



# Good News

Acts 1:8b "...and you will be my witnesses..."

*Relationship Based*

*Evangelism Centered*

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*Training Focused*

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*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your BAGBR family! May the Lord continue to bless you.*



*For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.*

*John 3:16-7*



*2008 Lottie Moon National goal: \$170M*

*609,968 baptisms*



*5,541 International Missionaries*

*25,497 New Churches*

## **Lottie Moon Offering 2008 Emphasis**

More than 3,340 of the world's nearly 11,600 people groups continue to live and die in spiritual darkness. Among these least reached peoples there are few, if any, evangelical Christians, and no one working to plant new churches. Closing this gap will require a growing missionary force partnering with stateside churches, national Baptists and other Great Commission Christian groups. Sending the unprecedented number of missionaries God is calling will require extraordinary giving on behalf of Southern Baptists. The task is doable; God has given us the resources. Will we be found faithful? Please give selflessly. For more information or church resources, go to [www.imb.org](http://www.imb.org).

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## *Pastor Red Brick's Dilemma*

Rodrick E. Conerly, Executive Director

As Pastor Red Brick steered his pickup truck out of the White Column Church parking lot, a brisk, damp breeze swept rustling leaves across the street. He was on his way to the Association office for the quarterly pastors' conference. This windy, cool Tuesday morning held promise of a cold drizzling rain in the afternoon. "Hopefully," Red thought to himself. "I will be back at the church before the rain gets here."

Red was grateful for the gathering of his colleagues this morning. He faced a predicament of his own creation. During the past two years Red's solid biblical preaching and personal pastoral care had drawn people from different religious backgrounds to join the White Column Church. One new member was Babe N. DeFaif, a student from Africa who was growing spiritually in his commitment to Jesus Christ. What attracted Babe to the White Column Church was that he often heard Pastor Brick say, "Everything we do in White Column Church will be based on the Bible."

Red had noticed Babe's spiritual growth through the questions he asked. The time had come for the International Missions emphasis and the Christmas offering for missions. Red's Sunday morning sermon emphasized the participation of the White Column Church in the denomination's commitment to international missions. For the first time Babe had connected the local church's cooperation with other churches in an Association or Convention relationship. The new insight prompted a new question from Babe following the morning sermon.

"Pastor," said Babe as he shook Brother Brick's hand by the front door. "Where in the Bible do we find the basis for an Association of churches?" The question stumped Pastor Red Brick and created his predicament. In all his years of ministry, Red had never heard anyone convey a biblical basis for the local Association of churches. This Tuesday morning, he was glad that following the Pastors' Conference, he would be able to take Brother Vision Nary, the Association Director of Missions, to lunch at Mr. Whisker's restaurant and discuss his impasse.

After they had been seated and ordered their catfish platters, Red explained the background of Babe's question of "Where in the Bible do we find the basis for an Association of churches?"

"Brother Red," said Vision. "It is interesting that you ask that question. Just this past week, I took half a day and did my own study to see how the early churches in the New Testament worked together in association with one another. A ministry of the early churches in Antioch (Acts 11:29), Corinth, and Galatia (1 Cor. 16:1-3), and two groups of believers in Macedonia and Achaia (Romans 15:26 – shall we call them churches?) was famine relief for their Christian brethren in Judea."

"Oh," said Red. "How did they do that?"

"Well, **first**," continued Brother Nary. "The monies for famine relief from the church in Antioch were collected and brought to a central point, placed in the hands of recognized and trusted men (Acts 11:30, Barnabas and Saul) for the distribution of those funds."

"**Second**, Paul instructed the churches from Corinth and Galatia

to work together and strengthen their relationship with the church in Jerusalem. Paul wisely chose not to receive the monies himself. He instructed those churches to send representatives with letters of accreditation to travel with him and deliver the gifts from their churches to Jerusalem (1 Cor. 16:3-4)."

"Brother Red," resumed Brother Nary. "The instructions by Paul for letters accrediting representatives from one church to another church indicate a formal structure for recognition of representatives among a group of churches. Scripture indicates that a relationship existed (shall we call this an Association?) between the churches at Antioch, Corinth, Galatia, Jerusalem, and the two groups of believers in Macedonia and Achaia."

