



# Good News

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

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**Pastors of BAGBR - You are appreciated!**

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet  
of those who bring good news, who proclaim  
peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim  
salvation, who say to Zion,  
'Your God reigns!'" Isaiah 52:7

Thank you for your faithful service.

**Baptist Association of Greater Baton Rouge  
120<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
and  
Annual Pastors' Conference and Pastors' Wives' Forum  
at Woodlawn Baptist Church  
October 23-24, 2009**

**Friday, October 23                      6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.      Pastors & Wives Appreciation Banquet (R.S.V.P. Required)

**Saturday, October 24                      8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

8:00 - 8:30 a.m.      Continental Breakfast

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.      Pastors - Preaching Track and Bi-Vo & Small Church Track

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.      Pastors' Wives - Topics related to Health and Spiritual Growth

12:00 - 1:30 p.m.      BAGBR Business Session (A light lunch will be served)

*Everyone is invited to attend the Annual Meeting.  
Only elected messengers can vote on the business items.*

## *Pastor Red Brick Meets a Seafarer*

**Rodrick E. Conerly, Executive Director**

Pastor Red Brick had seen that much needed rain was forecast for the day, so he left his house early to try to beat the rain before it reached his office. As he went out the door, his wife handed him her short 'honey do' list which involved going by Wal-Mart®. What he did not know was that God had planned a divine appointment. Had she not given him the list he would have missed what God had in store for him and the White Column Church. As he pulled into the parking lot at Wal-Mart, he passed the Association's Seafarer Ministry Center. In driving by, he saw the Seafarer Ministry van with the hood up and five or six men looking at the motor. At first he did not think anything about it, but something seemed different about the group of men working on the truck.

He knew the Association assisted with and coordinated a ministry to the international seafarers and local port workers; however, beyond preparing small gifts bags, the White Column Church had not been involved in the ministry. As he looked closer at the group of men, he realized they were from a ship docked at the port on the river. Instead of going into Wal-Mart, he parked his truck next to the van to see if he could be of some help. About that time, the rain began. As he got out of the truck, he heard a familiar voice.

"Hey, Pastor Red Brick," said Willin T. Serve. "You are a God-send. I sure could use some help."

Willin served as the Coordinator for the Seafarer Ministry and he had brought the men from the ship to Wal-Mart for them to shop. Then, as he was loading the men in the van to return them to the ship, the van would not start. Just as they lifted the hood of the van to investigate the problem, Pastor Red Brick had pulled into the parking lot.

"Sure," said Red, "What do you need?"

"Brother, could we borrow the van from White Column Church to get these men back to their ship?" asked Willin.

From that plea for help, Pastor Red Brick began his introduction into the Seafarer Ministry. For the next two hours he helped Brother Willin transport the men back to their ship. As he and Willin were returning from the port back to Wal-Mart so Willin could see to the repair of the van, the rain increased from a steady drizzle to a downpour. As a result, traffic slowed to a crawl on the interstate. With time in traffic, Red began to inquire about the Seafarer Ministry.

"Willin," said Red, "Tell me about the Seafarer Ministry. Other than making a few gift bags to drop off at the Seafarer Center, our church has not really been involved."

"Well, Brother Red," said Willin, "Our ministry has suffered greatly since the terrorists attack of September 11<sup>th</sup>. If more men were allowed to leave their ships, we could do a lot more. Right now, we are studying the possibility of shifting our focus from the traditional approach of bringing the men to our center. We would like to ask the churches of the Association to help us develop a ministry whereby we go onto the ships and minister to the seafarers there. If we can create this type of ministry, we could increase the number of men we reach by ten-fold."

"How would that change what you are doing?" asked Red.

"Right now," answered Willin, "When the men receive permission to leave their ship, we provide the men with transportation to do some shopping. In our Seafarer Ministry Center we provide them with a secure and safe place to call home at a reasonable cost. And now, with the advances in cell phones, we are investigating how to provide them with SIM cards for their own cell phones at a low cost. While they are at the Center, we provide them with tracts and Bibles in their own language. And as you know, we provide them with gift bags which we call Good News Kits that contain three or four small items and a gospel tract."

"In addition," continued Willin, "With the low number of ships that we are allowed to serve, the members of our churches in the Association who previously assisted in this ministry has dwindled. As the number of men and women seafarers able to leave their ships decreases, we have less need to call on the volunteers from our churches. As a result, many local church members who used to volunteer have found other ministries in which to serve. This is the reason we are looking to start a new ministry of going onto the ships and ministering to the men, women and sometimes children on board."

About this time, the rain slacked off and the traffic began to move along. Soon they were back at the Wal-Mart where they had left the van.

"Well," asked Pastor Red Brick, "When you start this new ministry on the ships, what will you need from White Column Church? How could we help?"

