



# Good News

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

*Relationship Based*

*Evangelism Centered*

*Service Oriented*

*Training Focused*

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## *Association Spring Meeting and Missions Forum*

**April 25 – 26, 2008 at First Baptist Church of Baton Rouge, 529 Convention Street**

**Friday** banquet is for ministerial staff and spouses at 6:00 p.m. You **MUST** reserve your spot with the Association office. **Saturday**, we begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration.

Invited Speaker: Dr. Mike Edens, Professor of Theology and Islamic Studies at NOBTS

- Tips on Planning a Successful Trip
- Creating a Missions Spirit in the Local Church
- How IMB can help churches partner in Global Missions
- How NAMB can help churches partner in North American Missions
- BAGBR Business Session
- Creative Ways to Funs Mission Trips
- A Missions Prayer Strategy
- Panel Question & Answer

Check your mail, as well as [www.bagbr.org](http://www.bagbr.org) for updates and details.

## *Vacation Bible School*

Regional training clinics will be held in the month of April. Watch your mail for details.



**North Region: Zoar Baptist Church  
April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

**South Region: Broussard Grove Baptist Church  
April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

**West Region: First Baptist of Port Allen Church  
April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

Call or email the Association to reserve your spots: **225-296-3943** or [norma@bagbr.org](mailto:norma@bagbr.org). Also, please share your VBS dates and theme with us for publication in our next issue.

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## Starting Something New (Focus Group - Ethnic)

Rodrick E. Conerly, Executive Director

As Pastor Red Brick and Sister Grace, his wife, took their seats in the bleachers at the Local High School football game, a familiar voice called out to him, "Hey Red, you're late! They started ten minutes ago. You missed it. Our boys have scored already."

Pastor Red looked over at the voice and there sat brother Vision Nary, the Director of the Local Association of churches, with his wife, Angel. Vision was just the person Red wanted to see. While on their way to the football game Red and Grace made what they intended to be a quick stop at Walmart®. While there Red overheard a husband and wife and their three children talking in a language he did not understand. After listening for a moment, he realized they were speaking Spanish. Although Red had frequented the new Mexican restaurant in town (he was particularly fond of their chicken chimichanga), this was his first encounter with an entire family of Spanish speaking people.

As Sister Grace nudged him with her elbow and reminded him not to stare, the family's children began to talk among themselves in English. While Pastor Red pretended to be interested in something on the grocery shelf, he eavesdropped on their conversation. As he listened, he noticed that when the children spoke with the parents, they spoke in Spanish, but among themselves they easily switched back and forth from Spanish to English.

Pastor Red Brick recognized an opportunity to invite these people to church. He stepped around the aisle and introduced himself to the family. As Sister Grace realized they would be late for the football game, she told Red to meet her at the checkout lane and she continued shopping. Pastor Red Brick quickly nodded in her direction and introduced himself to the parents. He discovered the family was from Honduras, they had lived in the area for over a year, and the children attended the local school. Although the mother spoke no English and the children had to translate, the husband's English was good enough for Red to discover he worked in construction and owned a roofing business in town.

When Pastor Red Brick invited the family to church, the husband explained that since his wife spoke no English, he was looking for a church that had a Spanish service or at least one that translated the sermon into Spanish. With this bit of information, Red was stumped. The White Column Church thought it was open to anyone to come, but Red realized that because of the language barrier here was a segment of the population that was cut off from Bible study and worship in his church.

Never one to wait to be knocked over by the Holy Spirit, Red determined to start something new. He gave the husband his business card and asked permission to visit with the family in the coming week to talk about starting a Spanish Bible study at White Column Church, to which the couple quickly agreed.

Then, when Red saw Brother Vision Nary at the ballgame, he realized the chance encounter with the Hispanic family was a divine appointment. As Brother Nary tried to enjoy the ballgame, Red began to relate his encounter with the Hispanic family and to ask questions about how to start a new Hispanic Bible study and church. As Red's questions continued, Brother Nary realized that he was serious. As the opposing team scored their first touchdown and tied the score, he turned to Red.

