



HEART TO HEART

THANK YOU ELBA

Jenelle and I want to express our deep appreciation to all of you for your support and encouragement for us during the time of my father's death and funeral. He died 9 days after his 91st birthday, and 2 weeks and 2 days before the Brown Family Reunion.

On the day of the funeral, May 12, as we drove into the church parking lot for the funeral service, we were completely awe struck to see James and Dana Cowell, our ELBA Moderator and wife, sitting in their vehicle. We hastily made our way to greet them and express, with emotion, our deep gratitude for taking the time and effort to make the lengthy drive to be present in support and encouragement. Believe me, it was a wonderful encouragement and blessing. Thank you ELBA for making it possible for them to come represent you.

We also want to express our deep appreciation for the memorial gift of \$750.00 to Christian Missions Unlimited. CMU is a mission entity that builds churches in Brazil. In the year 2000, shortly after my mother died, Dad, at age 82, accompanied my brother Dale to Brazil to work on a church. Dad said it was a tremendous time of healing for him, investing his life in international missions. He made two other trips to Brazil. The last trip was to work on the church he had raised the money to build. Following his second trip, he feared that he would not be able to go again because of health issues, but he believed the Lord was leading him to raise the money to purchase the material to build a church in Brazil.

After raising the funds and sending them to CMU, a trip was planned to build that church in San Antonio, Brazil. He and members from 7 of his 8 children's families went to help build the church. His last trip was at the age of 87.

The moral of this story is that we are never too old to do missions, whether that means praying, giving or going. Dad's heart was to fulfill the Great Commission and see people come to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. We are blessed to have such a Godly legacy.

BUCK HOLMES

It has been just about a month ago that our dear friend and colleague, Buck Holmes, was called to meet his Savior and Lord. I have had the privilege of serving in Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association for four and one-half years, and in that time, learned to love and appreciate him. We continue to remember Louise and the family in our prayers.

Just before the funeral service at Hebron Baptist Church, we had the privilege to see awards that he had received through the years. It was an impressive collection that represented a man with a loving, giving, serving heart. Only eternity will reveal the impact his life has had. I can say that Buck exhibited the Spirit of Christ and was a faithful servant. I fully believe that as he stepped into the presence of the Lord, he heard the Master say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Even as I write these words, I find myself missing him, but appreciating him because of the man he was. He too, has left his family with a wonderful legacy and a testimony of how the Lord can use a person to bring glory to His name.

Buck served as Treasurer for Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association since October of 2000. What a blessing to have such a competent person to serve in such a responsible position. There would be no way to count the times we called on him for counsel, and were always grateful to have such assurance that when he spoke, it was worth hearing.

Through his life and death, I pray that we will all be inspired and encouraged to make our lives count for the Kingdom of God, and we must not delay in doing so, because the Word of God tells us, "Whereas ye know not what [shall be] on the morrow. For what [is] your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

Thank you Lord for granting us the privilege of having such a great friend.



**CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES
APRIL 2009**

Deposits through 05-07-09

Contributions	APRIL 09	TOTAL
Agape'	127.34	572.55
Amite	4,447.70	25,739.19
Beech Ridge	0.00	1,803.25
Bethel	160.38	1,188.16
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Carroll	0.00	2,237.04
Central	0.00	731.86
Christ's Community	300.00	2,400.00
Colyell	772.24	7,862.53
Denham Springs	714.62	4,081.39
Don Avenue	0.00	1,791.90
Doyle	0.00	0.00
Eden	0.00	680.63
Emmanuel	1,278.98	5,281.68
Faith	0.00	1,705.16
French Settlement	290.56	2,666.47
Gray's Creek	331.00	3,154.55
Greater Third Zion	0.00	0.00
Head of Island	200.37	2,109.47
Hebron	4,613.38	15,875.44
Holden	221.37	1,232.61
Judson	1,696.69	15,657.97
Life Giving	177.68	1,439.04
Live Oak	2,299.63	9,865.76
Livingston	648.00	3,433.00
Macedonia	0.00	300.00
Magnolia	522.00	2,966.00
Maurepas	238.92	1,392.53
Midway	0.00	1,643.01
New Bethlehem	25.00	200.00
New Covenant	0.00	0.00
Northside	170.53	3,305.88
One Life	47.40	670.58
Pine Grove	466.24	3,614.04
Red Oak	200.00	1,800.00
River of Life	724.25	2,002.25
Riverside	807.32	7,314.27
Salem	0.00	0.00
Satsuma	0.00	2,077.76
South Walker	0.00	907.32
Southside	237.81	545.16
The New Beginnings	154.08	1,041.72
Victory	114.38	673.05
Walker	1,693.38	14,503.29
Total Contributions	23,681.25	156,466.51
Interest Income	0.00	3,090.24
Total Designated Income	250.00	91,934.56
Total Income	23,931.25	251,491.31
Capital One Total		98,689.15
Louisiana Baptist Foundation Total		283,425.93
Total Checking & Savings		382,115.08