"Wow," said Red. "I have studied the Bible for years but I never connected those scriptures."

As the waitress placed the platters heaped with french fries and catfish in front of them, she asked if they wanted ketchup, to which Red replied, "Yes, and more tartar sauce please."

As the waitress receded from the table, Brother Nary asked God's blessing on their food and conversation and continued, "Now, Red, there is more. Another indication of churches coming together in association with one another is found in Acts 15. One of the functions of the local Association is to deal with matters of the practical application of Christian fellowship."

"Red," Brother Nary stated matter of factly. "You know that Peter's explanation in Acts 11 of his vision on the rooftop of the tanner's house resulted in the acceptance of Gentiles into the church. Well, what happened next was that practical problems of fellowship developed. Since the Gentiles were uncircumcised, the fellowship was broken because some Jewish Christians refused to eat with the Gentile Christians. This reflected on the validity of the Gentiles' salvation and forced the early church to deal with the issue of salvation by grace or by observance of the Law."

"Yes," said Red. "But how does that show the churches should cooperate together?"

"Well, Red," said Brother Nary. "That is my **third** point. In Acts 15, delegates from the churches in Jerusalem and Antioch came together and created policies related to the riff between the Jewish Christians and the Gentile Christians. From the church in Antioch, Paul and Barnabas and others were appointed to go to Jerusalem and were sent on their way by the church (15:2-3a). On the way to Jerusalem they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, reporting the conversion of the Gentiles (15:3b)."

By this time the waitress was back with the extra tartar sauce. Pastor Red Brick recognized her as Servidor, a member of the new Hispanic mission at White Column Church. As Servidor thanked Pastor Red Brick for starting the Hispanic mission and stepped away from the table, Brother Nary continued. "Red, back to what we were talking about. The reason why this is important for your question about churches associating together is the fact that groups of believers (shall we call them churches?) existed in Phoenicia and Samaria."

“So,” Brother Nary persisted with his last bite of catfish. “As the representatives from the different churches came together in Jerusalem (shall we call this an association?) to deal with the issue of broken fellowship, a valuable strength of churches associating together emerged; the capacity of delegates from different churches to council together and to bring a recommendation to all churches to deal with an issue.”

Brother Nary’s enthusiasm grew as they paid the bill and headed toward the door. “Red, look at the example this provides us for cooperating together as a group of churches.”

**First**, the apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider the matter of broken fellowship between Christians (15:6).

**Second**, recognized leaders gave their opinions (Peter, 15:7; Barnabas and Paul, 15:12).

**Third**, James, the leader of the Christian church, brought a proposal to the group (15:13).

**Fourth**, the proposal was approved by the delegates and a policy was established (15:19-21).

**Fifth**, the policy was put in the form of a letter and sent to the Gentile brethren in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia (15:23). The implication of the naming of Syria and Cilicia is that groups of believers (shall we call them churches?) existed that recognized the authority of those delegates.

By this time Brother Nary was animated in his enthusiasm. “Red, what this shows is that in Acts 15 two churches in Jerusalem and Antioch, four groups of believers in Phoenicia, Samaria, Syria, and Cilicia all accepted the proposal approved by the delegates representing different churches.”

“Then, **sixth**,” continued Brother Nary. “Representatives from the churches in Jerusalem and Antioch (Paul, Barnabas, Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, 15:22) went to Antioch; gathered the congregation together, and delivered the proposal (15:30). The church in Antioch received the recommended policy and rejoiced (15:31). The churches in Antioch, Corinth, Galatia, Jerusalem, and the groups of believers in Achaia and Macedonia cooperated together in a **ministry relief effort** to those Christians affected by the famine. In addition, the churches in Antioch and Jerusalem, and the groups of believers in Cilicia, Phoenicia, Samaria, and Syria accepted the **recommended policy** dealing with an issue that threatened fellowship between believers.”

“Well, Brother Nary,” said Pastor Red Brick as they left the restaurant in the cool drizzling rain. “If you don’t mind, I would like to have a copy of your study so that I can discuss with Babe the scriptural basis for churches associating themselves together for **cooperative efforts** of ministry and for the **creation of policy** that affects all the churches. I also believe this is something I need to present to the entire church.”