"Oh, Pastor Red Brick," answered Willin, "That will be an answer to prayer. For your members to minister effectively, they will need to do the following:"

**First** – Learn Cross-Cultural Communication. Although many people think language is a big barrier, a sincere Christian smile communicates in any language. In reality, cultural differences often are greater barriers to communication than language differences. The seafarers know when someone is genuinely concerned about them."

**Second** – Know seafarers' spiritual needs. All people have spiritual needs that only Jesus Christ can meet. Before the White Column Church does any ministry to seafarers, be sure you create a Statement of Purpose that clearly states that the reason for the ministry is to meet spiritual needs. Our ministry sees very few conversions, but our task is to be faithful in planting the seeds for salvation."

**Third** – Become acquainted with port authorities. Access to the ships depends on Homeland Security regulations and on the relationships we establish with the people working for the port authority. They are the gatekeepers and provide us with permission to do our ministry. Without them we have no ministry to the international seafarers and local port workers."

**Fourth** – Cooperate with all partners. A port ministry is a cooperative effort. Cooperation must be maintained in all relationships. Ministering to seafarers depends on cooperation with port authorities. Being welcome aboard a ship depends on

## Retreat for Bi-Vocational and Small Church Pastors and Wives

Dennis Allen

One of the worst things in the world is to get the message too late. A message received too late is like closing the gate after the cows are out. So, I am making sure that all of our Bi-Vo/Small church pastors get important news from BAGBR and that they get it in plenty of time to be part of the good things that are taking place.

BAGBR has planned a special event just for the Bi-Vo / Small Church pastor and his wife. Pastors, this is the chance of a lifetime to take your wife on an overnight getaway on us. There will be good food, fun and fellowship. It will take place on **Friday and Saturday, January 22-23, 2010** at the Judson Retreat Center in Jackson, LA. That's right, a time of restoration just for you and your wife. The Retreat Center has motel-type accommodations but space is limited. We only will have space for 20 couples. The first 20 to sign up are the ones who will get to go. Brother Gary Mitchell with the LBC is working with BAGBR to help make this possible. To reserve your space or to learn more about the retreat, just give me a call at (225) 296-3943. I am anxious to talk with you about this event and the many wonderful things going on in our Association of Baptist churches.

## Pastor Red Brick Meets a Seafarer

(continued)

cooperation with ship authorities. Every ministry needs financing. Support in finances, materials, and volunteers depend on the cooperation of the members of the local churches. This ministry cannot exist without the local church."

"**And finally,**" continued Willin, "Be yourself. Whatever you do, remember that you represent Jesus Christ and you may be the only example of Christianity these men will see. Conduct yourself in a way that, if you were to go back the next day, you would be welcome and have another opportunity to witness to them."

"After all, Pastor Red," continued Willin, "Remember this! The first disciples Jesus called were people who made their living on the water. His example calls for us to imitate the actions of our Lord and be faithful in ministry to seafarers."

As Red pulled out of the Wal-Mart parking lot in the church van, he realized that the events of the morning had divine direction. He decided that the White Column Church needed to be more involved in a ministry that could affect the lives of countless people around the globe. He determined that his church would do more than provide a few gift bags. © 2009 Rodrick E. Conerly

If you would like to know how to be involved in the Seafarer Ministry, please contact the Association office.

Resources for a Ministry to Seafarers  
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Notes from Dennis Allen  
Assistant to the Executive Director

## A Good Sermon (I Hope)

In response to one of my recent articles, several pastors have asked me to keep the good sermons coming. So, that is what I am going to attempt. I do believe that is what every good pastor tries to do every Sunday, keep good sermons coming.

**Sermon title:** How to Be Successful All Through Life

**Text:** I Samuel 17:29

**Introduction:** Everyone knows the story of David and Goliath but do they know what happened just prior to David facing Goliath? David was sent by his father to check on his brothers and see how the battle was going. My question is, what did David expect to see? I believe David expected to see God's Army engaged in a great battle and winning a great victory. What he saw was the Army of God being defied. This resulted in David's question to his brothers, "Is There Not a Cause?" We all know David went out and won a great victory that day. How did he do it? If we follow the event, we will see how David won the victory over Goliath and if we follow the same procedure we will also be winners throughout our lives.

**First,** David had purpose to his life and understood that purpose.

- Life without purpose is no life at all.
- Our purpose is to glorify the God who created us.
- Finding your purpose begins with you placing your faith in Jesus Christ

**Second,** David went with faith in God.

- Faith is the only way to serve God, it pleases Him.
- Through faith, David had faced a lion and a bear. Faith exercised brings more faith and David now was ready to face the giant.
- Faith always confuses the enemy and gives only God the glory.

**Next,** David used what God had given him.

- David did not accept King Saul's weapons and armor. His response was, "I have not proved them."
- The best way to get into trouble is to try to be someone you are not.
- What David did use was what God had provided for him and it proved to be more than enough.
- We all need to be happy with who God has created us to be.

