



HEART TO HEART

THE MISSIONS AND MINISTRY CENTER TEAM is diligently addressing the issues related to the dissolution of Eden Baptist Church and the transfer and proposed usages of the facility. The team will present recommendations concerning the use of the facility at our next Executive Board Meeting, scheduled for May 4, 6:30 p.m. at Agape Baptist Church.

Part of their recommendation will be a set of policies relating to the use of the facilities by mission congregations. The team is well aware that these may need to be a work in progress since this is a new situation.

At present, the remaining members of Eden are continuing to meet in the facility through the end of May. We are working with them to have a "Commencement Service" which will conclude the meeting of the group and will prepare the way for Christ's Community to begin using the facilities. Once these details have been addressed, we will be sure to let all of the association know the schedule.

Both the Missions and Ministry Center Team and the ELBA Finance Committee will provide reports at the upcoming Executive Board meeting related to the transfer of the properties and other assets. I heartily encourage each church to have their Executive Board Members present to provide insight and support.

THE MISSIONS TEAM is in the process of planning to lead the association to participate in an On Mission Celebration in 2010. The proposed dates are May 1-2. The On Mission Celebration is an event in which we enlist missionaries from the International Mission Board, the North American Board, the Louisiana Baptist Convention, and the association to speak at the participating churches to call attention to missions and hopefully engage our people in more hands-on missions. The plan is to have a missions rally on Saturday, May 1, and then have the missionaries speak in the local churches on Sunday. Details concerning the On Mission Celebration will be made available as the team has the opportunity to continue the preparations.

The Missions Team is also looking at sponsoring an Associational Mission Trip in July 2010. Those details are yet to be determined, but will be made available as soon as possible. The goal is to provide church members from the association churches the opportunity to participate in missions even if their local church cannot sponsor a mission endeavor.

I have had the privilege of participating in mission trips to Utah to conduct VBS, to Honduras to help rebuild homes for Hondurans that were impacted by Hurricane Mitch, and to Brazil to build a church for a local congregation. It is a tremendous privilege to participate in the fulfillment of the Great Commission through these types of mission endeavors.

Perhaps someone reading this article will want to begin preparing now to participate. Please don't let age be a deterrent to doing missions. My Dad began making mission trips to Brazil at the ripe old age of 86. Let me encourage you and your church to begin praying now about participating in both the On Mission Celebration, May 1-2, 2010, and joining the group to actually "be on mission."

ASSOCIATION HEALTH INSURANCE GROUP STATUS REPORT

Due to other pressing responsibilities, I regret to inform you that progress on the Health Insurance Group is very slow. We still need to secure Health Statements or Waivers from a number of the eligible ministers in the association. The goal was to try having that completed by the first of May. That may still become a reality. In addition, we are checking with a couple of other carriers to see if there might be another plan available.

We will let each of the interested individuals know as soon as we have some specific information and rates. Thank you for your patience. This process has taken significantly more effort and time than we first imagined.

For the sake of the Kingdom,
David

**CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES
MARCH 2009**

Deposits through 04-13-09

Contributions	March 09	TOTAL
Agape'	301.48	445.21
Amite	0.00	21,291.49
Beech Ridge	844.85	1,803.25
Bethel	130.43	1,027.78
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Carroll	0.00	2,237.04
Central	731.86	731.86
Christ's Community	300.00	2,100.00
Colyell	1,068.69	7,090.29
Denham Springs	0.00	3,366.77
Don Avenue	244.20	1,791.90
Doyle	0.00	0.00
Eden	0.00	680.63
Emmanuel	0.00	4,002.70
Faith	679.48	1,705.16
French Settlement	355.91	2,375.91
Gray's Creek	463.00	2,823.55
Greater Third Zion	0.00	0.00
Head of Island	244.43	1,909.10
Hebron	0.00	11,262.06
Holden	0.00	1,011.24
Judson	2,496.08	13,961.28
Life Giving	190.58	1,261.36
Live Oak	0.00	7,566.13
Livingston	818.00	2,785.00
Macedonia	300.00	300.00
Magnolia	342.00	2,444.00
Maurepas	137.52	1,153.61
Midway	245.22	1,643.01
New Bethlehem	25.00	175.00
New Covenant	0.00	0.00
Northside	189.68	3,135.35
One Life	351.62	623.18
Pine Grove	523.27	3,147.80
Red Oak	200.00	1,600.00
River of Life	0.00	1,278.00
Riverside	1,105.92	6,506.95
Salem	0.00	0.00
Satsuma	473.13	2,077.76
South Walker	141.01	907.32
Southside	116.03	307.35
The New Beginnings	160.11	887.64
Victory	0.00	558.67
Walker	2,086.62	12,809.91
Total Contributions	15,266.12	132,785.26
Interest Income	851.84	3090.24
Total Designated Income	500.00	91,684.56
Total Income	16,617.96	227,560.06
Capital One Total		108,055.87
Louisiana Baptist Foundation Total		283,025.93
Total Checking & Savings		391,081.80

News from the Churches...

