



## **HEART TO HEART**

### **ELBA MISSIONS AND MINISTRY CENTER Update**

I can now report to you that the transfer of the former Eden Baptist Church properties to the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association has been finalized. The documents have been signed and filed with the Clerk of Court and the Eden Corporation is officially dissolved with the Secretary of State. It is an interesting process to see all of the legalities that are involved.

Here is an update on the work of the Missions and Ministries Center Committee. The committee members are: Chairman, Ralph Bryson, Jenelle Brown, Terry Jenkins, J. C. Palmer, Lynn Sibley, and Willis Easley. The first task completed was to work with Jones Signs to put up the new signs for the ELBA Missions and Ministry Center and Christ's Community Baptist Church. We engaged McLin and Associates to prepare a survey of the property. The ELBA staff submitted recommendations concerning the design of the space in the west building to be used for the Missions and Ministry Center. The committee approved the design and then enlisted the assistance of Brother Ed Jelks, Consultant with the Louisiana Baptist Convention Baptist Builders in drawing up the preliminary plans. Brother Jelks also helped draw a Site Plan for the entire property concerning future use. The committee has approved the engagement of Jeff Sampson, AIA Architect to prepare the construction drawings.



While waiting on these drawings, the committee is addressing other issues including sewer requirements, inspections, and the enlistment of volunteers through the Louisiana Baptist Builders, directed by Brother Jeff Woodrich. We already have the project listed with the North American Mission Board. Use the following link information to view the project on the NAMB website: <http://thebridge.namb.net/mybridge/projectssummary.aspx>. The projected dates for the construction are May 20<sup>th</sup> through October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Once we have the architect's drawings, Brother Jeff will work with him to see us through the parish permitting process. As soon as possible, we will prepare a display so that you may see what things will look like. Spaces will be shown for the Party Trailer, Chainsaw Trailer, Shower Trailer and its Utility Trailer on the site plan.

When we have volunteer groups in to work on the building, we need churches to help with provisions for them. A letter of explanation is being prepared to send to every church detailing ways in which churches and individuals can help minister to the groups as they minister to us through the construction. By using volunteers, we will be able to cut the cost significantly. We welcome local church members who would volunteer to help with the work and in hosting the outside volunteers. Some of the tasks that churches and volunteers can do include Prayer, Meal and Snack Preparation, Volunteer Recruitment, and individuals to serve as "Go-fers" during construction. If you sense the Lord leading you to volunteer, please call us at the ELBA office. We will provide periodic newsletters to keep you informed of the progress on the facilities, needs and opportunities for helping.

We are blessed to have such a dedicated and knowledgeable committee to give leadership in this project. We can again be exceedingly grateful to the members of the former Eden Baptist Church for donating their facilities to the work of the Kingdom of God.

### **ASSOCIATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE GROUP**

For a little over a year, we have been looking into the possibility of establishing an Associational Health Insurance Group. We first sought to do this in conjunction with our sister associations. That did not materialize, so we have sought to establish an ELBA group. Early in January, we sent the necessary documentation to GuideStone. By early February, we hope to have the premium quote for participants. As soon as that information is made available, we will communicate it to everyone that completed the inquiry documents. By way of information, we have 60 eligible ministers in the association. Of that number, 25 expressed interest in the group. In order for us to actually form the group, we would be required to have 23 actually sign up for the coverage.

We have several other options to explore if the GuideStone group should not become reality.