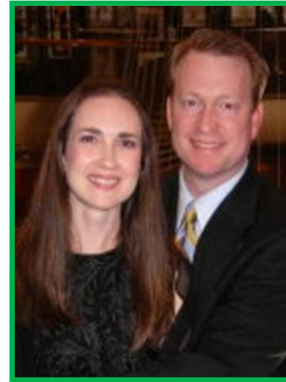
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If you have questions about your Association, we would be happy to meet with you. Please call the Association office 225-296-3943.

## *BAGBR Welcomes David L. Goza*

Reverend David Goza has been called by Jefferson Baptist Church to be their Senior Pastor. He is 36 years old and has been married to Dana Campbell since 1998. They have three



boys: Nathaniel, 4, Alexander, 3, and William, 10 weeks. He served as Senior Pastor of Davis Boulevard Baptist Church, North Richland Hills, Texas. He received his Doctor of Philosophy in Church History from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in December 2006. BAGBR wishes the Goza family a smooth transition into their Baton Rouge home and God’s blessings upon their ministry.

## *First Baptist’s Burn Page Resigns*



Dr. Burn Page, pastor of First Baptist Church since 1994, has tendered his resignation, effective December 31<sup>st</sup>. He has accepted a teaching position at Mississippi College, the second oldest Baptist college in the nation. He will be teaching New Testament in the Department of Christian Studies and Philosophy and will serve as Director of the Institute for Christian Leadership. A farewell reception is being planned for him and Annice Sunday afternoon, December 21<sup>st</sup>.

BAGBR would like to extend a warm farewell to the Page family; your cooperation and support with this Association has been invaluable. We know God is blessing your endeavors.

## *Looking Ahead to 2009...*

- VBS Regional Clinics, March 23 & 26
- Association’s Spring Meeting, March
- Bible Drill, Sunday, April 5, Florida Blvd. Baptist Church
- Association Emphasis Week, May 17 – 23
- Blitz on the Bayou, Sunday school Leadership Training, Saturday, August 15, Parkview Baptist Church
- Association’s Annual Meeting, October





## Notes from Dennis Allen

*Assistant to the Executive Director*

After 38 and a half years serving as a pastor, I never expected to be changing courses at age 62, but here I am working for BAGBR. My first month has been busy and rewarding. My first assignment was the revival at LCIW. It was a wonderful experience. According to Chaplain Gary Sumrall, the average attendance for the three day event was over 400. On Sunday afternoon at the close of the revival, 32 women were baptized. God is so good, and I want to thank all the wonderful people who worked so hard to make this revival a reality. This is an annual event, and I am asking everyone who reads this to begin praying for next year.

My next event was our annual fall BAGBR meeting. This year's meeting was held at the newly remodeled LSU BCM. We had record attendance and saw three new churches become part of our Association. We thank the BCM for hosting us and making us feel so welcome.

Another great experience for me was when Dr. Conerly took me on a tour of our churches in West Baton Rouge Parish. These great churches and pastors are doing a wonderful job sharing the gospel and ministering to their people.

I also want to tell you as I have visited various churches on Sundays I have learned that we are blessed with some excellent preachers of the gospel. There also has been the process of getting to know my job, things like learning to deal with forms, new policies, and sending emails. I am so grateful to Jan and Norma for being kind and patient teachers.



These pictures reflect the warm spirit at the LCIW revival that took place in October.

## Ministry Opportunities\*

**Baptist Association of Greater Baton Rouge** has an opening for a part-time clerical support person. Candidate must be computer literate, work approx. 20 hours per week, and be a team player. Please mail your resume to BAGBR, 10560 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70816 or email [jan@bagbr.org](mailto:jan@bagbr.org). You may also fax your resume to 225-296-3946.

**Sellers Maternity Home**, part of the LA Baptist Children's Home, needs volunteers for the following areas. Clerical: one day/week or more; answer phones, type letters, file, etc. Basic computer skills are required, as well as a letter of recommendation from church/pastor. Paid positions include: Relief House Parent(s), single lady or married couple, working approx 8 – 10 days per month. Contact Ms. Amy Hutto at 225-261-8886 or Dr. Perry Hancock at 318-343-2244 if interested.

