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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH

2011

- 1 Ministry Assistants Conference, FBC, Baton Rouge
- 6-8 Youth Winter Retreat, Camp Living Waters
- 6-12 Youth Week
- 6-13 Week of Prayer for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 8 Church Building Conference, Alexandria
- 13 Mission Trip Meeting, ELBA Office, 3:00 PM
- 14 Ministers Conference, Central, 10:00 AM
- 14 Monday Night Men at Camp Living Waters, 5:30 PM
- 17 Mission Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
- 24 Deadline for ELBA Scholarship Applications
- 29 VBS Clinic, Colyell, 5:00 PM—8:30 PM
- 31 Deadline for registration for NAMB Evangelism Training on April 4

APRIL

2011

- 1-2 WMU Missions Celebration/Annual Meeting, Kingsville, Pineville
- 3 Church Bible Drill
- 4 NAMB Evangelism Training, Walker, 6:30 PM
- 8-9 RA Congress, Tall Timbers
- 10 Cooperative Program Sunday
- 10-15 Baptist Doctrine Study
- 11 Ministers Conference, FBC, Holden, 5:30 PM
- 12 Scholarship Committee Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
- 17 District Bible Drill
- 18 ELBA Council Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
- 21 Mission Team Meeting, ELBA Office, 10:00 AM
- 22 Good Friday
- 24 Easter Sunday
- 26 Associational Leadership Planning Conference
- 29-30 State Bible Drill, Pineville



MINISTERS CONFERENCE

March 14, 2011

10:00 AM

Central Baptist Church

14200 LA HWY 44, Gonzales, LA 70737

Darrick Hesson, Livingston Parish Homeland Security, will be making a presentation on **CERT** (Community Emergency Response Teams).

**ELBA MISSION TRIP
JULY 16-22, 2011
CHOCTAW INDIAN
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

All are welcome! Work for all ages!

Cost is \$140. A deposit of \$50 is due by **April 18**.

Registration forms and an informational flyer are available from the ELBA Office and on our website under "Downloads" and "Events."

The next informational meeting will be held on March 13 at 3:00 PM at the ELBA Office.



March 6-13

START

HERE.

Matthew 9:36-38

Materials have been mailed to each church.



HEART TO HEART

DOING WHAT IT TAKES TO REACH ONE MORE THAN THE YEAR BEFORE!

In December, I shared some thoughts about each church in the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association becoming intentional about reaching and baptizing at least one more than the year before. In 2010, the churches reported 402 baptisms. If each church baptized at least one more, we would see 442 baptisms reported on the 2011 Profiles.

One of the ways to become intentional about reaching people is to do **HIGH IMPACT EVENTS**. Your first question might be, "What do you mean by a HIGH IMPACT EVENT?" It "is a tool that facilitates believers building relationships with unbelievers. Those relationships lead to people receiving Jesus Christ. New believers lead to church growth when proper follow-up is done." The North American Mission Board High Impact Events manual makes the following assertions: 1. A well-planned event draws lost people. 2. Your church captures, via registration, the vital data on all who attend. 3. The gospel is shared at the event, leading to some immediate decisions for Christ. 4. New relationships are built with seekers. 5. All new believers are assimilated into the church for spiritual (and thus numerical) growth.

On **April 4, 2011**, NAMB and LBC leadership will be with us at Walker Baptist Church to conduct a **HIGH IMPACT EVENTS** training. The training begins at 6:30 p.m. and will provide insights into conducting successful events. Churches that do these types of evangelistic events develop an identity in the community. Classic examples of that in ELBA are the annual Easter pageant and the fall "Choice" that Amite Baptist Church does. Those events provide an identity and as a result, a connection point for the lost.

Other High Impact Events may include seasonal events for Easter, Christmas, New Year, and Halloween. They may include sporting events such as wild game dinners, Super Bowl Parties, sports clinics, sports camps and evangelistic block parties. Other events may include concerts, single mom car-care days, parents' night out, dinner theaters, revivals and crusades. In fact, a number of churches in ELBA will be in the midst of a High Impact Event at the same time this training will take place. These churches will be conducting an area-wide Tent Revival Crusade at Faith Baptist Church. Churches from Livingston, Colyell, French Settlement, Head of Island, Verdun, and Satsuma are partnering together for this evangelistic outreach. This is an excellent example of how churches may partner to conduct events.

A High Impact Event in which your church can participate is the ELBA Evangelism Team sponsored Wild Horse Ministries "**Round Pen of Life**" horse training event to be conducted on Wednesday, October 5, at the Livingston Parish Fairgrounds during the fair. Mr. Paul Daily will train a halter-broken, never-ridden 18 months to 3-year-old colt to ride during the event. He will share the gospel as he trains the horse and give people the opportunity to receive Christ as Savior. Since this is during the fair, people from all over the parish will be present, and this creates a great opportunity to connect with them. Plan now to be part of this evangelistic outreach High Impact Event. More information on this will be coming.

"Events are bridges to help people begin a relationship with Christ, either at the event or in the follow-up process." Doug Sager, pastor of First Baptist Concord in Knoxville, TN, has used a variety of High Impact Events during the 15 years he has been the pastor, and as a result, they have averaged baptizing more than 150 people per year. Events are a regular part of their evangelism strategy.

