



HEART TO HEART

EDEN BAPTIST CHURCH VOTES TO DISSOLVE!

On Wednesday, March 18, 2009, the members of Eden Baptist Church voted to approve the following motion: "I move that the members of Eden Baptist Church, Inc. dissolve the Corporation and deed all assets to the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association subject to the settlement of all liabilities according to due process. I further move that we ask the Association to assume responsibility for the remaining services to be held at Eden, establish a termination date for those services, provide information to the members of Eden Baptist Church concerning sister churches in the Walker – Denham Springs area where we may consider moving our membership, and that the Association notify all current members of the action of the church to dissolve."

The motion was approved unanimously by the members present. Eden's Articles of Incorporation specify that should the church dissolve, "the titles of all properties shall be transferred to Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association located at Walker, Louisiana."

Numerous factors led to the decision by the members to bring to a close a ministry that had been in effect since its founding in 1871. They knew that because of their limited membership and resources, it would be nearly impossible to continue. However, they also saw that there was great potential for those facilities to be used for the glory of God. They are to be commended for making the hard choice to put "first the kingdom of God."

Please be in prayer for these dear brothers and sisters in Christ as they discover God's will for each of them.

Brother Wendell Dorman has been supplying for them during the past five or six weeks. We have asked him to continue leading them in worship until other plans can be determined and implemented.

Responsibility for making recommendations to the ELBA Executive Board concerning the properties has been assigned to the Missions and Ministry Center Team. The Team will address the issues related to the transfer of the properties and their future use. They will also work with the Finance Committee concerning all financial matters. Ideally, these recommendations would be ready to be presented at our May 4th Executive Board meeting at Agape' Baptist Church.

Brother Willis Easley is the Missions and Ministry Center Team Leader. He will be stepping aside as Team Leader until the recommendations are presented to the Executive Board to avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest. The reason for this is because Christ's Community has received notice from the Livingston Parish School Board that they need to be out of the Denham Springs Junior High School facilities by June 1. Therefore, consideration will be given to making the Eden facilities available to them until they can construct their building. They are actively working toward finishing their building plans and preparing for construction.

Brother Willis said there was a possibility they could start construction in the fall, but it is more likely that it would begin in the spring of 2010. The Missions and Ministry Center Team will provide additional information as they prayerfully consider how the Lord would want His properties used.

Please be in prayer for these leaders as they seek the Lord and His will.

ASSOCIATION HEALTH INSURANCE GROUP STATUS REPORT

In the last newsletter I reported that we were exploring two tracks for the Health Insurance Group. One was to see if the Association Group might be able to merge with the LBC group. That is not possible. The second was to see if we might develop a parallel program with the LBC assisting with the administration of the program. That, too, is not possible.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES
FEBRUARY 2009**

Deposits through 03-12-09

Contributions	FEB 09	TOTAL
Agape'	0.00	143.73
Amite	0.00	21,291.49
Beech Ridge	0.00	958.40
Bethel	125.93	897.35
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Carroll	0.00	2,237.04
Christ's Community	300.00	1,800.00
Colyell	765.55	6,021.60
Denham Springs	485.91	3,366.77
Don Avenue	250.81	1,547.70
Doyle	0.00	0.00
Eden	0.00	680.63
Emmanuel	1,442.19	4,002.70
Faith	0.00	1,025.68
French Settlement	286.28	2,020.00
Gray's Creek	475.00	2,360.55
Greater Third Zion	0.00	0.00
Head of Island	745.68	1,664.67
Hebron	0.00	11,262.06
Holden	178.91	1,011.24
Judson	1,785.70	11,465.20
Life Giving	0.00	1,070.78
Live Oak	2,029.54	7,566.13
Livingston	0.00	1,967.00
Macedonia	0.00	0.00
Magnolia	293.00	2,102.00
Maurepas	232.83	1,016.09
Midway	353.47	1,397.79
New Bethlehem	25.00	150.00
New Covenant	0.00	0.00
Northside	144.01	2,945.67
One Life	61.28	271.56
Pine Grove	391.28	2,624.53
Red Oak	200.00	1,400.00
River of Life	0.00	1,278.00
Riverside	801.90	5,401.03
Salem	0.00	0.00
Satsuma	214.16	1,604.63
South Walker	199.08	766.31
Southside	0.00	191.32
The New Beginnings	92.31	727.53
Victory	108.00	558.67
Walker	1,543.21	10,723.29
Total Contributions	13,531.03	117,519.14
Interest Income	0.00	2,238.40
Total Designated Income	455.85	91,184.56
Total Income	13,986.88	210,942.10
Capital One Total		141,553.03
Louisiana Baptist Foundation Total		281,774.09
Total Checking & Savings		423,327.12