*\*Call or email us if you have a church or ministry need or opportunity! Please note that announcements will run for 2 issues, unless BAGBR is contacted with other instructions. Call Norma at the BAGBR office at 225-296-3943 or email [norma@bagbr.org](mailto:norma@bagbr.org) to update.*



### December 2008

- 1 **LBC** Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 24 – 31 **BAGBR** Office Closed
- 25 Merry Christmas!
- 31 New Year's Eve

*LBC = LBC sponsored event*

*BAGBR = Association event*

For further details, please visit [www.lbc.org](http://www.lbc.org) or [www.bagbr.org](http://www.bagbr.org).

### January 2009

- 4 **LBC** Baptismal Celebration Sunday
- 5 **BAGBR** Office reopens
- 16 – 17 **LBC** Bible Drill Training, Tall Timbers Conference Center, Woodworth
- 18 **LBC** Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 26 – 27 **LBC** Evangelism Conference: *The Power of One*, Temple Baptist Church, Ruston

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**BAGBR CONTRIBUTIONS 3Q08**

ASSOCIATION CHURCHES	3Q2008	2008 YTD (Jan - Sept)	2007 YTD (Jan - Sept)	ASSOCIATION CHURCHES	3Q2008	2008 YTD (Jan - Sept)	2007 YTD (Jan - Sept)
Addis, First Baptist Church	270.00	810.00	810.00	Oakcrest Baptist Church	857.76	2,844.34	3,297.71
Ascension Baptist Church	2,854.54	*7917.21	7,768.01	Park Forest Baptist Church	1,385.99	3,996.88	4,462.07
Baker, First Baptist Church	3,479.50	10,898.60	11,318.40	Parkside Baptist Church	1,844.10	*5333.96	4,700.74
Baton Rouge, First Baptist Church	3,646.18	16,429.05	17,641.94	Parkview Baptist Church	11,989.17	*35922.7	31,538.92
Bayou Plaquemine Baptist	1,024.42	2,962.36	3,638.40	Plaquemine, First Baptist Church	897.99	2,694.05	3,221.61
Bayou Sorrel Baptist Church	199.00	1,130.35	1,379.85	Port Allen, First Baptist Church	661.43	3,587.98	5,174.08
Bethel Baptist Worship, Morganza	0.00	240.00	240.00	Riverdale Baptist Church	1,279.16	*4352.11	2,914.83
Broadmoor Baptist Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	Sharon Baptist Church	2,112.00	*6428.15	5,916.25
Brookstown Baptist Church	562.56	1,582.53	1,587.84	Sherwood Baptist Church	1,608.46	5,679.23	7,635.56
Broussard Grove Baptist Church	500.01	1,333.36	1,500.03	Sorrento Baptist Church	529.16	*1541.78	1,343.30
Brownfields Baptist Church	573.67	*1535.86	1,417.58	Southside Baptist Church	2,715.77	7,941.44	8,459.36
Cane Brake Baptist Church, Lottie	352.70	*929.91	200.00	Starlight Baptist Church, Morganza	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cedarcrest Baptist Church	1,231.00	3,653.00	4,782.00	Stevendale Baptist Church	150.00	*500	450.00
Central, First Baptist Church	200.00	800.00	950.00	The Church at Riverbend	0.00	0.00	150.00
Comite Baptist Church	1,338.80	*3612.93	3,314.22	Trinity Baptist Church	268.19	1,089.04	1,318.46
Community Bible Baptist Church	900.00	2,400.00	2,700.00	Unity Baptist Church	0.00	0.00	0.00
Courtableau Baptist Church, Port Barre	194.27	*705.52	451.49	University Baptist Church	4,464.56	*18305.49	16,610.21
CrossPoint Baptist Church	2,250.00	6,750.00	6,750.00	Victory Baptist Church, Plaquemine	705.02	*1955.21	1,794.98
Donaldsonville, First Baptist Church	120.00	240.00	280.00	Vietnamese Hope Baptist Church	0.00	1,135.99	1,365.63
Douglas Avenue Baptist Church	395.00	*1224	0.00	White Castle, First Baptist Church	249.84	*842.1	812.66
Dutchtown Baptist Church	300.00	900.00	900.00	Winbourne Avenue Baptist Church	0.00	0.00	229.52
Erwinville Baptist Church	619.34	*1794.57	1,688.00	Woodlawn Baptist Church	13,613.33	39,530.98	40,923.77