For the sake of the kingdom,

David E. Brown

Associational Missions Coordinator

**CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES  
DECEMBER 2009**

Deposits through 01-13-10

	<b>DEC 09</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Contributions		
Agape'	0.00	233.60
Amite	0.00	0.00
Beech Ridge	540.48	1,377.10
Bethel	201.65	641.11
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Carroll	293.48	1,428.57
Central	0.00	0.00
Christ's Community	300.00	1,200.00
Colyell	0.00	1,636.87
Denham Springs	0.00	1,784.22
Don Avenue	184.52	845.51
Doyle	194.57	659.40
Emmanuel	1,304.41	4,223.13
Faith	725.28	2,635.92
French Settlement	548.08	1,115.92
Gray's Creek	388.00	1,443.00
Greater Third Zion	0.00	0.00
Head of Island	165.90	966.14
Hebron	0.00	6,208.00
Holden	265.02	725.71
Judson	1,858.89	7,116.68
Life Giving	162.76	432.90
Live Oak	1,245.07	4,761.83
Livingston	504.00	1,834.00
Macedonia	0.00	0.00
Magnolia	0.00	1,115.00
Maurepas	0.00	0.00
Midway	211.83	593.19
New Bethlehem	25.00	100.00
New Covenant	700.00	700.00
Northside	120.37	508.65
One Life	57.84	352.20
Pine Grove	518.65	1,892.60
Red Oak	200.00	800.00
River of Life	0.00	775.00
Riverside	571.43	2,384.42
Salem	0.00	0.00
Satsuma	279.62	1,128.44
South Walker	130.34	528.22
Southside	96.54	213.52
The New Beginnings	165.33	542.91
Victory	231.06	637.61
Walker	1,870.20	7,505.15
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>14,060.32</b>	<b>61,046.52</b>
Interest Income	0.00	541.35
Oklahoma Mission Trip	0.00	0.00
On Mission Celebration	1,100.00	1,900.00
Party Trailer User Fees	200.00	900.00
Women's Ministry	190.00	1,900.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>15,350.32</b>	<b>64,577.87</b>
Capital One Total		86,582.38
Louisiana Baptist Foundation Total		241,734.43
<b>Total Checking &amp; Savings</b>		<b>328,316.81</b>

## News from the Churches...

**AGAPE' BAPTIST CHURCH**, 25353 Walker S Rd, Denham Springs, has started a "Mothers Morning Out" ministry—"Grandmothers Helping You in Love". Every Friday morning from 8:00 AM to Noon these caring grandmothers will be at the church to take care of your little ones—birth to preschool age—while you go shopping, to the doctor or just home to relax!. This ministry is offered FREE to all. Call **Norma Nadeau**, 225-664-9005 for more information. **Bullard Jones** is pastor.

**CARROLL BAPTIST CHURCH** welcomes Donnell Sevario as Youth Minister. **Larry Badon** is interim pastor.

Any church secretary interested in starting a monthly prayer session for church secretaries is asked to please call **Janelle Sevario** at **CARROLL BAPTIST CHURCH**, 225-665-1061. Leave a message and she will get back with you.

**James Cowell** has resigned as pastor of **EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH**.

**FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH**, 17884 HWY 42, Livingston, has begun an addiction recovery class, "Recovery in Christ" that meets every Thursday night at 6:30 PM. For more information go to [www.faithbclivingston.com](http://www.faithbclivingston.com) or call the pastor, **Trey Cowell**, 225-243-5163.

**JUDSON BAPTIST CHURCH** welcomes **T. W. Terral** as Interim Pastor.

**JUDSON BAPTIST CHURCH**, 32470 Walker N Rd, Walker LA, invites all youth to "Silver Ring Thing iTour apps for life" on Friday, February 5, 2010, 7-9 PM. Tickets are \$5 online or \$8 at the door. For tickets or more info go to [www.silverringthing.com](http://www.silverringthing.com). **T. W. Terral** is interim pastor

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE 15<sup>th</sup>

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

EMAIL: [elbmissions@elba.brcoxmail.com](mailto:elbmissions@elba.brcoxmail.com)

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

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORMS

for the 2010-2011 Associational Scholarships are available and may be picked up from the Associational Office at 32470 Walker Rd N, Walker, LA The forms are also available in a PDF document under "Downloads" on our website, [www.easternlabaptists.org](http://www.easternlabaptists.org).

Deadline for returning completed forms is **March 25, 2010**. The Scholarship Committee will report to the May 3, 2010 Executive Board Meeting.

# Church Growth Corner

Freddie Arnold

## ELBA Baptist Builders

ELBA Baptist Builders are going to Marksville, Louisiana on February 15 to help build a mission church. Pastor Dennis Hackler is the church planter of this mission church and this is their first building. Bro. Donald Rushing is the coordinator for this team and he needs your help. He can be contacted through Judson Baptist Church at 665-5481 or ELBA at 664-9309 for detailed information.

## ELBA "Jump Start Your Sunday School" Leadership Training Clinic

On February 27 at Walker Baptist Church ELBA will be providing quality training for Pastors and Sunday School Directors, Adult S. S. Leaders, Youth S. S. Leaders, Children's S. S. Leaders and Preschool S. S. Leaders. We are entering the most productive growth period of the year for reaching people for Bible Study. Now is the time to prepare to be the best leaders and teachers possible. Training will begin at 8:30 AM and conclude at 12:00 PM. There will be a \$10.00 participation fee to help pay for materials and snacks. You can pay at the door. Our Sunday Schools are essential to the assimilation and spiritual growth of our people, therefore we need to provide the very best teaching possible. Come join us for an exciting Saturday morning, February 27.