**Finally,** Victory over Goliath

- David gave God the Glory for everything.
- David told Goliath, you come to me with a sword and shield but I come in the name of the living God.

**Conclusion:** If we have purpose to our lives by trusting in Jesus as our Savior, if we trust in Him to guide and provide, if we use what He has provided for us, if we give Him the Glory, we will always be winners not only in this life but for eternity! 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:4 says, "You have overcome them because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:4 says, "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the VICTORY that overcomes the world – our faith."



## *A Message from Michelle Lesley* *Prayer Coordinator, BAGBR*

- Thirty three percent of clergy and thirty six percent of laymen report having visited a sexually explicit web site. *Christianity Today survey, August 2000*
- The divorce rate of born-again Christians (32%) is higher than that of atheists and agnostics (30%). *Barna Research Group 2008*
- *We rarely find substantial differences between the moral behavior of Christians and non-Christians.* George Barna, Founder, Barna Research Group

*"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men..." Jesus*  
*Matthew 5:13*

We, the body of Christ, are supposed to be salt. Look around. How are we doing? By and large, instead of the church making the world thirsty for the Living Water, we have become so worldly ourselves that we are in danger of losing our savor altogether.

The Western church, the American church, Louisiana's churches, BAGBR churches, maybe even your church—is in desperate need of revival. Not a revival *meeting*. Revival.

Revival is not a special event to win the lost. It is a time when God's people, both individually and corporately, humble themselves, cry out to God in repentance and return to a fresh, empowered, obedient love relationship with Him.

Aren't you tired of seeing statistics like the ones at the beginning of this article? Tired of the church having so little impact on a lost and dying world? Tired of simply going through the motions in your spiritual life and at church? Have you ever, as I have, taken a step back, looked at your walk and your worship, and said, "There's *got* to be more to the Christian life than this"?

There *is* more. Much more. God desires that we have a full, exciting, vibrant, dynamic relationship with Him. But it's going to cost us. It will cost our pride, our time, our repentance, our obedience, and our priority. It will require that we become dissatisfied and uncomfortable with the status quo of complacency.

I think we're up for the challenge.

That's why the main focus of the BAGBR prayer ministry is praying for revival in our individual churches. And, we need you to labor in prayer alongside us. My goal as your Associational Prayer Coordinator is to secure at least one prayer coordinator from each church in BAGBR. There are over 100 churches in our Association. Currently, only approximately 10% of them are represented by prayer coordinators.

If you would like more information on the BAGBR prayer ministry or serving as a prayer coordinator from your church, please visit [www.bagbrprayer.blogspot.com](http://www.bagbrprayer.blogspot.com), or contact me, Michelle Lesley, through the BAGBR office.

**Prayer Focus for this month:** Pray that God will raise up prayer coordinators from each church in BAGBR, and that He will send revival in our churches.



## **BLITZ ON THE BAYOU** **SUNDAY SCHOOL** **LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

Dr. Rob Zinn, Senior Pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Highland, California, was the keynote speaker for the 2009 Annual Sunday School Leadership Training Conference held on August 15<sup>th</sup> at Parkview Baptist Church.

Twenty-seven leaders provided training for Sunday School teachers of all age groups, Sunday School directors, librarians and Pastors/ministerial staff. A total of 463 participants took part in the training. Special thanks to Parkview Baptist Church for hosting the event. The conference was sponsored by BAGBR, LBC and LifeWay Church Resources.

**Make Plans to Attend ~ 2010 Blitz on the Bayou**  
**Greenwell Springs Baptist Church**  
**Keynote Speaker: Josh Hunt, conference**  
**leader and author of seven books**



## **Church Staff Updates**

Has your website changed? Do you have a new staff member? Please remember to notify us when you have updates, as we do strive to keep our website and databases current. Call Jan at the Association office or send her an email at [jan@bagbr.org](mailto:jan@bagbr.org). Thanks for your cooperation!

## *Inmate Testimony*

Chaplain Goudeau,

Thank you so much for the wonderful course offered, "Making Peace with your Pas." The twelve weeks of studying, group sharing and working together with a great brother in Christ, Mr. Dan Newman, made all the difference. I was able to discuss, share and speak about painful past areas of my life. We had a wonderful table of group discussion where people shared things that perhaps they had never been able to before. Thanks also for The Baptist Association of Greater Baton Rouge for enabling guys such as myself to experience this great book and the other courses offered so that we can grow from them and share with others. God Bless and thanks once again.

Robert W., Inmate Elayn Hunt Correctional Facility



## *LCIW Discipleship Program Volunteers Needed*

**Karen Russell, BAGBR LCIW Coordinator**

Most inmates at LCIW (Louisiana's Correctional Institute for Women) are starving for something or someone to fill their emptiness. Until they know Jesus personally, they will never be satisfied. Until they experience God's unconditional love and His grace, they will forever be searching. The church, that's you and me, must live up to Jesus' command for us to "Remember those in prison *as if you were their fellow prisoners*" (Hebrews 13:3). To be successful it takes effort, dedication, and commitment to the task. It also takes time. Volunteers must first gain the trust and respect of inmates before "heart-work" can begin. For this reason, our discipleship curriculum is structured for 13-week sessions, meeting once weekly. We are flexible, but expect at least a 13-week commitment from volunteers.