News from the Churches...

BEECH RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH, 34319 Weiss Road, Walker, invites everyone to come join in their celebration as they have a "Building Dedication Service" on June 7 at 2:00 p.m. (2) Vacation Bible School will be June 15-19 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for ages 4 through high school. The theme is "SonRock Kid's Camp." For more information, please call (225) 686-7508; 567-5217; or 686-0106. **Russell Hinson** is pastor.

LIVE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH welcomes Jarrod Hegwood as Minister of Education and Evangelism. **Howard Turner** is pastor.

The **LIVE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH** family recognizes **Howard Turner**, who has been serving as Pastor for 15 years and **Johnny Morgan**, who has been serving as Student Minister for 5 years. The church is so thankful for their commitment to the Lord, to the people of Live Oak Baptist Church and the community.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH will be having VBS June 1-5, 6-9 p.m.. This year's theme is "SonRock Kids Camp." All kids ages 4 through 6th grade are invited to "camp" with us as we study the life of Peter. The church is located at 34685 LA HWY 1036, Holden, LA 70744. **Roger Dunlap** is pastor.

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, 36890 LA HWY 16, Denham Springs, will have Revival Services on August 2-5. Revival Speaker is **Chuck Quarles**. The topic for the revival is "The Sermon on the Mount." **Larry Hubbard** 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.

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



**VOLUNTEER BUILDERS TEAM
MISSION PROJECT**

This is an opportunity for everyone to get involved! The Volunteer Builders Team will be going to Bossier City, LA on June 8-12 to help in the building of **Beulah Land Baptist Church**, located about 260 miles from Walker. There are 18 RV hook ups, churches, gyms and homes to stay in. Noon and evening meals will be furnished. Work will include some framing, electrical, plumbing, etc.

If you are interested or need more information, please call

Donald Rushing (225-665-6576 or 405-2825) or

John Vicknair (225-698-6204 or 806-4405).

EXECUTIVE BOARD UPDATE

On May 4th, the ELBA Executive Board met at Agape Baptist Church. The Board dealt with a number of very important matters. Below is a brief summary of matters considered at the meeting.

The following matters relate to the transfer of the Eden Church assets to ELBA.

- The Finance Committee reported that:
 - ◇ A special bank account was opened to receive contributions to and pay bills in behalf of Eden.
 - ◇ \$15,000 was transferred from the ELBA general fund to cover expenses since the Eden bank account was frozen for security purposes.
 - ◇ ELBA will make quarterly insurance payments to GuideOne for a policy covering the facilities.
 - ◇ Lorraine Pankey, our Associational Financial Secretary, is authorized to pay bills related to the facilities.

• The Missions and Ministry Center Team submitted the following recommendations that were approved by the Board:

- ◇ The Association accept the property and assets and that David Brown and James Cowell be authorized to sign all legal documents.
- ◇ The Association use the facilities as a Missions and Ministry Center and a Church Incubator site for starting new churches.
- ◇ The Church Incubator Operations policies be adopted (copies are available from the association office).
- ◇ Christ's Community be authorized to use the facilities beginning June 1, due to the fact that they need a place to meet until their church facilities are constructed and occupied.
- ◇ The Constitution and By-laws Committee be authorized to update our Articles of Incorporation.
- ◇ The Associational Missions Coordinator prepare a letter of commendation for the members of Eden Baptist Church for their decision to donate the facilities to the association for mission purposes.

