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## ☑ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

2011

- 3 Evangelism Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 3 PM
- 5 SLU BCM/BSU Homecoming Brunch, 9:30 AM
- 7 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer, Walker, 9 AM
- 7 Ministers Conference, New Bethlehem, 5:45 PM
- 8 Retired Ministers Lunch, Ryan's, DS, 11:30 AM
- 12 CrossOver Covington
- 14-15 Louisiana Baptist Convention, FBC, Covington
- 17 Mission Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
- 19 VBS Fall Preview, LBC, Alex.
- 20-21 YEC, Rapides Coliseum, Alexandria
- 24 Thanksgiving



### DECEMBER

2011

- 4-11 Week of Prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 5 Ministers & Mates Christmas Dinner & Fellowship, Beech Ridge, 6:30 PM
- 15 Mission Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
- 25 Christmas Day



## MINISTERS CONFERENCE

### New Bethlehem Baptist Church

37818 Reininger Rd., Denham Springs

**Monday, November 7, 2011**

**6:30 PM**

Fellowship meal is at 5:45 PM.

**Guest speakers** will be the counselors from the **ELBA Christian Counseling Center.**

Come, meet the counselors and hear about their areas of counseling specialties.



### MINISTERS & MATES

### CHRISTMAS DINNER & FELLOWSHIP

Monday, December 5, 2011 — 6:30 PM

Beech Ridge Baptist Church

34319 Weiss Rd., Walker, LA 70785

### PROGRAM:

Cross Country Musical Entertainment

All church staff members and their spouses are invited to attend. Please contact the Associational Office (225-664-9309; [ginger@elba.brcoxmail.com](mailto:ginger@elba.brcoxmail.com)) by **November 28** to let us know that you will be attending.

**AWAKEN!**

## LBC Annual Meeting

**November 14-15, 2011**

**First Baptist Church  
Covington**

**Come be a part of this exciting time of  
focused preaching and prayer.**



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## **HEART TO HEART**

### **LOUISIANA BAPTIST CONVENTION – November 14-15, FBC Covington**

Now is the time to elect your messengers to the LBC Annual Meeting in Covington. We are blessed to have the convention so close to home, so, elect as many messengers as you are allowed. Cooperating churches are allowed 1 messenger for each 50 members with a maximum of 15 per church. While each church is allowed a maximum of 15 messengers, there is no limit to the number of church members that may attend. So, plan to make it a group event and learn of how the Lord is working through our cooperative endeavors to share the gospel and minister to the needs of people.

On Saturday, November 12, we have the privilege of participating in a mission endeavor through Crossover 2011. Please see the details in Freddie's article on page 3. Come join us in this ministry event. Call to let us know you wish to participate.

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### **MINISTERS and MATES CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP**

**Monday, December 5, 2011**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Beech Ridge Baptist Church**

#### **PROGRAM**

#### **Cross Country Musical Entertainment**



You'll give a hearty chuckle when Cross Country takes the stage. This hilarious duo from Petal, Mississippi will sing their hearts out for you and keep you laughing with a performance that has entertained people from Branson, Missouri to Orlando, Florida for three decades.

Boyd Tweedy and R.L. (Peanut) Hullum are Cross Country, and their unique mixture of music and comedy is sure to be the hit of our program!

They have performed at Silver Dollar City, Branson, Missouri, appeared on "Swan's Place", Dennis Swanberg's TV show, bluegrass festivals and many others.

Make your reservations through the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association office.

#### **Reservation Deadline**

Monday, November 28, 4:00 p.m., Phone: 225-664-9309,

Email: [ginger@elba.brcoxmail.com](mailto:ginger@elba.brcoxmail.com)

### **Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

If you have not already done so, now is the time to set your church goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Our prayers and offerings are critical to our cooperative endeavors to carry out our Lord's Great Commission to proclaim the gospel in our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth. The national goal is \$175 million. The week of prayer is December 4-11, 2011.

The 2011 theme is "His heart, His voice, His hands – I am Southern Baptist missions." It reminds us that as followers of Jesus, we – the Church – are called to be the body of Christ. We are His heart, His hands and His voice in the midst of a world filled with unreached peoples. We are part of the task to fulfill the Great Commission. Although we, Southern Baptists, have been praying, giving and going for 160 years, the task is far from finished.

