



## Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association

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**Together We Do What We Cannot Do Alone**

### *Blue's News*

**HOPE:** In our culture, hope is a word describing wishful thinking. We dream of things returning to the way they were in 2019, but this is only wishful thinking. The biblical concept of hope is a firm expectation of what God wants to accomplish in our lives and churches. Hope looks forward with a sense of purpose and possibility based upon the ways, purpose, and power of God. Hope is not just wishful thinking. Hope is seeing and hearing where God is working and then joining Him in what He is doing. Hope is grounded in faith—a trust that God can bring about His will and ways along with a conviction that God can accomplish His will, and ways. Believer's hope is best seen in Hebrews 11:1, *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1 NASB)*. Where is your hope? *Our hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name*. Dare to hope: the faith, expectation, and conviction that God can bring about a new reality that draws people unto Himself.

**UPDATE:** COVID-19 is the third leading cause of death in our country in 2020. The disease has not leveled-off as expected by experts.<sup>1</sup> Churches should continue the same practices of social distancing and frequent hand washing. Love your neighbor as yourself—wear a mask as asked or required by our government.

**CHURCH:** The church's work has not stopped due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Churches are finding a way to do Sunday School, the gospel is being proclaimed, and people are receiving Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Our pastors and churches are working hard to regroup and reorganize Sunday Schools for their churches. Sunday School will look different in the near future due to social distancing requirements and size of existing classrooms. We must be flexible as we begin to meet again.

**PASTORS:** Thank your pastor for his tireless work during the continuing pandemic. Encourage your pastor to take time for rest, recuperation, and retooling as this pandemic continues for some time to come. Pray for your pastor's protection and health.

**ELBA ANNUAL MEETING:** I encourage elected messengers to attend the ELBA Annual Meeting slated for Monday, October 5, 2020, 6:30, at Live Oak Baptist Church in Watson. An emergency clause in the ELBA constitution was invoked by the Executive Board to allow a hybrid meeting to take place including in-face or online attendance at this meeting. Churches should elect messenger's as soon as possible. Send a list of elected messengers and their contact information to the ELBA office ([info@elbamissions.org](mailto:info@elbamissions.org)). This will help the office to forward online sign-in information and the Book of Reports to those attending online.

The ELBA office needs your help in preparation for the Annual Meeting: Team and Ministry leaders should provide a report of their team's activities and plans for the future to the ELBA office by September 30<sup>th</sup>. These reports will be included in the Book of Reports. There will also be several prep meetings leading up to the Annual Meeting. If you are on one of these prep committees, please plan to attend these meetings. Stay safe and see you soon!

*Richard Blue*

<sup>1</sup> Health News, *Covid-19 Third Leading Cause of Death in the United States This Year*, <https://www.healthline.com/health-news/covid-19-third-leading-cause-of-death-in-the-united-states-this-year>. Accessed 8-25-2020.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES August 2020		
Agape	\$291.00	\$291.00
Amite	\$0.00	\$10,660.61
Bethel	\$121.59	\$862.77
Carroll	\$92.00	\$942.05
Central	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Community	\$1,227.00	\$7,611.00
Colyell	\$1,558.85	\$8,470.81
Denham Springs, FBC	\$883.17	\$9,182.41
Don Avenue	\$461.49	\$3,212.91
Emmanuel	\$107.00	\$2,670.57
Faith	\$0.00	\$0.00
French Settlement	\$294.24	\$1,769.16
Gray's Creek	\$0.00	\$3,278.00
Greater Third Zion	\$0.00	\$0.00
Head of Island	\$294.30	\$835.00
Hebron	\$366.52	\$2,941.89
Holden	\$332.56	\$1,714.11
Judson	\$1,611.61	\$11,066.64
Live Oak	\$2,390.28	\$18,746.47
Livingston FBC	\$502.00	\$5,162.00
Macedonia	\$0.00	\$600.00
Magnolia	\$200.00	\$1,600.00
Maurepas	\$77.00	\$562.00
Midway	\$0.00	\$346.47
New Bethlehem	\$75.00	\$564.77
New Covenant	\$0.00	\$0.00
Northside	\$698.68	\$4,716.10
One Life	\$0.00	\$1,084.00
Pine Grove	\$440.82	\$3,178.25
Red Oak	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
River of Life	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside	\$255.81	\$1,802.36
Salem	\$0.00	\$0.00
Satsuma	\$0.00	\$250.00
South Walker	\$0.00	\$1,878.16
Southside	\$1,150.00	\$1,450.00
The New Beginnings	\$0.00	\$817.90
Victory	\$109.62	\$1,508.60
Walker	\$2,249.71	\$16,273.51
Watson	\$371.00	\$4,038.68
The Way Church	\$225.00	\$1,575.00
Community Ch Spfd	\$50.00	\$400.00
Walker Comm Min	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Contributions	\$16,536.25	\$133,063.20
Capital One	\$64,411.90	
Louisiana Baptist Foundation	\$272,438.46	
TOTAL Checking & Savings	\$791,8503.36	

## News from the Churches . . .

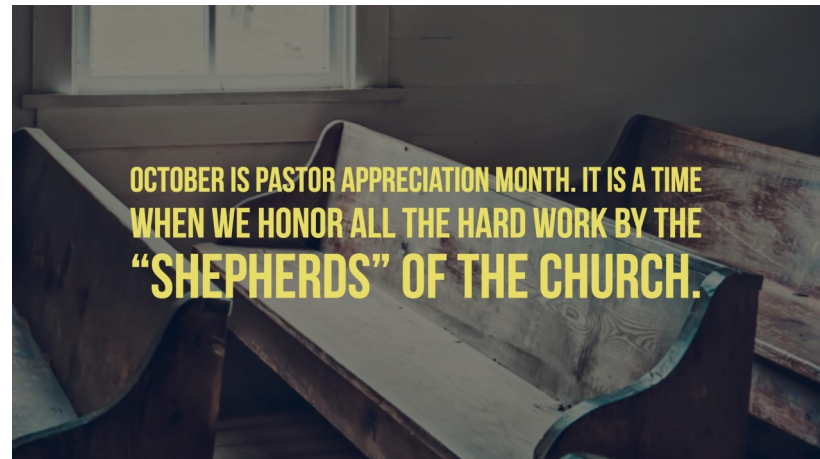
**Bro. Brad Delaughter** has resigned as pastor of Satsuma Baptist Church.

