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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAY 2010

- 1 On Mission Celebration Fair, Amite, 5 PM
- 1 On Mission Celebration Rally, Amite, 7 PM
- 2 On Mission Celebration in local churches
- 2 Senior Adult Sunday
- 2-9 Christian Home Week
- 9 Mother's Day
- 10 Fellowship Meal, Faith, 5:30 PM
- 10 Executive Board Meeting, Faith, 6:30 PM
- 14-15 Mighty Men of God Conference,
Woodland Park, Hammond
- 16-22 On Mission in Baptist Associations
- 20 Mission Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 9:00 AM
- 21 OMC Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
- 21-23 Women's Weekend Retreat, Camp Living Waters
- 23 Day of Prayer & Fasting for World Evangelization
- 31 Memorial Day (ELBA Office Closed)

JUNE 2010

- 12 SBC CrossOver, Orlando, FL
- 13 Children's Home Sunday Offering
- 13-14 WMU, SBC Annual Meeting/Missions
Celebration, Orlando, FL
- 15-16 Southern Baptist Convention, Orlando, FL
- 19 Women's Enrichment Leader Training, Tall Timbers
- 20 Father's Day
- 20 Baptist Men's Emphasis
- 21-24 RA Camp, Tall Timbers
- 23-July 2 LA Baptist All State Youth Choir Camp
& Tour
- 24 Missions Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM



Joint Celebration

May 1st @ Amite Baptist Church

5:00—6:45 pm — Missions Fair

5:00—6:45 pm — Meal

7:00 pm—Mission Celebration Service

Speaker: Dr. Mickey Casion

—Nursery Provided for ages birth—2 yrs.

**For this Joint Celebration, we are having
an Associational Adult/Youth Choir and
Associational Children's Choir.**

Adult/Youth Choir—Rehearsal @ 5:30 pm

**Contact Jay Hodges—225.788.4480 or
worship@jbcla.com**

Children's Choir—Rehearsal @ 6:30pm
**Contact Angie Bergeron—225.933.8010 or
angiebergeron@cox.net**

Missionary @ Your Church—May 2nd

**This is a great opportunity for your family to meet
missionaries from all over the world.**



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Together We Do What We Cannot Do Alone

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HEART TO HEART



ASSOCIATIONAL EMPHASIS WEEK MAY 17 - 23

God has done some wonderful things through the association in the past few years. We have seen churches started, ministries begun (Disaster Relief Chainsaw Unit, Shower Trailer, Volunteer

Builders Team, Party Trailer Unit) that have made significant contributions to the ministries of the churches in the association. We have had training events for church leaders, (SS, Financial, and VBS). This month we had 184 leaders from the churches participate in the Associational VBS Clinic. We have ministry teams that are functioning which were not in place before, including Church Planting and Christian Social Ministries.

The churches, through the association, have supported students at both Louisiana College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary through the scholarship program. These scholarships are in the amount of \$2,000 and are distributed to the student's account in the amount of \$1,000 for each of the fall and spring terms. The Missions Team has given leadership to the On Mission Celebration which has provided face-to-face encounters with our Baptist missionaries. They have also provided leadership for our first associational missions trip to Broken Arrow, OK. We have forty-two missionaries from seven churches in the association and one couple from FBC LaPlace who have committed to participate in this cooperative endeavor.

Our Missions and Ministry Center Team continues to nurture the transition of the former Eden Baptist Church to become the ELBA offices and a Church Incubator. We continue to support the work of the Lord through the Baptist Collegiate Ministries at SLU, Camp Living Waters, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Family Resource Clinic, and the Louisiana Moral & Civic Foundation.

All of these things clearly demonstrate the fulfillment of our associational motto: "Together We Do What We Cannot Do Alone." We are all part of something that is bigger than any of us and, I believe, is a continuing work of God through His churches.

ELBA PRAYER REQUESTS

Day One – Pray for the ELBA staff as they seek to lead in the work of the association.

Day Two – Pray for the Christian Social Services Team as they seek to develop counseling resources to the churches.