"Well, Red," said Brother Nary, "You have to realize that the Hispanic people who are moving into our area come from all over Central and South America. As a result, they have distinct cultural backgrounds rooted in their national settings. You will need to learn all you can about their background. From what country do they come? What is their denominational background? Have they had exposure to evangelicals? What are their educational and professional levels? These inquiries will help you determine how to start this new ministry to the Hispanic population in our area."

"A second thing to consider," Brother Nary continued, "is to develop a portrait of the Hispanic household in the area. This can be done in part by discovering whatever barriers may exist."

"Barriers," thought Red out loud. "Well, you know Brother Nary, the wife did not speak English."

"That is good to know." Said Brother Nary, "Besides the language and the culture barriers, what other barriers exist? Do not assume the family has transportation. Are they here legally with their proper immigration papers?"

"Red," continued Brother Nary, "do they even have Bibles in Spanish? And, Red there exist other barriers that are not as apparent as the language. For instance if the family has a strong Catholic background, they will be reluctant to go inside an Evangelical church. You may have to begin a Bible study in a neutral location like a restaurant, a library, or even here on the Local High School campus in the cafeteria."

"You know, Brother Nary," said Red. "I had never considered the fact that some people have real and legitimate reasons why they do not come to our church. If they can't understand English, it would be hard for them to worship."

"You are right Red," continued Brother Nary, "they have real and legitimate needs you will need to discover. And you will have to meet some of those needs in order to gain their trust and confidence. Only as they begin to trust you will they listen to you about their eternal need to know Jesus Christ as Savior."

As the first half of the ballgame came to an end with the score tied, their conversation was interrupted. Their wives sent them to get some popcorn and drinks. When they settled into their seats again, Red continued the conversation.

"Brother Nary, what do you mean by their needs?" asked Red.

"Red," continued Brother Nary, "People have **real, felt, and anticipated** needs. A couple of real needs we already have mentioned. First, do they have transportation to get to work and to the Bible study? Second, do they have their legal documents to be in the country? These are real needs."

"As to felt needs, most Hispanic people arrived in our country because they felt they could make more money here than in their home country. Most of them will have the felt need to send money back to family and relatives in their home country. In addition, soon they will begin to feel like they need all the things related to the American dream. Soon the wife will feel like she needs a car. The children will feel they need a cell phone. These kinds of things are felt, but not necessarily real needs."

"You know Brother Nary," said Red, "I have never considered trying to reach them by helping to provide a need. I just assumed that people would come to church if we invited them and they knew where the church was located."

"Yes Red," continued Brother Nary, "Now you see that many people do not come to church because for them the church is not relevant to their lives. For instance, many Hispanic parents will attend a Bible study at your church because they want their children to mix with the English speaking children and youth at your church. Besides, sitting through one of your sermons may be the only opportunity the non-English speaking wife has to listen to English."

As the second half began, their wives looked at each other and elbowed their husbands.

Red's wife Angel said, "Can't you guys stop doing church work and enjoy the ball game? The second half is about to begin."

With that question the men decided to get together the next week and make some plans to get the Hispanic church started with the White Column Church as the primary sponsoring church.

1 Corinthians 9:22 *"To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some"* (NIV).

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### *Resources for Creating a New Church or Bible Study*

- ◆ Hesselgrave, David J. *Planting Churches Cross-Culturally*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker, 2000.
- ◆ Sanchez, Daniel R., Ebbie C. Smith, and Curtis E. Watke. *Starting Reproducing Congregations*. Cumming, Georgia: Church Starting Network, 2001. Chapter 12.
- ◆ Stetzer, Ed and David Putman. *Breaking the Missional Code*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2006.
- ◆ Stetzer, Ed. *Planting Missional Churches*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2006.

If you would like to know how the association can help you begin a language Bible study or church, please contact the association office. Your associational leadership is available to help you start something new. Call your Association office at 225-296-3943.