**Please pray for our churches currently seeking pastors:**

Carroll Baptist Church,, Don Avenue Baptist Church,  
Midway Baptist Church,  
Macedonia Baptist Church and Satsuma Baptist Church

### Pastors Available for Pulpit Supply

We have a list of names and contact information if you need pulpit supply, interim pastor or revival speakers. Please contact the office at 225/664-9309 or [info@elbamissions.org](mailto:info@elbamissions.org).



Please pray for all of our ELBA Pastors and Church Staff Members

And also pray for our...

Association Council Members

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

Please be in prayer for the Disaster Relief Ministry as preparations are being made to respond in the aftermath of Hurricane Laura. Contact Howard Turner at 225-936-7204 or Tom Higginbotham at 225-360-5145 to serve.

*“LBC is preparing by putting feeding units, chainsaw units, shower units & assessment units on standby. If you will be able to volunteer or serve in some way, please respond to **Kelly Tam** at 318-449-4280, [kelly.tam@lbc.org](mailto:kelly.tam@lbc.org)”*



# Ministry News



JESUS wants YOU!

Join the Lord's Army to "Zoom ore the enemy" as we enter special forces training to prepare for **Missions and Ministry through MENTORING** on Tuesdays at 10, beginning the day after Labor Day!

Will you enter boot camp to become a laborer in the Lord's harvest field? Will you accept the challenge to **CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S JOB CORPS** walk alongside ONE person as a mentor, encourager and prayer partner? Many of God's precious children have never heard an encouraging word. They may have never experienced the love of Jesus through another's eyes or heart or hands and feet. Will you be His representative to someone somewhere in the world? How about right here at home... in our own community?

The great CO -Mission given by our Lord Jesus commands us to Go make disciples. This is not a Mission Impossible [M:I] because we know that with God, nothing is impossible! Sub-Mission is the hard part: submission to training, submission to love others, submission to rearranging our time and lives to obey the Lord's command.

Will you save the **Second and Last Tuesday** of each month, September 2020 to June 2021, to participate in a series of workshops using one or more of these training methods?

In-person at the ELBA Office, On-line Zoom video-conferences, Phone audio conference calls, Independent study, and/or Two -by-two partnership learning (practicing mentorship/fellowship)

**How to REGISTER for the Missions and Ministry MENTORING Training Sessions 2020-2021...** Online at Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/missions-and-ministry-mentor-training-series-registration-115155196292>

OR fill out a registration form provided by the ELBA Office. If you do not have access to the internet, perhaps someone at your church or family would be willing to help you. **SELECT date SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>** to REGISTER\* You will only need to register once for all. *\*(If you register after the first month, then select the first month listed)* You will be asked to provide several types of contact information which will assist us in getting educational resources to you.

**How to PARTICIPATE...**Materials may be provided in several ways: In-print publications or worksheets, Online links for publications or videos, Emailed documents, Books that you may purchase (optional). You will choose your preferred learning/training methods. Each month, a different topic for independent study will be led by an expert who will make assignments and teach at least one workshop (on the **last Tuesday** to summarize learning). On second Tuesdays, optional guest speakers or discussion may also be held. You and your study partner will discuss what you are learning. (See our website page at [www.elbamissions.org/christian-womens-jobs](http://www.elbamissions.org/christian-womens-jobs) for list.)

## ESL

English As a Second Language  
Classes are now taking place.

37818 Reinninger Road,  
Denham Springs, LA 70706

Contact Bro. Miguel Flores with  
New Bethlehem Baptist Church if  
interested in participating with the  
Spanish ministry.

225/603-0817

Email—[mflores@jeffersonbaptist.org](mailto:mflores@jeffersonbaptist.org)

## Georgia Barnette STATE MISSIONS OFFERING



See their website for promotion ideas and prayer guides.

<https://georgiabarnette.org/promo-materials/>

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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](mailto:info@elbamissions.org).

☒ **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

***Mondays at 10:00am Pastor Prayer Time***  
***Onsite or Online Via Zoom Meeting***

**SEPTEMBER 2020**

- 8 CWJC Enrichment 10am
- 11 Steering Committee Meeting 9am
- 13-20 Georgia Barnette Week of Prayer
- 21 Association Council Meeting 10am
- 22 First Day of Fall
- 29 CWJC 10am to Noon

**OCTOBER 2020**

- 5 Annual Meeting 6:30pm LOBC
- 13 CWJC Enrichment 10am
- 16 National Bosses Day
- 27 CWJC 10am to Noon



**Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association**  
**178<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

**Monday, October 5, 2020**

***Live Oak Baptist Church, 35063 Coxe Avenue, Denham Springs***

**6:00 PM - Business Meeting Only This Year**

**On Site or Online via Zoom by Invitation**

**Pastor elect your Messengers for the ELBA's Annual meeting  
and the Louisiana Baptist Convention and record them on your ACP**  
*(Zoom Invitations will be sent to messengers with email/contact information from ACP)*