News from the Churches...

Andy Partington has resigned as Minister to Children at **AMITE BAPTIST CHURCH**. **Terry Booth** is pastor.

CARROLL BAPTIST CHURCH, 13980 Friendship Road, Walker, will be presenting a musical/drama, "More Than Just a Man" on Sunday, April 5th at 6:00 PM. **Denise Flippen** is Music Director.

Everyone is invited to attend the Spring Bible Conference on April 20-22 at **CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH**, 14200 LA HWY 44, Gonzales, LA 70737. The speaker is **Paul Dean** from Greenville, South Carolina. Services begin at 7:00 PM. **Brian Thomas** is pastor.

Craig James has resigned as pastor of **DON AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**.

You are invited to attend Revival Services at **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HEAD OF ISLAND** on April 19-22. Evangelist is **Raymond Taylor**. Services will be held at 10:45 AM and 5:30 PM on Sunday, April 19 and at 6:30 PM on Monday through Wednesday. The church is located at 23956 LA HWY 22, Head of Island. **Mike Smith** is pastor.

The "Singing Women of Louisiana" will present a concert at **WALKER BAPTIST CHURCH** on Thursday, April 30 at 7:00 PM. This is a group of about 50 women from around the state that is led by Randy Turner, LBC Music Strategist. The concert is free; but an offering will be taken which goes to support the LBC Youth Choir Summer Mission Tour. Everyone is invited to attend. **Richard Blue** is pastor.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE 15th

Please let us know what's going on in your church, such as special events, revivals, pastor/staff changes, etc.

EMAIL: elbamissions@elba.brcoxmail.com

FAX: (225) 664-9349

MAIL: ELBA, PO Box 305, Walker, LA 70785

Available for Supply & Interim...

REVEREND JAMES PITTS is available for pulpit supply and interim pastor. He may be contacted at 9147 Louisiana Avenue, Denham Springs, LA 70726; or (225) 664-0437(home), (225) 938-4963 (cell).

"It All Comes Back To Jesus"



ASSOCIATIONAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLINIC

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

6:30—8:30 PM

Judson Baptist Church

Workshops will be held as follows:

Preschool—Jill Gasquet

Children's Bible Study—Maryella Sterling

Preteens—J. C. Palmer

Missions—Justin Powell

Youth—Ray McCon

Adult—Randy Powell

VBS Directors—Linda Pierce

Pastors & Outreach Leaders—Frank Valenzano

Music—Addie Laughery

All VBS workers are encouraged to attend and receive training in leading "Boomerang Express." We hope that even those churches not using LifeWay material will attend to receive any help they may need for their schools.

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As a result, the Health Statements and Waivers have not yet been sent to GuideStone. Part of the reason for that is the requirement by the insurance underwriters that we must have either Health Statements or Waivers from at least 80% of the eligible ministers that the group could serve. In my first letter to all of the ministers, I made mention of this need to have a response, either inquiring about participation, or a waiver. As a result, I will be contacting each eligible minister that has not responded, requesting a response. Eligible ministers are all full-time ministers, and bi-vocational ministers that put in at least 20 hours per week. As much as I hate to make this statement, any eligible minister in the association that does not, at least, complete a waiver could keep the entire group from being able to obtain medical insurance coverage. I will try to be in touch with all who have not responded to request your help.