The **HIGH IMPACT EVENTS** training on April 4 will provide you with basic skills and great ideas for conducting your own events. Participants will receive a copy of the North American Mission Board **HIGH IMPACT EVENTS** training manual. More information and registration opportunities will be provided in the coming days.

WILL YOU PLAN TO DO WHAT IT TAKES TO REACH ONE MORE THAN THE YEAR BEFORE?

ASSOCIATIONAL PROBE

On Saturday, March 26, the Church Planting Team will be conducting an Associational Probe. We anticipate having 6 teams from ELBA churches to drive through selected areas of the parish to identify places where significant pockets of unreached or under-reached people live. It is in these areas we may need to consider starting new churches or ministries to see that they have an opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel.

The 2010 census revealed that Livingston Parish grew by 39% in the past 10 years but in that same period, Sunday School attendance in the ELBA churches declined by 10%. It is because of that challenge and the command of our Lord to "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel [them] to come in, that my house may be filled" (Luke 14:23) that we conduct a probe. We invite anyone who would like to be part of reaching people for Christ to join us. To participate, please contact us in the office.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CHURCHES
JANUARY 2011**

Deposits through February 14, 2011

Contributions	JAN 2011	TOTAL
Agape'	0.00	359.00
Amite	0.00	12,580.65
Beech Ridge	388.29	1,245.90
Bethel	171.34	815.59
Calvary	0.00	830.79
Carroll	0.00	1,086.65
Central	0.00	0.00
Christ's Community	0.00	1,200.00
Colyell	2,057.74	4,233.16
Denham Springs	791.02	3,659.98
Don Avenue	717.56	1,574.66
Doyle	0.00	20.00
Emmanuel	569.16	3,459.46
Faith	0.00	1,339.15
French Settlement	333.48	1,494.98
Gray's Creek	688.00	2,971.00
Greater Third Zion	0.00	0.00
Head of Island	192.27	1,055.72
Hebron	0.00	9,994.22
Holden	0.00	973.64
Judson	1,856.07	9,625.32
Live Oak	2,357.48	7,152.00
Livingston	295.00	2,217.00
Macedonia	0.00	0.00
Magnolia	410.00	2,010.00
Maurepas	200.00	1,094.00
Midway	0.00	812.10
New Bethlehem	25.00	125.00
New Covenant	0.00	700.00
Northside	438.06	1,305.47
One Life	0.00	0.00
Pine Grove	449.93	2,892.13
Red Oak	200.00	1,000.00
River of Life	0.00	0.00
Riverside	301.69	1,530.01
Salem	0.00	77.56
Satsuma	375.50	1,921.05
South Walker	155.01	473.02
Southside	0.00	133.45
The New Beginnings	87.15	483.87
Victory	0.00	581.74
Walker	2,273.03	9,722.70
Total Contributions	15,332.78	92,750.97
Interest Income	0.00	619.67
Total Designated Funds	1,009.56	8,136.72
Other Income	0.00	5,600.00
Total Income	16,342.34	107,107.36
Capital One Total		88,773.23
Capital One M & M Center		10,879.59
Louisiana Baptist Foundation Total		195,813.13
Total Checking & Savings		295,465.95

News from the Churches...

In preparation for the upcoming Community-Wide Tent Crusade, **COLYELL BAPTIST CHURCH**, 19524 LA HWY 42, Livingston, invites you to two Sunday nights dedicated to "Renewal of Spirit and Revival of Heart." **Dr. Rod Masteller**, pastor of Summer Grove Baptist Church in Shreveport and President of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, will be speaking on March 20. **Dr. Bill Robertson**, Director of the LBC Pastoral Leadership Team, will be speaking on March 27. Services will begin at 6:00 PM each night. A combined community choir will meet to rehearse at 5:00 PM on both Sunday nights. A love offering will be received to cover expenses of the speakers. **Bill Holifield** is pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HOLDEN will be celebrating "A Century of Service—100 Years of Sharing God's Love" with special activities on Sunday, March 13, 2011. Services will begin at 10:30 AM featuring testimony in word and music from former pastors and music ministers. Lunch will be served at 12:00. Everyone is invited to attend. **Wendell Dorman** is pastor.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH welcomes new Minister of Youth, **Thomas Chapman**. **Roger Dunlap** is pastor.

MAGNOLIA BAPTIST CHURCH, 21445 HWY 442, Holden, invites everyone to a concert on Friday, March 4 at 7 PM, featuring "Ricky Atkinson & Compassion," along with "Chronicle." A love offering will be taken. For more information call 225-567-9411 or 567-9540. **Berkley Boyd** is pastor.

WALKER BAPTIST CHURCH, 10696 Florida Blvd., Walker, invites you to their 15th Annual Women's Weekend on Friday, March 25 (5—9 PM) and Saturday, March 26 (8:30 AM—1:30 PM). Guest speaker is **Angela Thomas**, best-selling author of numerous books and a gifted teacher and story-teller. The theme is based on her new book: "Do You Know Who I Am? And Other Brave Questions Women Ask." A \$20 conference fee 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.