Faith Baptist Church, Baker	297.03	1,421.44	2,461.06	Zoar Baptist Church	7,325.67	25,980.86	41,978.29
Faith Baptist Church, Livonia	353.32	794.97	2,926.73	<b>ASSOCIATION MISSIONS</b>			
False River Baptist Church, Ventress	329.35	1,075.20	1,704.05	Bridge Church, Gonzales	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fellowship Church, Greenwell Springs	1,937.46	*5545.08	4,515.60	Christian Fellowship Int.-Filipino	0.00	0.00	80.00
First Baptist Deaf Church	30.00	60.00	80.00	Christ Way Mission, Vacherie	40.00	*153	117.00
Florida Boulevard Baptist Church	10,436.03	32,018.42	36,182.39	Church of the Nations	125.28	303.32	331.30
Fordoche Baptist Church	1,737.53	*3421.76	3,036.66	Circle Baptist Mission, Baker	0.00	*200	100.00
Foster Road Baptist Church	1,644.93	4,809.60	5,082.48	Community Baptist Mission, Gnsbg	0.00	0.00	0.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Baker	0.00	0.00	0.00	Fellowship Church, Prairieville	1,128.00	*4457.26	2,665.66
Glen Oaks Baptist Church	0.00	270.00	350.00	Gonzales Hispanic	57.75	228.54	266.55
God's Vineyard Baptist (formerly Cortana)	50.00	*50	0.00	Grace Fellowship Baptist Church	0.00	0.00	50.00
Gonzales, First Baptist Church	400.00	1,600.00	2,400.00	Haven	126.09	*774.41	41.05
Goodwood Baptist Church	411.42	*1126.05	739.67	Hispanic Mission – FBC BR	0.00	*34.18	28.39
Grace Baptist Church	0.00	0.00	962.15	La Croix	70.00	*218	151.20
Gramercy, First Baptist Church	726.61	*1857.97	700.00	LifeGiving	0.00	0.00	428.00
Greenwell Springs Baptist Church	9,231.00	*25337	19,883.00	LifePointe	0.00	*160.25	45.00
Grosse Tete Baptist Church	705.00	*2236	1,866.00	New Covenant Christian Center	0.00	0.00	135.00
Hooper Road Baptist Church	0.00	0.00	60.00	N. Highlands Community Baptist	0.00	0.00	50.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Baton Rouge	864.00	3,090.00	3,110.00	Reserve, First Baptist Church	495.00	1,650.00	1,710.15
Immanuel Baptist Church, Gonzales	0.00	*232.45	199.51	Ring Community	489.03	2,311.05	2,808.17
Indian Mound Baptist Church	1,930.44	*5490.57	5,062.33	Salvation Ministry of Jesus Christ	0.00	0.00	0.00
Istrouma Baptist Church	11,153.60	*40864.65	36,210.68	Sojourn Church	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jefferson Baptist Church	9,156.58	*29258.86	26,625.42	Vietnamese Baptist Fellowship	0.00	0.00	0.00
Krotz Springs, First Baptist Church	300.00	1,200.00	1,350.00	Westside Fellowship, Brusly	800.00	*800	0.00
Lake Martin Baptist Church, Prairieville	190.29	*413.34	165.00	<b>CONTRIBUTING CHURCHES</b>			
Lanier Baptist Church	3,003.65	*9133.94	7,496.89	DaySpring, St. Gabriel	500.00	*1200.00	800.00
Latanche Baptist Church, Batchelor	676.00	1,292.00	2,045.79	Graceworks, Prairieville	0.00	0.00	1,120.00
Little Prairie Baptist Church, Prairieville	574.04	574.04	1,461.31	Korean Baptist Church – Burgin Dr.	0.00	600.00	600.00
Maringouin, First Baptist Church	120.71	*385.76	384.04	Mid City Baptist Fellowship	199.00	314.00	321.00
New Life Church of Baton Rouge	786.29	*2386.9	1,762.40	Mt. Bethel Baptist Church	0.00	300.00	1,050.00
New River Baptist Church	292.44	*881.43	684.21	The Lord's Church, Kentwood	0.00	399.89	1,178.53
New Roads First Baptist Church	2,561.00	*10032	8,688.00	Misc	11.00	661.02	100.00
Northside Baptist Church, Plaquemine	150.00	450.00	450.00	<b>Total Contribution Receipts</b>	<b>139,473.19</b>	<b>442,573.45</b>	<b>447,823.85</b>
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Prairieville	100.00	1,372.83	1,385.77	*denotes 2008 greater than 2007 YTD = January - September			