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, 17884 LA HWY 42, Livingston, announces that their dedication service will be at 10:30 AM, Sunday, May 17, 2009. There will be an open fellowship from 12:30 to 2:30 PM, with finger foods. Everyone is invited to come by for this occasion of fellowship even if you can not make the service. **Trey Cowell** is pastor.

The Student & Worship Arts Ministries of **JUDSON BAPTIST CHURCH** invite you to their Summer Kick-Off Weekend Celebration on Saturday, May 16. **Ron Hilbun**, FBC Vancleave, MS, will be leading two events. (1) **A Youth Worship Band Workshop** will be from 2 to 4 PM. This will be for churches looking to start a praise band, already have one and want some tips, or wanting to take your praise band in a different direction. (2) At 6:30 PM there will be a **School's Out Youth Rally**—a great time of worship and inspiration focusing on letting the Summer be a spiritual growth time instead of the "Summer slump." You do not have to be a part of the workshop to come to the rally. In between these two events, from 4PM-6 PM there will be a cookout with volleyball and other recreational opportunities. Questions? Contact **Robbie Isom** (225-772-8950; brorobbie@jbc.brcoxmail.com), Minister of Youth or **Jay Hodges**, Minister of Music (225-788-4480; Worship.Christ@jbc.brcoxmail.com). **Merelin McCon** is pastor.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH invites everyone to their Revival Services at 7:00 PM on May 20, 21, & 22, 2009.



The service on Friday, May 22 will be an "Old Fashion Brush Arbor" Meeting. Preaching that night will be **John Schaffner**, Baptist Collegiate Ministries Director at SLU. The church is located at 34685 LA HWY 1036, Holden. **Roger Dunlap** is pastor.

Bruce McKenzie has resigned as pastor of **SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH** in Denham Springs to accept the pastorate at Shady Grove Baptist Church in Lucedale, MS.

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.

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Associational Emphasis Week May 17—23, 2009



The Baptist Association
Live with Urgency:

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A plentiful and fruitful harvest comes only after the seeds have been sown. In this new century of existence, the local Baptist Association stands ready to assist your church and its members with resources, training, and strategies to sow the Good News of Jesus Christ. Live with Urgency. Sow now for the harvest to come.

EVANGELISTIC PARTY TRAILER TRAINING

Saturday, May 30, 2009
9:30 AM—NOON
ELBA Office

32470 Walker N Rd, Walker, LA

In order for a church to use the Party Trailer there must be at least one person trained in its use. This training, planned for Saturday, May 30, 2009 at 9:30 AM, is MANDATORY for any church planning to use the Party Trailer. This will be the ONLY training for 2009.

Please pre-register at 225-664-9309 or elbamissions@elba.brcoxmail.com as soon as possible.

Check out the "Party Trailer Manual" on our website (Downloads) for details about contents, guidelines, fees, etc.

VOLUNTEER BUILDERS TEAM MISSION PROJECT

June is fast approaching and the excitement is growing about our Associational Builders Mission Project in Bossier City, LA to help build Beulah Land Baptist Church.

We will probably be doing some framing, electrical, plumbing, etc. There are 18 RV hook ups, churches, gyms and homes to stay in. The church is located about 260 miles from Walker. Noon and evening meals will be furnished.



This is an opportunity for everyone. If you are interested, please call Donald Rushing (225-665-6576 or 225-405-2825) or John Vicknair (225-698-6204 or 225-806-4405).

The deadline to let us know is May 22, 2009.


**On Mission
Celebration**
MAY 1-2, 2010

The ELBA Missions Team is preparing for a HUGE "On Mission Celebration" May 1-2, 2010! It is a year away, but we are starting now recruiting people to aid in this event. Pastors, we need you to mark this down. We need ALL CHURCHES participating in this ELBA ON MISSION CELEBRATION!!!

Following this celebration, We will go ON MISSION in July 2010, for we will have an ELBA Mission Trip!! More information will be coming in the near future on these two events.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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
- 5 Deadline for Budget Requests
- 7 National Day of Prayer
- 10 Mother's Day
- 17-23 On Mission in Baptist Associations
- 21 Missions Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
- 25 Memorial Day observed (ELBA Office Closed)
- 31 Day of Prayer & Fasting for World Evangelism



JUNE 2009

- 6 Women's Enrichment Leader Training, Tall Timbers
- 8-12 ELBA Volunteer Builders Team to Bossier City
- 18 Missions Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
- 20-21 CrossOver, Louisville, Kentucky
- 21 Father's Day / Men's Day in local churches
- 21-22 WMU, SBC Annual Meeting / Missions Celebration, Louisville, Kentucky
- 23-24 SBC Convention, Louisville, Kentucky
- 24-26 LA Baptist All State Youth Symphonic Band, LC
- 27—July 3 LA Baptist All State Youth Choir Camp & Tour



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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009

5:45 PM—FELLOWSHIP MEAL
6:30 PM—EXECUTIVE BOARD
AGAPE' BAPTIST CHURCH
25353 Walker S Road
Denham Springs, LA 70726

All Executive Board Members are invited and encouraged to attend this business session of the ELBA.



SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
JUNE 23-24, 2009
Kentucky Exposition Center
Louisville, Kentucky