My passion is to help women prisoners to become free on the inside as they also become more responsible and accountable. Our discipleship curriculum is a Bible-based, Christ-centered tool that helps guide incarcerated women through a personal knowledge and understanding of how to apply God's Word in their everyday lives. The natural sequence of courses offered focuses on transitioning from being captive to being free. Successful completion of courses is being used in parole hearings as evidence of progress made toward reentering society. However, mere focus on correcting faults leads to frustration and repeated failure. To know God in a personal way gives true meaning and direction for every aspect of one's life.

The main thing that sets our ministry apart is that we feel called to make more than just a difference in someone's life; God has called us to serve so that He can *transform* hearts. Everything we do begins and ends with Jesus Christ. Everything in between is His Holy Spirit working in and through ordinary people to glorify Him for His Eternal Kingdom (Zechariah 4:6).

Someone needs to go . . . is it you? Please pray about what God is asking of you. To serve in prison ministry involves training; so does everything worth having. If you have a heart for women, especially women in prison, and feel passion for bringing the Gospel to the lost and forgotten, please contact Karen Russell, LCIW Prison Coordinator (home #225-664-9031 or cell #225-278-1198 or email at [krussrn@aol.com](mailto:krussrn@aol.com)). We welcome you to join our ministry team at LCIW as we grow and experience God together.

## *La. Correctional Institute for Women Annual Revival and Ladies Day Report*

St Gabriel, LA

OCTOBER 2-4, 2009

The 2009 LCIW Revival has come and gone but many lives have been changed forever. The annual event, sponsored by BAGBR and LBC, brings the Gospel message in a revival-like format to the women incarcerated at LCIW.

The revival began on Friday, October 2nd with the hugely popular "Ladies Day Gift Box Distribution" sponsored by Louisiana Baptist Convention-Women's Ministries. Janie Wise, Women's Missions and Ministry Strategist of LBC shared that 60 different churches and groups donated personal care gift items that were then placed in boxes and given to the women of LCIW. Gift boxes were given to 1,297 women this year as a result of the generous hearts of the women and churches of our state. One of the recipients of a gift box shared with a volunteer that it didn't really matter what was inside the box. "What mattered was that for this period of time, the women inside LCIW are reminded that they are not forgotten; they are loved and they are prayed for."

Revival Worship Services, originally scheduled to be held in a giant tent on the grounds, were moved inside the beautiful new LCIW chapel building due to heavy rain in the area. The weather could not dampen the spirit of joy and revival of the women and volunteers. In all, 120 volunteers participated in the event which far exceeded previous years. Also, for the first time, many of the volunteers were able to participate in all of the planned events of the weekend. Evangelism teams were able to visit in lockdown areas, the infirmary yard and the inmates' living areas.

Revival Services offered four different guest speakers and four different praise bands/worship leaders. Chaplain Sumrall of LCIW reported that attendance for all revival services totaled 749 inmates! The revival concluded with a baptismal service where 22 women were baptized. Many others made decisions of reaffirmation and purpose.



***NOBTS Extension Center  
2010 Spring Schedule***  
**Rodrick Conerly, Director**

**COURSE****INSTRUCTOR**

Introduction to Christian Education	Dennis McAnally
Southern Baptist Life	Roddy Conerly
Introduction to Counseling	Fred Selby
Personal Spiritual Disciplines	Roddy Conerly

To request a catalog and an application, please contact the NOBTS Enlistment Office at [enlistment@nobts.edu](mailto:enlistment@nobts.edu).

## ROCK THE RIVER YOUTH UPDATE



The first-ever "Rock the River" Billy Graham Evangelistic Association summer concert tour came to Baton Rouge on Saturday, July 20, 2009. Rain clouds surrounded the venue and the heat from the sun was challenging but nothing could dampen the joy and excitement of the day-long concert featuring Flyleaf, Superchick, RED, Hawk Nelson, Mary Mary and Canton Jones.

Franklin Graham, president and CEO of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association brought a series of brief messages of salvation to the crowd of 10,998 young people throughout the day. Trained volunteer counselors were on hand to pray with those who made life-changing decisions at the event.

From Baton Rouge "Rock the River" tour made its way up the Mississippi River with stops at the Gateway Arch Grounds in St Louis, the Quad Cities and Minneapolis-St Paul.

A special thank you to the BAGBR churches, missions and volunteers that gave of their time and funds to reach the youth in the Baton Rouge and surrounding areas.

