



HEART TO HEART

HOW TO SECURE AN ADDITIONAL 25% PROPERTY ENHANCEMENT COVERAGE ON YOUR CHURCH PROPERTY AT NO EXTRA COST!

Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association is insured by GuideOne Insurance, and we recently learned of a new insurance program GuideOne offers that I think you would like to hear about. It's called **GuideOne's Group Affiliated Program**.

Because we are insured by GuideOne, all our member churches are eligible to participate in the Group program. By participating, your church will receive a valuable property coverage enhancement equal to 25 percent of your property coverage, subject to a maximum benefit of \$1 million. This additional coverage is available to you at no extra charge, and could save thousands of dollars in out-of-pocket repair costs should your facility be inadvertently underinsured at the time of a large loss. If your church facilities are insured for \$1,000,000, by participating in this program, you can automatically increase the coverage to \$1,250,000 without additional cost.

In addition to the 25 percent property coverage enhancement for your church property the Association has the opportunity to receive a Loss Control Bonus. If participating churches in Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association have fewer claims and losses, we become eligible for this bonus – **money we can use to directly support our programs and ministries**. Based on the number of churches in the association that are already insured by GuideOne, we could be eligible for a bonus of more than \$10,000.

Each church was sent a letter detailing this information. Should your letter have been misplaced, and you need more information, please call the association office.

THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO PRAY!

Why? Well, I could say any time is a **great time to pray**, but I believe this is an especially great time to pray.

This is a **great time to pray** for our country. We are currently seeing significant political unrest and a somewhat fractured political establishment.

This is a **great time to pray** for a great spiritual awakening to take place in our land.

This is a **great time to pray** for all of our association churches. Some are pastorless and some are facing other significant challenges. I cannot help but feel the churches in Livingston Parish are under attack by the enemy of the church.

This is also a **great time to pray** because many of our churches in the association are facing critical financial concerns. The economic downturn has become a reality for a number of our churches. Because of the financial crunch in the churches, associational missions giving has been reduced. The Finance Committee is working diligently to address the reduced income and will be presenting a recommendation to the Executive Board in the near future.

This is a **great time to pray** for our associational VBS Clinic (scheduled for April 13, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. at Judson), the clinic leaders and your church's VBS.

This is a **great time to pray** for our associational On Mission Celebration scheduled for May 1-2 and the associational mission trip to Oklahoma scheduled for July 17-23.

Really, THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO PRAY!

For the sake of the kingdom,

David E. Brown

Associational Missions Coordinator

**CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES
JANUARY 2010**

Deposits through 02-13-10

	JAN 10	TOTAL
Contributions		
Agape'	0.00	233.60
Amite	1,500.00	1,500.00
Beech Ridge	0.00	1,377.10
Bethel	137.32	778.43
Calvary	0.00	0.00
Carroll	226.43	1,655.00
Central	0.00	0.00
Christ's Community	300.00	1,500.00
Colyell	0.00	1,636.87
Denham Springs	1,399.95	3,184.17
Don Avenue	191.46	1,036.97
Doyle	158.14	817.54
Emmanuel	1,225.94	5,449.07
Faith	405.76	3,041.68
French Settlement	252.12	1,368.04
Gray's Creek	471.00	1,914.00
Greater Third Zion	0.00	0.00
Head of Island	180.17	1,146.31
Hebron	3,950.06	10,158.06
Holden	137.20	862.91
Judson	2,276.58	9,393.26
Life Giving	88.20	521.10
Live Oak	2,303.11	7,064.94
Livingston	492.00	2,326.00
Macedonia	0.00	0.00
Magnolia	708.00	1,823.00
Maurepas	0.00	0.00
Midway	372.63	965.82
New Bethlehem	25.00	125.00
New Covenant	0.00	700.00
Northside	151.84	660.49
One Life	92.00	444.20
Pine Grove	509.72	2,402.32
Red Oak	200.00	1,000.00
River of Life	0.00	775.00
Riverside	298.49	2,682.91
Salem	0.00	0.00
Satsuma	308.74	1,437.18
South Walker	266.97	795.19
Southside	0.00	213.52
The New Beginnings	161.88	704.79
Victory	0.00	637.61
Walker	1,780.31	9,285.46
Total Contributions	20,571.02	81,617.54
Interest Income	394.84	936.19
Oklahoma Mission Trip	520.00	520.00
On Mission Celebration	600.00	2,500.00
Party Trailer User Fees	200.00	1,100.00
Women's Ministry	310.00	500.00
Total Income	22,595.86	87,173.73
Capital One Total		83,920.70
Louisiana Baptist Foundation Total		242,329.27
Total Checking & Savings		326,333.02