TOGETHER for the sake of the kingdom,

David

**CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES  
SEPTEMBER 2011**

Contributions	SEPT 2011	TOTAL
Agape'	\$0.00	\$551.00
Amite	\$0.00	\$14,658.46
Beech Ridge	\$0.00	\$1,523.16
Bethel	\$145.06	\$1,417.02
Calvary	\$189.95	\$1,421.00
Carroll	\$415.03	\$1,979.53
Central	\$0.00	\$354.34
Christ's Community	\$308.31	\$3,654.04
Colyell	\$0.00	\$4,925.85
Denham Springs	\$581.03	\$5,461.62
Don Avenue	\$432.79	\$4,496.92
Doyle	\$10.00	\$280.00
Emmanuel	\$988.28	\$4,808.04
Faith	\$920.25	\$3,399.84
French Settlement	\$202.60	\$2,520.40
Gray's Creek	\$578.94	\$6,318.69
Greater Third Zion	\$0.00	\$0.00
Head of Island	\$271.22	\$1,734.10
Hebron	\$3,311.65	\$16,200.62
Holden	\$0.00	\$2,169.16
Judson	\$1,448.42	\$14,839.22
Live Oak	\$1,132.50	\$11,710.84
Livingston	\$410.00	\$3,717.00
Macedonia	\$0.00	\$600.00
Magnolia	\$320.00	\$3,568.00
Maurepas	\$140.00	\$2,121.94
Midway	\$144.27	\$1,770.30
New Bethlehem	\$25.00	\$313.65
New Covenant	\$0.00	\$0.00
Northside	\$365.92	\$3,736.03
One Life	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pine Grove	\$390.27	\$3,981.05
Red Oak	\$200.00	\$1,800.00
River of Life	\$0.00	\$250.00
Riverside	\$237.57	\$2,363.13
Salem	\$0.00	\$0.00
Satsuma	\$278.81	\$3,290.00
South Walker	\$129.73	\$1,010.25
Southside	\$72.60	\$551.28
The New Beginnings	\$71.10	\$685.98
Victory	\$126.28	\$1,353.45
Walker	\$1,390.59	\$18,771.03
Watson	\$179.80	\$965.69
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$15,417.97</b>	<b>\$155,272.63</b>
Capital One M & M Center		\$10,879.59
Capital One Total		\$88,342.72
Louisiana Baptist Foundation Total		\$196,374.28
<b>TOTAL Checking &amp; Savings</b>		<b>\$284,717.00</b>

## News from the Churches...

**Barry Dunlap** has resigned as pastor of **AGAPE' BAPTIST CHURCH**.

**AGAPE' BAPTIST CHURCH** is seeking a pastor. Resumes may be sent to the church at 25353 Walker S Rd., Denham Springs, LA 70726. For more information, contact **Peggy Savignol**, 225-667-1407; albk@bellsouth.net.

**AGAPE' BAPTIST CHURCH** invites everyone to Revival Services with **Jack Daniels** and the "**Crusaders**" on November 14-17 at 7 PM.

**FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH**, 17884 HWY 42, Livingston, LA 70754, invites everyone to Revival Services on Saturday, November 19 at 5:00 PM (A Holiday Potluck will follow this service.) and on Sunday, November 20 at 10:30 AM and 5:30 PM. **Bro. Tim Norris**, pastor of FBC, Livingston, will be preaching. There will be plenty of preaching the Word and Gospel singing. **Trey Cowell** is pastor.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DENHAM SPRINGS**, 308 N River Rd, Denham Springs, LA 70726, will be hosting a "Secret Church" Simulcast with **David Platt** on November 4. Cost is \$5 per person. For more information and registration forms contact **Julie O'Neal** (225-933-2581; juliesoneal@yahoo.com) or **Laura Dunlap** (225-933-9748; laura.dunlap@lpsb.org). **Leo Miller** is pastor.

**MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH** invites everyone to their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "**Christmas in the Pines**", celebrating Christmas with live music in an old-fashioned meeting place. Beginning at 6:00 PM on Thursday, December 1, 2011, Macedonia brings back Christmas from long ago. There will be lots of traditional Christmas hymns, Scripture (The Christmas Story), quaint decorations from the past, fellowship and a general good time. A time of fellowship will follow the service. The church is located at 34685 HWY 1036, Holden, LA 70744. For more information, call 225-664-4448. **Roger Dunlap** is pastor.

**Michael Wilkes** has resigned as youth pastor at **NEW COVENANT BAPTIST CHURCH** to go to Southeastern Seminary in North Carolina. **Keith Zachary** is pastor.