BE WATCHING for more information about an upcoming **COMMUNITY-WIDE TENT REVIVAL** on April 2-6, 2011 with **Bro. Jack Daniels**, evangelist. The tent will be set up in the field behind **Faith Baptist Church**, 17884 HWY 42, Livingston. (In case of rain, the meetings will be held at **Colyell Baptist Church**, 19524 HWY 42, Livingston.)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE

Application forms for the 2011-2012 Associational Scholarships to Louisiana College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary are available and may be picked up from the Associational Office at 32470 Walker Rd N, Walker, LA. The committee will award up to four scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 per year each.

Deadline for returning completed forms is **March 24, 2011**.

Church Growth Corner

Freddie Arnold

Sunday School Notes:

First, we are excited about the turnout for the ELBA Great Expectations Conference. Eighty- three people attended the S. S. Conference at Walker Baptist Church. The returned evaluation forms affirmed the fact that everyone took home an idea that will help them have a stronger S. S. in their church. Special appreciation is expressed to the conference leaders: Erin Woodrich – Preschool, Randy Powell – Children, Bill Pianki – Youth, Sam LoBello – Adults, and Ernest Graham – Pastors & S. S. Directors. These leaders were prepared and enthusiastic about their presentation. Also, special appreciation is expressed to Walker Baptist Church for hosting the event. They provided the building, utilities and kitchen help for the event. The food was fantastic and plenty of it.

I want to mention that the Louisiana Baptist Convention is enlisting individual churches that would like to have a fall Sunday School event in your local church. They will provide the leadership, tailor the event to meet your individual needs, and help with the expenses for this conference. If you would like to do this, contact me at 225-362-9103 as soon as possible.

C. E. R. T. Information:

Darrick Hesson, Livingston Parish Homeland Security, will be speaking to the ELBA Pastors Conference on March 14. He will be presenting the new community emergency process that is being formed at the parish level to help the parish be better prepared in the event of a disaster situation. This would be a very good opportunity for the church to plug into the community using our already trained Disaster Relief workers. We will see a video presentation and hear him present information and answer questions about the process. The meeting will be held at Central Baptist Church, 14200 LA HWY 44, Gonzales, LA at 10:00 AM.

ELBA Choctaw Indian Mission Trip:

The ELBA Choctaw Indian Trip will be July 16 – 22, 2011. For additional information, see the article on page 4 of this newsletter or the ELBA Website.

Camp Living Waters Event:

April 12 will be the Annual Spring Senior Adult Day at Camp Living Waters in Robert, LA. The cost is \$10.00 per person and includes lunch. You can register at www.camplivingwaters.net or clw@camplivingwaters.net. Dr. Bob Adams, pastor at FBC Bogalusa, will be speaking, and the Bethlehem Boys will be singing. The time will be from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. There will be fun, food, fellowship and inspiration for all.

ASSOCIATIONAL VBS CLINIC



Tuesday, March 29, 2011
5:00 PM—8:30 PM
Colyell Baptist Church
“Big Apple Adventure”



The Prayer Room

A Solemn Assembly Service at
First Baptist Church, Livingston, La.

In November, 2010, the Southern Baptist Convention's Great Commission Council and President Bryant Wright issued a call for churches to observe a "Solemn Assembly Service." Materials are available at: www.namb.net/sbcdayofprayer

I led my congregation, First Baptist, Livingston, to observe a solemn assembly service on January 30, 2011. The purpose of the service was to repent of our sins, personally and corporately, and to fall in love with Jesus in a new and dynamic way.

The service far exceeded our expectations as we sang specific songs, publically read scriptures on repentance of sin, and prayed in small groups for forgiveness. We prayed corporately confessing our sins as a church. The solemn assembly service gave my congregation an opportunity to cry out to God for repentance and to renew their love for Jesus again. Members told me that it was good to sense the powerful presence of God again. Many members wept and thanked God for his forgiveness and mercy. This past week, we witnessed God's presence in a powerful way. Two precious souls were saved! We, also, experienced God's powerful presence in our services this past Sunday.

In conclusion, I believe most pastors, staff, and lay leaders would agree that we are well past answers found in new strategies and new innovations, and the best that we can produce. I think, by and large, our churches are void of a manifest sense of God's presence that results in His empowerment of the mission and ministry. I would like to recommend to you that you consider observing a "Solemn Assembly" service in your church. It is biblical and the key component to true revival and spiritual awakening.

In Him,

Bro. Tim Norris, Pastor

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WORK TO PROVIDE A HEALTH INSURANCE GROUP FOR MINISTERS IS STILL IN PROCESS!

Work continues on developing a Health Insurance Group for ministers. We recently met with health insurance representatives from three different entities. These representatives will submit a proposal to the three associations for consideration and evaluation by us and our attorney. We expect to have those documents within the next few weeks. Most likely, we will have some details to hammer out, but we expect to be able to continue moving forward.

For the sake of the kingdom,
David E. Brown
Associational Missions Coordinator