News from the Churches...

DON AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1010 Don Avenue, Denham Springs, is hosting a "Children's Ministry Resource Bible Conference" on Saturday, March 6, from 9 AM to 4 PM. This exciting conference is for everyone who wants to enhance their skills in teaching children more effectively through the use of the tools available in the Children's Ministry Resource Bible. The cost is \$15 per person registration for the conference. (CMR Bibles should also be pre-ordered for \$30 if you don't have one.) Group discounts are available for 3 or more attendees from the same church. Lunch will be provided. Contact CEF of Southeast Louisiana at 225-262-1262 with questions. **Tom Higginbotham** is interim pastor.

HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH, 24063 LA HWY 16, Denham Springs, invites you to Revival Services, April 25-28. Guest evangelist will be **Dr. David Hankins**, Executive Director of the Louisiana Baptist Convention. **Joe Alain** is pastor.

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH welcomes **Stephen Morgan** as Youth Minister. **Larry Hubbard** is pastor.

WALKER BAPTIST CHURCH, 10696 Florida Blvd., Walker, invites you to their 14th Annual Women's Weekend on Friday, March 5 (5—9 PM) and Saturday, March 6 (8:30 AM—1:30 PM). Guest speaker is **Cindi Wood**, author of "Victoriously Frazzled." The theme is "Victoriously Frazzled: Finding Victory through the Cross." \$15 registration fee is due by February 28 (\$20 at the door) and includes Friday supper, Saturday pastries and luncheon. Child care/activities will be provided. For more information, directions or registration forms, call 225-665-8368. **Richard Blue** 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.

EMAIL: elbamiissions@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.

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

PLEASE NOTE that Lorraine Pankey, ELBA Financial Secretary, will now be in the office on Tuesday of each week instead of on Thursday.

Church Growth Corner

Freddie Arnold

OMC Update:

February 15, the deadline for OMC signup, has come and gone. If you have forgotten or the time slipped up on you and you want to participate please contact me soon. We have one or two slots left.



The committees are working faithfully at making the final preparations for this exciting mission event. I hope that when you are contacted by a committee chairperson about serving in some capacity,

you will seriously consider accepting this opportunity. Let me urge each person reading this article to make this event an object of prayer and enlist friends to do the same.

Camp Living Waters Update:

Our Southeast La. Baptist Encampment has been offered the opportunity to purchase a four acre tract of land that borders the camp property. The selling price is very reasonable and the property will provide some exciting opportunities to expand the camp. A special meeting of the board of directors was called on February 11 to consider this proposal. The board of directors was very favorable to the proposal and voted to purchase the property. Financing and payment schedules are being worked out at the present time. In addition to this proposal, a proposal was offered to consider selling a ten acre unattached tract of land owned by the camp. This proposal met with approval of the board and the money will go toward debt retirement. It is exciting to see the growth and development of our Southeast La. Baptist Camp.

ELBA Missions Center Update:

The development of plans and preparation of the site for the new ELBA Office in Denham Springs is moving ahead at a steady pace. The committee, under the leadership of Bro. Ralph Bryson has secured an architect to develop the final working drawings, secured a company to collect asbestos samples for testing, and cleaned out the contents of the building. It is now ready for an asbestos abatement contractor to come in and remove the contaminated materials.