### *Associational Bible Drill*

**Florida Boulevard Baptist Church** will once again host the annual Associational Bible Drills. This event will take place Sunday, April 13 at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**Bible Drill Leaders:** please contact the Association office as soon as possible to let us know who will participate in the drill. Call Norma at 225-296-3943 or email her at [norma@bagbr.org](mailto:norma@bagbr.org). Thanks!

### *Good News Deadlines for 2008*

June / July issue:	May 2
August / Sept. issue:	July 7
Oct. / Nov. issue:	September 5
Dec. 08 – Jan. 09 issue:	November 7



## Your BCM at LSU

### Steve Masters, Director

We are having excellent response and involvement with our International ministry. There are 1,800 International students attending LSU from over 120 different countries. What an incredible mission opportunity.

Each week our BCM sponsors an International Coffeehouse from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. At the coffeehouse we have times of conversational English and discussions about Christianity. We use outings as a chance to get to know the students and to help them find out about our ministry. During the Mardi Gras holidays, we took 30 International students to Houston to visit the NASA Space Center. Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, we took 27 of them to the Baton Rouge Zoo. March 2<sup>nd</sup>, we took the International students fishing.

One of our ministries is our Family Adoption. We are asking local church families to adopt an International student or students and have them in their homes or take them on an outing once a month during the school year. If you would like to participate, call us at 225-343-0408 or email us at [lsubcm@eatel.net](mailto:lsubcm@eatel.net). Research reports that over 90% of the over 400,000 International students studying in the U. S. each year never step foot in an American home. What a missed opportunity! We hope to do something about this statistic at LSU!

We are finalizing our plans for our Mexico Mission Trip. We will leave on Friday evening, March 14<sup>th</sup> and return March 21<sup>st</sup>. We'll take over 125 students on the trip again this year. This will be our 17<sup>th</sup> straight year to sponsor this trip.

We hope to finish our Tiger Legacy Building Renovation in early April. We are making good progress. In fact, you are welcome to attend our Building Dedication Service Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the BCM. This will be an opportunity for you to tour the building and pray with us over the future of our work.

It's been suggested by several local church members that we make a list of new items that local churches could provide for our kitchen and other rooms in our BCM. This would be a "shower" from our churches for our new BCM Center. We like this idea and are preparing such a list.

Thanks for your support; please continue to pray for us.

### *Weekly support at First Baptist Church of Baton Rouge*

**First Baptist Church** offers GriefShare, a 13-week video & discussion program, as a free service each spring and fall. The group meets each Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at 529 Convention Street. Anyone in the community who is dealing with the death of a loved one is welcome at any of the meetings. Call John Westbrook at 225-768-8863 or the church office at 225-343-0397 for a brochure or detailed information.



### Rep. Barrows Speaks at Elayn Hunt Correctional Center

Submitted by George Goudeau, BAGBR Criminal Justice Volunteer Chaplain

Saturday night, December 18, 2007, Rep. Regina Ashford Barrows spoke at EHCC's (Elayn Hunt Correctional Center) second annual Graduation Service. She powerfully challenged one hundred fifty two inmates, twenty-six volunteers, and five EHCC administrative and security officials to continue their discipleship in following Jesus. The men gave her a standing and lasting ovation.

Chaplain Ross English has developed a Christian Education Ministry in which six diplomas were earned by men who proudly wore their caps and gowns. One hundred eighty one certificates were also awarded to other participants for their year's work. A certificate represents three months work, consisting of two hours of weekly group work and an average of 30 minutes a day of quiet time assignments. A diploma represents an average of eight certificates in a given area of study.

The weekly two-hour discipleship groups (*attendance required*) are led by one freeman and one inmate facilitator per six to ten students. In these groups, the men share what God did in their lives during their daily quiet times and work on learning to practice those truths. Since 2005, there have been 210 baptisms at Hunt.

The lavish banquet was provided by a cooperative effort led by Zoar Baptist Church, Baton Rouge and Progressive Baptist Church, Lafayette. These volunteers also led in serving the inmates at their tables instead of having them come through a serving line. This act of Christian servanthood deeply touched the inmates' hearts.