### BATON ROUGE ROCKED!

***LSU BCM***

**Steve Masters, Director**

We are busy with our outreach and ministry to the LSU campus for the fall of '09. Classes began for LSU on Monday, August 24th. The dorms opened on Thursday, August 20th. We organized a series of events and fellowships to reach out to the new freshmen. We wanted to provide them with opportunities to meet and get to know each other, our BCM staff and our BCM upperclassmen.

We challenge our students to find Christ if they haven't, to grow in Christ and to become or stay involved in a local church. Over 150 new freshmen visited us during the first week. This fall semester we will sponsor fifteen different Bible study groups for freshmen.

Our first TNT worship service was held on Tuesday night, August 25th at 8:00 pm. We moved TNT to Tuesday nights instead of Thursday nights. We did so because our research showed that LSU students have more tests on Fridays than any other day of the week.

The following is additional information about our specific ministries in the fall:

**International Student Dinner** - There are over 1,800 international students at LSU from over 1,250 different countries. Our BCM is beginning a free international student dinner this fall as an outreach to this group. The dinner will be held at 5:30 pm on Monday nights.

**Collegiate Churches/Area Churches** - All of our BAGBR churches are invited to be posted on our BCM website. We have two categories on the website; the first is for collegiate churches. These are local Baptist churches that help pay for welcome kits for new students, sponsor TNT dinners and have specific ministries for college students. The second category is for area churches that want LSU students to find out about their church. If you'd like to be in the Area Churches section then email a picture of your church and the following information to the BCM at [master535@cox.net](mailto:master535@cox.net): the times of your Sunday School and church services; your church's mailing address; your church phone number; the name of your pastor; and your website (if available). To view the church section of the BCM website, go to [www.lsubcm.org](http://www.lsubcm.org) and click on the "Collegiate & Area Churches" link located on the left hand side of the page.

**Monday Lunch** - The first Monday lunch of the fall semester was held on Monday, August 24th from 11:40 am to 12:20 pm. A special thanks to all the BAGBR churches that provide lunches as an outreach to campus.

**Transitions Website** - All of the area churches are asked to provide the BCM's in Louisiana and across the U.S. with the names and contact information of the 2009 high school graduates at their church. Please enter the students' information at [sbccampusconnect.net](http://sbccampusconnect.net) and help these students connect with a BCM!

Thank you for your support of this ministry.



## Judson Retreat Center

Eugene Morris, Coordinator

### Words from Becky Brown that best describe what happens at JBRC:

What a blessing it is to be able to spend these weeks each summer watching kids grow in Christ. The beauty of this place blesses me every time I drive through the gates. Horses grazing in the pastures. Trails meandering through the woods. Thompson Creek winding along one borderline. Berry vines growing along the path. Cracker Barrel rocking chairs on the front porch and the back porch. Deafening silence when the kids are not here and excited voices when they are. The theme verse on the welcome sign reads: Be still and know that I am God.

In June, I was here to speak to the camp for older girls. I sat in a rocker on the front porch and watched a pair of bluebirds building their nest in the alcove. When I returned for the rest of the camp weeks, the baby birds had hatched and were sporting their new feathers and trying out their new voices. Last week, we watched them leave the nest and try out their wings.

Their parents were doing their best to lure them down from their lofty nest with lots of chirps and peeps. Since their nesting home had been built very near to the front door of the building, it would be necessary for them to whisk them quickly away from the flurry of activity and the dangers of foot traffic. They would have to trust their bird parents as they made a huge first leap of faith so that they could land on the hard sidewalk and then scurry and flip and flop quite a while before they would be near anything that resembled the safety of a tree. I had to help one of them along. I picked him up on my finger. He gripped it tightly in sheer panic. He flew up to my shoulder as I walked him over to the foot of the bush where his siblings were proudly perched. Their parents were tag team dive bombing me the whole time. I set his little self right down on the ground and backed away.

The picture was drawn for me of our task here at camp summer after summer. Their parents give them birth and bring them into the nest of this camp. We nurture them spiritually and teach them about Christ. We take them swimming and horseback riding and play games with them. We let them hear REAL LIVE missionaries and stories of the work of God around the world. We worship with them and teach them songs about Jesus. We memorize scripture verses.

We wipe their tears of homesickness. Then, Friday always comes. The vans that brought them on Monday return to take them away. They launch out into a hostile world that does all it can to engulf them and destroy their opportunity for spiritual

success. All we can do is to provide them the tools for living. Then we must sit on the limb and watch them take flight.

Deuteronomy 33:27 reads: "The eternal God is our refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms."

We have had an awesome summer at JBRC...many lives touched, great fun at the pool, on horses, on pedal cars and at the creek. But most of all, the wonder of watching our Lord as He gives birth to a new sister or brother in Christ. Or to watch in awe as a missionary opens the eyes of girls and boys to what missions really means. **Thank you BAGBR churches for allowing us to observe these miracles summer after summer!**

## JBRC UPCOMING EVENTS

### *Senior Adult Fish Fry*

**November 10, 2009**

Registration 9:30 a.m.