The Executive Board approved recommendations by the Missions Committee to conduct an associational On Mission Celebration on May 1-2, 2010, and to sponsor an associational mission trip during the month of July 2010.

The Scholarship Committee announced the recipients of the 2009-2010 scholarships as follows:
Charles Ellzey, Justin Powell, and Michael Wilkes, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Volunteer Builders Team announced that they will be participating in a building project a Beulah Land Baptist Church in Bossier City, LA on June 8-12, 2009. Individuals interested in participating should contact Donald Rushing, John Vicknair, or the ELBA office.

The Board authorized that a memorial gift of \$1,000.00 be made to the Gideons in behalf of Buck Holmes.



DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING

Chainsaw Recovery Training

Saturday, June 6, 2009

7:00 a.m.—Noon

Hebron Baptist Church

24063 LA HWY 16, Denham Springs, LA

COST: \$20.00

Includes: breakfast, T-shirt,
& ID Badge



To register, call Brett Crow, 225-229-3115.

For more information call

Tom Higginbotham, 225-439-8466.

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ASSOCIATION HEALTH INSURANCE GROUP STATUS REPORT

I am delighted to report that we have received the required number of responses from the eligible ministers in the association to submit to GuideStone in behalf of the Association Group. Those responses will be forwarded to GuideStone on or before June 1. GuideStone tells us that we should be able to hear from the underwriter in two to three weeks. As soon as we hear from them, we will communicate with all who have expressed interest in the group.

EDEN BAPTIST CHURCH COMMENCEMENT SERVICE

On Sunday, May 31, at 2:30 p.m., Eden Baptist Church will conduct a Commencement Service. Although it will be the last worship service conducted under the name of Eden, we are calling it a Commencement Service because it is the beginning of new opportunities for expanding the Kingdom of God.

All present and former members of Eden are invited to attend. The gathering will be a service of worship and will include opportunities for attendees to share testimonies of what Eden has meant to them through the years.

Brother Wendell Dorman, the current supply pastor, will bring the commencement message. We will have a time for reviewing the history of the church and looking ahead to how the church facilities will be used in the future.

For the sake of the Kingdom,
David

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE 2009

6 Women's Enrichment Leader Training, Tall Timbers
8-12 ELBA Volunteer Builders Team to Bossier City
16 Missions & Ministry Team Meeting, Eden, 9:00 AM
18 Missions Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
20-21 CrossOver, Louisville, Kentucky
21 Father's Day
21 Men's Day in local churches
21-22 WMU, SBC Annual Meeting / Missions Celebration, Louisville, KY
23-24 SBC Convention, Louisville, KY
24-26 LA Baptist All State Youth Symphonic Band, LC
27—July 3 LA Baptist All State Youth Choir Camp & Tour



JULY 2009

4 Independence Day
5 Citizenship & Religious Liberty Sunday
6 Ministers Conference, Live Oak, 10:00 AM
6-9 RA Camp, Living Waters, Loranger
13-16 GA Camp, Tall Timbers
16 Missions Team, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
20 Associational Council Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
27-28 Childhood Education Workshop, NOBTS
27, 28 & 30 State-wide Stewardship Conference
31-Aug 1 LA Baptist Church Music Conference, FBC, West Monroe

LOOKING AHEAD . . .

"The Forge" Youth Event
August 21-22, 2009
Live Oak Baptist Church

MINISTERS CONFERENCE



MONDAY, JULY 6, 2009 ❖ 10:00 AM
LIVE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH
35603 Coxe Avenue
Denham Springs, LA 70706

2009-2010 CHURCH PLANNING GUIDES

A limited number of the
2009-2010 Church Planning Guide Calendars
are available for purchase from the Associational
Office for \$1.00 each. The Association offers these
calendars at a reduced rate to help and encourage our
churches in planning.

*"For the training of the saints in the work of ministry
to build up the body of Christ."* —Ephesians 4:12

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION



JUNE 23-24, 2009
Kentucky Exposition
Center, Louisville, KY

SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING EVENT

Parkview Baptist Church
Baton Rouge
August 15, 2009 ❖ 8:30 am—3 pm
Cost: Early—\$15 / Door—\$20
Keynote Speaker: Rob Zinn
Contact Jan Terral at Baptist Association of Greater Baton
Rouge, jam@bagbr.org, for more information.