Enrollment for the spring semester has been boosted by the momentum gained from the Graduation Service. The men are already planning the 2008 Graduation. Thank you for your support, which makes this ministry possible. Pray for more laborers for the discipleship groups, tier visitation ministry, and revivals in our prisons. This discipleship program, sponsored by BAGBR, welcomes your volunteerism. Contact Jan via phone, 225-296-3943 or email [jan@bagbr.org](mailto:jan@bagbr.org) to inquire.

*Below: Baptism by Chaplain Ross English*



### Elayn Hunt Correctional Graduation Day





## *Blackaby Conference: Results*

Mary B. Smith, BAGBR Prayer Team Volunteer

In our day of surveys and polls, we trend toward final results. Thankfully, regarding the *Experiencing Prayer with Jesus Conference* held in February at First Baptist Church of Baton Rouge, the results are not yet final. Here is a summary of a few of the things that we do know.

We prayed, we prepared, and people came...over 1000...from 100 churches in the greater Baton Rouge area and beyond. Saturday when BAGBR Director, Dr. Rodrick Conerly, asked for those outside our Association to stand, there were dozens! Registration was an indication that this event crossed denominational lines, and we were very pleased with the number of sister churches who joined us.

How refreshing it was for us to be ushered into worship from our hectic lives into the throne room by Ron and Patricia Owens. What a gift! They are a living testimony of servants who have worshiped and ministered for years.

The teaching by Richard and Henry Blackaby inspired, motivated, challenged, and blessed those in attendance. Seeing people return in the great numbers for every session on both days was evidence that they were hearing messages that were refreshing, new, needed, and anointed.

As I visited with people, I heard various comments from conferees:

- "I will never again pray my 'list' to God. He already knows my needs."
- "My prayer life has dramatically been changed."
- "I want God's agenda written on my heart."
- "This was the best attended Associational program in over a decade."
- "I wish more people could have been here to hear these messages."
- "Where were all the young people? I worry about the younger generation. Are we going to have pray-ers in the church after we are gone?"

But God is still at work. The results are not in yet, although we can share the following:

- Bible Study teachers of college departments and younger students attended the conference. They are already utilizing the principles they learned and are not only exposing young people to these principles, but they are teaching and modeling the concepts of prayer. Our younger generations need this so much!
- More books were sold at this conference than at most other Blackaby conferences! If you were unable to purchase any books, you may order resources through the Blackaby Ministries website at <http://www.blackaby.org/resources>.
- The Chaplain from LCIW attended the luncheon. Pray for him as he strives to incorporate the concepts and materials at that facility.
- A young adult woman named Magda from Capetown, South Africa, attended the conference. She is with an organization whose mission is to train prominent internationals to share

the Gospel to their culture. She 'happened' to be in town en route to a training seminar when some friends invited her to attend this conference. After receiving the proper permission, she plans to use some of the Blackaby materials on her radio broadcast, which reaches 180,000 homes.

So, you see, the results are not final. The question remains: what will you do with what you learned? Will you begin a book club in your neighborhood or at work and discuss prayer? We, the BAGBR PRAYER Team personally invite you to join us. Let God use you as an instrument to learn, teach and spread the word about prayer events in our area to your friends, neighbors and churches. Please call the Association at 225-296-3943 to volunteer.

We live in a hostile and hurting world that desperately needs prayer warriors. We all need prayer. I have yet to encounter a person who has refused to let me pray for him. Ask God where He is busy and how you can get involved.

Thank you, BAGBR and Blackaby Prayer Team. Your diligent services and prayers were so appreciated. The rewards will be eternal. Moreover, as you can see, they reach from Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the world.

## *Widows in Ministry*

**Thursday, April 10, 2008**

6:00 pm, Room A-143, Westside parking lot  
Guest Speaker: Martin Brignac, Sr.