**\$10.00 per person**

Registration Deadline: November 3, 2009

### *\*Faithbooking Retreat*

**NOVEMBER 13-14, 2009**

Cost: \$120.00 (supplies included)

Check-In - 6:00 p.m. on Friday

Registration Deadline: October 21, 2009

\*Faithbooking simply uses our own stories, scripture verses, favorite songs and quotations to create an album that demonstrates how our faith in the Lord affects our life.

### *TIA Horse Camp ~ 7-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls*

**NOVEMBER 21-24, 2009**

Cost: \$225.00

Check-In - 9:00 a.m. on Saturday

Ends with Exhibition at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday

Registration Deadline: November 1, 2009

### *2010 Women's Silent Retreat*

**January 29-31, 2010**

Cost: \$160.00 per person

Speaker: Becky Brown ~ Retreat Basis: Psalms 46:10

Registration Deadline: January 5, 2010

Registration Forms online at [www.judsonretreat.org](http://www.judsonretreat.org)



## BAGBR CHURCH & MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT 3Q 2009

ASSOCIATION CHURCHES	3Q2009	2009 YTD		2008 YTD		ASSOCIATION CHURCHES	3Q2009	2009 YTD		2008 YTD	
		(Jan - Sept)	(Jan - Sept)	(Jan - Sept)	(Jan - Sept)			(Jan - Sept)	(Jan - Sept)		
Addis, First Baptist Church	360.00	990.00	810.00	*	Oak Grove Baptist, Prairieville	0.00	0.00	1,372.83			
Ascension Baptist Church	1,712.67	5,368.39	7,917.21		Oakcrest Baptist Church	925.41	3,004.95	2,844.34	*		
Baker, First Baptist Church	2,844.27	9,130.81	10,898.60		Park Forest Baptist Church	1,214.26	3,606.48	3,996.88			
Baton Rouge, First Baptist Church	3,423.21	14,796.06	16,429.05		Parkside Baptist Church	1,110.83	4,763.84	5,333.96			
Bayou Plaquemine Baptist	1,089.21	2,881.72	2,962.36		Parkview Baptist Church	8,727.64	32,355.73	35,922.70			
Bayou Sorrel Baptist Church	732.00	1,849.99	1,130.35	*	Plaquemine, FBC	1,332.98	3,999.01	2,694.05	*		
Bethel Baptist Worship, Morganza	0.00	0.00	240.00		Port Allen, FBC	912.46	2,665.79	3,587.98			
Broadmoor Baptist Church	0.00	0.00	0.00		Reserve, First Baptist Church	0.00	1,220.00	1,650.00			
Brookstown Baptist Church	420.66	1,373.61	1,582.53		Riverdale Baptist Church	1,345.14	4,438.12	4,352.11	*		
Broussard Grove Baptist Church	666.68	1,500.03	1,333.36	*	Sharon Baptist Church	2,213.00	6,523.00	6,428.15	*		
Brownfields Baptist Church	0.00	157.62	1,535.86		Sherwood Baptist Church	918.61	4,520.14	5,679.23			
Cane Brake Baptist Church, Lottie	0.00	727.05	929.91		Sorrento Baptist Church	614.35	1,784.19	1,541.78	*		
Cedarcrest Baptist Church	0.00	928.36	3,653.00		Southside Baptist Church	1,883.28	7,072.40	7,941.44			
Central, First Baptist Church	300.00	800.00	800.00		Starlight Baptist, Morganza	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Comite Baptist Church	1,071.41	3,318.03	3,612.93		Stevendale Baptist Church	150.00	350.00	500.00			
Community Bible Baptist Church	900.00	3,000.00	2,400.00	*	The Church at Riverbend	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Courtableau Baptist, Port Barre	407.14	887.46	705.52	*	The Lord's Church, Kentwood	398.43	1,138.02	399.89	*		
CrossPoint Baptist Church	562.50	2,250.00	6,750.00		Trinity Baptist Church	248.85	788.22	1,089.04			
Donaldsonville, First Baptist Church	0.00	0.00	240.00		Unity Baptist Church	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Douglas Avenue Baptist Church	438.00	1,367.00	1,224.00	*	University Baptist Church	4,331.47	14,665.38	18,305.49			
Dutchtown Baptist Church	300.00	900.00	900.00		Victory Baptist, Plaquemine	711.90	2,030.44	1,955.21	*		
Erwinville Baptist Church	498.73	1,587.07	1,794.57		Vietnamese Hope Baptist	384.29	1,505.85	1,135.99	*		
Faith Baptist Church, Baker	0.00	279.87	1,421.44		White Castle, FBC	297.79	879.74	842.10	*		
Faith Baptist Church, Livonia	348.32	878.30	794.97	*	Winbourne Avenue Baptist	308.42	308.42	0.00	*		
False River Baptist Church, Ventress	376.10	1,057.15	1,075.20		Woodlawn Baptist Church	13,231.19	41,163.50	39,530.98	*		
