



More Ministry News



Media Library Corner

ATTENTION ALL LEADERS OF BIBLE STUDIES!

We have so many new Bible Studies from various authors. We have Jennifer Rothschild, Tara Leigh Cobble, Lysa Terkeurst, Priscilla Shirer, Tony Evans, and many others.



Stop by to reserve a study today

BIG NEWS! SAVE THE DATE!

We have been asked to bring the **WOMEN WHO LEAD** conference to OUR association on Saturday, **November 4th!** This is so exciting! I am working with an energetic team of ladies who are prayerfully seeing this task to fruition. This conference will refresh those who are leading and inspire those not yet leading to step up!

Judson Baptist Church in Walker will be our host location. Encourage the ladies of your church to look for the [registration link](#) coming soon!

ChurchBiz Publications™ is a collection of documents originally created and published by the Louisiana Baptist Foundation to assist churches in advancing the Kingdom. One dollar at a time. One ministry at a time. One life at a time. The Church Financial Health Assessment has been created to help you determine the health of your church's financial status. Take the assessment below to see where your church stands financially!

Church Financial Health Assessment

<p>Does your church have at least 3-6 months of budget in cash reserves/savings? <input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N</p> <p>Does your church produce charitable receipts at least annually? <input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N</p> <p>Is your church minimizing the pastor's taxable income-housing allowance and handling reimbursements properly? <input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N</p> <p>Is your church's budgeted revenue consistently more than budgeted expenses? <input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N</p> <p>Does your church have ample check signers with the appropriate number required for approval? <input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N</p> <p>Is your church's accounting process/system able to produce timely reports? <input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N</p> <p>Is your church preaching/teaching on the importance of biblical giving as a vital part of discipleship? <input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N</p>	<p>Is your church's cash reserve earning competitive rates? <input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N</p> <p>Is your church's system for correctly handling payroll and taxes efficient and accurate? <input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N</p> <p>Is your church properly accounting for undesignated and designated/restricted funds? <input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N</p> <p>Does your church have an emergency fund? (i.e., for insurance deductible, roof replacement, A/C unit replacement, etc.) <input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N</p> <p>Does your church have a backup if any financial volunteer/paid financial administrator (i.e., treasurer) was abruptly unable to serve? <input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N</p> <p>Is your church's annual budgeting process effective and meaningful? <input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N</p> <p>Does your church allow for multiple ways of giving/donating? <input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N</p> <p>Does your church systematically back up financial data and keep offsite? <input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N</p>
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Check your score based on your number of "YES" responses.

1 → 6%	8 → 53%
2 → 13%	9 → 60%
3 → 20%	10 → 67%
4 → 27%	11 → 73%
5 → 33%	12 → 80%
6 → 40%	13 → 87%
7 → 47%	14 → 93%
	15 → 100%

If the Louisiana Baptist Foundation can help you improve your church's financial health, please let us know!



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