Local artist will display his framed 3-D Architecture

**Thursday, May 8, 2008**

6:00 pm, Room A-143, Westside parking lot  
Speaker: David Hayes – Humorous Speaker

Bring a widowed friend!

**Florida Boulevard Baptist Church**

10915 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, 70815

225-272-3740

## *April 2008*

- 4 – 5 **LBCWMU Annual Meeting/Missions Celebration**  
First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge
- 13 **BAGBR Bible Drill, Fla. Blvd. Baptist Church, Baton Rouge**
- 13 **LBC Cooperative Program Emphasis**
- 25 – 26 **BAGBR Missions Forum and Spring Meeting, First Baptist Church of Baton Rouge**

*LBC = LBC sponsored event*

*BAGBR = Association event*

## *May 2008*

- 1 **LBC National Day of Prayer**
- 26 **LBC Memorial Day Holiday (BAGBR Office closed)**

*LBC = LBC sponsored event*

*BAGBR = Association event*

## A Strong Showing!

Following **Istrouma Baptist Church's** purposes to *Reach Up, Reach In and Reach Out*, the church hosted Team Impact February 20 – 24. Team Impact, based out of the Dallas area, is a group of physically and spiritually strong men who share the love of Christ through feats of strength. Reaching an audience who would not normally attend church, Team Impact offered a straightforward gospel invitation at each performance. Over a five-day period, they performed at 34 school assemblies during the day then held nightly events at Istrouma. With over 400 Istrouma members volunteering to serve and crowds surpassing 6,000, the event saw 350 professions of faith and 430 decisions total! Pastor Matt Surber said, "The event was beyond our expectations. The guys from Team Impact were incredible men of God. Our church was excited about reaching this community for Christ and we saw incredible fruit." For more events, visit [www.istrouma.org](http://www.istrouma.org).



## Ministry Opportunities\*

**Goodwood Baptist Church** is in need of a secretary. Candidate must have excellent organizational skills, working knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Publisher, Power Point), good phone skills, and be a team player. Hours are 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Monday – Friday. This is a part-time paid position. Please send resume to: **Goodwood Baptist Church**, Attn. Personnel Committee, 7125 Goodwood Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70806 OR you may email: [pastorgdwd@bellsouth.net](mailto:pastorgdwd@bellsouth.net).

**Greenwell Springs Baptist Church** is searching and praying for a Children's Ministry Assistant to work primarily in our preschool ministry. Responsibilities will include conducting preschool children's church, coordinating preschool events, working in AWANA, as well as working in other areas of children's ministry. This person will report directly to the Children's Pastor. The church prefers the candidate possess an Early Childhood Education degree or commensurate experience. This is a paid, part-time position. Contact Joe Sherwin, Children's Pastor, at 225-261-2246.

Do you need baby beds? **First Baptist Church of Baton Rouge** has five baby beds to donate. Please call the church office for details, 225-343-0397.

**Woodlawn Baptist Church** has two kidney shaped preschool tables to give away. Please call Caroline at the church office to inquire, 225-766-4661.

*\*Call or email us if you have a church or ministry need! Please note that ads 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 or make changes.*

## Gonzales Seamen's Center

Sylvester Wilson, Director



The Lord God Almighty reigns! As elsewhere, He is doing a marvelous work at the Gonzales Seamen's Center! It is a humbling privilege to be in service to the King of Glory! In the inspiring wake of past directors of the Center, Pete Jones and W. P. (Pat) Caudill, I strive to follow their legacy of Christ's gospel witness to the nations.

Here is a snapshot of some Seamen Center ministry activity from January through March:

	Jan	Feb	Mar
*Nations Represented	13	19	1
Seafarers Visiting the Center	93	134	1
Chapel Service at Center	0	2	0
Plan-of-Salvation Presentations	0	1	0
Jesus Videos Distributed	14	24	1
Number Attending Church	0	4	0
**Ditty Bags Distributed	91	106	1

\*Nations represented: Ukraine, India, Philippines, Scotland, Romania, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Greece, Croatia, China (PRC), Myanmar, Indonesia, Poland, Yugoslavia, USA, Costa Rica, Montenegro, Russia, Chile, El Salvador

\*\*Ditty Bags contain a Gospel tract, Gospel of John Bible study and various personal hygiene items (1,521 Ditty Bags were distributed in 2007).