2 Chronicles 16:9, "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him."

For the sake of the Kingdom,
David

ASSOCIATIONAL BIBLE DRILLS

Sunday, April 5, 2009

2:00 PM

Riverside Baptist
Church



For more information please call
Frances Welch, (225) 938-8540.

April 27: Children's State Bible Drill,
Baton Rouge

May 2: State Children & Youth
Bible Drills, Louisiana College

From the pages of history . . .

Dear Friends in Christ,

As historian for Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association I have been made aware of the lack of information that is kept on the local pastors. This year I want us to do something to change this on a local level. At the last Executive Board meeting I asked every pastor there to fill out a Ministers Biography Data Form. This form may be filled out for anyone who has served in ELBA.

Please tell everyone you meet so these histories of God's servants can be saved for future generations to be encouraged by.

The Association office will have forms available and it will also be put on the ELBA website. Completed forms are to be returned to the Associational Office, Hebron Baptist Church or to Mary Broussard, 21806 HWY 1032, Denham Springs, LA 70726.

Thank you for your help in this preservation project.

Mary Broussard
(225) 665-6981



EASTOVER EASTER EGG HUNT

[SPONSORED BY ELBA]

Saturday, April 11, 2009

11:00 AM—1:00 PM

Eastover Estates in Denham Springs

Hot Dogs & Hamburgers for Everyone!

Some of the churches of our Association have come together in this outreach event. If you or your church would like to get involved, please contact the ELBA Office or **Mark Carroll**, pastor of South Walker Baptist Church, **225-665-0463**.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APRIL

2009

- 5 Associational Children's Bible Drill, Riverside, 2:00 PM
- 6 Ministers Conference, Maurepas, 10:00 AM
- 7 Missions & Ministry Center Team Mtg., ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
- 7 Associational VBS Clinic, Judson, 6:00 PM—9:00 PM
- 10 Good Friday
- 11 Eastover Easter Egg Hunt, 11 AM—1 PM
- 12 Easter
- 12-16 Baptist Doctrine Study
- 16 Mission Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
- 22-23 Kingdom Ministry: Here & Now, Louisiana College
- 23 Associational Council Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
- 26 Cooperative Program Sunday
- 27 Children's State Bible Drill, Baton Rouge
- 28 Associational Leadership Planning Conference, Kingsville, Pineville



MAY

2009

- 2 State Youth & Children Bible Drills, Louisiana College
- 3 Senior Adult Sunday
- 3-10 Christian Home Week
- 4 Ministers Fellowship Meal, Agape', 5:45 PM
- 4 Executive Board Meeting, Agape', 6:30 PM
- 7 National Day of Prayer
- 10 Mother's Day
- 17-23 On Mission in Baptist Associations
- 21 Mission Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
- 25 Memorial Day (ELBA Office Closed)
- 31 Day of Prayer & Fasting for World Evangelism



MINISTERS CONFERENCE

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009
10:00 AM

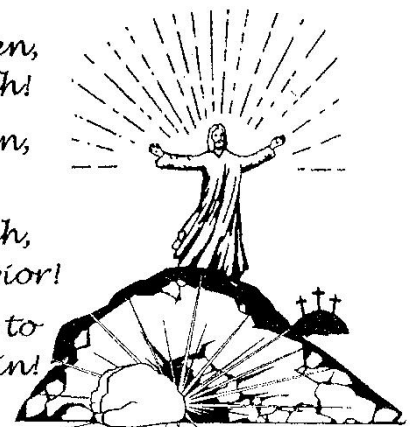
MAUREPAS BAPTIST CHURCH
24309 LA HWY 22, Maurepas, LA 70449

PROGRAM:

Round Table Discussion
Spiritual Growth Conversation

He Is Risen — Celebrate!

*He is Risen,
Hallelujah!
He is Risen,
Amen!
Hallelujah,
What a Savior!
He is Ris'n to
Come Again!*



Vibrant Church: Becoming a Healthy Church in the 21st Century
2009 BAPTIST DOCTRINE STUDY — APRIL 12-16