Day Three – Pray for the Church Planting Team as they seek to identify people groups that are unreached or underserved.

Day Four – Pray for the Missions Team as they seek to provide missions education and opportunities for members of the churches.

Day Five – Pray for the Youth Ministry Team as they prepare for the FORGE and an associational Disciple Now and that many students will come to know Christ as Savior and to be His obedient followers.

Day Six – Pray for our Baptist Collegiate Ministries Advisory Board members as they seek to provide wisdom and encouragement to the BCM leaders seeking to reach college students for Christ.

Day Seven – Pray for the 150 plus volunteers who plan to come assist in our ELBA office renovation project at Eden Church Road this summer.

For the sake of the kingdom,

David E. Brown

Associational Missions Coordinator

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES

MARCH 2010

Deposits through 04-12-10

	MARCH 10	TOTAL
Contributions		
Agape'	311.00	544.60
Amite	0.00	5,000.00
Beech Ridge	0.00	1,796.69
Bethel	115.98	1,065.02
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Carroll	0.00	1,881.43
Central	0.00	0.00
Christ's Community	300.00	2,100.00
Colyell	352.24	2,805.59
Denham Springs	587.14	4,293.79
Don Avenue	0.00	1,252.42
Doyle	0.00	924.87
Emmanuel	0.00	5,449.07
Faith	0.00	3,041.68
French Settlement	267.94	1,887.06
Gray's Creek	478.00	2,970.00
Greater Third Zion	0.00	0.00
Head of Island	152.14	1,577.10
Hebron	1,879.00	14,374.29
Holden	0.00	1,161.34
Judson	1,642.17	12,840.16
Life Giving	150.36	824.47
Live Oak	950.02	8,014.96
Livingston	424.00	3,228.00
Macedonia	0.00	300.00
Magnolia	443.00	2,866.00
Maurepas	0.00	0.00
Midway	0.00	1,154.22
New Bethlehem	25.00	175.00
New Covenant	0.00	700.00
Northside	102.42	852.73
One Life	0.00	444.20
Pine Grove	434.88	3,216.58
Red Oak	200.00	1,400.00
River of Life	0.00	775.00
Riverside	254.99	3,254.05
Salem	52.85	52.85
Satsuma	277.28	1,963.12
South Walker	99.14	973.99
Southside	91.27	391.74
The New Beginnings	102.00	884.34
Victory	98.16	877.23
Walker	1,648.99	12,741.50
Total Contributions	11,439.97	110,055.09
Interest Income	0.00	936.19
Oklahoma Mission Trip	1,333.46	2,193.46
On Mission Celebration	200.00	4,300.00
Donations-Disaster Relief	0.00	182.00
Party Trailer User Fees	200.00	1,500.00
Women's Ministry	0.00	1,127.85
Total Income	13,173.43	120,294.59
Capital One Total		99,568.43
Louisiana Baptist Foundation Total		192,529.27
Total Checking & Savings		312,027.54

News from the Churches...

AMITE BAPTIST CHURCH, 7100 Amite Church Road, Denham Springs, welcomes **Ernest Graham** as Minister of Education. **Terry Booth** is pastor.

CARROLL BAPTIST CHURCH, Walker, LA is now receiving resumes for pastor. Please send them to PO Box 222, Walker, LA 70785 and to the attention of the Pastor Search Team or email to badon@cox.net. Cut off date is May 31st. If you have any questions please call **Larry Badon**, transitional pastor (225) 936-0200.

Everyone is invited to Revival Services at **MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH**, 34685 LA HWY 1036, Holden, 70744 on May 5, 6, & 7 at 7:00 PM. Revival preachers are: **Merelin McCon** (5th), **Russell Hinson** (6th), and **Clint Mitchell** (7th). **Roger Dunlap** is pastor.

Rev. Richard White has resigned as pastor and **Rev. Luke Hand** has resigned as music and youth minister at **NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH**, 200 Cockerham Road, Denham Springs, LA.

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

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

The **VBS Clinic** on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 was a huge success!