**Important** needs at the Gonzales Seamen's Center:

- Donations to purchase foreign language Jesus Film DVDs
- Donations to purchase foreign language Bibles
- Clothing (jeans, work pants and shirts, work jackets and coats, new socks)
- Personal hygiene items – travel sizes best (toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouth wash, soap, combs, shampoo, lotion, wash cloths, lip balm, deodorant)

**Urgent** needs at the Gonzales Seamen's Center:

- Volunteer Teams to keep the Center open daily and more hours per day
- A Volunteer Coordinating Team to help recruit, train, and schedule volunteers, volunteer projects and activities!!!
- Seamen's Center brochure needs to be updated and distributed to ports, docks, control rooms, and port workers

If I had a Wish List...did I say "Volunteers?" Lots of Volunteers are needed! We need 3 web cams for our desktop PCs (requested by several seamen); we need nice-looking, evergreen, low maintenance landscaping (especially a hedge row to block wind-blown debris from the shopping center parking lot; our stereo system needs repair; and the piano needs repair and tuning.

For more information, comments, or questions, please contact us at Gonzales Seamen's Center, 1411 Weber City Road, Gonzales, LA 70737. You may call the center at 225-647-1617. I may be reached on my mobile at 225-715-4991. You may also email me at [baptistassociation@bagbr.org](mailto:baptistassociation@bagbr.org). Thanks for your support!

*Welcome New Pastors!*



**First Baptist Church of Central** called Carter Dey to serve as their pastor on January 6, 2008 after serving as Interim Pastor since September 2007. He received degrees from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis, Tennessee and South

Atlantic Bible College and Seminary in Great Falls, South Carolina. He has been pastoring churches for the past 30 years in Arkansas and Virginia. Rev. Carter is married to the former Gail McDaniels of Zachary, LA. They have three children and seven grandchildren.



**Bayou Sorrel Baptist Church** is pleased to introduce their new pastor Jon Moyers. The Moyers family moved to New Orleans in August of 2005 three weeks before Hurricane Katrina. On November 7, 2007, they accepted and began the role of servant pastor at Bayou Sorrel Baptist Church in Plaquemine, LA. They now

live in the Bayou Sorrel community, and Pastor Jon will continue to work on his MDiv at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He is pictured above with his wife Amanda and daughters Jaqualynn (4) and Ella Jane (2).



Wade Thomas is began as pastor at **First Baptist Church of New Roads** in February 2008. He served for several years in Colorado and Texas before settling in LA. Pastor Wade received his MDiv from Southwestern Baptist Theological

Seminary in Fort Worth. He and his wife Suzanne have a son John, a daughter Audra, and grandchildren.



**Parkside Baptist Church** called Darrin L. Morgan and his family in January of 2008. He and his wife Kimberly are from Columbus, Indiana. They were married April 20, 1985 and have six children and two grandchildren. Kimberly home-schools the three younger children. Darrin served 14 years in the Army; he and his family were stationed in

California, Hawaii, Colorado, and Missouri. He graduated from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky on December 10, 2004 with a Diploma of Theology. He has served as a Children's Pastor, Youth Pastor, and Senior Pastor. His passion is discipleship, preaching, and teaching.

**Judson Baptist Retreat Center**

Eugene Morris, Coordinator

**Volunteer Counselor's Retreat: April 11-12, 2008**

Cost \$60.00/person for hotel (or \$48/person for cabin)  
This retreat is for all former Volunteer Counselors and any ladies coming to Girls' Missions Camp in 2008! Call the office at 225-634-7225 for more information and check the website for all camp information and updates or to download forms. [www.bagbr.org/retreatcenter.htm](http://www.bagbr.org/retreatcenter.htm)

**Change to TIA Camp!**

Yes, the CIT job is fun, but does all that work make you wish you could be a GA again? If so, today your prayers have been answered! Teens In Action Camp is being opened not only to girls finishing 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades but also to girls who are eligible to be CITs (Counselor In Training). This includes girls finishing 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades, ages 14 – 16. We'll have horses, swimming, a talent show, small groups, a banquet, creek time, team games and worship with Ms. Bec! This camp is designed especially to meet your needs, with lots of free time and Bible Studies.