Fellowship Church, Greenwell Spgs	1,102.08	4,414.00	5,545.08		Zoar Baptist Church	2,833.66	15,112.86	25,980.86			
Fellowship Church, Prairieville	1,200.00	5,930.00	4,457.26	*							
First Baptist Deaf Church	25.00	70.00	60.00	*	<b>ASSOCIATION MISSIONS</b>						
Florida Boulevard Baptist Church	5,587.26	17,655.33	32,018.42		Bridge Church, Gonzales	180.29	523.44	0.00	*		
Fordoche Baptist Church	555.63	2,313.93	3,421.76		Christian Fellowship Int.-Filipino	0.00	85.70	0.00	*		
Foster Road Baptist Church	1,522.67	4,816.73	4,809.60	*	Christ Way Mission, Vacherie	30.00	78.00	153.00			
Friendship Baptist Church, Baker	0.00	0.00	0.00		Church of the Nations	106.22	327.95	303.32	*		
Glen Oaks Baptist Church	270.00	540.00	270.00	*	Circle Baptist Mission, Baker	10.00	10.00	200.00			
God's Vineyard Baptist (formerly Cortar	0.00	0.00	50.00		Community Baptist, Gnsbg	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Gonzales, First Baptist Church	600.00	1,800.00	1,600.00	*	Gonzales Hispanic	105.86	298.34	228.54	*		
Goodwood Baptist Church	393.38	1,110.60	1,126.05		House of Repentance (Grace Fellowship)	0.00	100.00	0.00	*		
Grace Baptist Church	249.36	875.12	0.00	*	Haven	0.00	223.00	774.41			
Graceworks, Prairieville	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00	*	Hispanic Mission - FBC BR	0.00	37.83	34.18	*		
Gramercy, First Baptist Church	452.79	1,052.60	1,857.97		La Croix	0.00	0.00	218.00			
Greenwell Springs Baptist Church	9,226.00	27,981.00	25,337.00	*	LifePointe	0.00	100.00	160.25			
Grosse Tete Baptist Church	871.00	2,721.00	2,236.00	*	New Covenant Christian Center	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Hooper Road Baptist Church	0.00	0.00	0.00		Northside Baptist, Plaquemine	150.00	450.00	450.00			
Immanuel Baptist Church, B.R.	738.31	2,181.15	3,090.00		N. Highlands Community Baptist	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Immanuel Baptist Church, Gonzales	153.47	498.15	232.45	*	Of the Way	0.00	300.00	300.00			
Indian Mound Baptist Church	1,951.05	5,411.42	5,490.57		Ring Community	1,072.02	3,095.68	2,311.05	*		
Istrouma Baptist Church	7,612.00	18,977.18	40,864.65		Salvation Ministry Jesus Christ	25.00	125.00	0.00	*		
Jefferson Baptist Church	9,946.97	31,196.00	29,258.86	*	Westside Fellowship, Brusly	170.00	340.00	800.00			
Krotz Springs, First Baptist Church	450.00	1,350.00	1,200.00	*							
Lake Martin Baptist, Prairieville	372.90	563.71	413.34	*	<b>CONTRIBUTING CHURCHES</b>						
Lanier Baptist Church	2,523.68	7,911.77	9,133.94		Day Spring, St. Gabriel	375.00	1,000.00	1,200.00			
Latanche Baptist Church, Batchelor	1,420.00	2,108.00	1,292.00	*	Korean Baptist Church, Burgin Dr.	0.00	600.00	600.00			
Little Prairie Baptist, Prairieville	481.18	2,487.39	574.04	*	Mid City Baptist Fellowship	75.00	225.00	314.00			
Maringouin, First Baptist Church	102.36	407.20	385.76	*	Misc.	0.00	90.74	661.02			
New Life Church of Baton Rouge	731.96	2,319.70	2,386.90		<b>Total Contribution Receipts</b>	<b>116,948.63</b>	<b>377,522.08</b>	<b>440,158.72</b>			
New River Baptist Church	403.33	1,302.82	81.43	*							
New Roads First Baptist Church	2,762.00	9,192.00	10,032.00		*denotes 2009 greater than 2008 YTD = January - September						



***BAGBR Seafarer Ministry***  
**Sylvester Wilson**  
**Gonzales Seafarer Center Director**

### To Volunteer, or Not to Volunteer?

. . . Volunteer for Seafarer Ministry, that is! Well, wouldn't it be just great if someone took some of the mystery out of "volunteering for seafarer ministry?" Anticipating the gravest question first, there may be some who wonder, "Not knowing much to begin with, what if I sign up as a volunteer to work with the Baton Rouge or Gonzales Seafarer ministries, then, after a while, discover it's not the thing for me. Will I be forced to 'walk the plank?' The answer is "No." With that, we've cleared up a lot of mystery, already.