## Christmas Musicals and Special Programs

**Bayou Plaquemine Baptist Church** invites you to their musical entitled *A Christmas Offering*, Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. (225) 659-2344. 29215 Highway 75, Plaquemine. Pastor is Rev. Ken Austin.

**Comite Baptist Church** invites you to join them for *Child of Wonder, A Celebration of Christmas*, Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Admission is free and childcare will be provided. (225) 275-3382. 12250 Greenwell Springs Road (at Flannery Road), Baton Rouge. Pastor is Rev. Dale Phillips.

**CrossPoint Baptist Church** invites you to their children's musical *Christmas Around the World*, Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. (225) 752-2400. 14965 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge. Pastor is Rev. Landon Dowden.

**Erwinville Baptist Church's** children's choir will present a cantata entitled *Joy*, Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. (225) 627-9248. 4436 Poydras Bayou Drive, Erwinville.

**First Baptist Church of Baker's** Senior Adult Choir will present *Christmas is a Birthday*, Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Also, planned are *A Dessert Theatre* and the *Glory of Christmas*, performed by the Sanctuary Choir, Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. All the proceeds of this event will go toward summer Youth programs. For ticket information, call (225) 775-0520. 3213 Groom Road, Baker. Interim pastor is Rev. Bud Traylor.

**First Baptist Church of Baton Rouge** will be presenting *One Incredible Moment*, Friday and Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. this event is free to the public. (225) 343-0397. 529 Convention Street, Baton Rouge. Pastor is Dr. Burn Page.

**First Baptist Church of Central** will present a musical entitled *Start at the Manger*, Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend this free event. (225) 261-3722. 9676 Sullivan Road, Baton Rouge. Pastor is Rev. Carter Dey.

**Florida Boulevard Baptist Church** invites you to their holiday celebrations:

- **Greening of the Sanctuary**, Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The Preschool and Children's Choirs will be singing and leading in worship, and members will decorate the sanctuary with honorary and memorial poinsettias.

- Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Shorts** will be presented by the Preschool & Children's Choirs at 6:30 p.m. This will be a 3 act musical with a Christmas Parade, a greeting from our herd to your herd, and the advent of Christmas.
- Voices in Praise, Jubilee Choir, and Sounds of Praise orchestra and drama teams will present *The Splendor of Christmas*, Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m. This innovative musical includes a "Broadway-style" opener, familiar Christmas carols, a medley of Christmas favorites, a Messiah medley, and the biblical story of Christ. It has something everyone will enjoy. Free tickets are available at the church office. (225) 272-3740. 10915 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge. Pastor is Rev. Randy Johnson.

**Indian Mound Baptist Church** choir will present *Hope Has Hands*, Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m. Directed by Mrs. Erica Winkler. 16755 Liberty Road, Greenwell Springs, (225) 261-8271. Pastor is Rev. Jim Efferson.

**Jefferson Baptist Church** will present its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual *Twin Living Christmas Trees* program. Times are as follows:

Friday	December 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	December 6 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	December 7 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 p.m.
Friday	December 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	December 13 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	December 14 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the church office Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. 9135 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge, (225) 926-0902. Pastor is Dr. David Goza.