**NEWS FLASH!!! FIRST WEEK OF EQUESTRIAN CAMP IS FULL!** But the good news is...there is a second week! We will begin registration immediately for the second week of Equestrian Camp that will run from August 4 – 8! The cost will be the same as the first week! See our website for more details.

**Prayer Requests:** Our summer staff, camp missionaries, over 1,000 campers, counselors, CITs and WITs, God's provision and protection, and that our Lord will be glorified in all that we do!



**Above:** Intern Amy Clark; Casey Thomas, Consultant; Adrienne Hodgkins, Retreat Center Team Rep.; Debi Morris, Administration; and staffers Joy Clark, Miriam Downing, Elena Henry, and Rachael Philips

**Below:** Jacquelyn Odom, GMC Director; staffers Rebekah Odom, Emily Winegeart, Anna Campbell, Danielle Jackson, and intern Kaitlin Staples



**Blitz on the Bayou**  
**Sunday School Leadership Event**  
Hosted by Parkview Baptist Church.  
Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>



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*Save the date!*

**Baptist Association of Greater Baton Rouge**  
**119<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 14**  
**Baptist Collegiate Ministry Building, LSU**



*Please Be In Prayer for Our Churches!*

BAGBR churches seeking pastors include:

- Broadmoor Baptist
- First Baptist Hispanic, BR
- Florida Blvd. Baptist
- Little Prairie Baptist
- Vietnamese Hope Baptist
- Cedarcrest Baptist
- First Baptist, Plaquemine
- Fordoche Baptist
- The Church at River Bend

*Attention Criminal Justice Volunteers!*

Please be aware that there is compulsory training required annually for all volunteers who enter any state prison facility for the purpose of teaching, leading or otherwise participating in ongoing educational training. This does not apply to an event such as a revival. Please take note of and attend one of the dates listed below. Remember, this is a compulsory DOC rule and must be followed if you desire to serve God in this very important ministry of Baptist Association of Greater Baton Rouge. Notify Jan Terral at 225-296-2943 or jan@bagbr.org when you complete the training.

- May 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. – Catholic Life Center in Baton Rouge, 1800 South Acadian Thruway, BR
- Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 p.m. – Catholic Life Center in Baton Rouge, 1800 South Acadian Thruway, BR
- Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. – South Baton Rouge Church of Christ, 8725 Jefferson Hwy, BR



**DivorceCare**

DivorceCare is a weekly seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced. The group meets every Sunday at 5:30 p.m. at **Zoar Baptist Church**. Free childcare is provided and you may join the group anytime. For more information, call or email 225-261-3434 or divorcecarencentral@yahoo.com.

*Church Anniversaries*

**Community Bible Baptist Church** will celebrate 20 years of ministry in May. The celebration will include a banquet Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church at 3535 Mohican. For ticket information, call the church office at 225-355-6644. There will be two worship services Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Lee T. Wesley will preach at 11:00 a.m. with music being provided by the church choirs. A guest speaker will share in the 4:00 p.m. service. Additionally, several persons who have helped the church over the years will be recognized for their assistance and dedication. Community Bible Baptist Church started as a mission church in May 1988.

**Sherwood Baptist Church** at 1180 S. Flannery Road in Baton Rouge will be celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 18<sup>th</sup>. All former staff, former members, and friends are invited to attend. The guest speaker will be William Nowell, who served as pastor from 1982 – 1987. Leading in music will be former music director Ivy Butler, 1992 – 1996. Sunday school will be from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and service will be at 10:15 a.m. A meal will follow the worship service.

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