The seafarer ministry exists under the auspices of the Baptist Association of Greater Baton Rouge (BAGBR). The Center is located in Gonzales, Louisiana and serves seafarers arriving at ship dock facilities in Ascension and St. James parish.

The BAGBR Seafarer Ministry offers:

- Free transportation
- Communication (mail, phone, internet)
- Advice and assistance for seafarer's problems
- Christian worship
- Limited recreational activities (billiards, table tennis, etc.)
- Magazines, books, foreign language Bibles, Jesus Film videos
- Ship visiting (now requiring special DHS credentials)

The whole range of ministry workers and volunteers may consist of ordained pastors, chaplains, prayer intercessors, ship visitors, van drivers, language interpreters, hosts to American homes, escorts to local church services, a local helping hand committed to a seafarer's, someone to maintain follow-up and long-term contact, church-based volunteer organizers, part-time skilled and unskilled labor, ad-hoc project volunteers, bakers and makers of goodies and treats, ditty bag makers (now legendary), and donors of ditty bag items and sundry necessities.

For a portrait of those types of workers and volunteers, it may suffice to just look into the mirror. And, on their spiritual insides, they would most likely have a heart for missions and building God's Kingdom through evangelism and discipleship with an overriding love of Jesus Christ toward the weary seafarer – male, female, young or old – of every kindred, tribe, and nation and tongue.

***Thank You*** I needed to take time out from all my busyness to thank everyone for offering and delivering to us two new-looking web cams and installation CD! Now the Center will have three! Pastor Mike (not me) is able to install them expertly!

Having no webcam was a frequent disappointment for visiting seafarers; having only one was greatly appreciated; now, three will be a delight! Among seafarers, word gets around! A few months ago, while driving some men from Zen Noh Grain Elevator in Convent, one of them told me the ". . . Gonzales Seamen's Club is known around the world . . ."

So, thanks to all -- you all make a difference! Sylvester Wilson

### ***Praying for Our Churches...***

BAGBR churches seeking pastors include:

- Erwinville Baptist
- False River Baptist
- First Baptist Baker
- First Baptist Baton Rouge
- First Baptist Donaldsonville
- First Baptist Plaquemine
- First Baptist Port Allen
- Fordoche Baptist Church
- The Church at River Bend
- Vietnamese Hope Baptist



### **WIDOWS IN MINISTRY**

**Monthly Meeting**

**Thursday, November 12, 2009**

**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Florida Boulevard Baptist Church  
10915 Florida Blvd.**

**Room A-143 (West Parking Lot)**

***Donald Ingram, Ph.D.***

***"Memory and Aging"***

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## GOOD NEWS DEADLINE

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## BAGBR MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

*Baptist Association of Greater Baton Rouge* has available for use video Bible studies by such authors as Beth Moore, Henry Blackaby, John Trent and many more. If you would like to borrow a series or inquire about specific studies available, please contact the BAGBR office: 225-296-3943.

**Westside Fellowship, Addis, LA**, Student Minister needed (part time). Contact Steve Armstrong for additional information or send resume to: P.O. Box 587, Addis, LA 70710; [www.thewestsidefellowship.com](http://www.thewestsidefellowship.com)

**BCM, LSU** is now collecting any furniture, home items, or decorations for international students. Many of these students live 1-5 years here in very bare apartments, some with just mattresses on the floor. Any items you donate will be used from year to year to help them feel more at home here. Please call 225-343-0408 or email [lsubcm@eatel.net](mailto:lsubcm@eatel.net) to arrange a drop-off time. \*If you are interested in participating in ongoing ministry to international students, please contact Mandy Trammell, Associate Director, at the number above or email [MTrammell@bcm LSU.net](mailto:MTrammell@bcm LSU.net).

**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 the BAGBR office at 225-296-3943.**

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## ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE (ACP) DEADLINE

The Annual Church Profile (ACP) for the period of September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009 is now due! If your church has not yet submitted the ACP, please do so in writing or online via [e-lbc.org](http://e-lbc.org). Approximately 50% of the BAGBR churches have completed the ACP to date.

The data from the ACP is input into the Louisiana Baptist Convention's (LBC) database and is used by the Southern Baptist Convention to obtain statistical and historical information on each congregation. Some benefits to submitting your ACP that you may not have considered include:

- Serves as a disaster recovery resource of church data should the need arise.
- Serves as an accepted document by banks and insurance companies for validation of various membership and financial information (including "proof of operation") required by these institutions.
- Serves as the means of determining the number of messengers a church may send to the state and national Baptist conventions each year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 296-3943 or [jan@bagbr.org](mailto:jan@bagbr.org). We would appreciate receiving completed ACP's at the BAGBR office by the end of October.