## ON MISSION CELEBRATION Time

May 1 & 2 will be here before we know it. If you have not signed up yet you need to do it by February 15. We must begin to make final preparations for this exciting missions event. Also, if you have signed up and have not turned in your participation fee you need to do that as soon as possible. Twenty churches have signed up. Come join in the celebration!



## ELBA Mission Trip

July 19-23 a team from ELBA will be going to Broken Arrow, OK to minister in a church, a home for abused women, conduct VBS and some light construction projects. There is still time to sign up for this trip. See further details in another section of the paper. Why don't you let God bless you thru this trip this year. ELBA is on the move. Come join where God is working!

ASSOCIATIONAL  
VACATION BIBLE  
SCHOOL CLINIC  
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010  
6:30 PM—8:30 PM  
JUDSON BAPTIST CHURCH



## ELBA Sunday School Leadership Training

THEME:

JUMP START YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Date: February 27, 2010

Place: Walker Baptist Church

10696 Florida Blvd, Walker, 70785

Time: 8:30 AM—12:00 PM

Clinic Sessions:

Pastors and Sunday School Directors, Adult, Youth, Children, & Preschool Leaders

Registration Fee: \$10.00 per person—pay at the door, includes snacks and book

## Focused Ever on The Lord WMU Missions Celebration March 26-27, 2010

First Baptist, Covington

Speaker: Wanda Lee

WMU, SBC Executive Director/Treasurer

[www.LBC.org/Women](http://www.LBC.org/Women)

## Live With Urgency

SHARE God's Transforming Power

North American Missions Emphasis  
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering &  
Week of Prayer—March 7-14, 2010

Materials have been mailed to each church to help in planning, promotion and conducting this missions emphasis. Additional helps can be found at [www.AnnieArmstrong.com](http://www.AnnieArmstrong.com).

## Kaleidoscope "Transitions"

"A Journey into Oneness with God"

February 6, 2010

First Baptist, Pineville

Speaker—Leighann McCoy

Cost: \$25 (includes lunch)

For more information: 1-800-622-6549 or  
[WMM@LBC.org](mailto:WMM@LBC.org)

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY 2010

- 1 Fellowship Meal, Christ's Community, 5:45 PM
- 1 Executive Board Mtg, Christ's Community, 6:30 PM
- 4 Fixing Your Churches Finances, Covington
- 5-6 Collegiate Evangelism Conf., Calvary, Alexandria
- 6 Kaleidoscope, FBC, Pineville
- 15-21 Focus on WMU
- 18 Missions Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 9:00 AM
- 18 OMC Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
- 26-27 State Acteens Convention, Tall Timbers
- 27 Sunday School Training, Walker, 8:30 AM-Noon

### MARCH 2010

- 1 Ministers Conference, Carroll, 10:00 AM
- 2 Senior Fest, NOBTS, 8:30 AM—3:30 PM
- 6 M-JAM, Louisiana College, Pineville
- 7-14 Week of Prayer for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 9 Church Building Conference, Baptist Building
- 18 Missions Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 9:00 AM
- 18 OMC Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
- 20 4 Wheels 4 Him ATV Trail Ride, Tillou, Bastrop
- 25 ELBA Scholarship Applications Due
- 26-27 Royal Ambassadors Congress, Tall Timbers
- 26-27 WMU Missions Celebration, FBC, Covington
- 28 Suggested Church Children's Bible Drill
- 29-30 Conference on Revival, Calvary, Monroe
- 30 Scholarship Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 10 AM

**2009 ANNUALS** (Printed Minutes) are ready and available for pickup! Each church may receive five (5) copies at no charge. Additional copies are available for \$1.00 each.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING



MONDAY,  
FEBRUARY 1, 2010  
6:30 PM

CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH  
8139 Florida Blvd E, Denham Springs, 70726

Fellowship Meal at 5:45 PM

## March Ministers Conference

Monday, March 1, 2010  
10:30 AM

Carroll Baptist Church  
13980 Friendship Road, Walker, LA 70785



**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

(Deposit of \$50 due by March 31, 2010)

For more information contact the Associational Office or visit our website, [www.easternlabaptists.org](http://www.easternlabaptists.org), "Downloads."