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Together We Do What We Cannot Do Alone

Blue's News

WOW! 2022 has flown by. November is here and the holidays are quickly approaching. What does this mean for the local church?

Budget Time: I urge churches to use a faith-action budget, which predetermines mission/ministry actions for the coming year while at the same time how much these will cost. Please remember the Cooperative Program and Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association in your budgeting.

Plan your calendars: If not already, nail down on your church calendars special Thanksgiving and Christmas services, Class or Group parties, sermon planning, benevolent, and outreach activities during this season. You will be glad you did.

REMEMBER: A special Christmas service that is publicized and well-planned will open the door to reach those not already in church. Seize the opportunity to reach the unreached for Christ at Christmas. By the way, Christmas is on Sunday this year!

Include in your calendaring the ELBA Ministers and Spouse Christmas Fellowship at Live Oak Baptist Church, 35603 Coxe Ave, Denham Springs, LA 70706, Monday, December 5th, 6:30. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship, food, and encouragement.

Miscellaneous Church Stuff: Ministers, budget your time and do not let this wonderful season wear you out. Treasurers will want to set a cut-off date for receiving 2022 offerings. Contact the ELBA office for advice on how to make this happen, especially if you are using ACS for your church's bookkeeping.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. 2022 Goal: \$185 million. Alone, no one church could do this. Together, we can do it! Plan to promote this offering in your church. LMCO Week of Prayer: December 4-11, 2022. Plan to promote your church's offering through Christmas using some of the 3-minute videos found at <https://www.imb.org/generosity/resources/lottie-moon-videos/>. Included in these videos is a thank you from Louisiana-raised missionaries Jason and Robin Ebeyer.

CONNECT1CHILD

The ELBA Executive Team along with the Social Ministry Team is working to recruit the Foster Care and Adoption Ministry Coordinator who will work with churches to prayerfully engage one family in each church who will commit to being foster parents, and the church or churches from the association will surround this and other Foster families with support to help them be successful in their effort. Resumes are being received in the associational office at info@elbamissions.org. Will you lead your church to embrace this work undergirded by the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home? The goal of this ministry is not just to relieve the need for Foster parents in our parish, but stir our churches support a Foster family with essential needs and services that will help make a Foster family's task easier, and that families will be reunited and healed through the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Connect1Child will provide churches with the opportunity to engage in a Matthew 25:31-40 ministry, *And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of Mine, you did it for Me.'* (Matthew 25:40). Connect1Child will be a step in helping to mend broken families and providing children with hope for their future. As well, it provides the opportunity for children and families to hear and receive the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Reflect, enjoy, and give thanks in November along with celebrating Jesus this Christmas. May God bless you as you wind up 2022 and prepare for what God has in store for 2023.

Richard Blue



**CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES
To Date 2022**

Agape	\$0.00	\$25.00
Amite	\$800.00	\$8,000.00
Bethel	\$155.88	\$1,304.10
Carroll	\$197.68	\$1,057.66
Central	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christ Community	\$0.00	\$8,777.00
Colyell	\$1,622.06	\$12,892.80
Denham Springs, FBC	\$2,846.88	\$15,224.72
Don Avenue	\$404.85	\$4,900.70
Emmanuel	\$625.00	\$2,235.00
French Settlement	\$240.00	\$2,546.00
Gray's Creek	\$411.00	\$4,589.00
Greater Third Zion	\$0.00	\$0.00
Head of Island	\$244.25	\$1,068.25
Hebron	\$414.09	\$3,924.37
Holden	\$330.34	\$2,622.66
Judson	\$1,322.94	\$15,147.72
Live Oak	\$2,824.40	\$25,974.34
Livingston FBC	\$482.00	\$6,310.00
Macedonia	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Magnolia	\$200.00	\$2,000.00
Maurepas	\$200.00	\$868.00
Midway	\$0.00	\$1,250.28
New Bethlehem	\$75.00	\$884.23
New Covenant	\$0.00	\$0.00
Northside	\$552.44	\$4,913.90
One Life	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Pine Grove	\$618.98	\$4,579.55
Red Oak	\$100.00	\$600.00
River of Life	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside	\$184.62	\$2,139.67
Salem	\$0.00	\$0.00
Satsuma	\$0.00	\$0.00
South Walker	\$0.00	\$1,186.50
Southside	\$0.00	\$1,973.99
The New Beginnings	\$176.74	\$1,171.70
Victory	\$110.58	\$1,614.61
Walker	\$2,160.09	\$19,004.67
Watson	\$0.00	\$3,816.77
The Way Church	\$225.00	\$2,025.00
Community Ch Spfd	\$50.00	\$500.00
Wholly Grounds	\$0.00	\$300.00
Total Contributions	\$17,574.82	\$167,628.19

Capital One	\$85,139.79
Louisiana Baptist Foundation	\$689,197.70
TOTAL Checking & Savings	\$774,337.49

News from the Churches . . .

Pastor Russell Hinson will be retiring from **Holden Baptist Church** at the end of the year. See Retirement Party Celebration on page 3.

Judson Baptist Church will hold a "Wreaths Across America" event in their cemetery to honor the 65 veterans buried there on Saturday, December 17th at 11:00a.m.

Satsuma Baptist Church is in search of a part-time youth director. In interested, please send your resume' or questions to teacherpb@bellsouth.net. SBC is located at 29896 S. Satsuma Road, Livingston, LA.



The Louisiana Baptist Convention recognizes

Merelin McCon

Retired Pastor of the year (South)

And

Russell Hinson

Bi-vocational Pastor of the year (South)

Congratulations to both Merelin and Russell for this
prestigious recognition

Baptist Women's World DAY OF PRAYER

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022

Each year on the first Monday of November, women around the world are encouraged to meet and pray together for our world. Our world may be local, national, or international. It is a time to pray for peace and for God's people to Arise and Shine because when we rise up, He shines through. Please whisper a prayer Monday.

Ministry News

Please Plan to Join us at
Holden Baptist Church for a
Retirement Party Celebration

Our preacher, Brother Russell Hinson, is retiring after 31
faithful years in the ministry
(which he surrendered to in 1991)

Everyone is invited to attend!

There will be a reception for him and his wife, Lisa, immediately following the morning worship service on
Sunday, December 18th

Please Contact:

*Holden Baptist Church
30130 La. Hwy. 441
Holden, LA 70744*

Email sandi.stafford@ymail.com
with questions



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Week of Prayer

December 4—11, 2022



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The next ELBA Newsletter will be mailed in January. 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

Association Council Meeting
Monday, January 23, 2023
ELBA Office



ELBA's Minister & Mates Christmas Party
Monday, December 5th
Live Oak Baptist Church,
35603 Cox Road, Denham Springs, LA
6:30pm



May The Lord
Bless You As You
Honor Him This
Thanksgiving.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mondays Pastor Prayer Time—1:00pm

NOVEMBER 2022

- 6 Day of Prayer for Persecuted Church
- 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11 Veterans Day—Wreaths Across America
Judson Baptist Church
- 13 Orphans & Widows Sunday
- 14 Pastor's Conference
- 15 LBC Annual Meeting
- 20-21 YEC, Alexandria
- 24 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 2022

- 4-10 Lottie Moon Offering – Week of Prayer
- 5 ELBA Minister's Christmas Party—Live Oak
- 17 Wreaths Across America—Judson
- 21 Winter Begins
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day—Offices closed til Jan. 3
- 31 New Year's Eve