**Little Prairie Baptist Church** invites you to *Hope Has Hands*, Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. (225) 40497 Highway 42, Prairieville. Pastor is Rev. Bruce Worrell.

**Parkside Baptist Church** choir will present *The Name...Jesus*, Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:45 a.m. 14140 South Harrell's Ferry Road, Baton Rouge. (225) 753-4273. Pastor is Darrin Morgan.

**Zoar Baptist Church** invites you to their *Christmas Concert*, Saturday and Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. This event will include musicians and choir of Zoar Baptist Church with special guests: Five Golden Rings. This concert program will be original, entertaining, and will set the mood for the holiday season. (225) 261-3434, 11848 Hooper Road, Baton Rouge. Pastor is Dr. Kevin Hand.



***Judson Baptist Retreat Center***

**Eugene Morris, Coordinator**

Upcoming Events:

- December 27 – 30      Teens in Action Equestrian Camp
- January 8 – 11          Women’s Silent Retreat
- January 23 – 24        *The Church Has Left the Building!* This is a new retreat led by Crowe Family Ministries. We will be learning as a family about evangelism in our communities.
- March 6 – 8              *Sistas Come Together!* This retreat will welcome Miss Chocolate (From the Heart Ministries) and Miss Becky Brown (Little Brown Light Ministries)

For further information, availability, or cost details, please check out our website: [www.bagbr.org/retreatcenter.htm](http://www.bagbr.org/retreatcenter.htm). You may also call us at (225) 634-7225.



***Mother /  
Daughter  
Equestrian  
Camp***



***November  
2008***



***NOBTS Extension Center Schedule – Spring 2009***



<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Professor</b>
Monday	1 – 2 p.m.	Personal Spiritual Disciplines	1	Rodrick Conerly
Monday	2 – 5 p.m.	Introduction to Ministry	3	Dennis McAnally
Monday	6 – 9 p.m.	Old Testament Survey	3	Rodrick Conerly
Thursday	6 – 9 p.m.	Preaching from Philippians	3	Landon Dowden

Please refer to [www.bagbr.org](http://www.bagbr.org) or [www.nobts.edu](http://www.nobts.edu) for detailed information. You may also call Dr. Conerly, Extension Center Director, at (225) 296-3943.



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*Praying for Our Churches...*

BAGBR churches seeking pastors include:

- Erwinville Baptist
- False River Baptist
- First Baptist Baker
- First Baptist Baton Rouge
- First Baptist Gramercy
- First Hispanic, BR
- First Baptist Plaquemine
- First Baptist White Castle
- Fordoche Baptist
- Northside Baptist
- The Church at River Bend
- Vietnamese Hope Baptist



**LSU BCM**

Steve Masters, Director

There are over 1,800 International Students at LSU from over 100 different countries. God has literally brought "the ends of the earth" to our campus. We sponsor a weekly International Student Coffeehouse from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. each Sunday as an outreach to these students.

During the Christmas Holidays our Associate Director, Mandy Trammell, will lead a group of our BCM students to work with the homeless in downtown New York City. While they are in New York, I will be with a group in Austin, Texas, to reach out to and minister to juniors and seniors in high school and freshmen in college.

We have had excellent attendance and involvement in our BCM ministry this semester. We have an outstanding freshmen class. They love the Lord and have a strong desire to reach out to the campus.

We are greatly enjoying meeting in our new BCM Center. The facility has been a great asset to our ministry efforts. We owe \$60,000.00 because of the renovation. We are attempting to raise this amount.

As always, we thank you for what you do to support our ministry. Merry Christmas!

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*Widows in Ministry*

**Thursday, December 11**  
**Christmas Celebration**, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
 (Eastside parking lot)

Enjoy an inspirational Christmas message and special Christmas music. Our featured guest will be Ms. Dianne Deaton, WAFB-TV personality.

RSVP by **December 4** (for planning purposes)  
 Ms. Jean Brown (225) 272-3619 or Ms. Jean Simmons (225) 763-9647.

**Thursday, January 8**  
 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Room A-143 (Westside parking lot)  
**???? BRAINSTORMING ?????**

Come prepared to offer suggestions and share ideas.

*Come and bring a widow friend.*

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