We had 181 people registered from 22 churches. WOW! Don Avenue took home the \$50 LifeWay gift card for having the most (22) ranch hands in attendance and Gray's Creek took home the inflatable pony for having 21 ranch hands in attendance.

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to everyone who participated in the 2010 Vacation Bible School Clinic. You made it a wonderful success. You all are invaluable to the team and I couldn't have done it without you. Thank You for serving the Lord by volunteering in VBS and helping the precious children learn about God. Thank you for your love and dedication to the Lord, the children, and VBS!

To God's Glory,
Becca Bridevaux

FREE SICKROOM EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

Miscellaneous sickroom equipment has been donated to the Association. Included in the FREE equipment: wheelchair, hospital beds (2) with mattresses, ramps, lift (for getting person in and out of bed).

This equipment is available on a first come first served basis. Contact the ELBA Office at (225) 664-9309 or ginger@elba.brcoxmail.com.

Church Growth Corner

Freddie Arnold

On Mission Celebration May 1 & 2, 2010

The time is fast approaching for the ELBA On Mission Celebration. The Missions Fair and Rally will be at Amite Baptist Church on Saturday May 1, 2010 starting at 5:00 P.M.

There will be fourteen International Missionaries and twelve North American Missionaries speaking in 23 of our churches on Sunday, May 2. Be praying for each of the missionaries and churches as God speaks through the missionary to the people about His work.

ELBA VBS Clinic Report

Congratulations to Rebecca "Becca" Bridevaux and her team of leaders for a job well done in training VBS workers for the upcoming VBS time this summer. Attendance was up, 181 attended, and twenty-two churches were represented in the clinic. Our heartfelt appreciation is expressed to Becca and her helpers for the preparation of the building and preparation of the meal. Congratulations to those attendees that received the VBS materials as prizes from the drawings for give-a-ways. It was an exciting and enthusiastic group and time.

Associational Leadership Planning Conference Coming UP!!!

April 27, 2010 the ALPC Meeting will be held in Pineville, LA at First Baptist Church Pineville. The ELBA team of leaders will be leaving the ELBA Office at 6:30 A. M. to travel to Pineville for this important meeting.

ELBA Missions and Ministry Center News

The Missions and Ministry Team under the leadership of Bro. Ralph Bryson is moving forward on the renovations of the old Eden Church Education building. This building will then house the ELBA Offices. Gill Industries are in the process of performing the asbestos abatement work on the building to prepare it for the LA Mission Builders to come in and reconfigure it for office space. The Missions and Ministry Team is also in consultation with the DOTD concerning the round-a-bout location and construction at the intersection of Eden Church Road and Hwy. 190.

Spring Revival Time

Many of the ELBA churches are having revival services in the next few weeks and they need our prayer support for these special times.



**Associational
Mission Trip**
July 17-23, 2010
Broken Arrow, OK

Host Church: Arrow Heights Baptist Church
ALL ARE WELCOME! WORK FOR ALL AGES!

Cost: \$140 per person

For more information contact the Associational Office or visit our website, www.easternlabaptists.org, "Downloads."

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING



MONDAY,
MAY 10, 2010
6:30 PM

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH
17884 LA HWY 42, Livingston, LA 70754

Fellowship Meal at 5:45 PM

ELBA Annual Women's Retreat Weekend

"What Is Your Testimony?"

May 21-23, 2010

Guest Speaker: Carol Gauthier
Alexandria, LA

Camp Living Waters
Loranger, LA 70446

Registration forms available from the ELBA Office and on our website, "Events". Registration form and deposit must be received by May 14.

All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend this time of refreshing, resting, praise, worship and great fun! For more information go to our website or call Danna Cowell, ELBA Women's Ministry Coordinator, 225-235-7030.

Looking Ahead >>>>

BLITZ ON THE BAYOU

Sunday School Leadership Training

Saturday, August 14, 2010

9 am—3 pm

Greenwell Springs Baptist Church

Keynote speaker: Josh Hunt

Cost: \$20 by August 1 (includes lunch)

After August 1—\$25

Training for all ages.

Conferences also offered in the areas
of prayer and library.