ELBA Volunteer Mission Builders Update:

A group of nineteen men and three ladies from ELBA traveled to Marksville, LA last week to help with the construction of The Church at Marksville. This is a new church plant and Rev. Dennis Hackler is the pastor. The ELBA group joined members of builders from Georgia, Texas, Virginia and Alabama to continue the work that was already in progress. It was an exciting experience to see some sixty people from different places come together and share in experience, equipment and talent to progress the work that had already begun. What a testimony to a community for Christians to come together to help provide the needs of a new church. Thanks ELBA for being a mission-minded association.

BUCKETS of Hope for Haiti:

March 3 is the deadline for getting your buckets of food for Haiti to the ELBA office. If you will bring the buckets to the office, we will carry them to a collection point for you. We must have them at the collection point in time for packaging and shipping to Florida.



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 (\$50 deposit due by March 31)

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

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

First Baptist, Covington

Featuring: **Wanda Lee**

WMU, SBC Executive Director/Treasurer
&

David Brown

Associational Missions Coordinator, ELBA

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.



ASSOCIATIONAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLINIC

TUESDAY, APRIL 13
6:30 PM—8:30 PM

JUDSON BAPTIST CHURCH

Contact Becca Bridevaux for more information.
(225) 791-1015 or bbridevaux@cox.net

BIBLE SKILLS, DRILLS & THRILLS!

Suggested date for Church Drill: March 28

District Drill: April 11, Parkview, Baton Rouge

State Drill: May 2, Louisiana College



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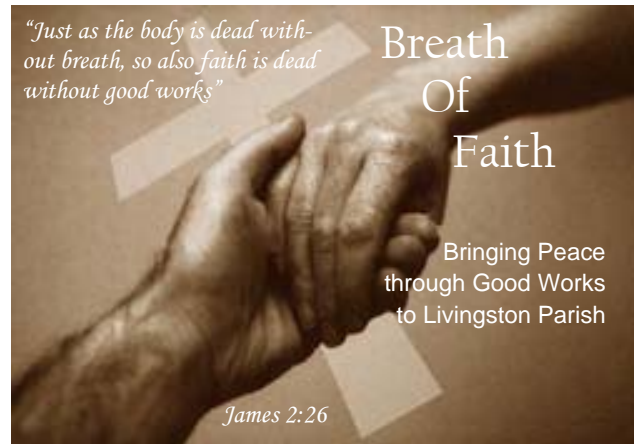
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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
- 8 Youth Ministers Meeting, New Covenant, 6:30 PM
- 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

APRIL 2010

- 2 Good Friday
- 4 Easter
- 5 Ministers Conference, Maurepas, 10:00 AM
- 11 Cooperative Program Sunday
- 11 Suggested Children's Associational Bible Drill
- 11-15 Baptist Doctrine Study
- 13 VBS Clinic, Judson, 6:30—8:30 PM
- 15 Mission Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 9:00 AM
- 15 OMC Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
- 19 Associational Council Mtg., ELBA Office, 10 AM
- 23-24 Men of Valor & Courage, Woodlawn, Baton Rouge
- 27 Assoc. Leadership Planning Conf., FBC, Pineville
- 30—5/1 State Bible Drill/Speakers Tournament, LC



March Ministers Conference

Monday, March 1, 2010
10:00 AM

Carroll Baptist Church

13980 Friendship Road, Walker, LA 70785

Join us as Dr. David Hankins, Bill Robertson, and Dr. Rod Masteller come to pray with us, share with us, & listen to us. "ACTS 12:5 Tour"

MINISTRY ASSISTANTS REGIONAL CONFERENCES

March 5, 9:30 AM—6:30 PM: Tall Timbers

March 12, 8:30 AM—2:00 PM: Woodland Park, Hammond

Conferences provide unique training, fellowship & encouragement that target the challenges of ministry assistants. Breakout sessions address a variety of topics: finances, desktop publishing, ACP instruction and time management. Cost is \$35 and includes lunch.

Contact Rita Mann at rmann@fbcpineville.net or (318) 448-8221 for more information and registration forms.