**PINE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH** presents "Christmas in the Pines" with **The Down East Boys** in concert on Saturday, December 10 at 6 PM. Dinner is being served at no cost. Just call 225-698-6902 or 225-235-7475 to reserve your place at the table. The church is located at 21949 HWY 44, Livingston, LA 70754. **Paul Taylor** is pastor.

**SATSUMA BAPTIST CHURCH** welcomes **Brad Delaughter** as pastor.

### Youth Evangelism Celebration

November 20-21, 2011

Rapides Coliseum, Alexandria

Featuring: **Clayton King**—Session Speaker

**Brett Younker Band**—Worship Leaders

**Tenth Avenue North, Bob Smiley, Harris III, Daves Highway**

www.LBC.org/YEC

# Church Growth Corner

## Freddie Arnold

### January Bible Study 2012

The Pursuit: "Chasing The Answers to Life's Questions" is the title of the book study of Ecclesiastes for the 2012 January Bible Study. Author David Dockery asks the question "Can anything in life come from outside of a God-centered universe?" The author says Ecclesiastes may be the most contemporary book of the Bible. He feels it speaks to the person who most likely builds their life on success, wealth, power, and intellectual reputation. Repeatedly, the book points out the futility of such a way of life, urging instead that readers face their need for God.

If you have not planned to do this study in your church or if you are looking at it undecidedly, I hope you will decide to do this great study. It is developed and presented in a format that will lend itself to a Bible conference setting, a Sunday morning or night preaching series, a retreat Bible study or a men's or women's study. What a way to do Bible teaching and discipleship training at the same time! The study materials and teaching activities are all developed and ready to go, plus free resources for students and children are available on line. Enlist an outside teacher and make it a great spiritual enrichment time in your church.

### CROSSOVER 2011

ELBA has received our assignment for the CROSSOVER 2011 events on November 12. The ELBA Block Party Team will be doing block party activities for the children of women who attend the "Women's Health Symposium" that day from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The event will be held at the Redemption Christian Center in Hammond, LA. We will need to provide activities and assistance for approximately 100 children at this event. You may call the ELBA office or Rev. Trey Cowell (225-324-8966) and sign up to help.

### Round Pen of Life

Thanks again to the Evangelism Team, Counselor Team, Usher Team, the Livingston Parish Fair and ELBA churches that helped to make the event such a success. Also, I don't want to forget to thank Mr. Ethan Lee for providing the unbroken horse to be trained. Bro. Paul Daily did a fantastic job of breaking that horse and sharing the gospel with a crowd of over eight hundred people. One man made a profession of faith in Jesus and two others rededicated their lives to Jesus. It was a great event at the fair.



## The Prayer Room

There was a time when Europe was considered a stronghold of Christianity. William Carey and other great missionaries went out from Europe to take the gospel to un-evangelized people. Yet, it is said of the people of Europe today that "The vast majority of people have never heard a gospel presentation or have rejected it." Today Europe is in a pitiful shape spiritually.

We have missionaries in Europe and some people are coming to Christ, but most of the people seem to have little interest in the gospel. Let us pray for our missionaries that their work will be successful and that many more of the people of Europe will come to Christ. As we pray, let us be willing to have whatever part God wants us to have in reaching people with His glorious gospel. A prayer guide for European Peoples is available from the International Mission Board at [imbeurope.org](http://imbeurope.org).

### **SINGING MINISTERS OF LOUISIANA**

Thursday, November 10—7:00 PM

Walker Baptist Church

10696 Florida Blvd, Walker, LA 70785

This group of Louisiana Baptist Ministers of Music travel at their own expense to sing for churches around the state.

There is no admission charge for the concert.

Make plans to attend this exciting time of music worship.



**Southeastern Louisiana University:  
BCM/BSU Homecoming Brunch**

November 5, 2011; 9:30-11:30am

Baptist Collegiate Ministry,

501 W. Dakota St, Hammond, LA

Drop by and take a look, reconnect, grab some food, and see what's new! I would LOVE to meet you. Let us know if you are coming:

**RSVP: [jonathanclark00@gmail.com](mailto:jonathanclark00@gmail.com); 985-345-7187**

### *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*

**Week of Prayer: December 4—11**

*His Hands, His Heart, His Voice:*

*I am Southern Baptist Missions*

Envelopes, prayer guides and other materials will be mailed to the churches.



**Baptist Women's**

**World Day of Prayer**

**Monday, November 7, 2011**

**Walker Baptist Church**

**9:00 AM—12:00 Noon**

Call Betty Marsh, (225) 664-4617, for more information.